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# Annual Report 2004





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**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**For The Year Ending  
December 31, 2004**

**Cover Photo: Dorothy Abbott  
Stark, New Hampshire**

**Inside Photos: Sue Croteau**

## STARK

Between Mill Mt. and Devil's Slide,  
Where Ammonoosuc waters glide,  
There's a town, once Percy, now Stark the name:  
For General Stark of Indian fame.

It was in 1784, the year  
John and Hannah Cole came here.  
They chose a claim on old Beech Hill  
And cleared a field the soil to till.

They planted corn upon the same,  
And eked out their food with fish and game.  
They built a cabin, warm and stout,  
To keep the snows of winter out.

John died. Hannah was alone,  
But she had no time to moan.  
For there were children now,  
Who must be fed and clothed somehow.

From constant toil she did not shirk.  
She taught her boys and girls to work.  
Summer, autumn, winter, spring,  
Each its different work did bring.

For everything they had, you know,  
They had to make or had to grow.  
The hard years flew quickly past;  
They were not alone at last.

Hannah grew both old and gray,  
And when at last she passed away,  
They laid her with John to rest,  
Upon the hill they loved the best.

Many new settlers now came,  
Each his share of land to claim.

Soon they could form a crew,  
And many projects they could do.

They built many dams and mills,  
And cut the timber from the hills.  
The Union Church, built in 1853  
Stands serene and staunch for all to see.

The covered bridge the stream still spans,  
Built long ago by skillful hands.  
What stories they could tell  
Of generations who used them well.

Many people can trace their name  
Back to the first old Coles that came,  
Courageous, honest, and wise as well,  
As the pages of history truly tell

Katherine Farwell Emery



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**CERTIFICATE**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2004**

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

A True Copy Attest:

James Eich  
James Eich, Chairman

Everett R. Frizzell  
Everett R. Frizzell

Albert Cloutier, Jr.  
Albert Cloutier, Jr.

JoAnn Platt  
JoAnn Platt, Tax Collector

Susan H. Croteau  
Susan H. Croteau, Town Clerk

Dennis A. Croteau  
Dennis A. Croteau, Treasurer

Donald J. Croteau  
Donald J. Croteau, Trustee

## **TOWN GOVERNMENT**

**1189 Stark Highway**

**Stark, NH 03582**

**(603) 636-2118**

**Fax: (603) 636-6199**

**twnstark@ncia.net**

### **Selectmen's Office:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **Selectmen's Meeting:**

Wednesday

6:00 p.m.

### **Town Clerk's Office:**

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **Tax Collector's Office:**

Wednesday

3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### **Treasurer's Office:**

Wednesday

6:00 p.m.

### **Planning Board:**

Fourth Thursday of Every Month

7: 00 p.m.

### **Transfer Station:**

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Fire Department:**

Monday

6:00 p.m.

# **TOWN OFFICERS**

**Town of Stark, NH**

## **Board of Selectmen**

James Eich, Chairman (2006)

Everett R. Frizzell (2005)

Albert Cloutier, Jr. (2007)

## **Office Manager**

Susan H. Croteau

## **Town Clerk/ Municipal Agent**

Susan H. Croteau (2006)

Romy J. Curtis, Deputy

## **Tax Collector**

JoAnn Platt

Patricia Cross, Deputy

## **Treasurer**

Dennis A. Croteau (2005)

Nancy K. Spaulding, Deputy

## **FEMA Director**

Frank Platt

## **Road Agent**

Maurice Hibbard (2005)

## **Constable**

William L. Joyce (2005)

## **Trustee of Trust Funds**

Donald Croteau (2005)

John M. Pepau, Jr. (2005)

## **Library Trustees**

Nancy K. Spaulding (2005)

Vacant (2006)

## **Sexton**

George Bennett (2005)

## **Librarian**

Cecile Eich

## **Cemetery Trustees**

Vacant (2005)

Vacant (2006)

## **Town Moderator**

William L. Joyce (2005)

**Supervisors of the Checklist**

MaryBeth Gibson (2005)  
Nancy K. Spaulding (2009)  
Judith Wentworth (2010)

**Fire Chiefs**

Travis Wentworth (2005)  
Barry Wentworth (2005)  
Ronald Lunn (2007)

**Planning Board**

William Cowie (2005)  
James Gibson, Jr. (2005)  
Jane Hopps (2005)  
Susan H. Croteau (2005)  
James Gibson, Sr. (2007)

**Health Officer**

JoAnn Platt

**School Board**

Jane Hopps (2005)  
Michelle Randall (2006)  
Cindy Boivin (2007)

**School Moderator**

William L. Joyce (2005)

**School Clerk**

Susan H. Croteau (2005)

**School Treasurer**

Susan H. Croteau (2005)

TOWN OF STARK, NH  
TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
March 9, 2004

Moderator William Joyce declared meeting open at 9:00 a.m. Rules and regulations of the meeting were explained by William. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all citizens present.

Ballot Clerks were Jane Hopps and John Pepau Sr.

Motion to dispense with reading of the entire Warrant made by James Eich. Seconded by Everett R. Frizzell.

**ARTICLE # 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (To be voted on by ballot while the polls are open.)

**ARTICLE # 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 134,450 for General Government:

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 2** made by James Eich. Seconded: Albert Cloutier Jr.

**ARTICLE # 2** passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE # 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 29,125 for Public Safety:

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 3** made by James Eich. Seconded: Albert Cloutier, Jr.

**ARTICLE # 3** passed by voice vote.

Barry Wentworth, Fire Chief presented Frank Platt, FEMA Director with a gift certificate in appreciation of Frank's efforts and assistance with grants the Fire Department received during fiscal year 2003.

**ARTICLE # 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 145,750 for Highways and Streets:

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 4** made by James Eich. Seconded: Everett R. Frizzell.

**ARTICLE # 4** passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE # 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 40,700 for Sanitation:

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 5** made by Everett R. Frizzell. Seconded by James Eich.

**ARTICLE # 5** passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE # 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 4,575 for Health:

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 6** made by James Eich. Seconded by Everett R. Frizzell.

**ARTICLE # 6** passed by voice vote.

Motion to recess for break made by Everett R. Frizzell. Seconded by James Eich.

Recess began at 10:10 a.m.

Moderator called the meeting back to order at 10:35 a.m.

**ARTICLE # 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,200 for Direct Assistance:

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 7** made by Everett R. Frizzell. Seconded by James Eich.

**ARTICLE # 7** passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE # 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,000 for Culture and Recreation:

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 8** made by James Eich. Seconded by Albert Cloutier, Jr.

**ARTICLE # 8** passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE # 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 39,900 for Debt Services:

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 9** made by James Eich. Seconded by Albert Cloutier, Jr.

**ARTICLE # 9** passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE # 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 35,200 for Interfund Operating Transfers Out:

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 10** made by James Eich. Seconded by Everett R. Frizzell.

Motion to amend **ARTICLE # 10** made by Wayne Montgomery. Seconded by Georgia Caron to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,200 for Interfund Operating Transfers Out:

Motion to move **AMENDED ARTICLE # 10** made by James Eich. Seconded by Everett R. Frizzell.

**AMENDED ARTICLE # 10 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE # 11:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the Paris Road Rail Road Crossing and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 14,000 to be placed in this fund and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 11** made by Everett R. Frizzell. Seconded: James Eich.

