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TOWN OF STRATHAM
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Town Treasurer, and other Town Departments,
Boards and Commissions
and School Reports**

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DEDICATION

The 1986 Town report is dedicated to George R. Brown in appreciation of his many years of service and dedication to the town.



George Brown has been a long-time resident of Stratham. He and his wife Barbara moved to town in 1952. He became active in town affairs soon after his arrival and has devoted many years of voluntary service to the town.

His initial involvement was with the school, actively serving as a member and then as president of the P.T.A.. George has also played an active role in the Community Church as Deacon, Moderator, and Superintendent of the Sunday School.

His long employment with the U.S. Department of Agriculture provided him with the expertise to serve as a special Deputy Fire Warden for the town.

He held the position of Chairman of the Stratham Hill Park Association and, for the last 15 years, has directed the Queen's Contest at the Stratham Fair.

When George retired in 1973, he again answered on of the town's needs, by bringing his 30 years experience with heavy equipment and road maintenance to his new job as Town Road Agent.

After serving as Road Agent for 10 years, George retired for the second time. He is still providing guidance and direction to our Highway Department by functioning as the town's Inspector of New Subdivisions. George has always had the best interests of Stratham at heart and the Selectmen, on behalf of the residents, offer our sincere appreciation for his dedication to the Town.

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

W. Douglas Scamman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Gordon Barker
Martin Wool

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Ralph S. Walker, Jr.

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Neil Rowe
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Olive Calef, Secretary

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Barbara Palm

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Joseph Derwiecki
John Merrill
Gordon Barker, Selectmen Rep.

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Dr. George Fontaine

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Dwight F. Crow
Nelson E. Barker
Harry Rosenblad

SELECTMENS REPORT

This year's budget will reflect the town's growth, since almost every aspect of town government is affected by the increase in our population. Land values have risen, forcing increases in building costs. During the re-evaluation of town land and buildings we've tried to keep our assessments an 100% of market value. As our investment in our houses increases, there is a parallel rise in our tax bills. With senior citizens in mind, we have placed on the ballot an adjusted Elderly Exemption which excludes real estate from the listed assets.

To overcome some of the problems we have encountered with ambiguities in our building permits, we have revised the permit by adding more details. The job of building inspector has also become more time-consuming, therefore we are asking for more money to increase inspections. The Planning Board is asking for more soil and septic inspections. Our new road requirements have been updated to include more supervision of construction.

The Highway Department's responsibility of almost forty miles of road (an increase of about ten miles since 1980) has taxed both men and equipment, necessitating the addition of both a new man and a new truck. Last year we asked for a lease/purchase of a grader which was defeated at Town Meeting. After repairing the 1966 grader we got almost 300 hours of work done before it became unuseable. Because of the need for this type of equipment we are repeating the request. We are looking at a lease which we will be able to break at the end of a year if the expense cannot be justified.

The Police Department's scope of responsibility has expanded in proportion to the town's growth, and another person for patrolling the town's roads will be needed. Our intention is to apply for State funding available for use in highway safety programs. The new offices for the department should be in use by the time you read this report. The building itself, purchased from the Voc-Tech College, came from funds appropriated at last year's Town Meeting. Town residents are encouraged to visit the new facility.

Renovations in the Lower Town Hall have been completed. Additional space was needed in order to maintain the efficiency of the Town Office Staff.

The removal and disposal of solid waste is a national concern as well as a local problem. Tipping fees at the Lamprey River Co-operative are inversely proportional to the price of oil; that is, the drop in oil prices has raised our tipping fee from last year's \$24 per ton to this year's \$41 per ton. Our growth has earned us the distinction of being the third largest contributor (after Somersworth and Newington) in terms of total tonnage.

All aspects of town government have become more complex in order to meet the challenges inherent in management of a town whose character is changing. Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments and we'll continue to do our best to respond.

Looking forward to serving you in the coming year,

Garrett Dolan
Gordon Barker
Martin Wool
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1. Election of Town Officers. An * denotes elected officers.

SELECTMEN FOR THREE YEARS: Martin Wool 512*

MODERATOR FOR TWO YEARS: W. Douglas Scamman 526*

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FOR SIX YEARS: William Jeralds 556*

TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY: Alice K. Mansfield 554*

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND FOR THREE YEARS: Dwight Crow 573*

ARTICLE 2. Yes 351. No 286. Article did not pass as it needed a 2/3 majority vote.

ARTICLE 3. Budget. The motion was made by Gary Dolan and seconded by Gordon Barker to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,027,070.00. John A. Hutton, Jr. made motion to increase employees salaries by \$15,643.00 and the dump budget by \$15,745.00 for the increase cost of the Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative. It was voted in the affirmative to accept the budget at \$1,058,458.00.

ARTICLE 4. Capital Improvement Program. Town Office Improvement, Martin Wool made motion and John A Hutton, Jr. seconded. David Batchelder offered an amendment to use \$2000.00 to study escrow \$18,000.00 for implementing program. Motion seconded Yes 55 No 70. No vote on the amendment. Motion on article Yes 73, No 64. Article passed. Traffic study. Motion made and seconded. Vote in the affirmative. Traffic study for \$10,000.00. Motion made and seconded. Yes. vote. Conservation - Gifford Water Study. An amendment was made to read "on Town Property" Yes vote on the amendment. Yes vote on the article. Land Conservation Fund. Motion made and seconded. Yes vote. Highway Department 4WD pickup truck. Motion made and seconded. Yes vote. Guinea Rd. Improvement. Motion made and seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 5. Restroom facility at Park. John Hutton made motion and Gordon Barker seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 6. Cruiser. John Hutton made motion, Gary Dolan seconded. Yes vote

ARTICLE 7. Fire Truck. John Hutton made motion, Stan Walker seconded. This article requires a 2/3 majority vote. Yes 121 no 8 vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 8. Black Flies. Martin Wool made motion and Gary Dolan seconded. No vote.

ARTICLE 9. Survey Gifford Property. Gary made motion, Martin Wool seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 10. Gifford Property Committee. John Hutton made motion, Gordon Barker seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 11. Grader. Article required a 2/3 majority vote. Yes 65 No 50. Negative vote on the article.

ARTICLE 12. Interest payment. Motion made by Gordon Barker, seconded John Hutton. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 13. New Hampshire State Retirement System. John Hutton made motion, Gary Dolan seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 14. Borrow money. John Hutton moved motion, Gordon Barker seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 15. 1% Discount on tax bill. John A. Hutton, Jr. made motion, Gary Dolan seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 16. Any other business. Martin Wool, Chairman of the Master Plan Committee asked if people would submit their comments about the proposed zoning that did not pass to assist the Planning Board in making changes. Reid Allen asked if the polls could open on election days at 8 a.m. A standing ovation was given to John A. Hutton, Jr. for the 33 years he has served as a selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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 Lower Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next at ten 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 the repeal of the Town of Stratham's existing Zoning and Land Use Ordinance and of the adoption of the new Zoning Ordinance, dated February 1987, as proposed by the Planning Board.

The Planning Board recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 3. "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72-43-f for the adjusted elderly exemptions for property tax? These statutes provide for the following exemptions, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000.00; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of less than \$10,000.00 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$12,000.00 and own net assets of \$30,000.00 or less, excluding the value of the person's residence."

The Selectmen recommend approval of this Article.

The New Zoning Ordinance is printed in its entirety on the following pages.

ARTICLE #4 begins on page 77

ZONING ORDINANCE

January 1986 Draft

Prepared For
Stratham Planning Board
And The
Master Plan Committee

Prepared By
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Revised By The Stratham Planning Board:

September 1986

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ZONING ORDINANCE
OF THE
TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SECTION I

AUTHORITY AND PURPOSES

1.1 AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is enacted in accordance with the authority conferred in Chapters 673, 674, 675, 676, and 677 of the Revised Statutes Annotated and subsequent amendments thereto and is hereby adopted by the voters of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire in official meeting convened.

1.2 PURPOSES

The purposes of this Ordinance are to promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, to protect and conserve the value of property, to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town, and to promote the efficiency and economy in the process of development by securing safety from fire, panic and other dangers, by providing adequate areas between buildings and various rights-of-way, by preserving the character of the Town, and by promoting good civic design and arrangements, wise and efficient expenditure of public funds, and the adequate provision of public utilities and other public requirements, and by other means.

1.3 TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire."

SECTION II

DEFINITIONS

2.1 DEFINITIONS

Except where specifically defined herein, the words used in this Ordinance shall carry their customary meaning. The following words are specifically defined.

2.1.1 Abutter: Abutter means any person whose property adjoins or is directly across the street or stream from the land

under consideration by the local land use board. For purposes of receiving testimony only, and not for purposes of notification, the term abutter shall include any person who is able to demonstrate that his land will be directly affected by the proposal under consideration.

2.1.2 Accessory Building: A building whose purpose is subordinate to that of the main building. It may be separate from or attached to the main building. For the purpose of this Ordinance a breezeway, a garage or a carport that is attached directly, or by means of another structure, to the main building shall be regarded as an integral part of the main building.

2.1.3 Accessory Use: Any subordinate use of premises which customarily is accepted as a reasonable corollary to the principal use thereof and which is neither injurious nor detrimental to the neighborhood.

2.1.4 Agriculture, Farm, Farming: The word "farm" shall mean any land and/or buildings or structures on or in which agriculture and farming operations are carried on and shall include the residence or residences of owners, occupants, or employees located on such land. The words "agriculture" and "farming" shall mean all operations of a farm such as the cultivation, conserving and tillage of the soil, dairying, greenhouse operations, the production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, floricultural, or horticultural commodities, the raising of livestock, bees, fur-bearing animals, poultry or fish-farming or any practices on the farm as an incident to or in conjunction with such farming operations including but not necessarily restricted to, the following:

Preparation for market, delivery to storage or to market, or to carriers for transportation to market of any products or materials from the farm; the transportation to the farm of supplies and materials; the transportation of farm workers; forestry or lumbering operations; the marketing or selling, at wholesale or retail or in any other manner, any products from the farm and of other related supplies that do not exceed in average yearly dollar volume the value of products from the farm.

2.1.5 Alteration: Any alteration of a building or a fabricated structure means a change, rearrangement, or addition involving the original structural parts, or significant changes, or additions to the plumbing, gas piping, electrical wiring, ventilation, or heating installations. Such alterations are not to be confused with replacements or repairs.

2.1.6 Bedroom: A room primarily used for sleeping.

2.1.7 Building: A fabric or edifice, framed or constructed, designed to stand more or less permanently, and covering a space of

land for use as a dwelling, storehouse, factory, shelter for beasts or some other useful purpose.

2.1.8 Building Coverage: The aggregate or the maximum horizontal cross section area of all buildings on the lot including accessory buildings but excluding cornices, eaves, or gutters projecting not more than thirty (30) inches. Structures less than eighteen (18) inches above ground level shall not be included in calculating building coverage.

2.1.9 Building Height: The vertical distance measured from the average level of the grade at the building line to the highest point of the roof, excluding chimneys, ventilators, silos, and other accessory features required above the roof.

2.1.10 Certificate of Occupancy: A statement signed by the Building Inspector setting forth either that a building or structure complies with this Ordinance or that a building, structure or parcel of land may lawfully be occupied for specified uses or both.

2.1.11 Condominium: Real property, and any interests therein, lawfully submitted to RSA 356-B by the recordation of condominium instruments pursuant to the provisions of RSA 356-B.

2.1.12 Contiguous: Starting an edge or boundary of an adjacent lot or lots.

2.1.13 Demolition: Destruction of a structure or portion thereof or commencement of work with the purpose of completing the same except in conjunction with construction of a permitted addition or alteration. Demolition shall include the cutting away of any wall, partition, portion thereof or the removal or cutting of any structured beam or bearing support affecting the exterior of the structure.

2.1.14 Developable Area: An area of 43,560 square feet or minimum lot size as defined by soil type lot size regulations as adopted by the Town of Stratham.

2.1.15 Duplex: A detached building designed for or occupied by two families exclusively, living independently and separately of each other therein.

2.1.16 Dwelling: A building or portion thereof containing one or more dwelling units, but not including hotels, motels, rooms or a boarding house, clubs, lodges, trailers, or structures solely for transient or overnight occupancy.

2.1.17 Dwelling Unit, Single Family: A detached building designed for or occupied exclusively by one family.

2.1.18 Excavation: Excavation means a land area which is used, or has been used, for the commercial taking of earth, including all slopes, RSA 155-E:1.

2.1.19 Family: Individuals occupying a dwelling unit and living together as a single housekeeping unit and doing their cooking together, provided that unless all members are related by blood, marriage, adoption, or legal custody no such family shall contain more than five persons.

2.1.20 Frontage: The horizontal distance measured along a lot line dividing a lot from a street. Driveways to single rear lots shall not be construed as frontage. In the case of corner lots, frontage and front lot lines shall mean the dimensions and lines on both intersecting streets.

2.1.21 Gross Floor Area: The sum of the area of the several floors of the buildings as measured by the exterior faces of the walls, but excluding the areas of fire escapes, unroofed porches or terraces, and areas such as basements and attics exclusively devoted to uses accessory to the operation of the building.

2.1.22 Home Occupation: Any individual business or profession conducted entirely within a dwelling or accessory building which is incidental to the dwelling and which does not change either its character or that of the neighborhood in which it is established and which is conducted by the resident owner of the dwelling, employs not more than two persons outside the immediate family and utilizes an area less than twenty five percent (25%) of the total floor area of finished floor space of the dwelling including the basement.

2.1.23 Junk: Two or more unregistered motor vehicles no longer intended or in condition for legal use on the public highways; and/or any machinery, scrap metal or other worn, cast off, or discarded articles or materials ready for destruction or collected or stored for salvage or conversion to some use, the accumulation of which is detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood.

2.1.24 Junk Yard: Any space more than 500 square feet in area, outside a building, used for storage, keeping, processing, salvaging or abandonment of junk.

2.1.25 Lot: A single parcel of land in the same ownership throughout as shown or defined on a recorded instrument or defined by metes and bounds and having its principal frontage on a street in accordance with the provisions of law to be adequate as a condition of the issuance of a building permit for building on such land.

2.1.26 Lot Area: The extent in square feet of the surface of a lot. The lot area shall not include any part of the street upon which the lot fronts or abuts.

2.1.27 Lot Depth: The mean distance from the frontage line to the rear lot line when measured on a line halfway between the two side lot lines.

2.1.28 Lot Lines: The lines bounding a lot, and dividing the lot from other lots, streets or land.

2.1.29 Lot of Record: A lot which is described in a deed which has been lawfully recorded in the Registry of Deeds for Rockingham County, prior to the enactment of planning and zoning regulations in Stratham (June 10, 1959), or which, if not so deeded, is a lot which is part of a subdivision, the plan of which has been lawfully recorded in such Registry of Deeds.

2.1.30 Lot Width: The mean distance between the lot side lines measured on a line which is halfway between the front and rear lot lines.

2.1.31 Manufactured Housing: Manufactured housing is housing which is partially or wholly assembled off-site and then is placed on a permanent foundation. Manufactured housing may include trusses, panels, or entire modules.

2.1.32 Mobile Homes: Housing which is assembled off-site, built on a permanent chassis, can travel to the site on its own wheels and retain forever the possibility of being relocated readily to another site. Mobile homes typically are not placed on permanent foundations, but rest on grade or a slab with skirts to conceal the wheels and undercarriage.

2.1.33 Motel, Hotel: A building designed for or used commercially as more or less temporary living quarters for persons who are lodged with or without meals, containing nine or more sleeping rooms usually occupied by transients.

2.1.34 Non-Conforming Use: Nonconforming means use of land, building or premise which is not a use permitted by the provisions of this ordinance for the district in which such land, building or premise is situated.

2.1.35 Open Space: Land or water area free of all structures, parking, drives, and other uses which preclude attractive landscaping in such area. Open space may be landscaped with lawn, trees, shrubs, or other planting and may include walks and terraces.

2.1.36 Professional (Professional Office): These occupations shall include the practice of medicine, dentistry, law, accounting, architecture, engineering, real estate, teaching and similar activities in which specialized services are provided to clients.

2.1.37 Recreational Camping Parks or Trailer Parks: A parcel of land under single ownership consisting of a minimum of ten (10) acres used primarily for transient recreational vehicles (tents, travel trailers, tent campers, motor homes and pick-up campers).

2.1.38 Repair: Replacement or mending of parts already existing but in a state of deterioration with equivalent materials and for the purpose of maintaining their quality.

2.1.39 Right-of-Way: All town, state and federal highways and the land on either side as covered by statutes to determine the widths of the rights-of-way.

2.1.40 School: An institution for instruction of children and/or adults in a formal setting with a prescribed curriculum and certified teachers.

2.1.41 Setback, Front: The distance extending across the full width of a lot between the front lot line and the foremost point of the foremost part of the building.

2.1.42 Setback, Rear: The distance extending across the full width of a lot between the rear lot line and the rearmost point of the rearmost part of the building nearest the rear lot line.

2.1.43 Setback, Side: The distance between a side lot line and the nearest point of the nearest part of a building to it, extending from the required front setback to the required rear setback.

2.1.44 Sign: Any name, identification, description, display, illustration or device which is affixed to or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure or land in view of the general public, and which directs attention to a product, place, activity, person, institution or business. A sign shall include writing, representation or other figure of similar character within a building only when illuminated and located in a window.

2.1.45 Sign, Attached: A sign which is attached to a building wall and which extends eighteen (18) inches or less from the face of such wall.

2.1.46 Sign, Flashing: Any sign or signal light with continuously variable illumination, whether achieved electrically or mechanically.

2.1.47 Sign, Free Standing: A sign which is not attached or affixed to a structure or building and which is supported by a pole(s) or other supporting members.

2.1.48 Sign, Projecting: A sign which is attached to a building wall and which extends more than eighteen (18) inches from the face of such wall.

2.1.49 Sign, Surface Area Of: The entire area within a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the actual sign surface. It does not include any structural elements outside

the limits of such perimeter which do not form an integral part of the display. For projecting or double-faced signs, only one (1) display space shall be measured in computing total surface area where the sign faces are parallel or where the interior angle formed by the faces is ninety (90) degrees or less.

2.1.50 Special Exception: A use allowed by the zoning Ordinance but under pre-determined conditions and after a public hearing before the Board of Adjustment to determine if the conditions have been met.

2.1.51 Story: That part of a building or structure comprised between a floor and the floor or roof next above it.

2.1.52 Street: A street shall mean a right-of-way which has been dedicated or intended for public travel, or a private way offering the principal means of access to abutting properties.

2.1.53 Structure: Anything constructed or erected, the use of which demands its permanent location on the land, or anything attached to something permanently located on the land.

2.1.54 Structural Alterations: Any change in the supporting members of a building or structure, such as load bearing walls, columns, beams or girders.

2.1.55 Subdivision: The division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land into 2 or more lots, plats, sites or other divisions of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of sale, rent, lease, condominium conveyance, or building development. It includes resubdivision, and, where appropriate to the context, relates to the process of subdividing or to the land or territory subdivided. The division of a parcel of land held in common and subsequently divided into parts among several owners shall be deemed a subdivision under this title, per RSA 672:14.

2.1.56 Travel Trailer: A mobile home designed to be used for temporary occupancy for travel, recreational or vacation use; with the manufacturer's permanent identification "Travel Trailer" thereon; and when factory equipped for the road, being of any length provided its gross weight does not exceed forty-five hundred (4,500) pounds, or being of any weight provided its overall length does not exceed twenty-eight (28) feet.

2.1.57 Wetland: Any area falling within the jurisdictional definitions of Stratham Wetland Conservation District.

2.1.58 Yard: An open space from the ground upward and open to the sky on the same lot with a building or a structure.

2.1.59 Yard, Front: A yard extending across the full width of a lot between the street right-of-way line and the nearest point of

any building. In the case of a corner lot or waterfront lot, the front yard is the yard bordering the principal street. Front yard dimensions are to be measured from the street where a plan of the street is on file with the Registry of Deeds or in the Town records, or in the absence of such plan, from a line twenty-five (25) feet from and parallel with the center line of the traveled way.

2.1.60 Yard, Rear: A yard extending the full width of the lot along the rear lot line and extending in depth from the nearest point on the rear lot line to the nearest point of the principal building or buildings.

2.1.61 Yard, Side: A yard extending from a front yard to the rear yard and from the nearest point of a side lot line to the nearest point of the principal building or buildings.

SECTION III

ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS AND USES

3.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the Town of Stratham is hereby divided into the following districts:

District Name and Abbreviation

Residential/Agricultural	R/A
Manufactured Housing/Mobile Home	MAH
Professional/Residential	PRE
Town Center	TC
General Commercial	GCM
Office/Research Park	ORP
Industrial	IND
Wetlands Conservation (overlay)	WTC
Shoreland Protection (overlay)	SHP

3.2 LOCATION

Said districts are located and bounded as shown on a map entitled Zoning Map, Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, copies of which are on file and may be obtained in the Town Offices. The Zoning Map, with all explanatory material thereon, is hereby made a part of this Ordinance and may be reissued by the Planning Board to incorporate such amendments as may be made by the Town Meeting. This official Zoning Map shall be the final authority as to the current zoning status of land in the Town.

3.3 INTERPRETATION OF DISTRICT BOUNDS

The location of district boundary lines shown upon the Zoning Map shall be determined as follows:

3.3.1 Where a boundary is shown as following a street or utility, the boundary shall be the center line thereof unless otherwise indicated.

3.3.2 Where a boundary is shown outside of a street or utility and is approximately parallel thereto, it shall be deemed parallel to the nearest line thereof and the figure placed on the Zoning Map between the boundary and such line shall be the distance in feet between them, as measured at a right angle from such line unless otherwise indicated.

3.3.3 Where a boundary is shown as following a watercourse, the boundary shall coincide with the center line thereof as said center line existed at the date of the Zoning Map.

3.3.4 Where a boundary apparently follows a property line, it shall be interpreted as such. Such property line shall be interpreted as one existing at the time of enactment of this Ordinance.

3.3.5 Where a district boundary line divides a lot, either zoning district shall be interpreted as extending twenty (20) feet into the adjacent district.

3.3.6 In case of uncertainty, the Planning Board shall determine the exact location of the boundary.

3.4 DISTRICT PURPOSES

The following purposes are hereby established for each of the districts:

3.4.1 Residential/Agricultural. The intent of this district is to provide for open space conservation, agricultural use, and predominantly low density residential development on individual lots or in cluster developments, which can be accommodated on the land without major disruptions of the natural terrain, vegetation, watercourses or surface drainage and which would not customarily have Town water and sewers.

3.4.2 Manufactured Housing/Mobile Home. The intent of this district is to provide predominantly manufactured housing, mobile home or single family housing on individual lots or in cluster developments which can be accommodated on the land without major disruptions of the natural terrain, vegetation, watercourses or surface drainage and which would not customarily have Town water or sewers.

3.4.3 Professional/Residential. The intent of this district is to permit professional and residential uses in areas on streets with high traffic volumes which now have a mixture of residential and professional uses but where the trend has been conversion to professional use. These areas are frequently abutted on the rear by residential neighborhoods. The intent is to permit limited professional and personal service use while buffering residential neighborhoods from disturbance and disruption.

3.4.4 Town Center. The intent of this district is to provide limited commercial, institutional, professional and personal service uses in the Town Center along with residential uses. The intent is to define the Town Center area and encourage uses suitable to a pedestrian scale.

3.4.5 General Commercial. The intent of this district is to permit general commercial uses in areas on streets with high traffic volumes and to buffer abutting residential neighborhoods from disturbance and disruption.

3.4.6 Office/Research Park. The intent of this district is to provide an area devoted to research and development and/or business, corporate and professional offices in a planned development park type setting.

3.4.7 Industrial. The intent of this district is to provide areas for research and development, manufacturing, processing, assembly, wholesaling, and transportation-oriented activities and related services as trucking and warehousing providing that such uses are determined not to be injurious or hazardous to the public health, safety, and/or welfare.

3.4.8 Wetlands Conservation (overlay). The intent of this overlay district is to provide protection for and appropriate use of lands which are delineated as poorly drained or very poorly drained soils identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, through field mapping surveys and shown on its field mapping photographic sheets for the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire.

3.4.9 Shoreland Protection (overlay). The intent of this district is to promote the preservation and maintenance of surface water quality, conserve and protect aquatic and terrestrial habitat associated with intertidal and riparian areas, preserve and enhance those aesthetic values associated with natural shoreline and encourage those uses that can be appropriately located adjacent to shoreline.

3.5 USE REGULATIONS

3.5.1 The Table of Uses, Section 3.6, specifies the uses that are permitted by right, are permitted by special exception, or are prohibited. Permitted uses are designated in the Table with a P; uses which require the granting of a special exception by the Board of Adjustment are designated with an S; and prohibited uses are designated with an X. The Wetlands Conservation District is an overlay district and information is in Section XI. Additional explanation on Shorelands Protection District, which is also an overlay, is in Section XII.

For any use not specifically listed in the Table, the Planning

Board shall determine whether the proposed use is of the same general character as the uses allowed in the Table. If the Board determines it is of the same general character, then the use will be allowed. If the Board determines that it is not of the same general character, then a variance must be sought from the Board of Adjustment.

3.5.2 All uses illustrated in Section 3.6 shall be subject to the limitations delineated in other Sections of this Ordinance. In cases of conflict, the more restrictive interpretation shall apply.

3.5.3 All buildings or structures hereafter erected, reconstructed, altered, enlarged, or moved, or all future uses of premises in the Town of Stratham shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance. Any building, structure, or land shall not be used for any manner other than is permitted in the district in which it is located.

3.5.4 A permit for the construction, alteration, enlargement, moving, or demolition or use of a building or structure shall not be issued by the Building Inspector unless it complies with this Ordinance and/or has been granted a variance or special exception by the Board of Adjustment.