**ARTICLE # 11 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE # 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 129,700 for the rehabilitation of the Stark Parsonage (formerly the Gibson Property) located at 1197 Stark Highway. Said funds to come from a donation from John Kauffmann, and to further authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend monies donated by John Kauffmann. The purpose of this article is to rehabilitate the property for historical and/or town purposes. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 12** made by James Eich. Seconded by Everett R. Frizzell.

Questions comments and concerns were all addressed about the future of the Parsonage Building.

**ARTICLE # 12 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE # 13:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 1-a, (Disabled Veteran's Tax Credit) for an optional veterans tax credit of \$ 1,000, to increase by a rate of \$ 100 each year there after until the maximum amount of \$ 2,000 is reached, for service-connected total disability on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety. (Not recommended by the Selectmen). (By Petition)

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 13** made by Albert Cloutier, Jr. Seconded by Everett R. Frizzell.

Motion to amend **ARTICLE # 13** made by Leo Cinfo. Seconded by William Cowie to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 1-a, (Disabled Veteran's Tax Credit) for an optional veterans tax credit of \$ 1,000 for service-connected total disability on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety. (Not recommended by the Selectmen). (By Petition)

Motion to move **AMENDED ARTICLE # 13** made by James Eich. Seconded by Everett R. Frizzell.

**AMENDED ARTICLE # 13 failed by show of hands. Yes-18 No-21.**

Motion to amend **ARTICLE # 13** made by Leo Cinfo, seconded by James Eich to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 1-a, (Disabled Veteran's Tax Credit) for an optional veterans tax credit of \$ 800 for service-connected total disability on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety. (Not recommended by the Selectmen). (By Petition)

Motion to move **AMENDED ARTICLE # 13** made by James Eich. Seconded by Everett R. Frizzell.

**AMENDED ARTICLE # 13 passed by show of hands. Yes-34, No 10.**

**ARTICLE # 14:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II & IV, (Wartime Veteran's Tax Credit) for an optional veterans tax credit of \$ 150, to increase by a rate of \$ 50 each year there after until the maximum amount of \$ 500 is reached, on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety. (Not recommended by the Selectmen) (By Petition)

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 14** made by Everett R. Frizzell. Seconded by James Eich.

Motion to amend **ARTICLE # 14** made by Everett R. Frizzell and seconded by James Eich to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II & IV, (Wartime Veteran's Tax Credit) for an optional veterans tax credit of \$ 150 on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety. (Not recommended by the Selectmen) (By Petition)

Motion to move amended **ARTICLE # 14** made by Everett R. Frizzell. Seconded by James Eich.

**AMENDED ARTICLE # 14 passed by show of hands vote. Yes-30, No-8.**

**ARTICLE # 15:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29-a,II, (Surviving Spouses Tax Credit) for an optional tax credit of \$ 1,000 to increase by a rate of \$ 100 each year there after until the maximum amount of \$ 2,000 is reached, on residential property of the surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any of the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflict or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28. (Not recommended by the Selectmen) (By Petition)

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 15** made by Albert Cloutier, Jr. Seconded by James Eich.

Motion to amend **ARTICLE # 15** made by James Eich and seconded by Leo Cinfo made to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29-a,II, (Surviving Spouses Tax Credit) for an optional tax credit of \$ 800 on residential property of the surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any of the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflict or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28. (Not recommended by the Selectmen) (By Petition)

Motion to move **AMENDED ARTICLE # 15** made by Albert Cloutier, Jr. Seconded by James Eich.

**AMENDED ARTICLE # 15 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE # 16:** To see if the Town will vote to give a 5 % discount on property taxes if paid within 14 days after tax bills have been presented.

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 16** made by John Pepau, Sr. Seconded by Linda Wentworth.

**ARTICLE # 16 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE # 17:** To transact any and all other business that may lawfully come before this meeting:

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 17** made by James Eich. Seconded by Albert Cloutier, Jr.

Earl Hart made a recommendation to the Selectmen that they should contact Harley Mason in reference to cutting the hill on Bell Hill Road by the entrance to Pike Pond. Everett R. Frizzell explained that this would be a costly project at this time.

Pictures of signs for the Fire Department Building were presented to citizens present for their opinion as to what color the sign should be. Everett R. Frizzell explained to all citizens that this was not a binding vote but more of an opinion of what citizens would like to see. Twenty-eight (28) persons were in favor of gold lettering on the sign and seventeen (17) were in favor of red lettering.

Barry Wentworth, Fire Chief thanked the Selectmen and Sue Croteau for all their contributions of time in helping out the Fire Department in 2003.

JoAnn Platt thanked George Bennett, Transfer Station Manager for the outstanding work done at the Transfer Station.

Rick Montgomery asked if the Board would need to borrow money because of the Veteran's Exemptions being raised. Everett R. Frizzell explained that the Town has not has to borrow money for a few years now and that the Veteran's Exemptions would not impact having to borrow money.

Moderator William Joyce complimented all present on their performances during Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by William Cowie. Seconded by James Eich.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Absentee Ballots were place in ballot box at 5:00 p.m.

Polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m.

Ballots were counted and tabulated with the following results:

### **TOWN RESULTS**

**Selectperson (3 years)**

**Supervisor of Checklist (6 years)**

**Planning Board Member (3 years)**

**Planning Board Member (2 years)**

**Planning Board Member (1 Year)**

**Planning Board Member (1 year)**

**Road Agent (1 year)**

**Town Constable (1 year)**

**Albert Cloutier, Jr.**

**Judith Wentworth**

**James R. Gibson, Sr.**

**James R. Gibson, Jr.**

**William Cowie**

**Jane A. Hopps.**

**Maurice Hibbard**

**William L. Joyce**

### **SCHOOL RESULTS**

**School Board Member (3 years)**

**School Moderator (1 year)**

**School Clerk (1 year)**

**School Treasurer (1 year)**

**Cindy Boivin**

**William L. Joyce**

**Susan H. Croteau**

**Susan H. Croteau**

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

**Susan H. Croteau, Town Clerk**

**FRANCIS J. DINEEN & COMPANY**  
**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**  
**Independent Auditor' Report**

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements and the combining and individual fund financial statements of the Town of Stark as of December 31, 2003, and for the year then ended as listed in the table of contents. The financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

As is the practice with many New Hampshire municipalities, 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 included in the financial report.

In our opinion, except that the omission of the general fixed asset account group results in an incomplete presentation as explained in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Stark as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its similar trust fund types for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Also, in our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the individual funds of the Town as of December 31, 2003, and the results of operations of such funds and the cash flows of nonexpendable trust funds

for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole and on the combining and individual fund financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as supplemental schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not required part of the financial statements of the Town of Stark. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose, combining, and individual fund financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements of each of the respective individual funds taken as a whole.