3.6 TABLE OF USES

USES	DISTRICTS*						
<u>A. RESIDENTIAL USES</u>							
1. Single family detached dwelling.	P	P	P	P	X	X	X
2. Two family dwelling.	P	P	P	P	S	X	X
3. Cluster developments in accordance with Section VIII of this Ordinance.	P	X	S	P	S	X	X
4. Manufactured housing; Mobile homes; in accordance with Section IX of this Ordinance.	P	P	X	X	X	X	X
5. Home occupations in accordance with Section II, Paragraph 2.1.20.	S	S	S	X	X	X	X
<u>B. TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL USES</u>							
1. Overnight and day camps, cottage colonies, vacation resorts, hostels and similar recreational facilities.	S	S	X	X	X	X	X
2. Bed and Breakfast Inns.	S	S	S	P	P	X	X
3. Hotels, motels.	X	X	X	P	P	X	X
<u>C. OUTDOOR/RECREATIONAL USES</u>							
1. Forestry, wildlife, timber preserves, reservoirs, and nature study areas.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2. Public parks and playgrounds.	P	P	P	P	P	P	S

*See 3.1 for district names/abbreviations.

3.6 TABLE OF USES (continued)

USES	DISTRICTS						
	R/A	MAH	PRE	TC	GCM	ORP	IND
<u>C. OUTDOOR/RECREATIONAL USES</u> (continued)							
3. Commercial riding stables and riding trails.	S	S	X	X	X	X	X
4. Historic building or site open to public.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
5. Recreational camping parks, recreational areas, residential, tenting and recreational vehicles.	S	S	X	X	X	X	X
<u>D. AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY USES</u>							
1. Farming including dairying, livestock, animal and poultry raising, and crop production including customary accessory uses.	P	P	P	S	P	X	S
2. Tree farming, commercial timbering, non-commercial harvesting of forest products.	P	P	X	P	P	X	S
<u>E. INSTITUTIONAL USES</u>							
1. Private schools, nursery through college.	S	S	X	S	S	X	S
2. Day care facilities.	S	S	X	S	S	S	S
3. Senior citizen centers.	S	S	S	P	X	X	X
4. Non-profit lodges and fraternal organizations.	S	S	X	S	X	X	S
5. Hospitals, clinics and nursing homes and rehabilitation centers.	X	X	X	S	S	S	S
6. Funeral home or parlor.	X	X	X	S	S	X	X
7. Place of worship including customary ancillary facilities.	P	P	P	P	X	X	X

3.6 TABLE OF USES (continued)

USES	DISTRICTS						
<u>E. INSTITUTIONAL USES</u> (continued)							
8. Cemetery.	P	P	P	P	X	X	X
9. Public utilities.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
10. Municipal bldgs. & pub. schools	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
<u>F. COMMERCIAL USES</u>							
1. Retail sales and services.	X	X	X	P	P	X	X
2. Business services.	X	X	X	P	P	P	P
3. Professional services.	X	X	P ¹	P	P	P	P
4. Banks and lending institutions.	X	X	S	P	P	X	P
5. Restaurants.	X	X	X	P	P	X	X
6. Filling station, service station.	X	X	X	S	P	X	X
7. Motor vehicle dealership, repair garage, body shop, paint shop.	X	X	X	X	P	X	X
8. Veterinary hospital.	X	X	X	P	P	X	X
9. Kennel, with a minimum lot size of five acres and a structure setback of a minimum of 100 feet from all lot lines.	S	X	X	X	S	X	X
10. Airports, runways, control towers administration bldgs., hangers.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.	P	X	P	X	X	X	X

1. In the professional residential district, new office structures on the west side of Rt. 101 will be limited to a 1600 sq. ft. footprint. Buildings on the east side do not have that limitation.

3.6 TABLE OF USES (continued)

USES	DISTRICTS						
	R/A	MAH	PRE	TC	GCM	ORP	IND
<u>G. INDUSTRIAL USES</u>							
1. Manufacturing, assembly, fabricating operations.	X	X	X	X	X	X	P
2. Research and development, corporate, and business offices.	X	X	X	P	P	P	P
3. Warehousing and wholesaling operations.	X	X	X	X	S	P	P
4. Freight and trucking terminals.	X	X	X	X	S	X	S
5. Bulk storage and distribution of goods, except fuels.	X	X	X	X	X	P	P
6. Bulk storage of fossil fuels.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7. Earth products removal subject to provisions of Section X.	P	P	X	X	P	P	P
8. Commercial sawmills.	X	X	X	X	S	X	S
9. Junk yards, recycling centers.	X	X	X	X	X	X	S

Explanatory Notes

All permitted uses are subject to all of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

All special exceptions are subject to the provisions of Section XV, the Board of Adjustment.

SECTION IV

DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following general requirements shall be met:

4.1.1: No building or structure shall be erected, enlarged or moved nor shall any use be authorized or extended nor shall any existing lot be changed as to size except in accordance with the Table of Dimensional Requirements, Section 4.

4.1.2: A lot having frontage or an area less than required by Section 4.2 may be considered to be in compliance therewith provided that:

- (a) the lot had received final subdivision approval prior to the enactment of this Ordinance or was shown on a recorded plan or deed filed before the Planning Board that was granted jurisdiction to control the subdivision of land, and provided that,
- (b) contiguous lots in common ownership shall be combined to create a lot or lots most nearly consistent with Section 4.2, and provided that,
- (c) contiguous lots in common ownership shall not have been separated or transferred in ownership so as not to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance.

4.2 TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Table of Dimensional Requirements shall apply for all lots, uses of land, and developments within the various districts, unless modified by other sections of this ordinance.

4.2 TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

	MINIMUM LOT DIMENSIONS ^a		MINIMUM YARD DIMENSIONS ^a			Max. Height of Structure	Max. % Bldg. Coverage/Lot	Min. % Open Space/Lot
	Area	Continuous Frontage	Depth	Front	Side			
Residential/ ^b Agricultural	1 Ac ^d	150 ^d	150	30 ^e	20	20	20	60
Manufact. Hous/ ⁱ Mobile Home	1 Ac	100	150	30 ^e	20	20	25	50
Profess./ Res. ^c (1) ^g (2) ^g	1 Ac	200	150	30 ^e	20	20	30	50
	1 Ac	200	150	100	25	25	30	50
Town Ctr. ^c	1 Ac	100	100	30	25	25	40	50
General Comm. ^c	1 Ac	200	100	60 ^e	25	25	40	50
Off./Research Pk. ^c	1 Ac	150	100	60 ^e	25	25	40	50
Industrial ^c	2 Ac	50	200	50 ^e	40	50	40	40

See Explanatory Notes on the following page.

4.3 EXPLANATORY NOTES

The following explanatory notes shall provide further definitions for the footnoted items in Table 4.2.

- a. All measurements are in feet unless otherwise noted. The minimum lot size shall be increased depending on the soil classification as defined by the Soil Conservation Service.
- b. These dimensions shall not apply to Cluster Developments. See Section VIII for applicable dimensional requirements.
- c. When the footnoted professional/residential, commercial, office, or industrial uses abut residential uses or a residential district, the minimum front and rear setbacks shall be 100 feet and the side setback shall be 50 feet.
- d. For a duplex house on a single lot, the minimum lot size shall be 1.5 acres and have 175 feet of continuous frontage.
- e. For lots that abut Route 101 or Route 108, the minimum setback shall be 100 feet, except in the Town Center District. In the Town Center District, front setbacks on Route 101 or Route 108 shall be 60 feet.
- f. For the footnoted districts, an applicant may apply to the Board of Adjustment to exceed the height limit provided it is determined by the Board that the extra height will not create a safety hazard.
- g. (1) West side of Route 101.
(2) East side of Route 101. Existing structures could be converted but not expanded unless they meet setback requirements. New or replacement structures would have to meet setbacks on page 18.
- h. Porkchop lots are allowed under certain conditions. See Subdivision Regulations.
- i. Except as modified by Section 9.6.3.

SECTION V

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

5.1 NON-CONFORMING USES

5.1.1 Discontinuance. Any non-conforming use may be continued until discontinued for a period of six months, at which time it shall not be re-established and any future use shall be in conformity with this Ordinance. For the purposes of this Section, "discontinued" shall mean ceased, without any regard for the intent to cease or the intent to re-establish a non-conforming use.

5.1.2 Changes. No building, structure, or use which has been changed from a non-conforming to a conforming use shall be permitted to revert to a non-conforming use. There shall be no conversion from one non-conforming use to another non-conforming use.

5.1.3 Increases. No increase in the extent of a non-conforming use of a structure or land shall be made. No non-conforming structure can be enlarged or extended.

5.1.4 Rebuilding. A non-conforming structure or use damaged by fire or other causes shall be repaired or rebuilt within one year of the damage and there shall be no increase in footprint, height or floor space of the structure.

5.2 CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS

The following prohibitions shall be observed in the Town of Stratham:

5.2.1 Fire Ruins. No owner or occupant of land in any district shall permit fire or other ruins to be left on a site, but within six months shall remove such ruins and fill any excavation with solid fill to ground level, or shall repair, replace, or rebuild the structure within one year of the fire.

5.2.2 Nuisances. Any use that may be obnoxious or injurious by reason of production or emission of odor, dust, smoke, refuse matter, fumes, noise, vibration, or similar conditions, or that is dangerous to the comfort, peace, enjoyment or health or safety of the community, or tending to its disturbance or annoyance, is prohibited.

5.2.3 Sanitary Protection. No privy, cesspool, septic tank, lagoon or other sewage disposal area shall be constructed or replaced unless designed in accordance with the most recent manual published by the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission (WSPCC) and plans of such system are approved by the Town of Stratham's Building Inspector and/or Town Engineer, and if

necessary by the WSPCC.

No leaching field or sewage drain facility shall be located closer than 75 feet from a well or 100 feet from a water body. Unless the owner can prove the site acceptable, no septic or other sanitary systems requiring leach fields shall be built on slopes exceeding fifteen (15) percent average grade as shown on the official slope map filed with the Town Clerk.

5.2.4 Dumping or Disposal of Garbage and Other Refuse. No land in any district shall be used for a dumping place for garbage and refuse from either private or commercial or industrial sources except the public dump as provided by the Town and except with the approval in writing of the Public Health Officer.

5.2.5 Timber Cutting. No person shall cut timber, except as provided for in New Hampshire Statutes.

5.2.6. Junk Vehicles. Two or more junk, unregistered, or inoperable automobiles or other vehicles originally designed for public or private transportation purposes or the parts to said vehicles shall not remain within any residential or open space/forestry districts unless such vehicle and/or its parts are enclosed within a conforming building.

5.2.7 Boats. A boat with a beam of greater than eight feet shall conform to the setbacks of the zone in which it is located.

5.3 JUNK YARDS

Any junk yard or place for storage of unregistered vehicles or other scrap material shall be maintained in accordance with standards set and enforced by the New Hampshire Revised Statutes.

5.3.1 Screening. Any junk permitted to be maintained on any lot shall be effectively screened from view from any highway and from abutting premises by a solid wall or fence at least six (6) feet in height.

5.3.2 Period for Compliance. A period of six (6) months from the date of adoption of this Section shall be provided for junk existing on said date either to be removed or to be brought into compliance with the provisions hereof.

SECTION VI

PARKING REQUIREMENTS

6.1 OFF-STREET PARKING

On and after the effective date of this Ordinance, all new structures and developments as well as additions to or changes in use or intensification of use in existing structures shall be provided with off-street parking spaces in accordance with the following specifications in Section 6.2.

6.2 REQUIRED SPACES

<u>Type of Use</u>	<u>Minimum Number of Required Spaces</u>
(a) Automobile service station.	One (1) space for each gas pump island, plus two (2) spaces for each working bay, plus one (1) parking space for each employee at the largest shift.
(b) Beauty parlors and barber shops.	Two (2) parking spaces per barber and/or beauty shop operator.
(c) Business and professional offices	One parking space for each 300 sq. ft. of gross floor area.
(d) Bowling alleys, skating rinks and other places of public assembly where capacity cannot be measured by seats.	One (1) space per 500 sq. ft. gross floor area.
(e) Multi-family dwellings.	1.5 spaces per dwelling unit in addition to any required garage spaces.
(f) Public and private schools K through college.	One (1) space per 500 sq.ft. of gross floor area other than classrooms plus one for each teaching station.
(g) Nursery schools and Daycare centers	1 parking space for each five children at maximum capacity.
(h) Restaurants, theater, auditoriums, churches and places of assembly with fixed seats.	One (1) parking space for each four (4) seats based on a maximum seating capacity, plus one (1) additional space for each two (2) employees on shift of largest employment.

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| (i) Motels, hotels, cottage colonies, tourist homes or lodging houses. | One (1) parking space for each sleeping room or suite, plus one (1) space per each two (2) employees on shift of largest employment. |
| (j) Industrial establishments, including manufacturing, research and testing laboratories. | One (1) space per 2 employees in the largest shift. |
| (k) Wholesale establishments, warehouses, and storage buildings. | One (1) space per 3,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area. |
| (l) Retail and general commercial establishment. | One (1) space for each 400 sq. ft. of gross floor area. |

6.3 PARKING SPECIFICATIONS

6.3.1 Size. Each required parking space shall be not less than 9 feet wide and shall have a minimum area of one hundred eighty (180) square feet, exclusive of drives or aisles.

6.3.2 Travel Lanes. Travel lanes shall not be less than: 22 feet wide for 90 degree angle parking; 18 feet wide for 60 degree angle parking; 12 feet wide for 45 degree angle parking; and 10 feet wide for 30 degree angle parking.

6.3.3 Surface. All parking areas and access drives and aisles shall be surfaced with bituminous binder, concrete, asphalt, compacted, or crushed stone placed in order to prevent erosion and raising of dust. If paved, the lots shall be striped to delineate parking spaces.

6.3.4 Landscaping. All parking lots shall have at least ten (10) percent of the lot area landscaped with trees, shrubs, and similar plant materials.

6.3.5 Islands. The use of landscaped islands to control traffic flow shall be encouraged.

SECTION VII

SIGNS

7.1 PURPOSES

The intent of this Section is to allow the erection of signs, for the purposes of providing information and advertising, in an orderly, effective, and safe manner. Restrictions on type, location and size of signs protect the public from hazardous and distracting displays and create an attractive environment which is conducive to business, industry, and tourism.

7.2 GENERAL REGULATIONS

7.2.1 Sign Table. Table 7.3 lists the types, sizes, and locations of permitted signs according to the use of property and zoning districts. Any sign not specifically listed shall not be permitted. The following exceptions are permitted:

- (a) Governmental Signs. Signs erected by the municipal, State, or federal government which are required for the public safety and welfare shall be allowed.
- (b) Service/Civic Association Signs. Service and civic associations, defined as organizations established by local citizens and which have for non-profit tax status, may apply to the Board of Adjustment for a special exception to erect signs in the municipality providing that the following conditions are met: (1) an individual sign is no larger than four (4) square feet, (2) the organization has written permission for placement of the sign from the landowner, and (3) the sign will not cause a safety hazard or have a visual effect on the surroundings.
- (c) Directional Signs. In any Zone signs not exceeding two (2) square feet per sign in area to point direction to residences, businesses, other allowed uses or meeting places or for directing traffic into or out of a site are permitted.

7.2.2 Sign permits. No sign shall be erected or placed without a sign permit issued by the Building Inspector in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance or upon a decision by the Board of Adjustment.

7.2.3 Prohibited Signs. The following signs are prohibited:

- (a) Signs, any part of which moves or flashes or on which the lights appear to travel or are animated.
- (b) Signs, which by reason of location, size, color, or design interfere with public traffic or be confused with or obstruct the view or effectiveness of any official traffic signal or traffic marking.
- (c) Signs which are located off of the property that they are advertising.
- (d) Signs located on the roof of any structures.
- (e) Any internally illuminated sign.

7.2.4 Temporary Mobile and/or Portable Signs. New businesses may use a temporary mobile sign (or trailer mounted sign) while awaiting the arrival of a permanent sign. Such signs shall be allowed only until the permanent sign(s) is installed or for thirty (30) days, whichever is shorter. A permit shall be secured from the Building Inspector for the placement of such signs.

7.2.5 Maintenance and Obsolescence. All signs and sign structures shall be properly maintained and kept in a neat and proper state of maintenance and appearance. All signs of any type and located within any district which are found by the Building Inspector to be in a state of disrepair or are considered dangerous, shall be repaired or removed on order of the Building Inspector and upon failure to comply with this order within the time specified within the order, the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to cause removal of this sign and any expense resultant thereto shall be borne by the owner/lessee.

7.3 PERMITTED SIGNS

Type of Use

RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL

Type of Use	Max. Aggregate Area (s.f.)	Attached Sign Max. Area (s.f.)	Projecting			Free-standing			External Illumination?
			Max. Area (s.f.)	Height: Min.-Max. (s.f.)	Min. Ft. to Curb	Max. Area (s.f.)	Max. Height (ft.)	Min. Ft. to Lot Line	
Dwellings; home occupations, rest, convalescent, and nursing homes, private nursery schools, kindergartens, and child care centers.	4	4	4	8-12	N/A	X	X	X	No
Public, educational, historical, and institutional uses. (Also in Commercial and Industrial Districts.)	4	4	4	8-12	N/A	4	8	20	Yes
Temporary real estate or contractors' signs. (Also in Commercial and Industrial Districts.)	24	24	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	5	20	No
Roadside stands, greenhouses and nurseries.	24	24	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	10	15	No
Cluster development project identification signs.	16	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	10	20	Yes
<u>PROFESSIONAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS</u>									
Town Center District	12	12	12	8-12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Professional Residential Dist. Businesses, professional offices, and other office uses (not in shopping centers).	12	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	10	20	No
Shopping centers and similar multiple-use developments.	(B)	(B)	(B)	20	100	100	30	35	Yes
Industrial and office park Identification signs. (Not for individual buildings or uses.)	48	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	48	10	20	No
Industrial and office buildings.	30	30	30	8-16	25	30	16	35	Yes

Explanatory Notes:

- A. With the exception of Note B, the maximum aggregate area is the sum of attached, projecting, and/or free standing signs. In no case can all of the sign areas exceed the maximum aggregate area.
- B. One square foot of sign area is allowed for each linear foot of principal store frontage of each individual business. In addition, one free standing sign of up to 100 square feet is allowed to identify the shopping center.

SECTION VIII

CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS

8.1 AUTHORITY

This Section is enacted in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:21.

8.2 PURPOSE

The purpose of these cluster development provisions is to encourage flexibility in the design and development of land in order to promote the most efficient use of land and to preserve the natural features and open space.

8.3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Section are to:

- (a) Preserve permanently natural topography and wooded areas and to provide usable open space and recreation facilities in close proximity to dwelling units;
- (b) Encourage flexibility and creativity in the design of developments through a carefully controlled process of negotiation of particular plans rather than the strict pre-regulation of all plans within a zone;
- (c) Encourage a less sprawling form of development which makes more efficient use of land, requires shorter networks of streets and utilities, and fosters more economic development and less consumption of rural and/or agricultural land;
- (d) Provide an efficient procedure which can insure appropriate, high quality design and site planning and a high level of environmental amenity;
- (e) Avoid development of portions of sites which have poor soil conditions, high water tables, are subject to flooding, or have excessively steep slopes.
- (f) Provide a variety of housing opportunities for a wide range of ages and needs.

8.4. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions specifically apply to this Section of the Zoning Ordinance:

8.4.1. Cluster Development or Cluster Subdivision. A purely residential development and/or subdivision of a tract of land, where a number of housing units may be clustered or grouped on sites and/or lots with dimensions, frontages and setbacks reduced from conventional sizes. The dwelling unit density of the tract as a whole is generally comparable to that density achieved by conventional rules. The remaining area in the tract, not built upon, is reserved for common area and/or open space.

8.4.2. Common Area. Any parcel or area of land and/or area of water set aside as a result of a cluster plan. The common area is designed for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of a cluster development. These areas may contain accessory structures and improvements necessary and appropriate for the educational, recreational, cultural, social or other noncommercial/nonresidential/nonindustrial uses, plus any utility services utilized by the owners of the common area.

8.4.3. Conventional Lot Size and Frontage, etc.. Refers to the current one acre and 150 feet of frontage on an approved street, and similar conventional requirements as listed in Section IV of the Zoning Ordinance, following regular lot-by-lot subdivision or land development procedures.

8.4.4. Conservation Land. Land given to a public body dedicated to conservation of forests, park land, etc., or to a private conservation trust, with the intent of preserving in its original ecological condition, safeguarding water supplies, or diminishing flood danger.

8.4.5. Mandatory Home Association. A private non-profit corporation, association or other non-profit legal entity established by the developer for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of the Cluster Development. Membership in said association shall be mandatory for property owners and made a required covenant in any deed issued or passed. It shall provide voting and use rights in the common area when applicable and may charge dues to cover expenses, which may include tax liabilities of the common area, recreational or utility facilities. Articles of Association or Incorporation must be acceptable to the Planning Board and by the Town Counsel and any other municipal, county, state agency, body, commission or department required by law to approve of the same.

8.4.6. Open Space. Land unbuilt upon, which must be permanently kept in that condition, and cannot be subjected to current use taxation or discretionary easements. However, actively operated farmland, classified as "prime" or "unique" by the Rockingham County Conservation District will be entitled to current use taxation or discretionary easements.

8.4.7. Open Space Easement. Land whose development rights have been legally restricted, either by deed or by public purchase of those rights. The easement may be so worded as to permit or restrict public access, to allow or disallow recreational development, and similar provisions. Easements are tied to the title of the land, regardless of its subsequent ownership.

8.4.8. Public Open Land. Land purchased by or given to the Town of Stratham for parks, playgrounds, or an undeveloped open space, generally with the intention of making it accessible for public use.

8.5 PROCEDURES

8.5.1 Review Process. A cluster development shall be treated as a subdivision for review and public hearing purposes. The following procedure will be followed:

- (a) The applicant shall submit a preliminary Site Development Plan, showing all structures, floor plans, roadways, drainage, pathways, parking areas, garages/carports, recreation areas, common land, open space or conservation areas, utility installations in their entirety, exterior lighting plans and landscaping plans, drawn to scale and prepared by a professional engineer or registered architect licensed to practice in the State of New Hampshire.
- (b) The Planning Board will review the plan and advise the applicant of any needed changes, additions, and/or deletions before the hearing is held for final consideration of the project.
- (c) The Planning Board may request special impact studies on any or all elements of the proposed development. The Board may require the applicant to fund such impact studies.
- (d) Once the appropriate studies have been completed and the applicant has made the required changes, the Planning Board shall then hold a public hearing for final approval of the site development plan. In evaluating the final application, the Planning Board will review all of the plans in Section 8.5.1(a) above, any impact studies, plans for access and egress, and the arrangement of buildings individually and collectively and displaying attention to light, air, access, privacy, views, and other site development features.

- (e) Sections of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations which are clearly not applicable to a cluster development shall be waived by the Planning Board.

8.5.2 Legal Review. The legal review of the proposed development shall be conducted under the conditions delineated herein:

- (a) Any condominium agreements, deed restrictions, organizational provisions for a Homeowner's Association, or any legal entities providing for ownership of individual dwelling units and a sharing of certain utilities, open space, common areas, and auxiliary facilities and structures, must be approved in writing by the Planning Board and by Town Counsel and any other municipal, county, or state agency, body, commission or department required by law to assure the same.
- (b) The developer will submit a suitable legal instrument which to the satisfaction of the Planning Board and/or Town Counsel will assure that such open space and/or common land will continue to be used for conservation, park or recreation, and shall not be disposed of by sale or otherwise except to any organization established for the purpose of owning and maintaining such open space.
- (c) Such developer shall also provide for adequate maintenance of such area set aside for conservation, park or recreation. Such developer shall provide for the insertion in all deeds, in a form approved by the Planning Board and/or the Town Counsel any and all safeguards and conditions suitable to carry out the purposes of these regulations.
- (d) Such legal instruments shall also provide that the Town of Stratham, its agents, servants, and employees, may, without liability, enter upon such land held for conservation, park or recreation and remove, or cause to be removed, anything, object, or condition which may be deemed to be a nuisance or in the nature of a nuisance.

8.6 PERMITTED USES

8.6.1 Where Permitted. Cluster developments may be allowed in the Residential/Agricultural and Town Center Districts.

8.6.2 Uses Permitted. Only the residential uses permitted in the district within which the cluster development lies and those

uses allowed in Section 8.6.4 and 8.6.5 shall be allowed. No home occupations are allowed in cluster developments.

8.6.3 Dwelling Unit Configuration. The following dwelling unit configuration shall be permitted:

- (a) Dwelling units may be in the form of single family detached units or in attached units from two up to four dwelling units per building, provided that each dwelling unit has at least two outside walls and one floor which has direct access to the ground level.
- (b) Plans must include provisions for one garage for each family unit, attached or detached, supplemented by a minimum of one parking space per family unit.

8.6.4 Accessory Uses. Agricultural/forestry uses are permitted as part of the cluster development in order to protect and preserve agricultural/forestry uses within the Town. The developer shall take steps to insure in laying out the cluster development that the agricultural/forestry uses in relation to the residential use do not create a nuisance or conflict by reason of noise, odor, dust, or safety problems.

8.6.5 Recreational Uses. Indoor or outdoor recreational or community facilities accessory to other permitted uses are allowed as part of the cluster development.

8.7 DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

The cluster development shall meet the following standards.

8.7.1 Area. The cluster development shall have a minimum area of thirty (30) acres of contiguous land lying within the residential districts for attached dwelling unit projects. For single family detached projects the minimum area shall be 20 acres.