Dineen & Crane, PLLC

**BALANCE SHEET**  
Year Ending December 31, 2004

**CASH:**

Berlin City Bank	354,268.92
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	96,688.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$450,957.57</b>

**CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:**

Bridge	28,579.77
Dump	1,567.57
Revaluation	386.03
Back Hoe	5,812.60
Compactor	8,470.00
Discount	7,528.09
Town Truck	57,534.55
Fire Department Building	4,852.15
Fire Department Equipment	8,985.42
Fire Department Expendable Trust	1,878.69
Paris Road Crossing	28,035.83
Stark School/Handicapped	92,201.23
Stark School/Maintenance	5,133.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,965.50</b>

<b>LIBRARY FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$2,066.26</b>
<b>PARSONAGE FUND:</b>	<b>\$39,425.57</b>

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:**

Property Tax 2004	58,308.12
Liens 2003	7,498.15
Liens 2002	5,042.69
Gravel Tax	1,552.34
Land Use Change Tax	1,080.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73,481.30</b>

**TOWN PROPERTY:** **\$1,589,340.00**

**TOTAL ASSETS:** **\$2,406,236.20**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

School District 280,000.00

**NET WORTH:** **2,104,757.81**

**SURPLUS:** **21,478.39**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH** **\$2,406,236.20**

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Year Ending December 31, 2004

DEPARTMENT	AMT. BUDGETED	AMT. SPENT	VARIANCE
4130-EXECUTIVE	32,100	29,669.25	2,430.75
4140-ELECTION, REG,VITALS	17,300	13,168.55	4,131.45
4150-FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	14,500	14,746.44	(246.44)
4152-REVALUATION	7,000	7,641.50	(641.50)
4153-LEGAL	2,000	50.00	1,950.00
4155-PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	13,200	9,671.71	3,528.29
4191-PLANNING & ZONING	500	546.46	(46.46)
4194-GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	13,500	12,174.03	1,325.97
4195-CEMETERIES	4,500	4,366.08	133.92
4196 INSURANCE	27,500	25,335.40	2,164.60
4197-ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC.	2,250	1,517.70	732.30
4199-OTHER GOVERNMENT	100	0.00	100.00
4210-POLICE	8,250	8,254.57	(4.57)
4215-AMBULANCE	4,000	3,612.00	388.00
4220-FIRE DEPARTMENT	15,800	12,689.27	3,110.73
4290-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	500	1,843.40	(1,343.40)
4299-OTHER SAFETY	575	392.92	182.08
4312-HIGHWAYS	145,750	144,639.26	1,110.74
4324-SOLID WASTE	40,600	44,565.29	(3,965.29)
4325-SOLID WASTE CLEAN-UP	100	0.00	100.00
4415-HEALTH AGENCIES	2,400	2,400.00	0.00
4419-OTHER HEALTH	2,175	2,160.00	15.00
4442-WELFARE	2,200	788.75	1,411.25
4550-LIBRARY	500	500.00	0.00
4583-PATRIOTIC	1,500	1,066.53	433.47
4711-PRINCIPAL- LONG TERM BONDS	25,000	25,000.00	0.00
4721-INTEREST-LONG TERM BONDS	10,400	10,422.50	-22.50
4723-INTEREST ON T.A.N.	4,500	0.00	4,500.00
4915-CAPITAL RESERVES	53,200	53,200.00	0.00
4916-TRANSFERS TO TRUST	1,000	1,000.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$452,900</b>	<b>\$431,421.61</b>	<b>\$21,478.39</b>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

<b>Value of Land Only:</b>	<b>Acres</b>	
Current Use	10,074	742,735.00
Residential	1,092	7,228,800.00
Commercial/Industrial	212	<u>391,500.00</u>
<b>Total Taxable Land</b>		<b>\$8,363,035.00</b>

<b>Value of Buildings:</b>	
Residential	16,745,900.00
Manufactured Housing	1,100,500.00
Commercial/Industrial	<u>657,200.00</u>
<b>Total Taxable Buildings</b>	<b>\$18,503,600.00</b>

<b>Utilities:</b>	
Public Service Co. of NH	636,200.00
PG & E Generating Company	700.00
PNGTS	<u>14,179,000.00</u>
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$14,815,900.00</b>

<b>Valuation Before Exemptions:</b>	<b>\$41,682,535.00</b>
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<b>Exemptions:</b>	
Blind	30,000.00
Elderly	<u>170,000.00</u>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>

Net Valuation	41,545,680.00
Less Utilities	<u>(14,815,900.00)</u>
<b>Net Valuation Without Utilities</b>	<b>\$26,729,780.00</b>

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	582,600.00	
Less: Revenues	366,371.00	
Less: Shared Revenues	1,340.00	
Add: Overlay	29,837.00	
War Service Credits	9,400.00	
Net Town Appropriations	254,126.00	
<b>Municipal Tax Rate</b>		<b>6.12</b>
Net Local School Budget	895,040.00	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(301,874.00)	
State Education Taxes	(88,829.00)	
Approved School Tax Effort	504,337.00	
<b>Local School Tax Rate</b>		<b>12.14</b>
State Education Taxes		
	x	
Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	3.33	
26,675,295		88,829.00
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation ( no utilities)		
<b>State School Tax Rate</b>		<b>3.32</b>
Due to county	210,353.00	
Less: Shared Revenues	(887.00)	
Approved County Tax Effort	209,466.00	
<b>County Tax Rate</b>		<b>5.04</b>
<b>Tax Rate 2004</b>		<b>26.62</b>
Total Property Taxes Assessed	1,056,758.00	
Less: War Service Credits	(9,400.00)	
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>1,047,358.00</b>	

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Building	Contents	Total
Cemeteries	27,300.00	0.00	27,300.00
Covered Bridge	225,000.00	0.00	225,000.00
Fire Station	250,000.00	111,840.00	361,840.00
Parsonage Building	120,000.00	0.00	120,000.00
Police Dept. Equipment	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Pump House	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
School Building	243,000.00	330,000.00	573,000.00
Statue Site	3,100.00	0.00	3,100.00
Town Garage	32,100.00	50,000.00	82,100.00
Town Hall	75,100.00	20,000.00	95,100.00
Town Library	16,000.00	6,700.00	19,700.00
Transfer Station	19,200.00	47,000.00	66,200.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,026,800.00</b>	<b>\$565,540.00</b>	<b>\$1,589,340.00</b>



## **SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES**

**Year Ending December 31, 2004**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
4130-4199	General Government	118,887.12
4210-4299	Public Safety	26,792.16
4312	Highways & Streets	144,639.26
4324	Solid Waste	44,565.29
4415-4419	Health Agencies	4,560.00
4442	Welfare	788.75
4550-4583	Culture & Recreation	1,566.53
4711-4723	Debt Services	35,422.50
4915	Transfers to Capital Reserves	53,200.00
4916	Transfers to Trust	1,000.00
4931	County Tax Payment	210,353.00
4933	School Payments	500,147.00
4960	Miscellaneous	21,467.56

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES-2004**

**\$1,163,389.17**

## **SUMMARY OF REVENUES**

3110-3190	Revenue From Tax Collector	1,040,904.44
3210-3290	Revenue From Town Clerk	80,593.20
3351-3379	State & Federal Government	104,547.54
3401-3509	Local Sources	221,857.54
3915-3916	Capital Reserves	4,192.50

**TOTAL REVENUES-2004**

**\$1,452,095.22**

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Year Ending December 31, 2004

### Tax Collector:

3110-Property Tax	1,005,038.17
3120-Land Use Change Tax	5,529.13
3185-Yield Tax	2,809.92
3186-Gravel Tax	1,035.10
3190-Penalties	26,492.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,040,904.44</b>

### Town Clerk:

3210-Filing Fees	27.00
3210-Uniform Commercial Codes	210.00
3220-Motor Vehicle Registrations	76,914.00
3220-Municipal Agent Fees	1982.20
3290-Vital Records	305.00
3290-Dog Licenses	1,155.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80,593.20</b>

### State & Federal Government:

3351-Shared Revenue Block Grants	5,596.00
3352-Rooms & Meal Tax	17,513.67
3353-Highway Block Grant	44,965.72
3356-State & Federal Forest	32,148.26
3359-Railroad Tax	4,323.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$104,547.54</b>

### Local Sources:

3401-Income From Departments	791.42
3404-Refuse	1,624.38
3502-Interest on Investments	3,157.09
3503-Rent of Town Property	450.00
3504-Fines & Forfeitures	1,738.00
3509-Micellaneous Revenue	214,096.65
3915-Transfers From Capital Reserves	4,192.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 226,050.04</b>

**TOTAL REVENUES-2004** **\$1,452,095.22**

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2004

## 4130-EXECUTIVE

Albert Cloutier, Jr.		1,600.00
	Expenses	300.96
Dennis A. Croteau		25.20
Everett R. Frizzell		1,600.00
	Expenses	499.20
Groveton Postmaster		740.00
James Eich		1,600.00
	Expenses	147.04
Local Government Center		70.00
Lyndonville Office Equipment		1,512.49
McAfee		34.99
MCI		103.57
New England Business Solutions		310.62
NH Assoc. of Assessing Officials		20.00
NH Government Finance Officers Assoc.		25.00
NH Labor Law Poster Service		65.25
NH Local Welfare Admin. Assoc.		30.00
NH Municipal Association		524.00
North Country Internet Access		258.00
Pitney Bowes		818.46
Postal Privilege		650.00
Real Data Corporation		20.00
Registry of Deeds		150.43
Staples		602.06
Susan H. Croteau		16,516.01
	Expenses	73.22
Verizon		1,372.75
<b>TOTAL: EXECUTIVE</b>		<b>\$29,669.25</b>

**4140- ELECTION, REGISTRATION**

Albert Cloutier, Jr.	55.00
Berlin City Bank	28.00
Branham Publishing Company	12.90
Brown's River Bindery, Inc.	906.50
Dennis A. Croteau	27.50
Department of Agriculture	300.00
Donald Croteau	165.00
Everett R. Frizzell	55.00
Groveton Postmaster	74.00
Identification Source	99.03
James Eich	220.00
Jane A. Hopps	220.00
John M. Pepau, Jr.	27.50
John M. Pepau, Sr.	220.00
Judith R. Gibson	55.00
Judith Wentworth	370.00
Mary Beth Gibson	340.00
Nancy K. Spaulding	315.00
New England Assoc. of City & Town Clerks	20.00
NH City & Town Clerks Association	20.00
North Country Flag	157.69
Primedia Price Digests	249.95
Registry of Deeds	6.37
Romy J. Curtis	2,417.28
Smith & Town Printers	2,041.60
Susan H. Croteau	3,958.95
Expenses	314.28
State of New Hampshire-Department of Safety	24.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	168.00
Universal Licensing Services	80.00
William L. Joyce	220.00
<b>TOTAL: ELECTION, REGISTRATION</b>	<b>\$13,168.55</b>

**4150-FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	280.00
Berlin City Bank	28.50
Dennis A. Croteau	1,700.00
Expenses	257.04
Dineen & Crane	4,275.00
Donald Croteau	80.00
Expenses	37.16
Groveton Postmaster	689.16
JoAnn Platt	5,872.86
Expenses	721.72
NH Tax Collectors Association	740.00
North Country Health Consortium	10.00
Sun World Printing, LLC	55.00
<b>TOTAL: FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$14,746.44</b>

**4152-REVALUATION**

Avitar Associates of New England Inc.	6,666.50
Cartographic Associates Inc.	975.00
<b>TOTAL: REVALUATION</b>	<b>\$7,641.50</b>

**4153-LEGAL**

Michael M. Ransmeier, P.C.	50.00
<b>TOTAL: LEGAL</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

**4155-PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION**

New Hampshire Retirement System	2,283.25
Social Security/Medicare/With holding tax	7,059.27
Unemployment	329.19
<b>TOTAL: PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$9,671.71</b>

**4191-PLANNING**

Lexis Nexis	210.55
Matthew Bender & Company Inc.	260.91
North Country Council	75.00
<b>TOTAL: PLANNING</b>	<b>\$546.46</b>

**4194-GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS**

Al's Plumbing Heating & Fuel	1,604.82
Anthony Haney	361.15
Carr Well & Pum Services Inc.	5,663.54
Community Co-Op Oil	69.55
Emerson & Son Inc.	261.86
KC Rental Services	335.00
Lyndonville Office Equipment Inc.	140.99
Matthew Eich	147.23
Perras Ace Inc.	106.65
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	1,594.99
Riley's Carpentry	690.00
Ron's Electric	141.55
Russell Bell	15.00
Susan H. Croteau	460.80
	Expenses 8.97
Ultramar Energy Inc.	571.93
<b>TOTAL: GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$12,174.03</b>

**4195-CEMETERIES**

Cloutier Sand & Gravel	***	3,465.00
Cody D. Shannon		1,081.90
	Expenses	119.64
Dennis A. Croteau		52.35
	Expenses	16.20
Dereck M. Croteau		1,123.78
Donald Croteau		10.47

Doug McMann	35.00
Douglas Shannon	30.00
F.B.Spaulding Company	637.95
Martin's Agway	22.35
Maurice Hibbard	556.56
Nolan Hibbard	85.00
Perras Ace Inc.	124.99
Russell Bell	273.00
Walmart	99.97
Yesterday's Country Store	96.92
<b>SUBTOTAL: CEMETERIES</b>	<b>\$7,831.08</b>
*** =Encumbered Funds from FY 2003 Budget	3,465.00
<b>TOTAL: CEMETERIES</b>	<b>\$4,366.08</b>

#### **4196-INSURANCE**

Local Government Center-Health Insurance	11,990.16
Local Government Center-Worker's Comp.	3,093.43
Local Government Center-Property Liability	10,251.81
<b>TOTAL: INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$25,335.40</b>

#### **4197-ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC.**

North Country Council	467.95
Salmon Press, LLC	1,049.75
<b>TOTAL: ADVERTISING &amp; REGIONAL ASSOC.</b>	<b>\$1,517.70</b>

#### **4210-POLICE**

Bruce Oakes	356.24
Expenses	153.36
Donald Croteau	198.12
Expenses	31.68
Emblem Enterprises	243.00
Emerson & Son Inc.	137.06

Gall's Inc.	72.93
Ossipee Mountain Electronics Inc.	255.75
Roy D. Hudson	60.00
Schurman Electronics Inc.	76.00
State of New Hampshire-Department of Safety	9.00
Town of Lancaster, Police Department	300.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	80.00
William L. Joyce	5,232.00
	Expenses
	1,049.43
<b>TOTAL: POLICE</b>	<b>\$8,254.57</b>