8.7.2 Dwelling Unit Density. The following density of development is allowed in the R/A and Town Center Districts:

- (a) The maximum density shall not exceed four bedrooms per developable acre. In cases of dispute about the number of bedrooms per dwelling unit, the Planning Board shall be the final authority in determining the number of bedrooms in each dwelling unit.
- (b) Density shall also be governed by current soil type regulations as adopted by the Planning Board and/or Town.
- (c) Developable area is the total lot area less 75% of the acreage of the poorly drained soils, and all acreage devoted to very poorly drained soils and waterbodies on the property.

8.7.3 Layout. Structures may be located in any manner on the site to meet the objectives in Section 8.3 and providing that the following dimensional standards are met.

(a) External Dimensional Requirements

<u>Frontage</u>	<u>Front</u>	<u>Side/Rear Setback</u>
50 feet	No building, structure or leaching field shall be placed closer than 40 feet from any exterior boundary of the development land.	

(b) Internal Dimensional Requirements. The following dimensions shall apply for the layout of structures: (for this purpose leaching fields will be regarded as structures, including the toe of the slope).

Front setback - Structures shall be 50' from the edge of pavement. Structures shall be at least 25' apart on the side and rear.

Maximum height - 35'

8.7.4 Street and Utilities. The installation of streets and utilities shall comply with the Subdivision Rules and Regulations, including posting of bonds. Waivers to design standards may be granted by the Planning Board according to the procedures established in the Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The Planning Board may allow an applicant to construct streets and utilities within the project to be retained in private ownership. If the streets and utilities are to be in private ownership, then the applicant shall so indicate such facts on all relevant documents and plans.

8.7.5 Minimum Open Space Area. The open space for all cluster developments shall not be less than 25% of the gross land area of the development. No more than 50 percent of the open space land shall contain wetland soils as defined by this ordinance. The Planning board reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of the layout of the open space.

8.7.6 Minimum Common Area and Lot Size. For a cluster development without interior lot lines, the common area need not be delineated on the plan. Its area shall be calculated as 20,000 square feet per dwelling unit, excluding buildings and roads. For a cluster development with lot lines, the minimum lot area shall be 25,000 square feet.

8.7.7 Treatment of Open Space and/or Common Area. It is the intent of Section 8 to provide the potential for the maximum amount of open space and/or common area. Furthermore, there is a desire

to have maximum open space and/or common area on the Town road frontage from which the cluster development enters.

- (a) Not less than 20 percent in area of the total amount of open space and/or common area shall be located on or near the Town road frontage from which the cluster development gains vehicular access. In circumstances when this requirement cannot be met for practical reasons, the Planning Board may waive strict compliance with the 20 percent requirement.
- (b) The balance of the land not contained in the building lots shall be of such condition, shape and size as to be readily available for conservation, park or recreation usage. The use of the land set aside as common land and open space shall be approved by the Planning Board and said use shall be stated upon the final plan.
- (c) The open space and/or common area within a cluster development shall be owned by and bound by one or more of the following:
 1. Mandatory Homes Association, which may use it for common recreational facilities or may designate it as Open Space, or may grant a public body an Open Space Easement.
 2. A public body which shall use it as Conservation Land or Public Open Land.
 3. Such designation must be made prior to approval of the subdivision application by the Planning Board; such lands shall be held in such type of legal entity as the Planning Board deems appropriate.

8.8 RESTRICTIONS ON CHANGE IN LAND USE

If a change is proposed in the development pattern of a significant subdivision (a significant subdivision is a subdivision containing six or more lots developed and sold to individual owners and requiring new road construction) from a conventional subdivision to any type of cluster development, then a public hearing shall be held on the proposed change.

8.8.1 Hearing. The Planning Board shall give notice to all owners of record of lots created by the previous subdivision in the method prescribed by State law in RSA 674 for the creation of any subdivision. For the purpose of notification and testimony, these lot owners shall be considered abutters by the Planning Board. At the hearing, the Planning Board shall evaluate the impact of the proposed change or the existing subdivision.

8.8.2 Consent. A change from an existing single family significant subdivision to any type of cluster development will require the approval of the Planning Board after consideration of the impact at the public hearing.

8.9 CONDITIONS

The Planning Board may impose higher standards than allowed by this Section when they determine that because of special site and land conditions, an adverse impact would be created by allowing development to be built to the standards delineated in this Section.

SECTION IX

MOBILE HOMES

9.1 AUTHORITY

This Section is enacted in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:32.

9.2 PURPOSES

The purposes of this Section are to allow for the placement of mobile homes within specific areas of the community and to provide for standards therefore.

9.3 LOCATIONS

Manufactured housing as defined in Section 2.1.31 is allowed in all residential districts of Stratham. Mobile homes as defined in Section 2.1.32 are allowed in the Manufactured Housing/Mobile Home district only.

9.4 LIMITATIONS

A mobile home lawfully existing on the effective date of this Section on land outside of the Manufactured Housing/Mobile Home district, or a replacement thereof if such mobile home is destroyed by fire or casualty and its replacement is located on the land within 180 days after such fire or casualty, may be maintained as a non-conforming use, provided that when such use shall have been discontinued by the removal of such mobile home or its replacement from the land, the use of such land shall thereafter conform to the provisions of this Ordinance. An unoccupied travel trailer registered for use on the highways of this State may be parked on land owned by the owner of the travel trailer, provided that the location or condition of such travel trailer conforms to legal setbacks of the zone.

9.5 MOBILE HOME PARKS

Mobile home parks will be allowed providing the following requirements are met:

9.5.1 Approval. No mobile park shall be established or operated without approval from the Planning Board of a plan which clearly defines the area of the proposed park, as well as all mobile home sites, all utilities, and such other requirements as shall be required by the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Stratham as may be adopted from time to time.

9.5.2 Size. Mobile home parks shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) acres and two (2) lots and are permitted in the

Manufactured Housing/Mobile Home District provided that all requirements in this Section are met.

9.5.3 Lot Size. Each lot must contain not less than 30,000 square feet and shall have a depth of at least 150 feet and a frontage of at least 100 feet on a public or private street, if an approved community water or sewer system is installed as part of the park development.

9.5.4 Placement. No lot shall contain more than one mobile home. No mobile home shall be placed closer than 100 feet to an existing residence or state or town road or within thirty (30) feet of any other boundaries of the park.

9.5.5 Marking. Each lot shall be clearly marked.

9.5.6 Setbacks. Front yard setbacks shall be at least 30 feet. Rear yard setbacks shall be at least 20 feet. Side yard setbacks shall be at least 20 feet. The setback areas shall not be used for parking areas for any types of vehicles.

9.5.7 Other Uses. No principal building shall be located in a manufactured housing park except manufactured housing and laundry, recreation, or other buildings maintained in connection with the operation of the manufactured housing or subdivision.

9.5.8 Screening. The proposed manufactured housing park will be effectively screened by the use of the existing natural features of the landscape and/or added landscaping at least six (6) feet in height which must be approved by the Planning Board.

9.6 MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISIONS

Mobile home subdivisions will be allowed providing the following requirements are met:

9.6.1 Where Allowed. Mobile home subdivisions, consisting of a minimum of ten (10) acres, are permitted in the manufactured housing and mobile home district provided that all requirements which pertain to single family houses are met. Cluster development provisions may be applied to mobile home subdivisions, providing there is compliance with all of Section VIII.

9.6.2 Labeling. If a plat is submitted with a request for approval for a mobile home subdivision and such plat is approved, the plat shall bear the legend that it is "approved for mobile homes."

9.6.3 Screening. The mobile home subdivision will be effectively screened by the use of the existing natural features of the landscape and/or added landscaping at least six (6) feet in height which must be approved by the Planning Board.

SECTION X

LOCAL REGULATION OF EXCAVATION

10.1 AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted the Town of Stratham to regulate earth moving activities within its boundaries under the provisions of Chapter 155-E: Sections 1-11 inclusive, of the N.H. Revised Statutes Annotated.

10.2 PURPOSES

The purposes of this Section are to provide for the control of excavation of sand, clay, sod, loam, gravel or rock products and to provide an orderly procedure for such removal to take place while protecting the health, safety, and general welfare of the community. In addition, the purposes are to provide a method for restoration of the excavated area.

10.3 REGULATOR

The Planning Board of the Town of Stratham is designated the Regulator as provided in RSA 155-E:1-11, inclusive.

10.4 REGULATIONS

Pursuant to its responsibility as the Regulator, and in accordance with the provisions of RSA 155-E:11, the Planning Board is hereby authorized to adopt and from time to time amend regulations governing earth moving activities within the Town of Stratham to ensure that said activities are conducted in a safe manner in accordance with sound environmental practice, to protect against erosion, and to further provide proper assurances that suitable restoration of affected areas are obtained.

10.5 ADMINISTRATION

No person, firm or corporation shall within the Town of Stratham undertake any clearing, grading, removal, excavation or other disturbance of land without first obtaining a permit from the Planning Board therefor, except the following:

- a. Excavation that is incidental to the lawful construction or alteration of a building or structure or the lawful construction or alteration of a parking lot or way including a driveway on a portion of the premises where removal occurs.
- b. Excavation that is incidental to agricultural or silvacultural

activities, normal landscaping or minor topographical adjustment.

- c. Excavation from an area contiguous to or from contiguous land in common ownership with, stationary manufacturing and processing plants in operation as of the effective date of this Ordinance which use earth obtained from such areas.
- d. Excavation performed exclusively for the lawful construction, reconstruction or maintenance of a class I, II, III, IV or V highway by a unit of government having jurisdiction for the highway or an agent of the unit of government which has a contract for the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of the highway, provided that a copy of the pit agreement executed by the owner, the agent and the governmental unit shall be filed with and accepted by the Regulator prior to start of excavation but such excavation shall not be exempt from the provisions of RSA 155-E:4 and 155-E:10.
- e. A person owning land abutting a site which was taken by eminent domain or by any other governmental taking upon which construction is taking place may stockpile earth taken from the construction site and may remove the earth at a later date after written notification to the appropriate local official.

10.5.1 Public Hearing. Prior to the granting or denying the permit, the Planning Board shall hold a public hearing on the application. All abutters shall be given notice of the proposed action.

10.5.2 Exhibits Required. The applicant shall be required to submit the following exhibits prior to the scheduling of the public hearing.

- (a) A plan of the land involved which shall be prepared by a registered land surveyor or professional engineer which will show all man-made features, vegetative cover, property lines, and topography at four (4) foot contour intervals including land within 100 feet of where the proposed excavation is to take place.
- (b) A plan of the land involved showing the breadth, depth, and slope of the proposed excavation, and the estimated duration of the project.
- (c) A description of the types of materials to be excavated and the quantities of each material.
- (d) A plan and description of the access and visual barriers to public highways to be utilized in the proposed

excavation.

- (e) The elevation of the highest annual average ground water table within or next to the proposed excavation.
- (f) A plan for the restoration of the area affected by the excavation in compliance with RSA 155-E:5, including a timetable therefor as to fully depleted sites within the excavation area during said project.
- (g) Other information that the Regulator may reasonably require.

10.5.3 Conditions. The Regulator may impose conditions pertaining to:

- (a) The finished level and grading, the finished slope shall not exceed a grade level of one (1) foot vertical distance for each two (2) feet of horizontal distance unless a petitioner agrees to approved methods of sodding, grassing, rip-rapping, or the use of retaining walls.
- (b) The placing of topsoil upon completion of excavation, to the depth of not less than four (4) inches, seeding, and planting with approved materials to restore the area to a usable condition.
- (c) Control of temporary and permanent drainage.
- (d) Disposition of boulders, vegetation, stumps and other debris including unused material and any structures used in connection with the operations.
- (e) The construction of necessary fencing to protect against hazards.
- (f) Vegetation to remain as a visual barrier.
- (g) Hours of operation.
- (h) Routes for transportation of material.

10.5.4 Prohibited Projects. The Regulator shall not grant a permit:

- (a) Where an excavation is proposed below road level within 50 feet of any highway right-of-way unless such excavation is for the purpose of said highway.
- (b) For excavation within 50 feet of the boundary of a

disapproving abutter or within 10 feet of the boundary of an approving abutter unless approval is requested by said abutter.

- (c) When the excavation is not permitted by zoning or other applicable ordinance.
- (d) When the issuance of the permit would be unduly hazardous or injurious to the public welfare.
- (e) Where existing visual barriers in the areas specified in 10.5.2:b would be removed, except to provide access to the excavation.
- (f) Where the excavation would substantially damage a known aquifer, so designated by the United States Geological Survey.
- (g) When excavation is planned beneath or adjacent to inland surface waters in such manner that a permit is required from the Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission, the Water Resources Board, the Special Board on Dredge and Fill or other state or federal agencies with jurisdiction over the premises; but the Regulator may approve the application when all necessary permits have been obtained; or
- (h) Where the project cannot comply with the restoration provisions of RSA 155-E:5.

10.5.5 Fees. The Regulator shall charge a fee of \$50.00 for processing the excavation permit requests.

10.5.6 Bond or Other Surety. The Regulator may require the posting of a performance bond or other security in amount sufficient to insure restoration of the site.

10.5.7 Expiration of the Permit. No permit shall be issued for a period of more than two (2) years providing that all conditions of the first permit have been met.

10.6 ENFORCEMENT

The Planning Board may appoint an Enforcement Officer to enforce the provisions of any permit issued hereunder. Said Enforcement Officer shall have the powers and duties prescribed in RSA 155-E:10.

10.6.1 Existing Operations. Any owner of an existing earth excavation operation lawfully in existence prior to the effective date of this Ordinance and which is subject to the provisions

thereof may continue such existing operation with permit as previously granted by the Board of Selectmen provided such operation is not substantially altered or enlarged except in conformance with this Ordinance or any regulations adopted pursuant thereto and further provided that the owner shall suitably restore said area of operation within one year following the intended cessation of the excavation or any completed section thereof so as to secure the area against any unsafe or hazardous conditions which may endanger the health and safety of the general public.

SECTION XI

WETLANDS CONSERVATION DISTRICT (OVERLAY)

11.1 PURPOSES

In the interest of public health, convenience, safety and welfare, the regulations of this District are intended to provide guidance for the use of areas of the land with standing water or extended periods of high water tables:

11.1.1. To control the development of structures and land uses on naturally occurring wetlands which would contribute to the pollution of surface and ground water by sewage.

11.1.2. To prevent the destruction of natural wetlands which provide flood protection, recharge the ground water supply and the augmentation of stream flow during dry periods.

11.1.3. To prevent unnecessary or excessive expenses to the Town to provide and maintain essential service and utilities which arise because of unwise use of wetlands.

11.1.4. To encourage those uses that can be appropriately and safely located in wetlands areas.

11.1.5. To preserve wetlands for other ecological reasons such as those cited in RSA 483-A:1-b.

11.1.6. To preserve and enhance those aesthetic values associated with wetlands of this Town.

11.2 AREA

11.2.1. The Stratham Wetlands Conservation District is defined as those areas of the Town that contain marshes, ponds, bogs, lakes, as well as soils that are defined as poorly or very poorly drained by the National Cooperative Soil Survey conducted by the USDA Soil Conservation Service.

The Stratham Wetlands Conservation District shall also include the borders of tidal marshes of the Squamscott River and Great Bay. Said borders are hereby defined as those areas adjacent to the Squamscott River and Great Bay with elevations of eight (8) feet or less above mean sea level (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929).

11.2.2. The District as herein defined is shown on a map designated as the "Town of Stratham Wetlands Conservation District Map" and is a part of the official Zoning Map of the Town of

Stratham. Additional soil survey data prepared by a qualified soil scientist may be substituted for the Wetlands Conservation District Map in determining the location of wetlands.

For a detailed explanation of soil types, refer to "Soils and Their Interpretation for Various Land Uses, Town of Stratham, Rockingham County, New Hampshire" on file with the Planning Board and the soil Conservation Service in Exeter, N.H.

11.2.3. In all cases where the Wetland Conservation District is superimposed over another zoning district in the Town of Stratham, that district whose regulations are the most restrictive shall apply.

11.2.4. In case the Building Inspector questions the validity of the boundaries of a wetland area on any particular piece of property, or upon the written petition of the owner or any abutter of the said property to the Planning Board, the Board may call upon the services of a qualified soil scientist to examine said area and report his/her findings to the Planning Board for their determination of the boundary. A qualified soil scientist is interpreted to mean a person qualified in soil classification and who is recommended or approved by the Rockingham County Conservation District Supervisors. The cost of such appeal is to be borne by the petitioner.

11.3 PERMITTED USES

11.3.1. Permitted uses in areas containing poorly drained soils and within the tidal marsh borders of the Squamscott River and Great Bay as herein defined are as follows:

- (a) Any use otherwise permitted by the Zoning Ordinance and State and federal laws that does not involve the erection of a structure or that does not alter the surface configuration of the land by the addition of fill or by dredging except as a common treatment associated with a permitted use.
- (b) Agriculture, including grazing, hay production, truck gardening and silage production provided that such use is shown not to cause significant increases in surface or groundwater contamination by pesticides or other toxic or hazardous substances and that such use will not cause or contribute to soil erosion.
- (c) Forestry and tree farming to include the construction of access roads for said purpose. In areas herein defined as tidal marsh borders, the cutting of trees shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of live trees in a 20 year period.
- (d) Wildlife habitat development and management.
- (e) Recreational uses consistent with the purpose and intent

- (f) Conservation areas and nature trails.
- (g) Water impoundment and the construction of well water supplies.
- (h) Drainage ways to include streams, creeks, or other paths of normal runoff water and common agricultural land drainage.

11.3.2. Permitted uses in areas containing very poorly drained soils, marshes, bogs, open water and major streams are as follows:

- (a) Uses specified under Section 11.3.1, (a-h) shall be permitted except that no alteration of the surface configuration of the land by filling or dredging and no use which results in the erection of a structure, except as provided for in Section 11.3.2 (b) below, shall be permitted.
- (b) The construction of fences, footbridges, catwalks and wharves only, provided: 1) said structures are constructed on posts or pilings so as to permit the unobstructed flow of water; 2) structures do not obstruct navigation on tidal creeks; 3) the natural contour of the wetland is preserved; and 4) the Planning Board has reviewed and approved the proposed construction.

11.4 CONDITIONAL USES

11.4.1. A Conditional Use Permit may be granted by the Planning Board (RSA 674:21 II) for the construction of roads and other access ways, and for pipelines, powerlines, and other transmission lines provided that all of the following conditions are found to exist;

- (a) The proposed construction is essential to the productive use of land not within the Wetlands Conservation District.
- (b) Design and construction methods will be such as to minimize detrimental impact upon the wetland.
- (c) The proposed construction design of powerlines, pipelines or other transmission lines includes provisions for restoration of the site as nearly as possible to its original grade and condition.
- (d) No alternative route which does not cross a wetland or has less detrimental impact on the wetland is feasible.
- (e) Economic advantage alone is not reason for the proposed construction.

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11.4.2. Prior to the granting of a Conditional Use Permit under this Section, the applicant shall agree to submit a performance security to the Board of Selectmen. The Security shall be submitted in a form and amount, with surety and conditions satisfactory to the Selectmen and approved by Town Counsel to ensure that the construction has been carried out in accordance with the approved design. The Security shall be submitted and approved prior to issuance of any permit authorizing construction.

11.4.3. The Planning Board may require the applicant to submit an environmental impact assessment when necessary to evaluate an application made under this Section. The cost of this assessment shall be borne by the applicant. The Planning Board may also assess the applicant reasonable fees to cover the costs of other special investigative studies and for the review of documents required by particular applications.

11.5 SPECIAL PROVISIONS

11.5.1. Poorly drained soils may be used to fulfill 25% of the minimum lot size required by Town ordinances, provided that the non-wetland area is sufficient in size and configuration to adequately accommodate all required utilities such as sewage disposal and water supply, including primary and auxiliary leach field locations.

11.5.2. No very poorly drained soils or bodies of water may be used to satisfy minimum lot size.

SECTION XII

SHORELAND PROTECTION DISTRICT (OVERLAY)

12.1 AUTHORITY

This Section is enacted in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:16-17 and RSA 674:20-21.

12.2 PURPOSE

The purpose of these shoreland protection provisions is to protect and promote environmental quality, public health, resource conservation and the general welfare of the public, with particular attention to the special cultural and ecological significance of the Great Bay estuarine system.

12.3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Section are to:

- (a) Promote the preservation and maintenance of surface water quality in Stratham;
- (b) Conserve and protect aquatic and terrestrial habitat associated with intertidal and riparian areas;
- (c) Preserve and enhance those aesthetic values associated with the natural shoreline;
- (d) Encourage those uses that can be appropriately located adjacent to shorelines.

12.4 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions specifically apply to this Section of the Zoning Ordinance:

12.4.1 Shoreland. The land areas included within the Shoreland Protection District.

12.4.2 Shoreline. The water's edge at mean high water.

12.4.3 Tidal Marsh. As defined in the Administrative Rules of the New Hampshire Wetlands Board as amended, pursuant to RSA 483 A.

12.4.4 Mean High Water. As determined according to the published tables and standards of the National Ocean Survey, adjusted to the locality from such tables.

12.5 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The Stratham Shoreland Protection District is defined to include all of the following:

- (a) The areas of land within 150 feet horizontal distance of the shoreline of the Squamscott River and Great Bay Estuary.
- (b) The areas of land within 150 feet horizontal distance of the upland extent of any tidal marsh adjacent to the Squamscott River and Great Bay Estuary.
- (c) The areas of land within 100 feet horizontal distance of the seasonal high water level of all brooks and streams within the Town which appear on U.S.G.S. 7.5" (scale 1:24000) quadrangle maps for the Town of Stratham, as revised.

12.6 PERMITTED USES

12.6.1 General. The following uses are permitted under this Section:

- (a) Any use otherwise permitted by the Zoning Ordinance and by State and Federal laws that does not involve the erection of a structure, and does not alter the surface configuration of the land by the addition of fill or by dredging, except as a common treatment associated with a permitted use, and provided that a buffer strip of natural vegetation 75 feet in width along the Squamscott River, Great Bay Estuary, and associated tidal marshes, and 50 feet in width elsewhere, be maintained between the area of use and the shoreline or upland extent of the tidal marsh.
- (b) Agriculture, including grazing, hay production, truck gardening, and silage production, provided that such use is shown not to cause significant increases in surface or groundwater contamination by pesticides or other toxic or hazardous substances and that such use will not cause or contribute to soil erosion and stream sedimentation.
- (c) Forestry and tree farming to include the construction of access roads for said purpose. Within the Shoreland Protection District the cutting of trees shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of live trees in a 20-year period.

- (d) Wildlife habitat development and management.
- (e) Recreational uses consistent with the purpose and intent of this Section as defined in Section 12.2.
- (f) Conservation areas and nature trails.
- (g) Water impoundment and the construction of well water supplies.
- (h) Drainage ways to include streams, creeks, or other paths of normal runoff water and common agricultural land drainage.
- (i) The construction of fences, footbridges, catwalks and wharves only, provided:
 - 1) Said structures are constructed on posts or pilings so as to permit the unobstructed flow of water;
 - 2) Structures do not obstruct navigation on tidal creeks;
 - 3) The natural contour of the shoreline is preserved;
 - 4) The Planning Board has reviewed and approved the proposed construction.

12.6.2 Conflicting Provisions. In the event that the provisions of the Shoreland Protection District are found to conflict with other provisions of the Stratham Zoning and Land Use Ordinance, the more restrictive shall apply.

12.6.3 Effect on Lot Size. Areas within the Shoreland Protection District may be considered as part of a minimum lot size normally required by the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Stratham.

12.6.4 Special Exception for Lots of Record. Upon application of the Board of Adjustment, a special exception shall be granted to permit the erection of a structure within the Shoreland Protection District provided that all of the following conditions are found to exist.

- (a) The lot upon which an exception is sought was an official lot of record, as recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds, prior to the date on which this amendment was posted and published in the Town.
- (b) The use for which the exception is sought cannot feasibly be carried out on a portion or portions of the lot which

are outside the Shoreland Protection District.

- (c) Due to the provisions of the Shoreland Protection District, no reasonable and economically viable use of the lot can be made without the exception.
- (d) The design and construction of the proposed use will, to the extent practical, be consistent with the purpose and intent of this Section.

SECTION XIII

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

13.1 AUTHORITY

The Section is enacted in accordance with RSA 674:21 and 674:22.

13.2 PURPOSES

The purposes of this growth management ordinance are as follows:

- a. Promote the development of an economically sound and environmentally stable community.
- b. Insure that the rate of growth of the Town does not unreasonably interfere with the Town's capacity for planned, orderly, and sensible expansion of its services to accommodate such growth.
- c. Provide a mechanism when municipal services are strained or overloaded to slow the rate of growth to allow the Town time to correct the deficiencies that have developed.
- d. Protect the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the Town's residents.

13.3 FINDINGS

The Town hereby finds that:

- a. The rate of population growth in the Town of Stratham has been among the fastest of any town in the Rockingham Regional Planning Commission boundaries, in Rockingham County, and in the State of New Hampshire.
- b. Stratham is estimated (by the Office of State Planning) to have grown 96.9 percent between 1970 and 1984, whereas the Regional Planning Commission towns grew an average of 36.7 percent, the Rockingham County towns averaged 50.4 percent, and the State of New Hampshire averaged 32.4 percent during the same period.
- c. The number of building permits for dwelling units (both single family and multi-family) has averaged 49.7 dwelling units per year between 1975 and 1984.

- d. In 1985, the number of building permits issued for single family and multi-family units totalled dwelling units. This number represents the highest number of permits issued since 1975.
- e. Stratham has experienced growth in its only public school (Memorial School) that required additions at various times, the last being in 1984.
- f. The annual school census completed in November 1985 indicates that an additional first grade classroom may be needed in September 1986.
- g. The Capital Improvement Program prepared as part of this master planning process shows a demonstrated need for the expansion of municipal buildings, an increase in municipal services and facilities, and an expansion of municipal equipment primarily as a result of the rapid growth of the Town.
- h. The Town will be facing increased operating and capital expenditures to meet the demands of growth.