#### **4215-AMBULANCE**

Ambulance	3,612.00
<b>TOTAL: AMBULANCE</b>	<b>\$3,612.00</b>

#### **4220-FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Burt's General Repair & Welding	355.37
Business Radio Licensing	85.00
Federal Licensing Inc.	204.00
Fire Tech & Safety	2,300.00
Glenn's Service Center	141.50
Inland Divers Inc.	256.00
James R. Gibson, Sr.	134.00
Leon Costello Company	274.31
Lyndonville Office Equipment Inc.	61.77
MCI	42.52
Merriam Graves Corporation	183.63
NH Public Deposit Inv. Pool-Insured Motorists **	5,937.50
North Country Internet Access	139.40
Ossipee Mountain Electronics Inc.	415.00
Perras Ace Inc.	342.52
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	1,391.07
R.E.A.L. Lighting	29.55

Ron Costa	845.48
Ronald Lunn	36.00
Stark Volunteer Fire Department ***	1,300.00
Stark Volunteer Fire Department Assoc.	8,600.00
State of NH-Criminal Records	15.00
State of NH-Department of Safety	8.00
Verizon	616.20
<b>SUBTOTAL:FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>23,713.82</b>
** Less: Insured Motorists Checks Received	5,937.50
***Less: Expendable Trust Withdrawal	1,300.00
<b>TOTAL: FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$12,689.27</b>

#### **4290- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Frank Platt	443.40
Office Planning Services	1,400.00
<b>TOTAL: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>\$1,843.40</b>

#### **4299-OTHER SAFETY**

JoAnn Platt	30.00
Lancaster Juvenile Diversion Program	255.00
Lyndonville Office Equipment Inc.	107.92
<b>TOTAL: OTHER SAFETY</b>	<b>\$392.92</b>

#### **4312-HIGHWAYS**

Addison Hall	60.00
B-B Chain	104.40
Bond Auto Parts Inc.	2,411.22
Burt's General Repair & Welding	4,364.00
C.N. Brown Company	406.69
Citgo	2,592.22
Cloutier Sand & Gravel	27,888.50

Cody D. Shannon	87.25
Colebrook Oil	1,997.95
Coos Farm	1,345.13
Dennis A. Croteau	50.00
Dereck M. Croteau	104.70
Donald Bacon	90.00
Donald Croteau	21.24
E.W. Sleeper	119.02
F.B.Spaulding Co.	124.10
Harley E. Mason, Jr.	88.00
Irving Oil Corp.	3,588.41
Isaacson Steel Inc.	113.22
James R. Gibson, Sr.	973.36
Lane Enterprises Inc.	1,847.87
Liberty International Trucks of NH, LLC	235.66
LRG Healthcare	86.00
Lyndonville Office Equipment Inc.	44.68
Maurice Hibbard	31,470.17
	Expenses
McDevitt Trucks Inc.	100.80
MCI	50,444.02
New England Truck Tire Centers Inc.	10.16
North American Salt Co.	196.35
Pike Industries Inc.	1,691.31
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	919.38
R.E.A.L. Lighting & Supply	888.55
Sifto Canada Inc.	1,976.35
Solutions	1,033.20
Southworth-Milton Inc.	3,719.00
Stratham Tire Inc.	281.30
Susan H. Croteau	344.10
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	7.50
Triple Bridge Farm	377.67
Verizon	81.00
Wayne Montgomery	486.62
	225.00

Yesterday's Country Store, LLC	1,643.16
<b>TOTAL: HIGHWAYS</b>	<b>\$144,639.26</b>

#### **4324-SOLID WASTE**

Atlantic Leasing Corporation	391.58
A.V.R.R.D.D.	22,420.46
Davis Enterprises	550.00
Dennis Boivin	540.00
Donald Croteau	635.60
Expenses	34.92
Emerson & Son Inc.	56.41
George Bennett	10,600.28
Expenses	538.85
James R. Gibson, Sr.	193.00
Maurice Hibbard	2,190.67
Normandeau Trucking Inc.	4,653.55
Perras Ace Inc.	340.47
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	674.94
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	247.27
Verizon	497.29
<b>TOTAL: SOLID WASTE</b>	<b>\$44,565.29</b>

#### **4325-SOLID WASTE CLEAN-UP**

A.R. Couture Construction Corporation	166,933.20
Berlin City Bank	3,406.80
Construction Material Testing Inc.	2,740.00
Horizons Engineering, PLLC	52,142.62
Eastern Analytical Inc.	2,124.50
Provan & Lorber	1,909.95
<b>SUBTOTAL: SOLID WASTE CLEAN-UP</b>	<b>229,257.07</b>
Less: State Revolving Fund Loan	229,257.07
<b>TOTAL: SOLID WASTE CLEAN-UP</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**4415-HEALTH AGENCIES**

Jo Ann Platt	75.00
Upper Connecticut Valley Mental Health	125.00
Weeks Home Health Services	2,200.00
<b>TOTAL: HEALTH AGENCIES</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>

**4419-OTHER HEALTH**

American Red Cross	210.00
Community Action Program Inc.	800.00
Groveton High School Chem Free	450.00
Senior Fellowship	700.00
<b>TOTAL: OTHER HEALTH</b>	<b>\$2,160.00</b>

**4442-WELFARE**

Clarkies' Market	98.96
Community Co-Op Oil	689.79
<b>TOTAL: WELFARE</b>	<b>\$788.75</b>

**4550-LIBRARY**

Stark Public Library	500.00
<b>TOTAL: LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>

**4583-PATRIOTIC**

Donald Croteau	319.98
Expenses	21.05
George Bennett	76.78
Expenses	12.32
Green Earth Nursery	130.00
Lancaster Floral Design	23.00
Madeleine Croteau	37.40
Martin's Agway	11.00

Matthew Eich	35.00
T.D.K. Enterprises	400.00
<b>TOTAL: PATRIOTIC</b>	<b>\$1,066.53</b>

**4711-PRINCIPAL LONG TERM**

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	25,000.00
<b>TOTAL: PRINCIPAL LONG TERM</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

**4721-INTEREST ON BONDS & NOTES**

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	10,422.50
<b>TOTAL: INTERES ON BONDS &amp; NOTES</b>	<b>\$ 10,422.50</b>

**4915-CAPITAL RESERVES**

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	53,200.00
<b>TOTAL: CAPITAL RESERVES</b>	<b>\$53,200.00</b>

**4916-TRANSFERS TO TRUST**

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL: TRANSFERS TO TRUST</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

**4931-COUNTY TAX**

Coos County Treasurer	210,353.00
<b>TOTAL: COUNTY TAX</b>	<b>\$210,353.00</b>

**4933-SCHOOL TAX**

Treasurer, Stark School District	500,147.00
<b>TOTAL: SCHOOL TAX</b>	<b>\$500,147.00</b>

**4960-MISCELLANEOUS**

Arnold Drouin-Overpayment	28.17
Bohdan Snihurowych-Overpayment	31.45
Bonnie Lehde	41.35
Daniel & Lisa Demers-Overpayment	17.19
Danielle Boivin-Hall Rental Deposit	150.00
Edward & Anne Cote-Overpayment	51.25
George & Carolyn Cottrell-Overpayment	10.40
George N. Craggy-Overpayment	56.01
George Lamott-Overpayment	41.65
Harry French-Insurance Reimbursement	1,707.48
Janet Benway-Hall Rental Deposit	100.00
Mabel Geer & Karen Stenzel	62.45
Mark & Georgette Poland-Overpayment	28.84
Perras Land, LLC-Overpayment	6.69
Peter & Heidi Damm	48.11
Peter & Pauli Johnson-Overpayment	50.05
Peter Bill-Overpayment	23.37
Richard Green-Overpayment	15.46
Robert & Mary Heath-Overpayment	5.65
Roger & Madeleine Guyer-Overpayment	24.94
Edward & Anne Cote-Overpayment	51.25
George Craggy-Overpayment	29.37
George Lamott-Overpayment	41.65
Stark Tax Collector-Liens & Timber Bond	18,017.83
State of New Hampshire-Gravel Intents	200.00
Insufficient Fund Charges	267.06
Wayne & Lorie Saunders-Overpayment	76.55
William Joyce-Reissue Lost Check	283.34
<b>TOTAL: MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$21,467.56</b>