13.4 INDICATORS OF GROWTH IMPACT

The Town hereby determines that the presence of the following conditions constitutes an indicator of growth impact. An indicator of growth impact occurs when:

- a. The number of building permits for single family and multi-family dwelling units combined for the preceeding six month period (as measured on July 1 and December 31) equals or exceeds 2 percent of the total number of dwelling units existing in the previous calendar year. The Planning Board shall be responsible for specifying the total number of dwelling units in the Town in a given year by February 15 of the succeeding year.
- b. The annual estimated rate of population increase in the Town as reported by the Office of State Planning exceeds the corresponding rate of growth of the Rockingham Regional Planning Commission towns by a factor of 25 percent.
- c. The number of enrolled or projected students for the coming year in the Memorial School (or other public schools erected hereafter) exceeds 95 percent of its stated capacity as defined by the School Board.
- d. The long-term bonded debt of the Town for municipal purposes exceeds .75 percent of the Town's assessed valuation as determined annually by the State Department of Revenue Administration.

- e. The long-term bonded debt of the Town for school purposes exceeds 3 percent of the Town's assessed valuation as determined annually by the State Department of Revenue Administration.
- f. The total inventory of multi-family dwelling units (built, under construction, or approved by the Planning Board) becomes equal to the comparable inventory of single-family detached dwelling units.

13.4.1 Planning Board Monitoring. It shall be the responsibility of the Planning Board to monitor the Indicators of Growth Impact and to make a periodic public report of the presence of one or more of the indicators.

13.4.2 Phasing of Developments. If the Planning Board finds through its monitoring, that either indicator a. or b. has occurred, then the Board may require the phasing of future developments as provided in RSA 674:21. The purpose of phasing developments is to prevent a strain on municipal resources caused by the sudden introduction of many new dwelling units.

- a. The Planning Board may require the phasing of a development for a period up to six years for a project which is proposed to have up to 75 dwelling units or individual lots. For a project larger than 75 units, the Planning Board is entitled to negotiate a longer period of phasing based on the size of the project and the potential impact of the number of units on the Town.
- b. Once a phasing plan has been approved by the Planning Board, that project shall not be affected by any permit limitations subsequently enacted under the provisions of Section 13.5.1 of this Ordinance, provided that the developer secures and begins substantial construction on the units in each calendar year phase. In the event that substantial construction is not undertaken in any calendar year phase, then the vesting of that phase shall be lost and the developer shall be subject to any limitations imposed by 13.5.1.

Once a phasing plan is approved by the Planning Board with dates of allowed construction in each phase, the approved plan shall be filed with the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds bearing the signature of the Planning Board Chairman signifying approval.

13.4.3 Limiting of Development. If the Planning Board finds through its monitoring that either indicator a. or b. plus any one of indicators c., d., e. or f. has occurred, then the Planning Board in consultation with appropriate Town or other officials may at its discretion issue a Notice of Growth Impact to the Board of Selectmen, the Building Inspector, and the general public by posting in two public places in the Town.

- a. Once a Notice of Growth Impact has been issued by the Planning Board, the Building Inspector shall issue building permits only in accordance with the procedures delineated in 13.5 of this Ordinance.

13.5 PROCEDURES FOR PERMITS

In order to provide the Town time to address the impacts of growth identified in Section 13.4, the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue residential permits under the following procedures:

13.5.1 Permit Limitations. Once the Notice of Growth Impact is issued, the Building Inspector shall issue permits for single family units totalling no more than 2.5 percent of the total dwelling units existing in the Town at the end of the previous calendar year, and furthermore, may issue permits for multi-family units totalling no more than 2.5 percent of the total dwelling units existing in the Town at the end of the previous calendar year.

- a. For calculating the allowed number of dwelling units allowed in a given year after a Notice of Growth Impact is issued, the Building Inspector shall deduct all of the dwelling units permitted by category (exclusive of vested phased units) from January 1 up until the Notice of Growth Impact was issued. The remainder (if any) shall be issued over the balance of the calendar year.
- b. A subdivision creating one additional lot of a one-time only nature, not part of an ongoing development or larger subdivision, will be processed by the Planning Board according to its regulations and, at its discretion, may be excluded from the permit limitations of 13.5.1.

13.5.2 Duration. The limitation on the number of dwelling units as specified in 13.5.1 shall remain in effect for one year from the date of issuance of the Notice of Growth Impact. At the end of that year, the Planning Board shall hold a hearing to determine if the permit limitation should be removed and/or altered. After making findings of fact, the Planning Board may (a) extend the permit limitation for one additional year, or (b) remove the permit limitation.

13.5.3 Equitable Distribution. In order to insure equitable distribution of available permits, no individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity or its related or affiliated entities or in the case of individuals their relatives or persons associated in business, may receive more than 25 percent of the permits available during the limitation period.

- a. The Building Inspector shall consult with the Planning Board, and they together shall devise an administrative procedure necessary to insure equitable distribution of available dwelling unit permits under guidelines expressed in 13.5.3 above.

13.5.4 Revocation of Permits.

- a. Permits for single family dwelling units shall be withdrawn by the Building Inspector unless substantial construction is completed within six months of being issued a permit.
- b. Permits for multi-family dwelling units shall be withdrawn unless substantial construction is completed within six months of being issued a permit.
- c. Permits which have been withdrawn shall be reassigned in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- d. Once a permit is withdrawn, construction shall cease on a structure for which the permit has been withdrawn.

13.6 SUNSET

This ordinance shall expire at the Annual Town Meeting in 1990 unless re-adopted at that meeting. The Planning Board shall make recommendations as to the necessity and desirability of re-adopting this Ordinance prior to said Annual Town Meeting.

SECTION XIV

ADMINISTRATION

14.1 POWER AND AUTHORITY

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the Board of Selectmen is hereby given the power to appoint a Building Inspector who shall perform the duties of his office as designated in the various provisions of this Ordinance and shall make inspections of all buildings in process of building or reconstruction and report all violations to the Board of Selectmen. In the absence of a Building Inspector, the Board of Selectmen shall be given the Building Inspector's powers enumerated herein.

14.1.1 Building Inspector. The duty of administering and enforcing the provisions of this Ordinance and Building Code is hereby conferred upon the Building Inspector. It shall be the duty of the Building Inspector to:

- (a) Review all applications for building, demolition, or other permits to determine that the purpose for which the permit is sought will conform to the provisions of this Section and issue permits if appropriate.
- (b) Investigate promptly all possible Zoning Ordinance violations and report his/her findings in writing to the Board of Selectmen.

14.2 BUILDING PERMITS

The following conditions shall be observed.

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

14.2.2 Actions Limited. No excavation for foundation nor the erection, construction or structural alteration of any structure or part of any structure shall be undertaken until a permit is issued by the Building Inspector. No such permit shall be issued before application has been made for a certificate of occupancy.

14.2.3 Compliance. No building permit may be issued for any premises unless the buildings and other structures and use of the premises comply with the provisions of this Ordinance or the terms

of a variance granted by the Board of Adjustment; provided that a permit may be issued when the effect of the construction, reconstruction or alteration is to eliminate all violations of this Section on the premises.

14.2.4 Other Approvals. No building permit may be issued unless all necessary subdivision, site plan review, variance and/or special exception approvals have been issued.

14.2.5 Pending Changes. The Building Inspector shall not issue any building permit where application for such permit is made after the first legal notice of proposed changes in the building code has been posted pursuant to the provisions of RSA 156-A:1-a or 156-A-1:b, or the first legal notice of proposed changes in the Zoning Ordinance has been posted pursuant to the provisions of RSA 674:16-18, if the proposed changes in the building code or Zoning Ordinance would, if adopted, justify refusal of such a permit. After final action has been taken on the proposed changes in the building code or the Zoning Ordinance, the Building Inspector shall issue or refuse to issue such a permit which has been held in abeyance pursuant to this Subsection.

14.2.6 Exemptions. The construction of small accessory buildings, under one hundred (100) square feet, together with minor alterations, repairs, and general upkeep of existing buildings shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 14.2.1. The placing of transient recreational vehicles in recreational camping parks or recreational areas is exempt from the provisions of Section 14.2.1.

14.3 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

The following conditions shall be observed.

14.3.1 Certificate Required. No structure shall be erected, occupied, structurally altered or changed in use until a certificate of occupancy shall have been issued by the Building Inspector.

14.3.2 Coincident Application. A certificate of occupancy either for the whole or a part of a new building or for alteration of an existing building shall be applied for coincident with the application for a building permit and shall be issued within ten days after the erection or alteration of such building or part shall have been completed in conformity the provisions of this Ordinance.

14.3.3 Approval Before Occupancy. A certificate of occupancy for the use or occupancy of vacant land or for a change in the use of the land or for a change in the use of an existing building shall be applied for and issued before any such land shall be occupied or used or such land or building changed in use and such

certificate shall be issued within ten days after application has been made providing such proposed use is in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance.

14.3.4 Compliance. No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any premises unless the proposed use of the land, buildings, driveway and other structures thereon comply with:

- (a) The provisions of this Ordinance or the terms of a variance and/or special exception issued by the Board of Adjustment.
- (b) The provisions of a subdivision and/or site plan review approval.
- (c) All applicable housing, health, fire, safety, building codes and ordinances.

14.4 PROCEDURES FOR PERMITS

The following procedures shall be followed for a building and/or certificate of occupancy permits.

14.4.1 Applications. Applications for building permits, driveway permits, and certificates of occupancy must be made by the owner of the premises or his/her authorized agent. Applications for building permits and certificates of occupancy shall be in writing on forms prescribed by the Building Inspector.

14.4.2 Supporting Materials. All applications for building permits shall be accompanied by a plat in duplicate drawn to scale showing the actual dimensions of each lot to be built upon. The size and location of each building to be erected upon each lot and such other information as may be necessary to enable the Building Inspector to determine the proposed structure and use of land will conform to the provisions of this Ordinance.

14.4.3 Records. A record of all building permits and certificates of occupancy shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Inspector and a copy shall be furnished on request to any person having a proprietary or tenancy interest in the building or land affected.

SECTION XV

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

15.1 POWERS

The Board of Adjustment shall have the powers and duties specifically granted to it under RSA 674:33.

15.2 MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Adjustment shall consist of five regular members and up to three alternate members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and be residents of the community as provided by the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated under RSA 673:3 and 673:6.

15.3 RULES

The Board of Adjustment shall adopt rules and regulations governing meetings, hearings, fees, and other matters for the proper functioning of the Board. The Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure and shall keep a record of its proceedings showing the vote, indicating such fact and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions. Every rule or regulation, every amendment or repeal thereof, and every order, requirement, decision or determination of the Board shall immediately be filed in the office of the Board and become a matter or public record.

15.4 MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board of Adjustment shall be held upon the call of the Chairman. All meetings shall be opened to the public.

15.5 APPLICATIONS

Applications appealing an administrative decision, seeking a special exception, or requesting a variance shall be in writing, shall be signed by the property owner/applicant, shall be accompanied by such fees as the Board deems necessary to defray its costs in processing the application, and shall be accompanied by a drawn to scale plan of the property in question. The property plan shall contain such information as the Board determines to be necessary for it to reach a decision. In appropriate cases the Board may require that the plan be prepared by a registered professional engineer or registered land surveyor. The application shall list the name and current mailing addresses of each abutter to the property in question.

15.6 HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Adjustment shall hold a public hearing on each application. Notice thereof shall be given as follows:

15.6.1 Mail. The applicant and all abutters shall be notified of the public hearing by certified mail, return receipt requested, stating the time and place of the hearing, and such notice shall be given not less than five days nor more than thirty days before the date fixed for the hearing of the appeal.

15.6.2 Public Notice. A public notice of the hearing shall be posted at the Town Hall and one other public place and shall be published in a newspaper with a general circulation in the area, not less than five nor more than thirty days before the date fixed for the hearing of the appeal.

15.6.3 Costs. The cost of advertising and the cost of mailing the notices of hearing shall be payable prior to the hearing by the person making the appeal.

15.7 HEARINGS

Hearings before the Board shall be conducted by the Chairperson, or, in his/her absence the Acting Chairperson, who may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. At all hearings before the Board, the burden shall be upon the applicant to establish that the administrative decision appealed from is erroneous; or to show that the applicant has met the conditions established for a special exception; or to show that the applicant has met the criteria for granting a variance. Abutters and residents of the Town shall be permitted to speak on behalf of or against the appeal and to present evidence orally and/or in writing in support of their position.

The Board in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify any such order, requirements, decision or determination made by the Building Inspector. The concurring vote of three members of the Board shall be necessary to reverse or modify any order, requirement, decision or determination of the Building Inspector or to decide in favor of the appellant on any matter upon which it is required to pass or to effect any variance from the strict applications of the provisions of this Ordinance.

15.8 SCOPE OF REVIEW

The Board of Adjustment shall hear and decide appeals de novo from the decisions or orders of the Building Inspector, requests for special exceptions as provided for in this Ordinance, and requests for variances to the terms of this Ordinance in accordance with the provisions delineated herein.

15.8.1 Administrative Appeals. The Board shall hear and decide appeals from the decisions or orders of the Building Inspector concerning administration or enforcement of this Ordinance.

15.8.2 Special Exceptions. The Board shall hear and decide requests for special exceptions provided for in this Ordinance. The Board shall grant requests for special exceptions which are in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Ordinance and meet the standards of this Subsection. Appropriate conditions as set forth in Subsection 15.8.2 (b) may be placed on special exception approvals when necessary. The Board shall deny requests for special exceptions that do not meet the standards of this Section.

(a) Special Exceptions shall meet the following standards:

- 1) Standards provided by this Ordinance for the particular use permitted by special exception.
- 2) No hazard to the public or adjacent property on account of potential fire, explosion or release of toxic materials.
- 3) No detriment to property values in the vicinity or change in the essential characteristics of a residential neighborhood on account of the location or scale of buildings and other structures, parking area, access ways, odor, smoke, gas, dust, or other pollutant, noise, glare, heat, vibration, or unsightly outdoor storage of equipment, vehicles or other materials.
- 4) No creation of a traffic safety hazard or a substantial increase in the level of traffic congestion in the vicinity.
- 5) No excessive demand on municipal services, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, waste disposal, police and fire protection, and schools.
- 6) No significant increase of storm water runoff onto adjacent property or streets.

(b) Special exception approvals may be subject to appropriate conditions including the following:

- 1) Front, side, or rear yards in excess of the minimum requirements of this Ordinance.
- 2) Screening of the premises from the street or adjacent property by walls, fences, or other devices.

- 3) Modification of the exterior features or buildings or other structures.
- 4) Reasonable limitations on the number of occupants and methods and times of operation.
- 5) Grading of the premises for proper drainage.
- 6) Regulation of design of access drives, sidewalks, and other traffic features.
- 7) Regulation of the number, size, and lighting of signs more stringent than the requirements of this Ordinance.

15.8.3 Variances. The Board of Adjustment shall hear and decide requests to vary the terms of this Ordinance. At the hearing on the application, the applicant shall present testimony and other evidence to establish that all five conditions for a variance have been met. The decision of the Board shall be based on the evidence presented at the hearing, not on allegations contained in the application. Abutters and residents shall be entitled to present testimony and other evidence to establish that the applicant either has or has not met all five of the listed conditions below.

No variance shall be granted unless all of the following conditions are met.

- 1) A hardship must exist which is inherent in the land in question and which is not shared in common with other parcels of land in the district.
- 2) The spirit and intent of the Ordinance will not be broken by granting the variance.
- 3) The granting of the variance will not adversely affect other property in the district.
- 4) Not to grant the variance would result in injustice.
- 5) Granting the variance would be of benefit to the public interest.

15.9 FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board of Adjustment shall present findings of fact for all its decisions and shall enter such findings in its records.

15.10 REPRESENTATIONS

Representations made at the public hearing or material submitted to the Board by an applicant for a special exception or variance concerning features of proposed buildings, structures, parking, or use which are subject to regulation pursuant to Subsection 15.8.2 or 15.8.3 shall be deemed conditions upon such special exception or variance.

SECTION XVI

AMENDMENTS

16.1 PROCEDURE

The provisions of this Ordinance may be amended or changed at any regular or special Town Meeting by a majority of the voters present as provided by the Revised Statutes Annotated of the State of New Hampshire.

SECTION XVII

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

17.1 VIOLATIONS

Upon information from the Building Inspector that the provisions of this Ordinance are being violated, the Board of Selectmen shall take immediate steps to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance as provided by the Revised Statutes Annotated of the State of New Hampshire.

17.2 PENALTIES

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall for each violation, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each day such violation shall exist.

SECTION XVIII

VALIDITY

18.1 DECLARATION

If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to the invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect or impair any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance.

18.2 DATE OF EFFECT

This Ordinance, and amendments, shall take effect upon passage.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING, MARCH 13, 1987
AT 8 P.M. IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL.

ARTICLE 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred twenty five thousand five hundred dollars (\$225,500.00) to implement the Capital Improvement Program as presented in the Town Report on the following page and approved by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand seven hundred ninety eight dollars and twenty cents (\$11,798.20) for the purpose of purchasing a new Police cruiser and to transfer \$6,779.71 from Revenue Sharing Account to apply against the purchase price.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$15,600.00) to resurface and rebuild the parking lot at Stratham Hill Park.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400.00) for a life-pack addition to the ambulance.

ARTICLE 9. By petition of Gerald Sterritt and 16 others. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of R.S.A. 32 and adopt the Municipal Budget Law.

ARTICLE 10. By petition of Maria Downey and 17 others. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) for the purpose of reprinting the History of Stratham and making the reprinted edition available for sale.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) for the purpose of helping the Richie McFarland Childrens Center to meet its costs for services provided to Stratham children.

ARTICLE 12. By petition of Richard Messner and 17 others. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of hiring a professional, disinterested, and unbiased assessing agency which will reassess all property in Stratham in 1987.

ARTICLE 13. By petition of Richard Messner and 17 others. To see if the Town will vote to have all property in Stratham reassessed by a professional disinterested, and unbiased assessing agency at five year intervals. New subdivisions and new construction completed between assessments are to be individually assessed, on a prorated basis, each of the remaining years until the standard assessment year.

ARTICLE 14."Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:1-c which authorize any town or city to elect not to assess, levy and collect a resident tax?" This article requires a paper ballot vote.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on such property taxes as are paid in full within fifteen days from the day the tax warrant is committed to the Tax Collector, the date to be printed on the tax bill.

ARTICLE 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

Garrett Dolan, Gordon Barker, Martin Wool Selectmen of Stratham

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Garrett Dolan, Gordon Barker, Martin Wool Selectmen of Stratham

STRATHAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: PROJECT SUMMARY IN \$000'S

PROJECT TITLE	PRIORITY	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>							
TOWN OFFICE NEEDS STUDY/IMPROVEMENTS	20						
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS/PROPERTY</u>					100		50
FIRE - FORESTRY							
PLANNING - TRAFFIC STUDY	10		10				
- TOWN CENTER STUDY							
CONSERVATION - GIFFORD WATER STUDY	15		25				
- TOWN - WATER STUDY			10	10	10	10	10
- LAND CONSERVATION FUND	10						
<u>PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS</u>							
4 WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK WITH PLOW	16		21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5
GRADER			94				
DEPOT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS							
GUINEA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	40		65	65	55		55
DUMP TRUCK							
BACK HOE				65			
HIGHWAY GARAGE					230		
SANDER						65	
<u>LIBRARY</u>							
BUILDING NEEDS STUDY				10			
<u>RECREATION</u>							
MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATION COMPLEX				50	750		
ATHLETIC FIELDS					195		
<u>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>							
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION			8600				
<u>TOTAL</u>		111	8825.5	156.5	1381.5	96.5	136.5

TOWN BUDGET

Town Officers Salary.....	\$ 59,295.00
Town Officers Expense.....	24,400.00
Election and Registration Expenses.....	280.00
Cemeteries.....	19,200.00
General Government Buildings.....	13,150.00
Planning & Zoning.....	39,700.00
Legal Expenses.....	15,000.00
Mosquito.....	11,598.00
Police Department.....	152,590.00
Fire Department.....	30,587.00
Civil Defense.....	3,000.00
Building Inspection.....	14,000.00
Highway Department.....	340,086.00
Street Lighting.....	2,700.00
Garbage Removal.....	233,600.00
Health Department.....	12,590.00
Animal Control.....	2,150.00
General Assistance.....	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance.....	6,000.00
Library.....	41,025.00
Parks & Recreation.....	20,200.00
Patriotic Purposes.....	800.00
Recreation Commission.....	17,160.00
Principal of Long-Term Bonds & Notes.....	90,000.00
Interest Expense-Long-Term Bonds & Notes.....	60,000.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes.....	20,000.00
FICA, Retirement & Pension Contributions.....	31,500.00
Insurance.....	74,500.00
Unemployment Compensation.....	1,200.00

TOTAL TOWN BUDGET 1,338,311.00

Gerald Sterritt	Garrett B. Dolan
Charles Palm	Gordon Barker
Lawrence Dowling	Martin Wool
Lorraine Merrill	

BUDGET COMMITTEE

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1986

TOWN OF STRATHAM

- DR. -

Uncollected taxes - beginning of fiscal year

<u>Levies of:</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984 & prior yrs.</u>
Property taxes.....		\$394,932.98	\$26,632.65
Resident taxes.....		3,470.00	560.00
Land Use Change Taxes.....		69,330.00	

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes.....	\$3,018,910.80		
Resident Taxes.....	24,430.00		
Land Use Change Taxes.....	31,600.00		

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes.....	1,995.00	450.00	
Resident Taxes.....	1,800.00		
Jep. Assessment.....		28.80	

Interest Collected on Delinquent

<u>Property Taxes.....</u>	467.02	20,432.16	
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Penalties Collected on Resident

<u>Taxes.....</u>	41.00	133.00	2.00
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$3,079,243.82	488,776.94	27,194.65
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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes.....	\$2,500,532.91	391,125.08	
Resident Taxes.....	20,030.00	1,320.00	20.00
Land Use Change Taxes.....	31,600.00	69,330.00	
Interest Collected During Year	467.02	20,432.16	
Penalties on Resident Taxes..	41.00	133.00	

Discounts Allowed 13,864.30

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes.....		4,286.70	
Resident Taxes.....			540.00

Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes.....	\$ 506,508.59		26,632.65
Resident Taxes.....	6,200.00	1090.00	
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$3,079,243.82	488,776.94	27,194.65

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1986

- DR. -

....Tax Sales on Account of Levies of.....
Previous
Years

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>Previous Years</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes- Beginning Fiscal Year		\$ 5,308.08	\$12,078.66
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$9,953.56		
Interest Collected After Sale	235.88	435.57	3,705.64
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$10,189.44	\$ 5,743.65	\$15,890.50

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Remittances to Treasurer During Year:

Redemptions	\$ 3,521.34	\$ 2,580.00	\$12,078.66
Interest & Costs After Sale	235.88	435.57	3,811.84
Unredeemed Taxes - End of Fiscal Year	6,432.22	2,728.08	
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$10,189.44	\$ 5,743.65	\$15,890.50

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF
STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SECTION 1

<u>PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION</u>	Approp. Prev.	Actual Expend.	Approp.
	1986	prev. yr. 1986	ensuing fiscal yr. 1987
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</u>			
Town Officers Salary	\$ 61,065.00	\$ 54,976.54	\$ 59,295.00
Town Officers Expenses	18,000.00	23,868.98	24,400.00
Election & Registration Expenses	1,000.00	1,209.75	280.00
Cemeteries	27,100.00	24,086.53	19,200.00
General Gov't Buildings	11,550.00	10,446.01	13,150.00
Planning & Zoning	22,295.77	23,179.76	39,700.00
Legal Expenses	6,000.00	14,507.95	15,000.00
Mosquito	10,970.00	11,115.93	11,598.00
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>			
Police Department	129,425.00	126,807.03	152,590.00
Fire Department	25,100.00	21,684.05	30,587.00
Building Inspection	6,000.00	5,400.00	14,000.00
Civil Defense			3,000.00
<u>HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES</u>			
Town Maintenance	242,233.00	224,306.94	340,086.00
Street Lighting	3,000.00	2,585.72	2,700.00
<u>SANITATION</u>			
Garbage Removal	140,745.00	190,576.80	233,600.00
<u>HEALTH</u>			
Health Department	13,000.00	11,253.83	12,590.00
Animal Control	2,000.00	2,160.80	2,150.00
<u>WELFARE</u>			
General Assistance	2,000.00	2,479.16	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00	856.38	6,000.00
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>			
Library	33,395.00	33,395.00	41,025.00
Parks & Recreation	20,900.00	16,350.20	20,200.00
Patriotic Purposes	800.00	481.69	800.00
Recreation	14,800.00	12,420.44	17,160.00

DEBT SERVICE

Principal of long-term bonds & notes	90,000.00	90,368.78	90,000.00
Interest Expense- Long term bonds & notes	70,000.00	66,329.58	60,000.00
Interest Expense-tax anticipation	20,000.00	12,214.22	20,000.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Article #7	85,000.00	65,115.00	
Article #9	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Article #13	1,600.00	439.10	
Article #6	11,866.73	11,866.73	

MISCELLANEOUS

FICA, Retirement & Pension Contributions	28,900.00	22,879.64	31,500.00
Insurance	60,000.00	59,253.76	74,500.00
Unemployment Compensation	700.00	580.68	1,200.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,120,545.50	1,095,596.34	1,338,311.00

SECTION 2

<u>SOURCES OF REVENUE</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimated</u>
	<u>Rev. 1986</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>Rev. 1987</u>

TAXES

Resident Taxes	22,000.00	20,030.00	23,000.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	8,500.00	25,557.47	24,000.00
Yield Taxes	100.00		150.00
<u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVS. - STATE</u>			
Shared Rev. - Block Grant	50,000.00	97,086.07	97,086.07
Highway Block Grant	20,000.00	31,598.41	37,969.70

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV.- FEDERAL

Tax Sale Refunds		47,716.84	
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LICENSES AND PERMITS

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	215,000.00	313,536.00	300,000.00
Dog Licenses	2,000.00	1,591.75	1,400.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	2,800.00	4,029.88	4,000.00
Building Permits		52,240.00	50,000.00
Planning Board & Board of Adjustment Hearings		14,117.50	15,000.00

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Police Services		704.00	700.00
Rent of Town Property	250.00	5,500.00	5,400.00
Donations		680.00	600.00
Grave Excavations		2,110.00	2,000.00
Reimbursements Recreation Dept.		3,183.50	2,500.00
Refunds & Reimbursements		10,943.92	10,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Interest of Deposits	10,000.00		10,000.00
Sale of Town Property	5,000.00	14,334.81	14,000.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots		4,455.00	
Reimbursement Rockingham County Concerv. Comm.		1,326.75	
Reimbursement for Training Civil Defense		3,000.00	3,000.00

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

Revenue Sharing Fund	9,000.00	15,103.00	6,780.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	344,650.00	668,844.90	607,585.77

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

TOWN OF STRATHAM IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

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

Garrett Dolan, Gordon Barker, Martin Wool, Selectmen of Stratham

1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY

A. Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 81,960.00
B. Residential	57,349,700.00
C. Commercial/Industrial	6,612,900.00
D. Total of Taxable Land	64,044,560.00

2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY

A. Residential	94,599,820.00
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31	
C. Commercial/Industrial	18,328,650.00
D. Total of Taxable Buildings	112,928,470.00

3. PUBLIC WATER UTILITY

4. PUBLIC UTILITIES

A. Gas	184,800.00
B. Electric	1,374,900.00

5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED 178,532,730.00

6. Elderly Exemption (Number 20) 185,000.00

7. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED 185,000.00

8. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED 178,347,730.00

ELECTRIC, GAS & PIPELINE COMPANY

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co	\$ 774,900.00
Public Service of N.H.	600,000.00
Granite State Gas Co.	184,800.00

CURRENT USE REPORT

	Prior Years	Totals
Farm Land	948	948
Forrest Land		
Wild Land	838	838
1) Unproductive	91	91
Recreation Land	263	263
Wet Land	250	250

Total Number of Acres Exempted Under Current Use	2390
Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use	180

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

TAXES ASSESSED

FOR THE TAX YEAR 1986

Certificate

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We hereby request that the tax commission compute the rate for municipal, school and county taxes separately.

Garrett Dolan, Gordon Barker, Martin Wool, Selectmen of Stratham

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Officer's Salaries	\$ 60,228.00
Town officer's expenses	18,000.00
Election and Registration expenses	1,000.00
Cemeteries	27,100.00
General Government Buildings	11,500.00
Planning and Zoning	19,500.00
Legal Expenses	6,000.00
Police Department	123,770.00
Fire Department	25,100.00
Building Inspection	6,000.00
Mosquito Commission	10,970.00
Town Maintenance - General Hywy Dept Exp.	243,000.00
Street Lighting	3,000.00
Garbage Removal	140,745.00
Health Department	13,000.00
Animal Control	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
General Assistance	2,000.00
Library	33,395.00
Parks and Recreation	20,900.00
Patriotic Purposes	800.00
Recreation	14,800.00
Principal of Long-Term Bonds & Notes	90,000.00
Interest Expense - Long term Bonds & Notes	70,000.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	20,000.00
Article #4 Capital Improvement Program	111,000.00
Article #6 Cruiser	11,866.73
Article #7 Fire Truck	130,000.00
Article #9 Survey	6,000.00
Article #13 NHSTS	1,600.00
F. I. C. A., Retirement & Pension Contributions	28,900.00
Insurance	60,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	700.00
 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	 1,318,924.73

OVERLAY \$10,000.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE:

Resident Taxes	24,430.00
Yield Taxes	100.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	24,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	69,930.00
Shared REvenue - Block Grant	33,826.00
Highway Block Grant	31,598.00
Other Reimbursements	6,000.00
Rent on Gifford house	5,400.00
Town Hall Phone	500.00
Income from Trust Funds	20,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	215,000.00
Dog Licenses	2,000.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	2,800.00
Building permits	10,000.00
Income from Departments	10,000.00
Rent of Town Property	250.00
Interest on Deposits	10,000.00
Sales of Town Property	5,000.00
Donation - Fire Truck	45,000.00
Proceeds of Bonds and Long-Term Notes	85,000.00
Revneue Sharing Fund	9,000.00
Fund Balance	50,867.00

TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS 660,701.00

Total Town Appropriations	1,318,925.00
Total REvenues and Credits	660,701.00
Net Town Appropriations	658,224.00
Net School Tax Assessment	2,259,069.00
County Tax Assessment	97,118.00
Total of Town, School and County	3,014,411.00
Deduct Total Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	63,589.00
Add War Service Credits	15,900.00
Add Overlay	65,189.00
Property Taxes to Be Raised	3,031,911.00

Tax Rate

	1985	1986
Town	2.93	4.10
County	.83	.51
School	14.24	12.39
Municipal Tax Rate	18.00	17.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

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Date: January 30, 1987

Garrett Dolan
Gordon Barker
Martin Wool, Selectmen of Stratham, NH

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Part 1 TAXES - All Town Funds

A. Taxes

Property Taxes - current year - 1986	2,500,532.91
Resident Raxes - current year - 1986	20,030.00
Property Taxes - previous years	391,125.08
Resident Taxes - previous years	1,400.00
Land Use Change Tax	100,930.00
Interest received on delinquent taxes	25,382.47
Penalties - resident taxes	176.00
Tax sales redeemed	18,180.00

TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED AND REMITTED 3,057,756.46

B. LICENSES AND PERMITS

Motor Vehicle permit fees	313,559.00
Dog licenses	1,591.75
All other licenses, permits and fees	4,057.88

TOTAL 319,208.63

Part 11 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE - ALL FUNDS

Revenue Sharing grants	15,103.00
Shared revenue	97,086.07
Highway Block grant	31,598.41

TOTAL 143,787.48

Part III CHARGES FOR SERVICES - ALL FUNDS

Police Services	704.00
Donations	680.00
Tax Sale Refunds	47,716.84
Town Hall yard Phone	513.12
Planning Board & Board of Adjustment Hearings	4,455.00
Rent of Town property	5,525.00

TOTAL 73,711.46

Part IV - MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES - ALL FUNDS

Sale of Town property	14,307.81
Building permits	52,069.00

Reimbursement Rock. Cty Conserv. Comm.	1,326.75
Grave Excavations	2,110.00
Reimbursement Recreation Dept.	3,183.50
Refunds & Reimbursements	10,943.91
TOTAL	83,940.97
Part VI NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS - ALL	
Tax anticipation notes	470,000.00
Transfers from Savings	321,725.04
TOTAL	791,725.04
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	4,470,130.04
Cash on hand, January 1, 1986	452,980.66
GRAND TOTAL	4,923,110.70
Part VII EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS	
A. General Government	
Financial administration	54,976.54
Legal	14,507.95
General town buildings	10,446.01
Central administration	23,868.98
Planning and zoning	23,200.76
Election and registration	1,209.75
Article #9 - Topo survey - Gifford property	6,000.00
B. Public Safety	
Police department	126,807.03
Fire department	24,988.05
Article #7 - Fire Truck	65,115.00
Building inspection	5,400.00
Article #6 - Police cruiser	11,866.73
C. Highways, Streets, Bridges	
General highway department	224,306.94
Street lighting	2,585.72
Article #13 - Retirement Plan	439.10
D. Sanitation	
Solid waste disposal	192,076.80
E. Health	
Health department	11,253.83
Cemeteries	24,086.53
Animal Control	2,160.80
Mosquito Control	11,115.93
F. Human Services	
Old Age Assistance	856.38
Town Poor	2,479.16
G. Culture and Recreation	
Library	33,395.00

Park	16,350.20
Patriotic purposes	481.69
Recreation	12,420.44
H. Debt Service	
Principal long term bonds and notes	90,368.78
Interest - long term bonds and notes	66,329.58
Interest - tax anticipation notes	12,212.66
Miscellaneous	
Unallocated FICA, retirement, pension	22,879.64
Insurance	58,429.76
Unemployment compensation	580.68
Unclassified	
Payment - tax anticipation notes	470,000.00
Taxes bought by town	9,953.56
Discounts, abatements, refunds	56,189.64
Payments to trustees of trust funds	3,300.00
Transfers to Savings Accounts	300,000.00
Transfers to Revenue Sharing Account	14,905.00
Capital Improvement Program - Article #4	71,106.31
Payments to other Governmental Divisions	
To State - dog license and marriage licenses	725.50
Taxes paid to county	97,118.00
School District 1985 (839,000.00); 1986(1,058,578.59)	1,897,578.59
Total payments for all purposes	4,074,073.02
Cash on hand 12/31/86	849,037.68
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,923,110.70
Part IX SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS	
(As of Dec. 31, 1986)	
Highway Loader	15,560.00
Land for future town use	729,000.00
Total long term notes outstanding	744,560.00
Part X DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED AND RETIRED	
Bonds outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal yr.	Outstanding at the end of this fiscal year
\$833,340.00	\$744,560.00
Part XIV EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL GENERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS	
Proposed	Amounts Actually expended
Police \$9000.00	\$9000.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1. Town Hall, Land & Buildings	\$ 133,400.00
Furniture & Equipment	36,800.00
2. Libraries, Lands & Buildings	155,250.00
Furniture & Equipment	28,750.00
3. Police Dept., Land & Buildings	27,250.00
Equipment	
4. Fire Dept., Land & Buildings	190,325.00
Equipment	143,750.00
5. Highway Dept., Land & Buildings	64,400.00
Equipment	132,250.00
Materials & Supplies	5,750.00
6. Parks & Commons & Playgrounds	304,750.00
7. Schools, Lands and Buildings, Equipment	1,380,000.00
8. Gifford Property	920,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,522,675.00

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CASH ON HAND, JANUARY 1, 1986

Checking Account	\$452,980.66	
		\$452,980.66

RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR

1986 Property Taxes	2,500,532.91	
1985 Property Taxes	391,125.08	
Tax Sale Redeemed by Owners	22,663.29	
Interest & Cost on Delinquent Taxes	20,899.18	
Land Use Change Assessments	100,930.00	
1986 Resident Taxes	20,030.00	
Resident Taxes, previous years	1,400.00	
Resident Tax Penalties	176.00	
		3,057,756.46

RECEIVED FROM TOWN CLERK

Motor Vehicle Permits	313,559.00	
Dog Licenses	1,591.75	
Filing, Fine, & Mias. Fees	4,057.88	
		319,208.63

RECEIVED FROM STATE OF N.H.

State Block Grant	128,684.48	
		128,684.48

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES

Tax Sales Redeemed by Outside Bidder	47,716.84	
Building Permits	52,069.00	
Sale Town Property	15,132.81	
Rent Town Hall	725.00	
Rent Gifford House	4,800.00	
Town Hall Public Phones	513.12	
Reimb. for Police Services	704.00	
Reimb. for Planning Board & Board of Adjustments hearings	14,117.50	
Income to Cemetery Trust Fund	3,300.00	
Reimb. for Cemetery Excavations	2,110.00	
Cemetery Lot Filing Fees	330.00	
Refunds, Reimb. Dividends & Adjustments	15,454.16	
Donations to Park	680.00	
Transfers from Savings & Revenue Sharing Accts.	309,000.00	
Tax Anticipation Loans	470,000.00	
U.S. Gov. Revenue Sharing	15,103.00	
Interest on Savings Accts.	12,725.00	
		964,480.47

TOTAL ASSETS & RECEIPTS	\$4,923,110.70
PAID ON SELECTMENS ORDERS	<u>4,074,073.02</u>
CASH ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1986	849,037.68

OTHER ASSETS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

Savings Scounts	\$ 300,000.68
Revenue Sharing Account	6,779.71
Payroll Account	<u>3,692.75</u>

Kenneth F. Lanzillo
Town Treasurer

TOWN OF STRATHAM
DECEMBER 31, 1986

Showing Annual Maturities of outstanding Bonds and Long Term Notes

<u>Gifford Property</u>	<u>Highway Loader</u>
(Note)	(Note)
1985	1984
<u>7.98%</u>	<u>7.25%</u>
Original Amount	Original Amount
\$810,000.00	\$38,000.00

MATURITIES

1987	\$ 81,000.00	\$ 7,800.00
1988	81,000.00	7,800.00
1989	81,000.00	
1990	81,000.00	
1991	81,000.00	
1992	81,000.00	
1993	81,000.00	
1994	81,000.00	
1995	<u>81,000.00</u>	\$15,600.00
TOTAL	\$729,000.00	

Kenneth F. Lanzillo
Town Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:	
All funds in custody of treasurer	848,141.68
Revenue Sharing Account	6,779.71
Saving Account	300,000.00
Payroll Account	3,692.75

TOTAL CASH 1,158,614.14

Total accounts due to the town	
Unredeemed taxes - from tax sale on account of	
(a) Levy of 1985	6,432.22
(b) Levy of 1984	2,728.08
Total unredeemed taxes	9,160.30

Uncollected taxes - Including all taxes	
(a) Levy of 1986	512,708.59
(b) Levy of 1985 (resident taxes)	6,200.00
(c) Levy of 1984 (resident taxes)	2,090.00
(d) Previous years	26,632.65
Total Uncollected taxes	547,631.24

TOTAL ASSESTS 1,715,405.68

Fund Balance - 12/31/85	110,313.68
Fund balance - 12/31/86	222,797.88
Change in financial condition	112,484.20

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town	
Bills outstanding	
Unexpended balances of special appropriations	65,719.59
Unexpended revenue sharing funds	6,779.71

Due to State	
Dog license fees	39.50

School district tax payable 1,420,069.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,492,607.80
Fund Balance	222,797.88

GRAND TOTAL \$1,715,405.68

EXPENDITURES 1986

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Payroll	\$	56,979.36
Electricity		1,217.83
Gas & Oil		8,415.72
Telephone		496.24
Tires, Repairs, etc.		18,081.44
Asphalt		84,410.82
New Equipment		7,565.40
Rented Equipment		2,679.00
Building Maintenance		369.21
Salt		31,838.23
Sand & Gravel		9,332.92
Misc.		781.07
Tools		327.96
Culvert Pipe		<u>1,811.74</u>
	\$	224,306.94

POLICE

Payroll		99,832.22
Gas & Oil		4,671.02
Telephone		3,381.79
Uniforms		2,968.88
Repairs		7,335.38
Misc.		417.00
New Equipment		2,407.52
Office Supplies		645.18
Training		1,052.20
Insurance Refund for 85 Plym		<u>4,095.84</u>
	\$	126,807.03

PARK

Payroll		9,321.13
Electricity		1,962.84
Ground Maintenance		1,989.01
Building Maintenance		75.03
Equipment Maintenance		636.24
Telephone		363.04
New Equipment		<u>2,002.91</u>
	\$	16,350.20

CEMETERIES

Payroll	8,829.84
Excavations	1,050.00
Ground Maintenance	312.20
Equipment Maintenance	504.49
Supplies	2,200.00
New Equipment	4,700.00
Tree Removal	9,790.00
	<u>27,386.53</u>
	\$ 27,386.53

DUMP

Payroll	7,352.54
Maintenance	6,789.75
Lamprey Regional Solid Waste	113,245.38
Materials & Supplies	582.00
Trucking	62,607.13
Removal of Scrap	1,500.00
	<u>192,076.80</u>
	\$ 192,076.80

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Auto Permits	\$ 313,559.00
Dog Licenses	1,591.75
UCC	1,975.88
Titles	1,246.00
Bad Check Fines	60.00
Vital Records	718.00
Filing Fees	6.00
Dog Fines	105.00
Dredge and Fill	<u>5.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 319,266.63

1986 YEARLY EARNINGS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES

David Gilbert	\$ 24,315.36
Carlton Spaulding	19,794.52
Richard Moreau	19,160.99
William Losefsky	7,780.77
James Gatcomb	96.00
William C. Schanck	3,637.94
Glenn Senechal	120.00
Keith A. Millen	318.00
Robert A. Wharem, Jr.	1,725.00
William J. Donovan, III	10,802.66
Richard Wood	10,777.97
Donald Andolina	453.00
Shirley Daley	4,760.10
Joyce A. Rowe	22,815.44
Kristina J. Reid	10,048.50
Elaine McLaughlin	7,082.50
William Jeralds	8,307.50
Ralph S. Walker, Jr.	5,400.00
Martin Wool	2,500.00
Garrett Dolan	2,500.00
Gordon Barker	2,500.00
Kenneth Lanzillo	2,500.00
W. Douglas Scamman	30.00
George R. Brown	6,847.22
Bonnie Williams	90.00
Josephine Scamman	90.00
Mark Weaver	3,999.98
William A. MacKinnon	858.75
Jonathan Ekstrom	1,318.97
Samuel Weaver	284.38
Martha Beth Harvey	320.88
Robin Gilbert	1,626.00
David Noyes	1,800.00
Fred A. Hutton, Jr.	23,009.30
Cameron Sewall	16,815.55
Russell Stevens	18,486.47
Alfred Hurteau	2,697.20
Gordon L. Barker	126.00
J. Andrew Hutton, III	3,935.70
Robert Paquette	8,414.20
Lester A. Carbonneau	1,718.80
Richard Law	265.20
Carson J. Koenig	181.50
Theresa Grogan	411.40
Katherine Pidgeon	409.75
Donna Pare	1,802.80
Joyce Maslowski	2,433.03
Barbara Senko	6,593.89
Marcia MacCallum	1,966.88
Christopher Jeffress	673.75
Tracy D. Moody	2,300.02
Lori L. Vickery	30.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT 1986

Burglary	30	Accidents	245
Thefts	120	Motor Vehicle Assists	316
Assaults	18	Assists/Other Towns	461
Criminal/Mischief	85	Unsecured Premises	211
Disorderly	35	Relay of Persons	108
Arrests	91	Medical Assists	39
Stolen M/V	9	Possession of Drugs	12
Criminal Threatening	13	Prowler Calls	31
Missing Persons	13	Resisting Arrest	26
Criminal Trespass	18	Calls/Chief at home	253
Alarms	334	Miscellaneous Calls	546
Juvenile Court	20	Animal Complaints	225
D.W.I. Arrests	33	Robbery	1
Motor/Vehicle Court	685	M/V Lockout	227
Motor/Vehicle Checks	984	Shoplifting Cases	37
Criminal Cases		Alcoholic Beverages	26
(Under Investigation)	331	Bench Warrant Arrests	22
Property (lost/recovered)	50	Domestic Problems	19
Bad Check Cases	14		

Total Calls 5688

Respectfully Submitted,

David Gilbert
Chief of Police

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

1986

As this is being written we are in the middle of a long snowy winter season. This has put extra demands on our equipment and workers to keep the roads clear and passable. The problems we face in snow storms are bad enough without equipment breaking down. That's one reason that we need to ask for a new dump truck equipped with plows and a hydraulic sander. Our old sander is on a 1978 GMC truck and is pretty worn out. In addition, the Town is gaining roads so rapidly that we can't cover the area fast enough with only two trucks. When people complain about not getting their roads done its because we do 40 miles of road with two sand trucks. This doesn't include the mileage that we do doubling back on roads, (e.g. River Rd., Apollo) I will list the new roads later.

Our equipment consists of the following:

1. 1984 International dump truck (withplows) in good shape.
2. 1979 GMC dump truck (withPlows and sander) in poor shape.
3. 1966 Mack sander truck in bad shape with over 400,000 miles on it.
4. 1984 Caterpillar 930 loader in good shape.
5. 1962 Galion grader in very poor shape.
6. 1986 Dodge pickup in good shape.
7. 1979 Chevy pickup in fair shape. This truck is shared with the mosquito department for their use in the summer.

One could best describe our equipment as being one dependable dump truck, one dependable loader, and one dependable pickup. Everything else could need costly repairs at any time. Parts on old equipment are scarce.

Last year we paved Guinea Rd. Union Rd., Barker Rd., and reconstructed part of Depot Rd. We also had trees taken down in various parts of Town including some at the Greenwood Cemetery. We put gravel edges along 5 miles of town road and also did drainage/culvert work on Guinea Rd. and Union Rd. This was all done in addition to our regular duties of taking care of the roads, dump, cemeteries, public buildings, parking lots, school yard, mowing projects, and work at the Stratham Hill Park/Gifford property.

The cost of general maintenance on roads, buildings, and equipment are rising rapidly as are our costs for tar and salt. Also, gravel has turned into gold! We have very little town gravel stockpiled.

The following town roads were added or completed last year:

1. Drury Plains (off Guinea Rd.)
2. Russell Dr. (off Bunker Hill Ave.)
3. Sweetland Place(off Stratham Heights Rd.)
4. Tidewater Farms (off Depot Rd.)
5. Dumbarton Oaks extension
6. Coach Rd. (off Barker Rd.)
7. Smith Farm Rd. (off Union Rd.)
8. Evergreen/Winding Brook finished (behind Church)
9. Lamington Hill (off Winnicutt Rd.)

As of July 1986 we had 39.9 miles of town road.

This year we would like to do drainage work and resurfacing on Depot Rd. We also plan to do 10 miles of tar sealing and 4 miles of pavement shimming around town. Also, in our budget this year we'd like to get money for a grader rental to help us in shimming and plowing roads. A grader is the best piece of equipment for these projects.

In summary, we have tried our best to keep the roads in good condition year round. We thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Hutton, Jr.
Road Agent

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR 1986

Single family homes	133
Multi family dwellings	23
Storage & Barns	43
Additions & Remodeling	35
Signs	3
Commercial Buildings	4

As you can see, the number of building permits have increased since 1985. Almost one half of these permits were issued within the first two and one half months of the year. During the time most of these permits were issued the market for houses was exceptional and houses were selling fast. An especially important factor in the large number of permits issued during the first of the year is that the Town was proposing a new zoning ordinance. This was enough to prompt builders to obtain permits for houses, so that they would have them in the event they might not be able to obtain permits after 1986 Town Meeting. We also had a very easy winter last year and builders were able to work without delays and high cost.

In the past year I have been able to predict my work load by the number of active permits, for a long range prediction I add the information that I have received from area real estate agencies predictions. The over all indication is that the building boom is tapering off. With planning and phasing of new developments, building construction will taper off even more.

If you look around us in neighboring towns, in fact towns throughout the country, you will find that building inspection is a department all its own. The Town of Stratham is unique in that the Building Inspector is also the Fire Chief. It is essential that Building Inspectors be involved in safety services. Its time that we prevent safety problems from happening by letting the people who have to deal with these problems have some say in their prevention.

The Fire Department has to neutralize hazard and determine its cause. With input during the construction phase a lot of potential hazards could be avoided.

The Town has had a tremendous amount of growth push in a short space of time. All of the Town Departments are trying to cope with this problem. As Building Inspector I have plans and suggestions to perform this important task in the Town's best interest and with minimum expense to the taxpayer. With the cooperation of the Town the developers and builders, will pay the incurred cost of building and inspections. I have instatuted this in some areas and have plans to do more. Some of our towns people have expressed a concern that a part time building inspector doesn't have enough time for inspection. If anyone thinks that a building inspector is supposed to be on building sites to interpret the building code for the builders, my response is that there is not enough time. A builder is obligated to build to code just like you and I are obligated to obey laws. If he has to tear a wall down, replace a door, or add an entire sprinkler system, it is not the Town's responsibility. There is a building code in Stratham and every builder can obtain one. I have had the opportunity to see lots of new construction in nearby towns and the town of Stratham surpasses most of them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph S. Walker, Jr.
Building Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF MOSQUITO CONTROL

The municipally funded and operated mosquito control for the Exeter area serves Exeter, Hampton Falls, Newfields, and Stratham. Within this district, a crew of three handles both the control of the adult and immature stages of the mosquito. In addition to mosquito control, the crew also constructs horse fly traps and places them on the saltmarshes to reduce those pest populations. Initially started in response to mosquito nuisance and an outbreak of eastern equine encephalitis in 1973; the mosquito control program has progressed to detailing a marsh management plan soon in the future to revive diluted and impounded saltmarshes.

Since marsh management and mosquito control go hand and hand, the Exeter area and Essex County (MA) mosquito controls have been working together with State officials to evaluate the need of a saltmarsh management program. This long term goal is to landscape the saltmarshes to both facilitate wildlife and at the same time to provide predatory fish access to mosquito larvae. This work, known as "open marsh water management" will be described in future newspaper articles.

In reference to this past year, the Summer was a wet season and most mosquitoes that thrived on freshwater were up in 1986 over the prior year according to trapping data, especially from mid June through mid July. The freshwater sites that we initially visited in April and treated when necessary has to be re-visited throughout June and July due to the rainfall that kept water levels high. Saltmarshes along the often rain swollen Squamscott River hatched mosquito larvae more times than prior years as pools were frequently filled in the 100 acres of breeding saltmarsh in Exeter, Newfields, and Stratham. The 15 acres of breeding saltmarsh in Hampton Falls was not much more predictable. The hatching of many mosquito larvae, even with intensive larval control efforts, resulted in a total of 33,047 mosquitoes turning up in the 8 adult monitoring traps, set weekly, which were identified and recorded. Represented in the greatest number was the cattail marsh mosquito, a species difficult to control, which has become an increasing problem in New England over the last four years. We will be working on this pest first by mapping its breeding sites.

In reference to adulticiding, the "truck spraying" is most effective in urban areas and therefore only larviciding is done in Hampton Falls. In the other towns like in past years it was a challenge to coincide spray routes with acceptable weather conditions and adult mosquito populations. The patience that the residents have shown has been much appreciated.