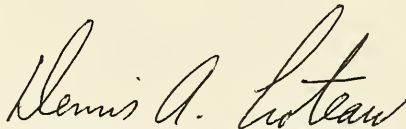
**TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 2004****\$1,163,389.17**

**TREASURER'S YEARLY REPORT  
GENERAL FUND**

**Year Ending December 31, 2004**

Beginning Balance	319,957.55
Receipts to Treasurer	<u>1,443,691.43</u>
	1,763,648.98
Less Payments	<u>1,415,566.41</u>
	348,082.57
Accrued Interest	<u>3,066.65</u>
	351,149.22
Less Bank Fees	<u>38.00</u>
	351,111.22
Other Debits	<u>6,985.94</u>
	358,097.16
Other Credits	<u>3,828.24</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12-31-04</b>	<b><u>\$354,268.92</u></b>

Balance on Statement 12-31-04	388,892.68
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>40,232.46</u>
	348,660.22
Deposits Outstanding	<u>5,608.70</u>
<b>Beginning Balance 01-01-05</b>	<b><u>\$354,268.92</u></b>



Dennis A. Croteau  
Treasurer

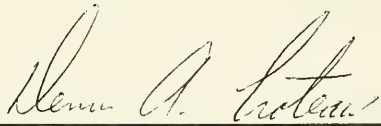
**TREASURER'S YEARLY REPORT**  
**NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL**  
Year Ending December 31, 2004

Account: STARK

Beginning Balance 1-1-04	95,551.78
Contributions	<u>35,422.50</u>
	130,974.28
Interest	<u>990.12</u>
	131,964.40
Withdrawals	<u>35,422.50</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12-31-04</b>	<b>\$96,541.90</b>

Account: BRIDGE BOND

Beginning Balance 1-1-04	98.27
Contributions	<u>11,895.00</u>
	11,993.27
Interest	<u>48.48</u>
	12,041.75
Withdrawals	<u>11,895.00</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12-31-04</b>	<b>\$146.75</b>

  
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Dennis A. Croteau  
Treasurer

# TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

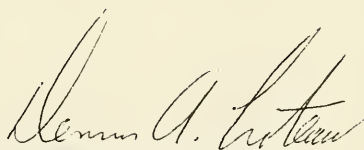
Year Ending December 31, 2004

## FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING FUND

Beginning Balance 1-1-04	\$654.52
Withdrawals	<u>654.52</u>
	\$0.00
Interest Earned	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance 12-31-04	<u>\$0.00</u>

## PARSONAGE FUND

Beginning Balance 1-1-04	129,751.98
Interest -Berlin City Bank	1026.02
Interest-NH Charitable Foundation	<u>2,394.57</u>
	\$133,172.57
Payments-Domain Architect Serv.	<u>7,027.00</u>
	126,145.57
Payments-Riley Carpentry	<u>86,720.00</u>
Balance 12-31-04	<u>\$39,425.57</u>



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Dennis A. Croteau  
Treasurer

**TOWN CLERK FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2004**

3210-Business Licenses	
Filing Fees	27.00
Uniform Commercial Code	210.00
<b>Total Business Licenses</b>	<b>\$237.00</b>

3220-Automobile Permits Issued	
Permits	76,625.00
Municipal Agent Fees	1,982.20
Title Fees	289.00
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Registrations</b>	<b>\$78,896.20</b>

3290-Other Licenses	
Dog Licenses	1,155.00
Marriage Licenses	225.00
Vital Records	80.00
<b>Total Other Licenses</b>	<b>\$1,460.00</b>

<b>Total Remitted to Treasurer-2004</b>	<b>\$80,593.20</b>
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**Susan H. Croteau**  
**Town Clerk/Municipal Agent**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of STARK TAX COLLECTOR Year Ending 12/31/2004

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	PRIOR LEVIES			
	2004	2003	2002	2001+
Property Taxes	\$ 949,492.10	\$ 38,922.06	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 4,064.00	\$ 860.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 2,874.72	\$ 387.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 313.05	\$ 3,627.54	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 1,069.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,999.15	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	\$ 0.00			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$ 40,124.78	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES – END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 58,308.12	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 1,552.34	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Remaining Overpayments - Prior Yrs.	\$ 26.64			
Remaining Overpayments - This Year	\$ 0.00			
This Years' Overpayments Returned	\$ 592.94			
Prior Years' Overpayments Returned	\$ 0.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1,059,498.39	\$ 58,796.35	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of STARK TAX COLLECTOR Year Ending 12/31/2004

## DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		2004	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2003	2002	2001+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$ 53,921.21	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxxxx	\$ 860.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	\$ 387.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
		xxxxxx			
		xxxxxx			

## TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 1,047,925.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 5,144.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 2,874.72	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 2,622.04	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

## FOR DRA USE ONLY

## OVERPAYMENTS

Remaining From Prior Year		\$ 26.64			
New This Fiscal Year		\$ 592.94			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 313.05	\$ 3,627.54	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$ 1,059,498.39</b>	<b>\$ 58,796.35</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of STARK TAX COLLECTOR Year Ending 12/31/2004

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2004	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2003	2002	2001+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 10,935.41	\$ 3,326.01
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,599.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 698.55	\$ 1,176.77	\$ 1,197.29
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,298.25	\$ 12,112.18	\$ 4,523.30

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2004	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2003	2002	2001+
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 9,101.55	\$ 5,892.72	\$ 3,326.01
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 698.55	\$ 1,176.77	\$ 1,197.29
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,498.15	\$ 5,042.69	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		\$ 0.00	\$ 17,298.25	\$ 12,112.18	\$ 4,523.30

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? Yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Jo Ann Platt DATE 1-5-05  
Jo Ann Platt

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES**  
Year Ending December 31, 2004

Almeida, Manuel	362.07
Bartlett, Leslie E.	3,426.55
Bennett, George S.	5,256.05
Bernard, Robert J.	604.78
Boivin, Doris	1,556.25
Calabro, Deborah	1,610.64
Calle, Carlo	399.58
Camara, Dona	936.42
Cote, Alice D.	360.84
Coulombe, Craig	499.47
Covill, Richard & Barbara	1,695.49
Cross, Calvin L. & Patricia	1,990.68
Croteau, Dennis & Susan	799.70
Cullman, Duncan Thayer	584.31
Curran, Wayne	732.16
Damm, Peter & Heidi	375.11
Demers, Daniel & Lisa	2,917.23
Dube, Priscilla M. & George A.	497.65
Esdale, Eric S. & Laurie A.	336.99
Farrell, Robert & Leslie	878.24
Frizzell, Margaret	2,990.29
Fuller, Richard	669.72
Fysh, Robert & Barbara	2,590.42
Gagne, Bruce L.	1,095.23
Geer, Mabel	773.28
Gibson, Diana	1,003.58
Gleeson, Kevin	1,699.10
Gonyer, Mildred	928.74
Green, Richard	443.31
Guyer, Roger H. & Madeleine J.	3,073.38
Hand, Alice	511.85
Haney, Anthony & Mary Ann	500.48