The mosquito control Commission wishes to thank everyone for their support in "fighting the bite" and are looking forward to a year of continued emphasis on the safety, both to the public and the environment, and the use of scientific methods to continue improving the efficiency of mosquito control.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Weaver, Supervisor

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A diligent effort was made to protect wetlands, groundwater supplies, surface water, the Great Bay estuary and other environmentally sensitive features of the Town. Several major initiatives were taken to support the stated objective:

Site Plan Reviews - Reviews of all subdivisions proposals were conducted for compliance with the Stratham Wetland Conservation District setbacks, on-site sewage treatment systems, drainage easements soil types, erosion protection, dredge and fill, and other State and local requirements. Comments and questions generated by these reviews were forwarded to the Planning Board for their consideration and to assist in their decision making process during project approval proceedings.

Site Walks - Commission members participated in site walks of proposed subdivisions with Planning Board members. Dwelling unit, roadway, drainage sewage treatment system, and well locations were reviewed during the course of the site walks to evaluate environmental effects of the proposed developments.

Zoning Ordinance - A review of the proposed zoning ordinance was performed, and comments presented to the Planning Board for their consideration. A joint meeting was held with the Planning Board to discuss Conservation Commission comments prior to zoning ordinance final draft preparation.

Subdivision Regulations - The Commission reviewed the proposed Subdivision and Site Plan Review Regulations and provided comments to the Planning Board.

Planning Board Meetings - A representative of the Commission attended Planning Board public hearings and provided reports of the hearings to the Commission.

Gifford Property - In response to recommendations of the Gifford Committee, several discussions were held concerning potential uses of the property. Although no firm decisions have been made, the following options were deemed feasible:

1. An outdoor classroom/nature study trail
2. Wildlife protection/management
3. Woodland management
4. Outdoor recreation (e.g. cross country skiing snowshoeing, skating nature photography, etc.)

It was also noted during these discussions that there may exist on the property a suitable aquifer for future community water supply needs. The Commission concluded that more study is required to determine the optimum use and disposition of this valuable town asset.

Aquifer Study - The Commission has initiated discussion with the University of New Hampshire Resource Research Center which will potentially lead to development of a water inventory for the Town of Stratham. It was proposed that two separate studies be performed. The first study would assess the potential of a water supply existing on the Gifford Property,

for which funds were appropriated in the 1986 budget. The second study as requested by the Planning Board would focus on evaluating all other probable sources within the town, and is contingent upon 1987 funds appropriation.

Once the proposed preliminary studies were completed, other parameters relating to water supply would be determined:

1. Need for and protection of potential sources.
2. Inventory of community and private well, including quality and quantity of water.
3. Feasibility of using out-of-town sources.
4. Future water supply needs.

These studies would be conducted with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, and funded with monies appropriated at the 1986 and 1987 Town Meetings. Supplemental Federal funding is available through the FY 87 research program.

Incinerator Ash - The Commission is concerned about the ash from the Lamprey Cooperative which has been placed at the Town landfill, and is investigating whether toxic substances or heavy metals are present. Members have discussed the possibility of installing groundwater monitoring wells to evaluate whether migration of these substances is occurring. Further study and actions will be taken as deemed necessary.

A future program is being planned to strengthen the Commission through two new initiatives - the formation of sub-committees, and launching of a public information campaign. Newspaper releases will be prepared to solicit volunteers wishing to serve on various sub-committees. Additionally, articles focusing on the role of conservation commissions in protecting natural resources will be prepared in an effort to increase public awareness.

Securing conservation easements is another future goal of the Commission. Discussions were held with one landowner during 1986 failed to produce results but it is hoped that in the future these open space saving easements can be secured.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Batchelder
Sue Bourn
Jerry Dexter
Gary Dolan
Joan Lucca (Alt)
Ray Wenninger, Chairman

REPORT OF STRATHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year the total number of calls have certainly increased from 196 in 1985 to 242 in 1986. After studying the type of runs we find that the number of fire runs are about the same as last year 1985. I believe that people are fire conscience and everyone is doing their part to prevent fires. The increase in the number of runs seems to be ambulance runs. The number of auto accidents has increased by 30%. This increase may be due to the increase in traffic in Stratham. Although Stratham residents are not involved in all these accidents there are things that we can do to cut down the number of accidents. For instance when we get behind the wheel of a car realize the consequences of an accident. Not only might an accident cause grief to you but could cause grief to innocent people. Please don't just pass off lightly all you read and see on television about auto accident. If you really take it seriously auto accidents are not something you will forget quickly.

I have estimated property loss this past year to be \$445,000.00 in property loss or damage. I am going to try to modify our record keeping so that we might be able to have a more accurate record.

I have a little concern in our neighborhood awareness. It seems in two instances there were fires in town that went undetected. One was a forest fire that burnt about six acres. After some investigation I found that neighbors had smelled smoke but didn't become alarmed enough to investigate or call the fire department. Another instant is where there was a house under construction and someone started a fire in it, neighbors could have seen it but didn't. Fortunately the wood was still wet enough so that once the flammable liquid that was used to start the fire burnt off, the wet wood couldn't sustain the fire. The fire went out on its own and the damage wasn't as bad as it could have been.

The Town of Stratham should have the new 3,000 gallon tank truck in the near future. We will be spending a lot of training hours perfecting our operation of it. We will be trying some different operating procedures until we become as efficient in our operation as possible.

I would like to thank our Town organizations and Department for their cooperation this past year. Without this cooperation it would only make things more difficult and more expensive for the Town. Id also like to thank Burkridge Builders for their total assistance with installing a dry hydrant at Sweetland Place this year, and also American Builders for a number of different assets.

Respectfully submitted

Ralph S. Walker
Fire Chief

LAMPREY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE COOPERATIVE

The Directors of the Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative are pleased to continue to report that the incinerator/energy recovery plant located on the University of New Hampshire campus is operating on a continuous twenty - four hour, seven day a week schedule.

The day-to-day operation is carried out under the supervision of the Cooperatives Administrator, under the general supervisory control of the three member Operations Committee from the Joint Board of Directors. The plant personnel, in addition to the Administrator, includes two mechanics, a truck driver, two daily shifts of 12 hours each involving 8 persons plus daily clean-up crew, and the secretary. This organization operates the incinerator system, maintains records, and coordinates with the University's heating plant staff to monitor the boiler and steam production elements of the plant. The Cooperatives organization also handles the collection of refuse from the transfer stations of five communities, and handles the ash removal and its transfer to landfill sites.

The continual decline in the price of fuel oil during the past two years was of course welcomed by home owners and business operators, however, the price drop significantly reduced the income of the Cooperative for the sale of steam to the University, as the revenue from steam is controlled by the price of fuel oil.

The high volume of rain during the last year forced the Cooperative to divert considerable refuse, as the moist refuse burns much slower than when dry. We are experiencing an annual increase in refuse from the member communities, particularly those experiencing rapid growth. The member communities are asked to examine methods of reducing their waste stream.

Two factors have created a large increase in the tipping fee to be charged during the upcoming year. One being the volume of refuse anticipated to be diverted at high costs because of the above referenced increase in tonnage received. The major factor being ash disposal. As most are aware the Cooperative has for the past year been disposing of ash in a rather bandaid approach, where a site in a member community is approved for a short time and then in another member community for a while. The Cooperative experienced two periods of shutdown when there was no approved site for ash disposal. Fortunately the two periods of time were brief. During the past two years the Cooperative with the assistance of its consulting engineer, the soil conservation service, the Bureau of Solid Waste Management and the New Hampshire Water supply and pollution control commission have examined a multitude of prospective sites in the member communities for ash disposal. To date only two sites observed appear to meet the preliminary criteria required by the regulatory agencies.

The Cooperative has purchased a site in Barrington and has taken an option on a site in Epping. The property in Barrington was purchased by the Cooperative for nearly One Hundred Thousand Dollars and will require a hydro-geologic study, design plan and site preparation anticipated to cost in excess of

Fifty Thousand Dollars. It will require several months to complete these tasks.

At the time of this writing the Cooperative has been informed by representatives of the bureau of Solid Waste Management that they feel they can approve a site at an existing landfill where the ash may be disposed of throughout the permit process.

The costs of refuse disposal appear to be escalating dramatically, however the options are few and far between. Turnkey Landfill in Rochester has been extremely cooperative in accepting the overflow from the Lamprey and accepting our refuse during scheduled annual maintenance shutdowns, however they cannot accept additional waste or any ash at this time. Other alternative dumping sites available are in Bangor and Norridgewock, Maine. Obviously transportation costs to these sites would be astronomical. From examining the alternatives, although costly it appears that it is in the best interest of the Cooperative to own and operate its own ash disposal facility in order to continue the goals of refuse disposal for the thirteen communities while creating a salable by product.

Joint Board Of Directors
Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative
/s/ Rance G. Collins, Chairman

REPORT ON USE OF THE GIFFORD PROPERTY

The Selectmen followed the recommendation of the Gifford Property Committee for the best use of the Gifford house, barn and land. According to the recommendation as outlined in the Town Report of 1985 the house has been rented to Gil and Betty Oliver. They act as caretakers for the house by performing general maintenance and repairs. Some of the work they have done includes papering and painting, repairing outside windows, cleaning the cellar, replacing some old wiring and other minor repairs. They also mow and edge the lawns, prune the shrubs, weed and mulch the garden. They have done a great job and we thank them for that.

A spare room in the Gifford house has been used by the Historical Society for storage and display of artifacts. The room was opened to the public during the Stratham Fair.

The barn is being used for storage of town equipment. Presently the Selectmen are considering renting storage space to a local contractor.

Twenty acres of hayfields has been leased to the Stuart farm, two cuttings were made for a total harvest of 67 tons. That, according to John Merrill is approximately 2900 square bales. As part of the leasing agreement, the Stuarts are responsible for fertilizing the fields at their own expense. The fields were fertilized at a rate of 150 lbs. per acre using a blend of 28-0-21 (nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium.)

The Park Association requested part of the field for parking during the fair, except for a rainy day there was no problem.

A perimeter survey was done to mark out the exact boundaries. A total of 164.85 acres were surveyed.

Gifford Property receipts and maintenance expenses.

RECEIPTS

Rent from tenant/caretakers	\$ 4,800.00
Rent of Field	400.00

EXPENSES

Maintenance	\$ 250.00
Article #9 Perimeter Survey	6,000.00

STRATHAM FAIR ASSOCIATION
TREASURER REPORT
SEPT. 10, 1986

Report of the 19th annual Stratham Fair

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	1984	1985	1986
Admission	44,986.10	46,162.21	37,438.31
Food Stand #1	9,084.04	9,796.77	6,467.33
Food Stand #2	10,211.00	11,707.02	9,148.87
Food Stand #3			1,728.39
Steamer	2,226.04	2,766.68	1,805.88
Ham & Bean Supper	856.90	1,200.50	1,136.75
Lobster	4,279.30	5,724.06	5,154.00
Chicken	5,000.01	5,939.50	3,767.00
Commercial Exhibits	8,796.00	8,388.00	7,603.00
Amusements	19,750.00	19,750.00	20,500.00
Ads, Program Book	6,210.00	6,470.00	7,035.00
Beano	847.55	707.57	
Dunking Booth	603.10	691.54	784.50
Donations (Portsmouth Rotary)		23.00	100.00
Quilt Contest	40.00	64.00	124.00
Camper Space	75.00	52.00	80.00
State Grant		3,156.80	3,226.40
Misc.	<u>4,003.16</u>	<u>15,581.57</u>	<u>364.81</u>
 Total Income	 116,995.20	 138,131.22	 106,464.24
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Grounds	10,922.07	13,931.39	14,679.92
Capital Improvements	4,488.19	20,908.43	7,898.35
Entertainment	5,870.00	7,515.00	8,945.00
Queen Pageant	2,542.55	2,514.50	2,503.19
Office Supplies & Postage	1,088.12	625.08	726.55
Presidents Expenses	776.06	46.31	1,083.52
Advertising	7,771.30	9,394.47	10,566.00
Food	20,538.66	23,568.36	23,196.44
Insurance	300.00	500.00	
Program Book	3,862.79	4,277.60	4,544.15
4-H Educational & Independent		129.25	34.00
Police	4,950.50	5,080.00	6,108.00
Pig Scramble	308.25	300.00	335.04
Dues	258.54	263.54	258.54
Judges	620.00	615.00	710.00
Horticulture & Livestock judge	46.50	48.00	102.00
Badges, Ribbons, & Trophies	1,417.17	1,271.10	1,376.38
4-H Swine			186.00
4-H Tractor Driving	59.00	76.00	180.00
4-H Beef	1,201.50	1,338.00	744.00
4-H Goats	1,266.00	1,540.00	1,568.00
4-H Sheep	1,009.00	1,077.00	954.00
4-H Dogs	382.00	245.82	409.00
4-H Dairy	1,912.00	2,044.00	1,801.50
4-H Club Exhibits	1,319.00	1,114.65	966.05

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
4-H Working Oxen	680.76	723.15	537.58
4-H Poultry & Rabbits	180.50	273.00	175.50
Care of 4-H Buildings	440.00	727.40	448.50
Horse Pulling	4,047.50	3,930.00	3,984.00
Ox Pulling	1,975.00	2,790.00	2,832.99
Woodcutting Contest	640.00	600.00	799.56
Grange Exhibits	555.00	500.00	400.00
Quilt Contest	199.00	148.00	251.35
Donations		160.00	600.00
Miscellaneous			
TOTALS	\$ 83,298.55	\$112,494.85	\$105,927.90
Profit as of Sept.10th	33,696.65	25,636.37	536.34

Interest to Date

Stratham Fair Association	451.16
Super N.O.W. Acct.	585.02
Capital Improvement Rund	<u>1.619.71</u>
Total Interest	\$ 2,655.89

Financial Report

Checking Account	20,887.36
Capital Improvement	49,874.47
Rainy Day Fund	30,000.00
Stratham Fair Account	16,889.35
Dr. Simmons Account	<u>290.25</u>
	\$117,941.43

This report was taken from official records ending September 10, 1986, and not the end of the year which is December 31, 1986.

Nelson Barker
Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

1986

Total Deposits & Interest-Indian Head NOW Acct.		\$14,022.93
Less: New Cemetery Trust Funds deposited		<u>3,100.00</u>
		\$10,922.93
Debit Memo-Printed deposit tickets	2.44	
Copying expense	<u>19.40</u>	
		<u>21.84</u>
		\$10,901.09
Return of commission paid to D. Crow on purchase of Putnam Hi-Yield Gov't Fund		<u>468.75</u>
Net Income Deposited		\$10,432.34
Add: Income Not Deposited-Certificates of Deposit		
Indian Head Bank	\$1,419.67	
First Savings & Loan Assn.	1,114.45	
Exeter Banking Co.	1,147.40	
Plaistow Co-Operative Bank	475.24	
Cash Equivalent Fund	<u>295.00</u>	
Total Income 1986		\$ 4,451.76
		\$ 14,884.10
Income Paid out		NONE
Unexpended Income - 1986		\$14,884.10

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUND INVESTMENT OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM
December 31, 1986

	BOOK VALUE					Gain or Loss
	Bal Beg Year	Purchases	Cap. Gains	Bal. End of year	Market Value	
Cash						
Indian Head Bank-NOW Acct.	4,802.72			8,931.40	8,931.40	
Cash Equivalent Fund	5,155.88			829.70	829.70	
Certificates of Deposit						
Exeter Bankings Co.	9,810.34			11,061.16	11,061.16	
First Savings & Loan	9,267.50			10,381.95	10,381.95	
Indian Head Bank	15,928.09			17,397.82	17,397.82	
Plaistow Co-op Bank	4,135.48			4,610.72	4,610.72	
Notes						
Indian Head Bank	10,000.00			10,000.00	10,000.00	
Mutual Funds						
Seligman Common Stock	7,596.63		2,954.86	10,551.49	13,682.32	3,130.83
Fidelity Puritan Fund	21,792.34		2,178.93	23,971.27	40,439.77	16,468.50
IDS Mutual	7,799.39		659.68	8,459.07	7,902.80	(556.27)
IDS Selective	7,117.98			7,117.98	5,847.25	(1,270.73)
Nationwide Investing	8,793.95		548.78	9,342.73	9,671.46	328.73
National Total Return	10,333.40		186.80	10,520.20	17,509.14	6,988.94
Putnam Option II	5,000.00			5,000.00	5,040.42	40.42
Putnam Gov't Trust		9,531.25		9,531.25	9,284.44	(246.81)
Stocks						
American Tel & Tel	328.53	4,621.18		4,949.71	5,750.00	800.29
Arizona Public Service	4,522.66			4,522.66	8,512.50	3,989.84
Bank of Boston	75.00			75.00	717.75	642.75
Chase Manhattan Bank	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,603.13	603.13
Comm. Edison Co.	2,325.30			2,325.30	3,387.50	1,062.20
John Hancock Invest.	10,113.73			10,113.73	14,250.00	4,136.27
Pacific Televis	824.20			824.20	2,556.00	1,731.80
TOTALS	146,723.12	14,152.43	6,529.05	171,517.34	209,367.23	37,849.89

STRATHAM TOWN REPORT
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED (STOCKS, BONDS)	BALANCE BEG. YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED
<u>CEMETERY FUNDS:</u>					
Various	Various	Perpetual Care	Various	\$ 52,070.03	\$ 300.00
1986	V. Sanner	" "	" "		100.00
1986	M. Chapman	" "	" "		200.00
1986	N. Chapman	" "	" "		100.00
1986	C. Chapman	" "	" "		100.00
1986	H. Wood	" "	" "		500.00
1986	D. Wiggin	" "	" "		1600.00
1986	R.&M. Reid	" "	" "		200.00
1986	L.&M. Goodrich	" "	" "		
Totals - Cemetery Funds				\$ 52,070.30	\$ 3100.00
<u>Library Funds:</u>					
Various	Various	Library Support	Various	\$ 25,103.98	
<u>Stratham Hill Park</u>					
Various	Various	Maintenance	Various	\$ 7,174.22	
<u>Stratham Hill Park Association</u>					
Various	Various	Improvements	Various	\$ 17,914.75	
<u>Horace Hill Rock Fund</u>					
1932	Same	Rock Removal	Various	\$ 5.00	
TOTALS				\$ 102,267.98	\$ 3100.00

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Continuation of Trust Fund Report....

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	CAPITAL GAIN DIVIDENDS	BALANCE END YEAR	BAL. BEG. YEAR	INCOME DURING YR. AMOUNT	BALANCE END YEAR
<u>Cemetery Funds:</u>						
Various	various	\$ 3,790.76	\$ 55,860.79	\$ 27,697.92	\$ 7,735.08	\$ 35,433.00
1986	V. Sanner		300.00			
1986	M. Chapman		100.00			
1986	N. Chapman		200.00			
1986	C. Chapman		100.00			
1986	H. Wood		100.00			
1986	D. Wiggins		500.00			
1986	R.&M. Ried		1,600.00			
1986	L.&M. Goodrich		200.00			
	Totals - Cemetery Funds	3,790.76	\$ 58,960.79	27,697.97	7,735.08	35,433.00
<u>Library Funds</u>						
Various	Various	\$ 1,891.81	\$ 26,995.79	\$ 9,467.33	\$ 4,046.96	\$ 13,514.29
<u>Stratham Hill Park</u>						
Various	Various		\$ 7,174.22	\$ 240.82	\$ 1,079.39	\$ 1,320.21
<u>Stratham Hill Park Association</u>						
Various	Various	\$ 846.48	\$ 18,761.23	\$ 2,861.88	\$ 2,018.73	\$ 4,880.61
<u>Horace Hill Rock Fund</u>						
1932	Various		\$ 5.00	\$ 44.23	\$ 3.94	\$ 48.17
	TOTALS	\$ 6,529.05	\$ 111,897.03	\$ 40,312.18	\$ 14,884.10	\$ 55,196.28

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

February 6, 1987

Nelson Barker
Dwight Crow
Harry Rosenblad

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

STATISTICS

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
Story Hours	32	32
Interlibrary Loan	46	39
State Library	27	24
<u>CIRCULATION</u>		
Books	19,303	19,583
Records and Cassettes	1,490	1,250
Periodicals and Prints	636	1,072
TOTAL	<u>21,429</u>	<u>21,905</u>
<u>PATRONS</u>		
Adults (over age 14)	1,486	1,674
Juvenile	612	553
(Withdrawn)	111	64
TOTAL	<u>1,987</u>	<u>2,163</u>
<u>BOOKS ADDED TO COLLECTION</u>		
Adult Fiction	279	296
Adult Non-Fiction	297	488
Juvenile	487	499
TOTAL	<u>1,063</u>	<u>1,283</u>
Received as Gifts	109	80
Number of Books Purchased	954	1,203
Paperbacks Added	164	189
Adult Magazine Subscriptions	44	57
Juvenile Magazine Subscriptions	4	4
Recordings Added to Collection	14	7
Cassettes, Cassette Books Purchased	34	35
<u>LIBRARY HOURS</u>		
Monday 1-5		
Wednesday 9-12, 1-9		
Friday 1-9		
Saturday 9-1		

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1986

INCOME:

Town of Stratham	\$33395.00	
Gifts, Book Sales, Fines	2273.39	
Brought forward 1985	<u>3476.95</u>	
Total income		\$39145.34

EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$13519.60	
Media	15348.86	
Supplies	1373.65	
Library Expense	516.00	
Utilities	2495.90	
Equipment	1202.55	
Maintenance/Repairs	521.17	
Postage/Mileage	174.67	
Programs	1050.00	
Memorial Fund	<u>1036.55</u>	
Total Expenses		\$37238.95

BALANCE ON HAND

\$ 1906.39

Respectfully submitted,

Maria G. Downey
 Edith M. Spurr
 Alice K. Mansfield

Trustees

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTH REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1986

<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILLD</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF FATHER</u>	<u>MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER</u>
Feb. 11	Gillian G. Goldman	F	Exeter	Robert L. Goldman	Mary E. Elliott
Feb. 14	Adam C. White	M	Exeter	Ricky P. White	Kathleen A. Lawler
Feb. 23	Emily B. Thompson	F	Exeter	Brian H. Thompson	Lisa A. Kopecki
Mar. 6	Colin E. Beverstock	M	Exeter	Jeffrey P. Beverstock	Jill Bottomley
Mar. 8	Agigail L. Dowling	F	Ports.	Roger W. Dowling	Linda G. Roberts
Mar. 31	Amy D. Dyer	F	Ports.	Peter D. Dyer	Diane E. Richardson
Mar. 31	Meggan J. Thompson	F	Exeter	Mark A. Thompson	Michelle J. Pickering
Apr. 1	Amy A. Scamman	F	Exeter	Eric H. Scamman	Elizabeth M. Reyes
Apr. 6	Bradley K. Rowe	M	Exeter	Kevin G. Rowe	Sandra L. St. Amour
Apr. 10	Katelyn J. Hardy	F	Exeter	William H. Hardy	Toni Symopoulos
Apr. 15	Alexander H. Foote	M	Exeter	Daniel H. Foote	Karen P. Pesce
Apr. 17	Jonathan G. Hartman	M	Exeter	Gerald R. Hartman	Virginia A. Leonard
Apr. 23	Courtney L. Scamman	F	Ports.	Ralph D. Scamman, Jr.	Cynthia L. Binette
Apr. 23	Matthew D. Barnes	M	Exeter	Richard R. Barnes	Claire C. Schulz
May 10	Nicolle M. Reed	F	Exeter	Jack T. Reed	Patricia A. Borriello
May 13	Lauren R. Grove	F	Exeter	William R. Grove	Susan R. Drevecky
June 2	Brett A. Sme stad	M	Exeter	Steven A. Sme stad	Teresa G. Morin
June 24	James E. Riva is Jr.	M	Ports.	James E. Riva is	Judith A. Beaurette
June 26	Donald W. Reed	M	Exeter	Barry M. Reed	Robin E. Wiggin
July 9	Stefanie W. Simeone	F	Ports.	Joseph K. Simeone	Gerarda S. Weidema
July 11	Amy C. Larrabee	F	Exeter	Edward B. Larrabee	Maryann Grady
July 13	Jessica M. Carter	F	Ports.	Therman A. Carter Jr.	Holly A. Walsh
July 14	Jason D. Wyman	M	Dover	Dennis A. Wyman	Deborah S. Porter
July 16	Matthew L. Kaminski	M	Exeter	John J. Kaminski	Donna M. Dimauro
July 17	Stephanie A. Smallis	F	Ports.	Ernest Smallis	Laurie J. Boggs
July 27	Stephanie D.L. Olson	F	Exeter	Daniel T. Olson	Laurie J. Lupo
Aug. 7	Alexander Gilson	M	Exeter	William A. Gilson	Elizabeth V. McGlone
Aug. 8	Christopher R. Campion	M	Exeter	Raymond W. Campion	Kathleen M. Snyder
Aug. 9	Devon C. Ryan	M	Exeter	Parker J. Ryan	Lisa C. Forbes
Aug. 15	Chelsea M. Vandewater	F	Ports.	Todd E. Vandewater	Cynthia L. King
Aug. 17	Corey J. Worsham	M	Exeter	Ricky L. Worsham	Sharon L. Dankowski
Aug. 22	Zachary M. Scofield	M	Exeter	Stephen F. Scofield	Nancy E. Greely