Holbrook, Laurence & Samantha	194.89
Hopps, Harry & Maxine	1,434.81
Johnson, Dorothy & Ernest	901.37
Lehoullier, Roger & Sherry	994.97
Normand, Jeffrey J.	3,856.75
Plain Road Realty, LLC	1,107.27
Poland, Mark & Georgette	423.25
Quay, Natalee	182.79
Riff, Shane M. & Wanda L.	1,921.89
Ritchea, Jeremy D. & Stephanie	194.14
Rogers, Murray Jr. & Rebecca	1,941.38
Rogers, Shane & Michelle	869.00
Rolfe, Robert	797.03
Smith, Dianne	1,251.49
Snihurowych, Bohdan	1,561.33
Spurrell, Roger Jr. & Cindy	1,214.16
Steady, George Gordon	1,216.53
Swallow, Jamie C. & Cindy L.	281.44
Tierney, David & Veronica	302.89
Tippitt, Robert G. & Virginia G.	1,109.27
Vinyard, Don	1,528.47
Wentworth, Barry & Linda	569.68
<b>Total Uncollected Taxes-2004</b>	<b>\$65,954.39</b>

# REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

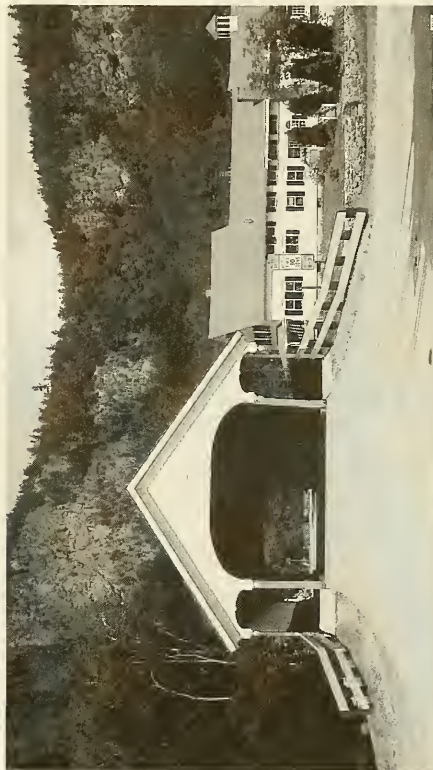
## Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date of Creation	Name of Trust	PRINCIPAL		INCOME					Grand Total End Year
		Balance Beginning of Year	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	
12/12/1965	Albert Emery	200.00	0.00	200.00	230.62	4.68	0.00	235.30	435.30
1/12/1955	Seth Cole	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,312.69	22.72	0.00	1,335.41	2,335.41
3/22/1921	Charles Emery	46.13	0.00	46.13	13.80	0.00	0.00	13.80	59.93
8/10/1959	Maude Sanderson	200.00	0.00	200.00	127.66	3.77	0.00	131.43	331.43
4/19/1978	Louis Pike	200.00	0.00	200.00	555.69	6.68	0.00	562.37	762.37
2/23/1949	Lois A. Fiske	100.00	0.00	100.00	144.12	1.87	0.00	145.99	245.99
5/18/1921	George M. Smith	100.00	0.00	100.00	53.76	1.16	0.00	54.92	154.92
9/17/1946	Stella A. Lunn Cole	200.00	0.00	200.00	138.71	3.85	0.00	142.56	342.56
3/17/1934	Solomon D. Cole	50.00	0.00	50.00	17.25	0.00	0.00	17.25	67.25
5/22/1943	Katherine Holmes	200.00	0.00	200.00	337.59	5.13	0.00	342.72	542.72
5/22/1943	Eldon Cole	300.00	0.00	300.00	169.61	4.96	0.00	174.57	474.57
2/14/1959	Sara M. Kammerling	1,054.50	0.00	1,054.50	961.36	20.16	0.00	981.52	2,036.02
12/11/1953	Maude S. Kammerling	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	991.28	19.77	0.00	1,011.05	2,011.05
10/10/1966	Eldora A. Pike	250.00	0.00	250.00	170.21	4.68	0.00	174.89	424.89
10/10/1966	Kate L. Osgood	250.00	0.00	250.00	211.41	4.89	0.00	216.30	466.30
12/19/1963	Amos & Jennie Emery	100.00	0.00	100.00	241.38	3.85	0.00	245.23	345.23
6/19/1971	Alfred L. Smith	250.00	0.00	250.00	184.65	4.68	0.00	189.33	439.33
11/17/1971	Riley S. Lunn	200.00	0.00	200	141.60	3.85	0.00	145.45	345.45

9/9/1964	Sereno P. Farwell	100.00	0.00	100	45.16	1.02	0.00	46.18	146.18
8/22/1983	Manetti Montgomery	500.00	0.00	500	407.82	9.46	0.00	417.28	917.28
12/23/1987	Robert & Ruby Rolfe	320.25	0.00	320.25	179.56	5.11	0.00	184.67	504.92
Totals		\$6,620.88	\$0.00	\$6,620.88	\$6,635.93	\$132.29	\$0.00	\$6,768.22	\$13,389.10

*Donald J. Croteau*

Donald J. Croteau  
Trustee of Trust Funds



# REPORT OF CAPITAL RESERVES

Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust	Where Invested	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year
9/12/1995	Bridge Account	Maintenance	NHPDIP	25,325.49	3,254.28		28,579.77
9/12/1995	Dump Account	Future Outlay	NHPDIP	1,452.52	115.05		1,567.57
9/12/1995	Revaluation Account	Revaluation	NHPDIP	381.83	4.20		386.03
12/11/1996	Backhoe Account	New Backhoe	NHPDIP	2,781.45	3,031.15		5,812.60
12/11/1996	Compactor Account	New Compactor	NHPDIP	7,395.67	1,074.33		8,470.00
12/18/1996	Trust Discount Fund	Discount	NHPDIP	6,462.89	1,065.20		7,528.09
12/18/1996	Town Truck Fund	New Truck	NHPDIP	47,056.64	10,477.91		57,534.55
12/18/1996	Fire Dept. Equipment	Equipment	NHPDIP	965.07	8,020.35		8,985.42
12/18/1996	Fire Dept. Building	New Building	NHPDIP	4,705.62	146.53		4,852.15
12/26/2003	Fire Dept. Expendable	Insured Motorists	NHPDIP	100.00	5,971.19	4,192.50	1,878.69
12/3/2004	Paris Road Crossing	New Lights	NHPDIP	0.00	28,035.83		28,035.83
11/12/2002	Education Handicapped	Handicapped	NHPDIP	86,324.22	5,877.01		92,201.23
9/5/2002	School Building	Maintenance	Berlin City Bank	5,107.82	25.75		5,133.57
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$188,059.22</b>	<b>\$67,098.78</b>	<b>\$4,192.50</b>	<b>\$250,965.50</b>

*Donald J. Croteau*

Donald J. Croteau  
Trustee of Trust Funds

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen's Office was busy with a number of issues during 2004. The Gibson property project was begun and a significant portion of the exterior of the building was completed. The foundation and cellar floors were repaired, new windows were installed, roof completed, and a new porch was added. The volunteer restoration committee, including Everett and Margaret Frizzell, Madeleine Croteau and William Joyce has done an excellent job trying to restore the building using modern energy efficient materials. Architectural designer, Jessica Belanger and Daniel Riley of Riley Carpentry have done an admiral job with the project. The interior restoration will be completed in 2005.