Aug. 23	Kerry E. Gallagher	F	Exeter	John C. Gallfgher	Caren M. Scott
Sept. 1	Brandon P. Dziama	M	Exeter	Gary M. Dziama	Pamela M. Costello
Sept. 8	Rachel V. Schwartz	F	Exeter	James C. Schwartz	Colette A. Therrien
Sept.16	Joseph W. Sutkus	M	Exeter	Carl J. Sutkus	Anne M. Lackey
Sept.19	Jessica L. Merrill	M	Ports.	John K. Merrill	Janet L. Clark
Sept.19	Andrew B. Livingston	M	Ports.	Robert D. Livingston, Jr.	Ann P. Bouchard
Sept.22	Daniel P. Hamel	M	Ports.	Denis M. Hamel	Patricia A. Lebel
Oct. 6	Joshua A. Dow	M	Exeter	Ronald K. Dow	Patricia M. Bethel
Oct. 19	Kellen K. Axten	M	Exeter	John W. Axten	Barbara G. Kent
Oct. 25	Katherine J. Thibodeau	F	Ports.	David J. Thibodeau, Jr.	Mary J. O'Donnell
Oct. 30	Benjamin M. Wolf	M	Exeter	Paul J. Wolf	Kathleen Weise
Nov. 10	Danielle N. Thibodeau	F.	Exeter	Kevin J. Thibodeau	Theresa M. German
Nov. 13	Kelsey B. Miller	F	Exeter	James E. Miller	Mary B. Miller
Nov. 21	Cassandra J. Yergeau	F	Ports.	Glen R. Yergeau	Kimberly A. Smith
Dec. 23	Joshua A. Sweet	M	Ports.	Alden R. Sweet	Laurie J. Berry
Dec. 29	Tyler F. Gobin	M	Ports.	Louis R. Gobin	Elisabeth Pepper

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1986

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE</u>	<u>STATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>	<u>BY WHOM MARRIED</u>
Jan. 11	Edwin J. Spooner Mary E. Weitz	Ct. Ger.	Randall Spooner Grace Sweetland David H. Plante Elizabeth Sichelstiel	Nancy A. Fauci Justice of the Peace Epping, NH 03042
Jan. 18	Paul J. Wolf Kathleen Weise	MA. NY.	Maurice Wolf Helen Kemler Roy Weise Jeanne Sikes	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH 03885
Jan. 25	David M. Anzivino Denise A. Costa	MA. MA.	John Anzivino Janet Farrell Gilbert Costa Natalie Parent	John H. Lamprey Justice of the Peace Salem, NH 03079
Feb. 14	Steven R. Valliere Deborah L. Ingraham	RI. MA.	Thomas Valliere Yvonne Lameraux Philip Smith Dorothy Rogers	Eric Johannessen Justice of the Peace Portsmouth, NH 03801
Feb. 28	Keith A. Moody Nancy B. Warren	NY. NH.	Karl Moody Wanda Grover Joseph Warren Sarah Blair	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH 03885
Apr. 5	Adam Hanna Amy S. Hanson	ME. NH.	Robert L. Hanna Sherry Jackson Lloyd Hanson Eileen Trafton	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH 03885

Apr. 5	William J. Jeralds	CT.	Allan B. Jeralds Ethel Raymond Earl Robidoux Rachel Berube	Elaine McLaughlin Justice of the Peace Stratham, NH 03885
Apr. 5	Peter W. Mahoney Karen F. Leeder	NY. NJ.	Timothy J. Mahoney, Jr. Lillian E. Schultz Theodore R. Leeder Gisele Pratt	Marilyn T. Mahoney Justice of the Peace Manchester, NH
Apr. 6	Michael M. Holtzclaw Jane A. Fitz	MA. MA.	Dale D. Holtzclaw Dorice Louise Wood Carl W. Fitz Ethel Hill	John W. Lynes Senior Minister Durham, NH 03824
May 31	Dana C. Noyes Pamela Zaikowski	NH. MA.	David C. Noyes Elizabeth Fletcher Michael S. Zaikowski Anne M. Nadeau	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH 03885
May 31	Christopher T. Rowe, Jr. Carol A. Brabant	NH NH	Christopher T. Rowe Joyce A. Barker Joseph Brabant Ruth Biladeau	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH 03885
May 31	Charles H. Lindsay Sharon J. Moulton	PA. MA.	Harry H. Lindsay Lucille Katapodis Alan Moulton Ellinor Harkins	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH 03885
June 20	Howard R. Gerendash Nancy G. Rowe	PA. MA.	Joseph Gerendash Mary Sazama Francis J. Barry Anna Could Thompson	Frank T. Richards Justice of the Peace Greenland, NH 03840
June 28	Donald M. Barnes Kirsten A. Fleming	NY. MA.	Donald J. Barnes Annamae Vessalonovich William F. Fleming Loris Miller	Arthur W. Wingo Chaplin Portsmouth, NH 03801

June 28	Lawrence A. Straw	NH.	Eldred Straw Joyce Eldrege Howard Stevens Ann Choquette	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH 03885
June 28	Scott A. Prunier Laurie L. Phillips	NH. ME.	Lawrence Prunier Barbara Warmen Roger Phillips Betty Miller	Muriel T. Leocha Justice of the Peace Barrington, NH 03825
Aug. 3	Allan D. Dean Heidi R. Daubert	MA. PA.	Allan H. Dean Marcia Stearns Clyde R. Daubert Bonnie Cunningham	Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr. Minister Barrington, NH 03825
Aug. 23	Kevin M. Fuller Susan E. Smith	NH. NH.	John D. Fuller Norma Gingrass Oliver Smith	Richard W. Nutt Minister Norma Higgins
Aug. 23	Michael L. Silverman Kim M. Chamberlain	MA. MA.	Arnold Silverman Lyleen Bacon Charles Chamberlain Patricia Chittick	Samuel Umer Rabbi Manchester, NH 03104
Aug. 24	Scott Wentworth Raymond Carole M. Booth	MA. PA.	John M. Raymond Barbara Peniman William H. Booth Mary Bardine	Ronald Gehrman Minister Exeter, NH 03833
Sept. 2	Ronald J. Ferraiuolo Linda C. Ferraiuolo	MA. MA.	Fred Ferraiuolo Theresa Bianco Joseph Mollicone Ann Ciccone	Kendra G. Kersey Justice of the Peace Greenland, NH 03840
Sept 13	Jeffrey S. Fontaine Laura E. DeYoung	MA. MA.	George W. Fontaine Carol Peterson Robert J. DeYoung Nancy Noyes	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH 03885

Sept. 14	Francis P. MacGillivray	MA.	Angus F. MacGillivray Gladys H. Paul Robert Baxter Arline Withan	Gary Rolph Pastor Woodstock, NH. 03293
Sept. 14	Elaine B. Goodrich	MA.		
Sept. 14	John W. Sharp	NH.	Frederick Sharp Christine Gray	David B. McIlhiney Reverend Exeter, NH 03833
	Vicki M. Moran	NH.	Donald Moran Nancy Wiggin	
Sept. 21	George H. Martin III	MA.	George H. Martin, Jr. Delores M. Baro	Glen E. French Justice of the Peace Exeter, NH 03833
	Diana S. Adams	MA.	Louis N. Calantropo Valentina Adams	
Sept 26	Frank L. Eldredge Jr.	NH.	Frank L. Eldredge Sr. Christine St. Laurent	Kendra G. Kersey Justice of the Peace Greenland, NH 03840
	Terri R. LaRose	NH	Charles LaRose Joyce Lampert	
Sept 27	Paul F. Journeau	MA.	Rene J. Journeau Lillian A. Tetreau	Sylvia B. Moulton Justice of the Peace Hampton, NH 03842
	Jo-Ann H. Trueman	NH	Richard Trueman Beverly Allen	
Sept 27	Richard K. Parker, Jr.	MA	Richard K. Parker Marcella Rau	Robert D. Witham Clergy Hollis, NH 03049
	Janet R. Parsons	NH	William T. Parsons Dorothy H. Witham	
Oct. 11	Peter L. Agrodnia	NH.	David M. Agrodnia Bonnie J. Cormier	Rev. Raymond E. Gagnon Catholic Priest Berlin, NH 03570
	Paula J. Tremblay	NH.	Philip Tremblay Priscilla Ramsey	
Oct. 11	Robert B. Hall	MA.	Vernon H. Hall II Esther Bailey	J. Raymond Sikkell Clergy Exeter, NH 03833
	Beverly R. Morin	RI.	Lawrence W. Robinson Alice Hanson	

Oct. 25	Peter H. Mekelatos Cynthia M. Baker	MA. NJ.	Theodore J. Mekelatos Barbara Mason William Graham Baker Jr. Janice L. Meier	Henry J. Stonie Minister Hampton, NH 03842
Nov. 1	Donald N. Barber June V. Druley	MA. MN.	Glenn T. Barber Sally A. Cande John M. Druley Ruth A. Petersen	G. Richard Siener Rector Exeter, NH 03833
Dec. 27	Michael S. Reilly Lynn A. Bosinger	NY. NH.	Michael A. Reilly Mary Helene McDonald Eliot P. Bosinger Sandra Dodds	Rev. Robert E. Gorski Catholic Priest Hampton, NH 03842
Dec. 28	Mark D. Lush Brenda C. Gehly	PA. MA.	Glen Lush Pat Morrison Donald L. Gehly Claire Henderson	Andrew M. Gilman Minister Stratham, NH 03885
Dec. 31	Henry R. Binette Dorothy L. Nason	NH. ME.	Rosaire Binette Etna Morrisette Leslie Grant Stella Foster	Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr. Minister Barrington, NH 03825
Dec. 31	Richard P. Greenwood Joan E. Mathews	NH. WV.	Herbert A. Greenwood Grace M. Coburn Alfred To. Snodgrass Esther Jane Och	Lynn M. Davis Woods Justice of the Peace Stratham, NH 03885

DEATHS REGISTERED IN STRATHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1986

<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>BIRTH PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF FATHER</u>	<u>NAME OF MOTHER</u>
Jan. 14	Agnes P. Williams	71	F	WV	Lisle Robinson	Emma Lesse
Jan. 19	Harry W. Myers	49	M	PA	David Myers	Mildred Saylor
Jan. 27	Donald L. Barker	66	M	NH	Frank Barker	Laura Snell
Feb. 22	Ruth E. Neil	76	F	MA	Albien P. Larson	Jennie M.---
Mar. 6	Ethel Mae Regan	93	F	MA	Weston Douglas	Ida Sanborn
Mar. 31	Mabel A. Carpenter	73	F	NJ	Herbert H. Bakley	Mary M. Eggie
Apr. 18	Carl E. Chapman	79	M	NH	George Chapman	Edith Wentworth
Apr. 23	Carmela M. Hill	67	F	MA	John Mastrangelo	Mary Steriti
July 29	Arthur V. Garland	89	M	MA	David Allen	---Crowley
Sept. 7	Adrienne Greenawalt	39	F	PA	Frederick Parsons	Marjorie E. Strout
Sept 16	Donald C. Wiggin	49	M	NH	Elmer Wiggin	Lena Wood
Sept 21	Charles A. Klesaris	55	M	MA	Charles Klesaris	Mildred M. Baker
Sept 29	Robert G. Clements	78	M	MA	Robert Clements	Sarah J. Little
Nov. 16	William K. Patrick	75	M	MA	Michael Patrick	Mary Kibildis

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TOWN OF STRATHAM

STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985

Frencee R. Lebel
Certified Public Accountant

54 Court Street - Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

603 436-8110

Selectmen
Town of Stratham
Stratham, NH 03885

Gentlemen:

I have examined the combined financial statements of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, and its combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 1985. As a part of my examination I made a study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal accounting control to the extent I considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards the purpose of such evaluation is to establish a basis of reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion of the financial statements.

My study and evaluation of the system of internal accounting control was made for the purpose set forth in the paragraph above and accordingly would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system because it was based upon selective tests of the accounting records and related data. As a result of this study and evaluation, I have noted no particular areas where improvements can be made to strengthen the system of internal accounting control.

At this time I wish to thank the Town officials, especially Mrs. Joyce Rowe, Mr. Harry Rosenblad, and Mr. Kenneth Lanzillo for the cooperation and courtesy shown my staff during the course of the engagement.



Portsmouth, New Hampshire
June 20, 1986

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Irene R. Lebel
Certified Public Accountant

54 Court Street - Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03804

603 436-8110

Board of Selectmen
Town of Stratham, New Hampshire

I have examined the combined financial statements of the Town of Stratham and its combining and individual fund financial statements as of, and for the year ended, December 31, 1985, as listed in the table of contents. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures that I considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Town has not maintained a record of its general fixed assets, and accordingly a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not presented in the financial report.

In my opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Town of Stratham at December 31, 1985, and the results of its operations and the changes in financial position of its proprietary fund types and similar Trust Funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis. Also in my opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the individual funds of the Town of Stratham at December 31, 1985, their results of operations and the changes in financial position of individual proprietary funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.



June 20, 1986

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES & ACCOUNT GROUPS

DECEMBER 31, 1985

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS	
	General	Special Revenue	Trust Funds	Long-Term Debt		(MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
						1985	1984
ASSETS							
Cash	\$ 452,627	\$ 3,851	\$ 9,958	\$	\$ 466,436	\$ 306,474	
Certificates of deposit	302,521		39,142		341,663	347,211	
Investments at cost (mkt. \$114,208)		522	95,493		96,015	85,974	
Notes receivable			10,000		10,000	10,000	
Taxes receivable							
- Unredeemed	17,387				17,387	48,345	
- Uncollected	425,595				425,595	334,822	
Due from other funds	140	7,662			7,802	4,079	
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt				835,251	835,251	35,120	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,198,270</u>	<u>\$12,035</u>	<u>\$154,593</u>	<u>\$835,251</u>	<u>\$2,200,149</u>	<u>\$1,172,025</u>	
LIABILITIES							
Due to other funds	\$	\$ 140	\$ 7,662	\$	\$ 7,802	\$ 4,079	
Due to school district	1,058,579				1,058,579	919,698	
General obligation notes payable (Note 3)				835,251	835,251	35,120	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,058,579</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>7,662</u>	<u>835,251</u>	<u>1,901,632</u>	<u>958,897</u>	
FUND EQUITY							
Appropriated (Note 2)	16,274				16,274	-0-	
Unappropriated	123,417	11,895	114,929		135,312	79,859	
Unexpended trust principal			32,002		114,929	108,588	
Expendable trust income					32,002	24,681	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>139,691</u>	<u>11,895</u>	<u>146,931</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>298,517</u>	<u>213,128</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	<u>\$1,198,270</u>	<u>\$12,035</u>	<u>\$154,593</u>	<u>\$835,251</u>	<u>\$2,200,149</u>	<u>\$1,172,025</u>	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO 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, 1985

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL</u>		<u>FIDUCIARY</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	
	<u>FUND TYPES</u>		<u>FUND TYPE</u>	<u>(MEMORANDUM ONLY)</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Expendable</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Trust</u>			
<u>REVENUES</u>					
Taxes	\$2,264,835	\$	\$	\$2,264,835	\$1,899,760
State sources	129,820			129,820	123,041
Local sources	356,066	4,409	14,360	374,835	315,095
Entitlements	<u> </u>	<u>18,356</u>	<u> </u>	<u>18,356</u>	<u>16,603</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,750,721</u>	<u>22,765</u>	<u>14,360</u>	<u>2,787,846</u>	<u>2,354,499</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
General government	109,922			109,922	88,633
Public safety	210,001			210,001	171,943
Highways & streets	225,123			225,123	183,044
Sanitation	97,277			97,277	81,837
Health & welfare	12,174			12,174	27,183
Parks & recreation	28,070		1,700	29,770	30,762
Debt service	61,362			61,362	29,861
Capital outlay & special appropriations	841,260	20,000		861,260	79,422
Cemeteries	9,471		1,303	10,774	11,158
Library		32,006		32,006	31,679
School District	1,764,120			1,764,120	1,531,698
County	<u>105,009</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>105,009</u>	<u>107,605</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,463,789</u>	<u>52,006</u>	<u>3,003</u>	<u>3,518,798</u>	<u>2,374,825</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	<u>(713,068)</u>	<u>(29,241)</u>	<u>11,357</u>	<u>(730,952)</u>	<u>(20,326)</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES</u>					
<u>(USES)</u>					
Operating transfers-in	11,650	35,198		46,848	30,293
Operating transfers-out	(31,475)		(15,373)	(46,848)	(30,293)
Installment note proceeds	<u>810,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>810,000</u>	<u>38,900</u>
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES (USES)	<u>790,175</u>	<u>35,198</u>	<u>(15,373)</u>	<u>810,000</u>	<u>38,900</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue & Other Financial Sources Over Expenditures & Other Uses	77,107	5,957	(4,016)	79,048	18,574
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	<u>62,584</u>	<u>5,938</u>	<u>36,018</u>	<u>104,540</u>	<u>85,966</u>
FUND BALANCE ENDING	<u>\$ 139,691</u>	<u>\$11,895</u>	<u>\$32,002</u>	<u>\$ 183,588</u>	<u>\$ 104,540</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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, 1985

	GENERAL FUND			SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$2,198,636	\$2,264,835	\$ 66,199	\$	\$	\$
State sources	129,820	129,820	--			
Local sources	258,800	356,066	97,266		4,409	4,409
Entitlements				20,000	18,356	(1,644)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,587,256</u>	<u>2,750,721</u>	<u>163,465</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>22,765</u>	<u>2,765</u>
EXPENDITURES						
General government	93,350	109,922	(16,572)			
Public safety	182,145	210,001	(27,856)			
Highways & streets	200,700	225,123	(24,423)			
Sanitation	86,100	97,277	(11,177)			
Health & welfare	21,014	12,174	8,840			
Parks & recreation	27,100	28,070	(970)			
Debt service	27,963	61,362	(33,399)			
Capital outlay & special appropriations	844,056	841,260	2,796	20,000	20,000	
Cemetery	9,500	9,471	29			
Library				31,475	32,006	(531)
School District	1,764,120	1,764,120	--			
County	105,009	105,009	--			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,361,057</u>	<u>3,463,789</u>	<u>(102,732)</u>	<u>51,475</u>	<u>52,006</u>	<u>(531)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>(773,801)</u>	<u>(713,068)</u>	<u>60,733</u>	<u>(31,475)</u>	<u>(29,241)</u>	<u>2,234</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Operating transfers-in	11,550	11,650	100	31,475	35,198	3,723
Operating transfers-out	(31,475)	(31,475)	---			
Installment note proceeds	810,000	810,000	---			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>790,075</u>	<u>790,175</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>31,475</u>	<u>35,198</u>	<u>3,723</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Uses	16,274	77,107	60,833	-0-	5,957	5,957
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	<u>62,584</u>	<u>62,584</u>		<u>5,938</u>	<u>5,938</u>	
FUND BALANCE ENDING	<u>\$ 78,858</u>	<u>\$ 139,691</u>	<u>\$ 60,833</u>	<u>\$ 5,938</u>	<u>\$ 11,895</u>	<u>\$ 5,957</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES & SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985

	<u>FIDUCIARY</u> <u>FUND TYPE</u> <u>NON-EXPENDABLE</u> <u>TRUSTS</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>	
New trusts	\$ 1,300
Capital gain distributions	<u>5,041</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	6,341
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>-0-</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	6,341
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	<u>108,588</u>
FUND BALANCE ENDING	<u>\$114,929</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES & SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985

	<u>FIDUCIARY</u> <u>FUND TYPE</u> <u>NON-EXPENDABLE</u> <u>TRUST</u>
<u>SOURCES OF WORKING CAPITAL</u>	
Excess revenues over expenditures	\$ 6,341
TOTAL SOURCES	6,341
<u>USES OF WORKING CAPITAL</u>	<u>-0-</u>
NET INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL	<u>\$ 6,341</u>
<u>CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</u>	
Increase (decrease) in current assets	
Cash & certificates	\$ 23
Securities	<u>10,041</u>
NET INCREASE IN CURRENT ASSETS	<u>10,064</u>
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities	
Due to other funds	<u>3,723</u>
NET INCREASE IN CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>3,723</u>
NET INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL	<u>\$ 6,341</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1985

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund Accounting

The diverse nature of governmental operations and the necessity of determining compliance with legal provisions requires modification of accounting systems commonly used by commercial enterprises. Rather than establishing a single unified set of accounts to record and summarize all financial transactions, the accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate entity with self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures, including obligations and transfers. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, as follows:

Governmental Funds

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

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Fiduciary Funds

Trust & Agency Funds - Trust & Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity or as an agent for other governmental units. These include Expendable Trusts, Non-expendable Trusts, and Agency Funds. Non-expendable Trusts are accounted for in essentially the same manner as proprietary funds, while Expendable Trusts are accounted for similar to governmental funds. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting related to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)
DECEMBER 31, 1985

Basis of Accounting (Cont'd)

All governmental funds and Expendable Trust Funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Taxpayer-assessed income, gross receipts, and sales taxes are considered "measurable" when in the hands of intermediary collecting governments and are recognized as revenue at that time. Anticipated refunds of such taxes are recorded as liabilities and reductions of revenue when they are measurable and their validity seems certain.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: (1) accumulated unpaid vacation, sick pay, and other employee amounts which are not accrued; and (2) principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due.

All proprietary funds and Non-expendable Trust and Pension Trust Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

Fixed Assets

The Town does not maintain a record of its general fixed assets and accordingly a statement of general fixed assets required by generally accepted accounting principles is not presented in the financial statements.

2. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

General governmental liabilities for the retirement of long-term debt are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Group of Accounts. Amounts due in future periods are provided by appropriation and become part of the funds raised through taxes. The Town's obligations at December 31, 1985 consist of:

4.95% note payable, unsecured, interest due semi-annually, principal of \$2,000 due annually through June, 1986	\$ 1,911
7.25% note payable, secured by vehicle, interest due semi-annually, principal of \$7,780 due annually through January, 1989	23,340
7.98% note payable, secured by land, interest due semi-annually, principal of \$81,000 due annually through December, 1995	<u>810,000</u>
	<u>\$835,251</u>

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)
DECEMBER 31, 1985

3. TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW

Total columns on the Combined Statements - Overview 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. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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

Total appropriations per Town Meetings	\$3,428,806
Less: 1985 special appropriations carryforward	
Gifford property	(11,494)
Library steps	<u>(4,780)</u>
	<u>\$3,412,532</u>

Included in Audit Report as:

Budgeted Expenditures	\$3,361,057
Operating transfers-out	31,475
Revenue sharing budget	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>\$3,412,532</u>

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<u>REVENUES:</u>			
Taxes			
Property	\$2,150,868	\$2,154,886	\$ 4,018
Resident	20,830	22,400	1,570
Land use change & yield	66,786	96,784	29,998
Discounts, abatements	<u>(39,848)</u>	<u>(9,235)</u>	<u>30,613</u>
	<u>2,198,636</u>	<u>2,264,835</u>	<u>66,199</u>
State Sources			
Highway subsidy	32,074	32,074	-0-
Shared revenues	<u>97,746</u>	<u>97,746</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	<u>129,820</u>	<u>129,820</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Local Sources			
Motor vehicle registrations	190,000	222,718	32,718
Interest on deposits	15,000	15,151	151
Interest & penalties on taxes	24,000	29,817	5,817
Income from departments	20,000	16,737	(3,263)
Dog licenses	2,000	1,854	(146)
Licenses, fines, fees, permits	2,300	34,174	31,874
Sale, rent of town property	5,500	12,159	6,659
Refunds & reimbursements	-0-	14,916	14,916
Telephone & other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>8,540</u>	<u>8,540</u>
	<u>258,800</u>	<u>356,066</u>	<u>97,266</u>
 TOTAL REVENUES	 <u>2,587,256</u>	 <u>2,750,721</u>	 <u>163,465</u>

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
General Government			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 39,770	\$ 41,975	\$ (2,205)
Town officers' expenses	15,250	20,910	(5,660)
Town buildings	12,600	21,497	(8,897)
Retirement & social security	20,400	20,174	226
Legal	5,000	5,066	(66)
Elections	<u>330</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>30</u>
	<u>93,350</u>	<u>109,922</u>	<u>(16,572)</u>
Public Safety			
Police department	99,050	106,849	(7,799)
Fire department	24,335	24,786	(451)
Mosquito control	9,115	8,857	258
Planning & zoning	10,490	11,937	(1,447)
Insurance	39,155	54,765	(15,610)
Dog tax & animal control	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,807</u>	<u>(2,807)</u>
	<u>182,145</u>	<u>210,001</u>	<u>(27,856)</u>
Highways & Street			
Town maintenance	197,700	222,291	(24,591)
Street lights	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,832</u>	<u>168</u>
	<u>200,700</u>	<u>225,123</u>	<u>(24,423)</u>
Sanitation			
Garbage removal	<u>86,100</u>	<u>97,277</u>	<u>(11,177)</u>
Health & Welfare			
Health services	13,014	10,014	3,000
Old age assistance	6,000	1,915	4,085
Town poor	<u>2,000</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>1,755</u>
	<u>21,014</u>	<u>12,174</u>	<u>8,840</u>

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<u>EXPENDITURES (Cont'd)</u>			
Parks & Recreation			
Park	\$ 17,600	\$ 20,485	\$ (2,885)
Recreation	9,000	6,813	2,187
Memorial Day	<u>500</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>(272)</u>
	<u>27,100</u>	<u>28,070</u>	<u>(970)</u>
Debt Service			
Principal	9,500	9,869	(369)
Interest	<u>18,463</u>	<u>51,493</u>	<u>(33,030)</u>
	<u>27,963</u>	<u>61,362</u>	<u>(33,399)</u>
Capital Outlay & Special Appropriations			
Zoning consultant	28,500	25,704	2,796
Gifford property	798,506	798,506	-0-
Mosquito sprayer	5,500	5,500	-0-
Police cruiser	<u>11,550</u>	<u>11,550</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	<u>844,056</u>	<u>841,260</u>	<u>2,796</u>
School District	<u>1,764,120</u>	<u>1,764,120</u>	<u>-0-</u>
County	<u>105,009</u>	<u>105,009</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Cemeteries	<u>9,500</u>	<u>9,471</u>	<u>29</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,361,057</u>	<u>3,463,789</u>	<u>(102,732)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(773,801)</u>	<u>(713,068)</u>	<u>60,733</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Operating transfers out	(31,475)	(31,475)	-0-
Installment note proceeds	810,000	810,000	-0-
Operating transfer in	<u>11,550</u>	<u>11,650</u>	<u>100</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>790,075</u>	<u>790,175</u>	<u>100</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Uses	16,274	77,107	60,833
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	<u>62,584</u>	<u>62,584</u>	<u>-0-</u>
FUND BALANCE ENDING	<u>\$ 78,858</u>	<u>\$ 139,691</u>	<u>\$ 60,833</u>

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

OF

STRATHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICERS OF STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

1986 - 1987

SCHOOL BOARD

Lorraine Merrill, Chairperson
Paula Hatch
Heidi Shealey

Term Expires 1987
Term Expires 1988
Term Expires 1989

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Wayne F. Gersen

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Nathan S. Greenberg

PRINCIPAL

David C. Michaud

MODERATOR

William P. Roberts

CLERK

Ellen Bullard

TREASURER

Judith Marion

DEPUTY TREASURER

Dorothy Long

AUDITOR

Dotti Rowe

SCHOOL NURSE

Elaine Bean

TRUANT OFFICER

Paula Hatch

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the tenth day of March, 1987, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock in the morning and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this _____ day of February, 1987.

LORRAINE MERRILL

PAULA HATCH

HEIDI SHEALY

School Board of Stratham, NH

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

LORRAINE MERRILL

PAULA HATCH

HEIDI SHEALY

School Board of Stratham, NH

I certify that on the _____ day of February, 1987, I posted copies of the within warrant, attested by the School Board of said district, at the place of meeting within named, the Stratham Memorial School, and the Stratham Post Office, being public places in said District.

Lorraine Merrill
Chairperson
Stratham, NH, School Board

Rockingham, ss.

Personally appeared the said **LORRAINE MERRILL** and made oath that the above certificate by her signed is true.

Before me,

Justice of the Peace

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stratham, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stratham Memorial School in said District on Monday, the ninth day of March, 1987, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

1. To see if the District will appropriate the sum of Eight Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,600,000.00) for the constructing, original equipping and furnishing of a new school and for the purchase of land for the school; to determine whether such sum shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; to apply towards the cost of construction any interest earned from the temporary investment of any bond or note proceeds; to authorize the School Board to take any and all actions necessary to carry out any vote hereunder; or to take any other action relative thereto.
2. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers hereto chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
3. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the School District Meeting, money from any source which becomes available during the fiscal year. Said money must be used for legal purposes for which the School District may appropriate money; requires a public hearing on the action to be taken; must not require the expenditure of other School District funds.
4. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District.
5. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
6. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this _____ day of February, 1987.

Lorraine Merrill

Paula Hatch

Heidi Shealy

School Board of Stratham, NH

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

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Chairperson
Stratham School Board

Rockingham, ss.

Personally appeared the said **LORRAINE MERRILL** and made oath that the above certificate by her signed is true.

Before me,

Justice of the Peace

1987-88 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

DRAFT # 4
2/3/87

STRATHAM

SUMMARY SHEET

FUNCTION	CODE DESCRIPTION	1985-86 ACTUAL	1986-87 BUDGET	1987-88 PROPOSED	87-88 VERSUS 86-87	PERCENT OF TOTAL
1100	REGULAR INSTRUCTION	1197971 77	1527413 00	1808649 45	0 18	0 63
1200	SPECIAL EDUCATION	123624 71	175929 00	170448 00	-0 03	0 06
1400	STUDENT ACTIVITIES	144 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
2110	ATTENDANCE SERVICES	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
2120	GUIDANCE SERVICES	8486 66	11191 00	11976 00	0 07	0 00
2130	HEALTH SERVICES	7964 47	7082 00	20721 00	1 28	0 01
2200	INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF SERVICES	14643 47	18986 00	27588 00	0 45	0 01
2222	MEDIA SERVICES	9415 85	17380 00	26258 00	0 51	0 01
2300	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SVS	36307 30	41661 00	45982 00	0 10	0 02
2400	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SVS	47247 53	53793 00	80283 00	0 49	0 03
2500	BUSINESS SERVICES	8778 58	10665 00	10757 00	0 01	0 00
2540	PLANT OPERATION	58376 97	99004 50	263358 00	1 66	0 09
2550	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	129952 66	151628 00	192611 00	0 27	0 07
2900	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	70098 75	88403 00	147568 00	0 67	0 05
2560	SCHOOL LUNCH	0 00	6500 00	6500 00	0 00	0 00
4000	FACILITIES ACQ & CONSTRUCTION	5367 92	11500 00	0 00	-1 00	0 00
	CHAPTER 11	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
5000	DEBT SERVICE	76960 51	75602 00	55907 00	-0 26	0 02
*****AMOUNT TO BE VOTED BY DISTRICT*****		1804089 00	2298737 50	2868606 45	0 25	1 00
	LESS REVENUES	39969 00	39668 02	26523 00	-0 33	
	DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	1764120 00	2259069 48	2842083 45	0 26	

STRATHAM
2/3/87

REVENUE WORKSHEET

1987-1988

RECEIPTS	1985-86 ACTUAL	1986-87 ACTUAL	1987-88 PROJECTED
BALANCE (ACTUAL OR ESTIMATED)	0 00	3059 64	0 00
SWEEPSTAKES	0 00	0 00	0 00
BUILDING AID	15900 00	15900 00	15900 00
HANDICAPPED AID	0 00	0 00	0 00
CHILD NUTRITION	6400 00	6500 00	6500 00
FOUNDATION AID	17669 00	11780 00	4129 00
RENTALS	0 00	0 00	0 00
INTEREST	0 00	0 00	0 00
TRUST FUNDS & GIFTS	0 00	0 00	0 00
CATASTROPHIC AID	0 00	2429 41	0 00
BLOCK GRANT	0 00	0 00	0 00
OTHER	0 00	0 00	0 00
ELEMENTARY TUITION	0 00	0 00	0 00
SALE OF NOTES OR BONDS	0 00	0 00	0 00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	39969 00	39668 02	26523 00
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	17641 0 00	2159069 48	2842084 45
TOTAL APPROPRIATION VOTED OR TO BE VOTED BY DISTRICT	1804089 00	2298737 50	2868606 45

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1985 TO JUNE 30, 1986

Cash on Hand July 1, 1985		\$ 81,326.21
Received from Selectmen	\$1,764,120.00	
Revenue from State Sources	39,328.97	
Received from Tuitions	10,112.37	
Received from all Other Sources	<u>7,703.82</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>1,821,265.16</u>
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$1,902,591.37
Less School Board Orders Paid		<u>1,864,153.72</u>
Balance on Hand June 30, 1986		<u>\$ 38,437.65</u>

August 25, 1986

Lucy Smith
District Treasurer

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING FUND

Cash on Hand July 1, 1985	\$ 2,465.06
Received from all Other Sources	<u>101.53</u>
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$ 2,566.59
Less School Board Orders Paid	<u>1,164.50</u>
Balance on Hand June 30, 1987	<u>\$ 1,402.09*</u>

* Transferred to General Fund Account to offset cost of
Principal payment.

August 30, 1986

Margaret A. Meyer
District Bookkeeper

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY 1985-86

Brentwood	3,642.11
East Kingston	2,024.50
Exeter	33,007.22
Kensington	2,739.02
Newfields	2,277.56
Stratham	<u>5,929.59</u>
	<u>49,620.00</u>

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY 1985-86

Brentwood	3,119.50
East Kingston	1,734.00
Exeter	28,271.00
Kensington	2,346.00
Newfields	1,950.75
Stratham	<u>5,078.75</u>
	<u>42,500.00</u>

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
WAYNE F. GERSEN, SUPERINTENDENT
NATHAN S. GREENBERG, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

In 1986-87, each of the School Boards in SAU 16 spent considerable time on the development of long range plans to address the increasing student population at the elementary level, and the deficiencies of the High School facility. In their deliberating each Board has formed broad based Committees that include citizens, staff members, and administrators in an effort to ensure that proposed changes in facilities meet the local needs. A brief description of the planning efforts and the resulting proposals in each community follows:

Brentwood

The School Board and Long Range Planning Committee are submitting a series of warrant articles to address safety and maintenance needs at the Swasey School, and a warrant article to authorize the Board to hire an architect to develop physical facility plans for consideration in 1988-89. This architect will work with the Board and the Long Range Planning Committee generate alternative methods for adding on to Swasey School to meet the projected enrollment increases.

East Kingston

The School Board and Long Range Planning Committee are recommending a \$1,400,000 addition to the Andrews Lane School. The proposed addition will provide the school district with the necessary classroom space to accommodate projected long term population growth; provide the students and the town with a much needed multi-purpose room; allow the School Board to retire the antiquated Browns Academy facility; and, ensure that the school district will meet the present and proposed elementary school minimum standards.

Exeter

The Exeter School Board and Budget Committee approved an elementary grade reorganization plan that will enable the administration to reduce pupil/teacher ratios to 22:1 without requiring additional construction. Also, the School Board created two advisory committees to review the operation and cost of the Region 18 Vocational Center. As a result of these Committee's efforts, tuition reform legislation has been introduced that could provide relief to all communities in SAU 16.

Kensington

After several attempts in the past two years, the School Board and Building Committee secured approval for a building addition at a special school district meeting in the Fall. As a result, the school district will construct a four room addition on to the present elementary school. This addition will be ready for student occupancy in September of 1987.

Newfields

The School Board recently created a community based Long Range Facilities Committee to assist them in planning for the district's long range physical plant needs. The School Board is concerned about the present building and site in light of the projected student population increase. As an initial step, the Board and the Long Range Facilities Committee will investigate the purchase of a parcel of land to build a school facility large enough to satisfy student enrollment increases and meet state construction standards.

Stratham

The Stratham School Board, Space Needs Committee, and Elementary School Building Committee are recommending the construction of an elementary school and the purchase of a site of land for this new school. The growth in housing and the resultant increase in the student population requires a major construction project. The specific information on this project will be provided at several neighborhood coffees and at a public hearing.

At the same time, the Cooperative Study Committee has been working with Cooperative Study Committee members from Greenland, Rye, Newington and New Castle to study the feasibility of forming a cooperative school district. The Cooperative Study Committee will present a proposal along with its recommendations at a Special School District meeting in late March or early April.

SAU 16

In addition to the projects and studies being conducted and proposed by each of the individual towns in the SAU, the SAU Board voted to form an AREA Review Committee to study the present AREA Agreement and its impact on our present secondary facilities, particularly the High School.

The actions and proposals that will be put forth to the voters this year and next, are a result of the studies commissioned by the School Boards, and developed with active participation from community members.

We urge you, to listen, study and ask questions regarding the proposed plans, so that each individual town can make the necessary decisions and take the appropriate actions to meet both the short and long term educational facility needs of the children in SAU 16.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

David C. Michaud, Principal

During the 1986-1987 school year our class enrollments have continued to climb with unusually large classes occurring at the second, third and fourth grade levels. At the current time we have three first grade classes and one Readiness class with two classes at all other levels and a Resource Room. To accommodate our additional first grade, it was necessary to rent a modular classroom.

All curriculum areas have been newly revised and new curriculum guides exist for all subjects. Computer education continues to be an important component of our program and we are continually adding to our hardware and software collection. Our active volunteer program provides assistance in the classrooms and the library and is coordinated by the Parent Teachers Organization. The PTO also provides support and assistance to other school programs, including our enrichment program by sponsoring programs in the arts.

Our enrichment program this year is based on the Renzuli Triad Model and looks at the entire student body as the "talent pool". All students are exposed to enrichment activities and receive training in certain enrichment skills. A smaller number of qualified students may then work on an individual basis to pursue enrichment activities which have been generated by school wide programs or individual exposure.

This year our school has been selected as a research site for a study of assessment in reading and writing by a team from the University of New Hampshire. In addition to looking at students and studying the way they assess their own progress, the research team has coordinated a writing group for staff members and continually acts as a resource in changing, developing and implementing our reading and writing programs.

Our school year was highlighted by receiving word from the United States Department of Education that we had been chosen to be recognized as one of 270 elementary schools in the United States

to receive a Flag of Excellence. This honor has been celebrated in numerous ways and with various groups within the school community. It is an honor of which the Town of Stratham can be proud, and it reflects the value the community places on excellence in education.

The school continues to receive strong community support and this support contributes to the excellent programs which we offer students in an atmosphere designed to heighten learning experiences and develop confident, successful students.

TABLE I
STRATHAM PUPILS
TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 1987

Spec.	Readiness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	
Memorial	22	62	52	53	55	40	38							322	
Exeter Lincoln 3														3	
Exeter Main 1														1	
Exeter AREA JH								53	59					112	
Exeter AREA HS										60	56	46	43	205	
Seacoast Learn. 1														1	
Total	5	22	62	52	53	55	40	38	53	59	60	56	46	43	644

1986 Compar-isons	6	15	48	48	47	41	55	50	51	53	65	51	50	45	605
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TABLE II
Perfect Attendance for Entire Year
1985 - 1986

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Dennis Ball | Amy Gelineau |
| Debra Brewer | Nathan McAlpine |
| Leena Chaudhuri | Sean McWilliams |
| Christopher Gaedtke | Aimee Peschel |
| Kevin Prince | |

PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR 1987-88

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

OCTOBER (21)					FEBRUARY (16)					MAY (21)				
			1	2	1	2	3	4	5	2	3	4	5	6
5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	X	15	16	17	18	19	16	17	18	19	20
19	20	21	22	23	X	X	X	X	X	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30	29					X	31			

NOVEMBER (18)					MARCH (22)					JUNE (21)				
2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4			1	2	3
9	10	X	12	13	7	8	9	10	11	6	7	8	9	10
16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	1	13	14	15	16	17*
23	24	25	X	X	21	22	23	24	25	20	21	22	23	24
30					28	29	30	31		27	28†	29	30	

*Last day for students—No snow days

†Last Day—including snow days

DECEMBER (14)

	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	

Sept. thru Jan. (92 days)

180th Day—June 16

DAYS OUT

Sept. 7—Labor Day

Oct. 16—NEA/NH Convention—
Teacher in Service—JEC
Conference

Nov. 11*—Veteran's Day

Nov. 26-27—Thanksgiv'g Recess

Dec. 18—Jan. 1—Christmas Vac't'n

Feb. 22-26—Winter Vacation

April 18-22—Spring Vacation

Feb. Thru June (98 days)

May 30—Memorial Day

*November 11 and May 30 are re-
quired by statute (RSA 188:4) to be
non-instructional

IN-SERVICE DAYS

September 1

January 29 (Seacoast-wide
workshop)

March 18

CALENDAR PROVIDES FOR 190 DAYS (180 DAYS ARE REQUIRED FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES (189:1))

STRATHAM ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 10, 1986

The annual School District Meeting of the Stratham School District was held at the Stratham Memorial School on Monday, March 10, 1986, with 177 registered voters in attendance.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 pm by Moderator Roberts. Reverend Andrew Gilman gave the Invocation. The School Warrant was read by Moderator Roberts. The minutes of the 1985 meeting were printed in the Annual Town Report and were accepted as printed.

ARTICLE I: To hear the reports of Agent, Auditors, Committees, or Officers hereto chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

No business was transacted.

ARTICLE II: To see if the district will vote, pursuant to RSA 195:18, to create a cooperative school district planning study committee consisting of three qualified voters of whom at least one shall be a member of the school board and determine whether members of the committee shall be appointed by the moderator.

The article was moved and seconded.

Board Member, Lorraine Merrill reported on the background leading to this article. Members of the Space Needs Committee, in attendance, were introduced.

Assistant Superintendent, Nathan Greenberg, gave an overview of the work the space consultants hired by SAU 16 would be doing, consisting of visits to the various SAU 16 schools, meeting and receiving input from community members. This would result in preliminary recommendations to the districts.

An amendment was made and seconded to Article II to delete "appointed by the moderator", replaced by "elected at this meeting." Following discussion a voice vote was taken. The amendment did not carry.

Clarification was requested of the School Board and of Mr. Greenberg, separately, that this committee would indeed be granted a one-year period of time for the study without a special meeting being called either by the Stratham School Board or SAU 16. The voters were assured by both that no special meeting would be called.

Following discussion and questions, Article II was moved and carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE III: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the School District Meeting, money from any source which becomes available during the fiscal year. Said money must be used for legal purposes for which the School District may appropriate money; requires a public hearing on the action to be taken; must not require the expenditure of other school District funds.

The article was moved and seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE IV: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District.

Beth Vrees moved to raise and appropriate \$2,298,737.50. The motion was seconded. The increase in the budget was explained and questions answered by Mrs. Vrees and Mr. Greenberg.

The article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE IV: To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

The moderator announced that he would accept volunteers to be considered for appointment to the cooperative school district planning study committee up until April 1, 1986.

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

It was moved and seconded "to establish a Kindergarten Study Committee and to elect members of this committee at this meeting. Such committee to consist of seven residents of the Town of Stratham and shall include one elected School Board member, preferably one preschool teacher and five other qualified voters of the Town of Stratham. In addition, the Kindergarten Study Committee may at a later date establish advisory positions on this committee as they deem necessary. Such a Kindergarten Study Committee will meet regularly from April to November of this year. The committee shall perform the following functions relating to the development of a public kindergarten program: conduct a formal survey of the community resources and programs available for five-year old children; determine the costs of private and public kindergarten programs; investigate the curriculums in existing private kindergartens

and determine how these curriculums integrate with Stratham Memorial's first grade curriculum; determine the credentials of teachers in private kindergarten programs; investigate alternate sites for a public kindergarten program; and to perform other investigative duties as the committee sees fit. All Kindergarten Study Committee Meetings will be open to the public and public notice will be given of the same. The committee shall elect from its members a Chairperson and shall report publicly its findings and recommendations at the regularly scheduled November, 1986 School Board Meeting and again at the March, 1987 School District Meeting. Findings and recommendations so reported shall be nonbinding upon the School Board and/or the voters of the Town of Stratham.

Following discussion, the poles were opened. 177 votes were cast with 61 in favor of the motion and 116 opposed. The motion did not carry.

The School Board was reminded that the 1985 School District meeting, under Article VI, had voted in favor of establishing a Stratham School Finance Committee and that the committee "shall report at the Annual Town School Meeting its suggestions and recommendations. Suggestions and recommendations so reported shall be non-binding upon the School Board and/or the voters of the Town of Stratham." It was noted that although this committee had been formed and recommendations had been made to the school board, they had not been presented at this meeting as voted on last year. It was expected that such a presentation would be forthcoming in future years to comply with the passed motion.

The School Board was also requested to keep in mind the teacher/pupil ratio and minimum classroom size requirements during any space study programs.

Lucy Smith and Lorraine Merrill each, in turn, thanked retiring board member, Beth Vrees, for her six years of service. A book would be placed in the Stratham School library in her honor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan K. Moran
School Clerk

ELECTION RESULTS
SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF STRATHAM
MARCH 11, 1986

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (Three Years)

HEIDI SHEALY	244
Deborah Woods	209
Walt Ruffner	165
Gerald Dexter	1

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR (Three Years)

WILLIAM P. ROBERTS	548
Chuck Palm	6
David Barr	2
Joseph Downey	2
Kathleen Cole	1
Walt Ruffner	1
James Scamman	1
Steve Woods	1

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER (Three Years)

JUDITH W. MARION	554
Joan Lucca	1
Richard Tolini	1

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK (Three Years)

ELLEN BULLARD	551
Lois McCoy	1
Nancy Pratt	1

SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITOR (One Year)

DOTTI ROWE	555
Bonnie Williams	1
Kathy Campron	1

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School Administrative Unit

1987-88 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT BUDGET

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Account Number	Description	
770	Unreserved Fund Balance, June 30, 1987.....	-----
3000	REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES.....	XXXXXXXXXXXX
3150	School Administrative Unit Support.....	-----
	Other	-----
4000	REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES.....	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4410	Elementary and Secondary Education Act - Title I...	-----
4420	Elementary and Secondary Education Act - Other....	-----
4430	Vocational Education - Sub Part 2.....	-----
4450	Adult Education.....	-----
4470	Handicapped Program (P.L. 94-142).....	18,600.00
	Other	-----
	P.L. 89-313	52,200.00
	Chapter One	160,720.00
1000	LOCAL REVENUE EXCLUSIVE OF DISTRICT SHARE	
	Itemize below	XXXXXXXXXXXX
	FISCAL SERVICES	28,718.50
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	TOTAL REVENUE- Exclusive of District Share	260,238.50

Estimated Expenditures

Function	Object	Purpose of Expenditure	
1000		Instruction.....	-----
	1100	All Regular Programs, Chapter One.....	160,720.00
	1200	All Special Programs.....	71,760.00
	1300	All Vocational Programs..... 94-142	52,200.00
	1400	All Other Instructional Programs..... 89-313	15600.00
	1600	All Adult/Continuing Education Programs.....	-----
2000		SUPPORT SERVICES	XXXXXXXXXXXX
	2100	Pupil Services	XXXXXXXXXXXX
	2110	All Attendance and Social Work.....	-----
	2120	All Guidance.....	-----
	2130	All Health.....	-----
	2140	All Psychological.....	-----
	2150	All Speech Pathology and Audiology.....	-----

	2190	All	Other Pupil Services.....	-----	
2200			INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF SERVICES	*****	
	2210	All	Improvement of Instruction.....	-----	250.00
	2220	All	Educational Media.....	-----	
	2290	All	Other Instructional Staff Services.....	-----	
2300			GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	*****	
	2310	All	School Administrative Unit Board.....	-----	
	2320	All	Office of the Superintendent.....	-----	152,399.00
	2330	All	Special Area Administration Services.....	-----	
	2390	All	Other General Administration Services.....	-----	18,740.00
2500			BUSINESS SERVICES	*****	
	2520	All	Fiscal.....	-----	28,718.50
	2540	All	Operation and Maintenance of Plant.....	-----	21,085.00
	2550	All	Pupil Transportation.....	-----	
	2570	All	Procurement.....	-----	
	2590	All	Other Business Services.....	-----	12,200.00
2600		All	MANAGERIAL SERVICES.....	-----	
2900		All	OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES.....	-----	26,265.00
			OTHER OUTLAYS.....	-----	
5000			Fund Transfers.....	-----	
	5220	880	Transfers to Federal Projects Fund.....	-----	
			TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	-----	562,943.50
			LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES - from above.....	-----	260,238.50
			AMOUNT TO BE SHARED BY DISTRICTS.....	-----	302,705.00
			Distribution of \$ _____ *to be raised by Districts.		

*Entries marked with asterisks must be the same.

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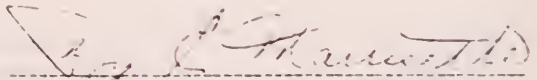
School Administrative Unit

DISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNT TO BE SHARED BY DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	1985 EQUILIZED VALUATION	VALUATION PERCENTAGE	1985-86 PUPILS	PUPIL PERCENT	COMBINED PERCENT	DISTRICT SHARE
Brentwood	70,119,336	9.51	162.1	4.88	7.19	21,765.00
E. Kingston	42,185,678	5.27	88.5	2.66	3.97	12,018.00
Exeter	428,515,001	53.53	1603.4	78.25	65.89	199,449.00
Kensington	67,565,147	8.44	114.0	3.45	5.95	18,012.00
Newfields	48,281,380	6.03	72.3	2.17	4.10	12,411.00
Stratham	137,892,555	17.22	285.8	8.59	12.90	39,050.00
TOTAL	800,557,097	100.	3327	100	100	302,705.00

November 26, 1986

Date


 Chairman, School Administrative Unit Board

AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Town of Stratham School Addition

\$160,000.00 10 years @ 4.39% + \$26.00 premium

Year	Beginning Balance	Interest June 15	Interest Dec. 15	Principal Payment Dec. 15	Ending Balance
1977	\$160,000.00	---	\$5,007.87	\$16,000.00	\$144,000.00
1978	144,000.00	\$3,160.80	3,160.80	3,160.80	16,000.00
1979	128,000.00	2,809.60	2,809.60	16,000.00	112,000.00
1980	112,000.00	2,458.40	2,458.40	16,000.00	96,000.00
1981	96,000.00	2,107.20	2,107.20	16,000.00	80,000.00
1982	80,000.00	1,756.00	1,756.00	16,000.00	64,000.00
1983	64,000.00	1,404.80	1,404.80	16,000.00	48,000.00
1984	48,000.00	1,053.60	1,053.60	16,000.00	32,000.00
1985	32,000.00	702.40	702.40	16,000.00	16,000.00
1986	16,000.00	351.20	351.20	16,000.00	---

AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Town of Stratham School Addition

\$370,000.00 Ten Years @ 7.30%

Year	Beginning Balance	Interest June 15	Interest Dec. 15	Principal Payment Dec. 15	Ending Balance
1984	\$370,000.00	\$10,952.00	\$13,542.00	\$37,000.00	\$333,000.00
1985	333,000.00	12,121.20	12,187.80	37,000.00	295,000.00
1986	296,000.00	10,774.40	10,833.60	37,000.00	259,000.00
1987	259,000.00	9,427.60	9,479.40	37,000.00	222,000.00
1988	222,000.00	8,080.80	8,125.20	37,000.00	185,000.00
1989	185,000.00	6,734.00	6,711.00	37,000.00	148,000.00
1990	148,000.00	5,387.20	5,416.80	37,000.00	111,000.00
1991	111,000.00	4,040.40	4,062.60	37,000.00	74,000.00
1992	74,000.00	2,693.60	2,708.40	37,000.00	37,000.00
1993	37,000.00	1,346.80	1,354.20	37,000.00	---