The water supply for the Town Hall was connected to the water supply at the school with a pipe under Route 110. Last summer the pipe broke and the Board decided to drill a well for the Town Hall rather than dig a trench through the school yard and across the state highway. A pipe was also installed and connected to the Gibson property which will now provide a new water supply to that building as well.

The State of New Hampshire requires that a total revaluation of property be completed every 5 years. To avoid raising a substantial sum of money all in one year we have opted to reval 20% of the town yearly for the next 5 years. All properties will be revaluated by the end of 2009. The 20% will be randomly selected through the software program currently installed in the appraisal computer. The cost for this way of revaluating will be \$ 13,700 per year and an additional \$ 5,000 when necessary to do a statistical update based on property sales for a particular year. During this process we will still be able to keep the town value updated.

The certification process that was to occur in 2004 has not as of yet been completed. Financial and time restraints have not been available to thoroughly complete this process. The certification process should be completed in 2005.

The river behind the school has a serious erosion problem that will need to be addressed as soon as possible. The river has eroded the bank on Northside Road severely and we are in hopes of obtaining a grant for

engineering and permitting costs. This problem will need to be corrected soon to avoid further erosion and damage of the Northside Road.

Our town employees continue to do outstanding work making our jobs much easier. Their continued dedication to our town makes living here much easier and pleasant. We would like to thank all the volunteers who have donated their time and services in 2004.

Respectfully Submitted

James Eich

James Eich, Chairman

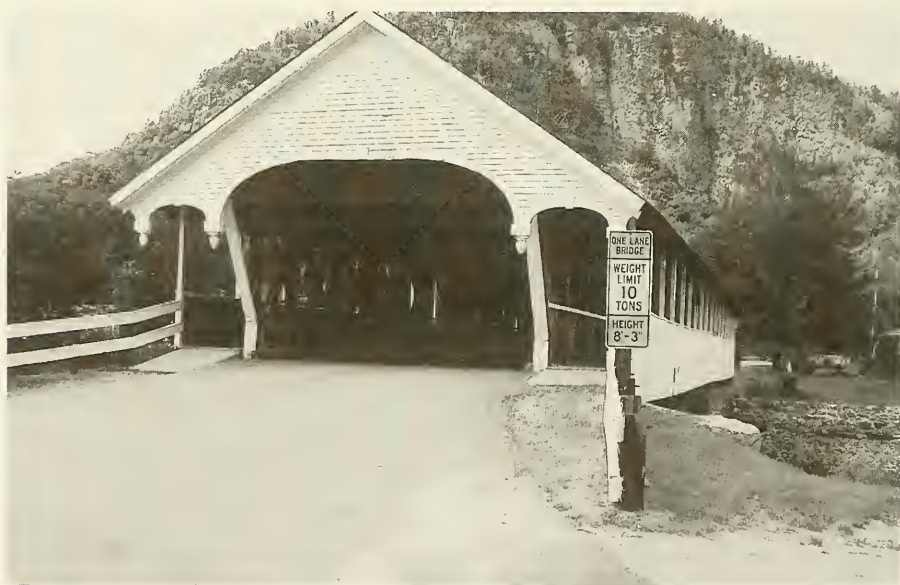
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Board of Selectmen



## OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

The following Community Profile Report released by the NH Department of Employment Security was released last summer. Here are some of the interesting facts about our town.

### STARK, NH

**Incorporated:** 1795

**Origin:** First granted in 1174, this town was named Percy, in honor of Hugh Smithson, Earl Percy and first Duke of Northumberland. The town retained its name until 1832, when it was renamed Stark in honor of General John Stark, hero of Bunker Hill and the Battle of Bennington. New Hampshire owes its motto, "Live Free or Die," to General Stark. Stark, the first to carry the new thirteen-star American flag into battle, wrote those words in July 1809, in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington.

**Population:** 1790 census showed a population of 48 residents.

The population in Stark has increased, but growth was below the statewide average rate for four of the last five decades. Between 1950-1960, population decreased by 12 percent, and the highest increase came between 1970-1980 with a 37 percent increase. Over fifty years, Stark's population increased by a total of 143 residents, going from 373 in 1950 to 516 residents in 2000. The 2003 Census estimate for Stark was 508 residents, which ranked 213<sup>th</sup> among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density, 2003:** 8.8 persons per square mile of land area. Stark contains 59.2 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

**Villages and Place Names:** Crystal and Percy.

**Demographics:** As of the census of 2000, there are 516 people, 194 households, and 147 families residing in Stark. The racial makeup of the town is 97.48% white, 1.36 Asian, and 0.39 of the population are Hispanic, Latino or other race.

There are 194 households out of which 33% have children under the age of 18 living with them, 61.3% are married couples living together, 6.7 have a

female householder with no spouse present, and 24.2% are non-families. In addition, 7.7% of households have someone living alone who is 65 years of age or older.

The median income for a household in the Town of Stark is \$ 37,946.00 and the median income for a family is \$ 40,089.00. Males have a median income of \$ 35, 833.00 and females have median income of 24,750.00. The per capita income for the town is \$ 17,168.00. 5.1% of the population and 2.5% of families are below the poverty line. Out of the total people living in poverty, 0% is under the age of 18 and 6.2% are 65 or older.

I thank the Board of Selectmen for their leadership skills. It is a pleasure to work with a staff that truly looks out for what is best, for the residents of the Town of Stark.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Susan H. Croteau*

Susan H. Croteau  
Office Manager



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

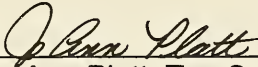
The year 2004 was as uneventful for the tax collection process as last year: no problems, no important legislative changes to the property tax laws, and 95% of the 2004 warrants had been collected as of December 31, 2004. That's wonderful news, but it really does not provide me with much to write about.

The 2004 Tax Collector's Spring Workshop took place in May. The main topic was tax liening and deeding. This is a topic that comes up every year, whether it's on the program or not, because it is so complicated – especially for new Tax Collectors. These annual spring workshops are held a week apart at five locations in the state. This provides an opportunity for Tax Collectors in the same area to get together. The North Country has many small towns and our problems and needs are frequently quite different from those of the larger towns and cities downstate.

Every fall, in either September or October, there is a statewide conference of Tax Collectors. This 2-1/2 day event has programs covering everything from dealing with technical reports to keeping peace in the workplace. Every year I am astounded to hear about the difficulties many Tax Collectors encounter in their dealings with other town employees and the public. It makes me incredibly grateful that everything runs so smoothly in our town office and that I have such pleasant and helpful co-workers. Far too many of the NH Tax Collectors are not as fortunate.

If anyone ever has questions about any tax procedure, please feel free to contact me. It can sometimes be confusing and I'm always happy to try to help clarify any situation.

I'd like to thank the people of Stark for being such a pleasure to deal with. You make my job a joy. Thank you!

  
Jo Ann Platt, Tax Collector

## ROAD AGENT REPORT

Another great year has passed us by. I am in my fifth year as your Road Agent and still loving the job.

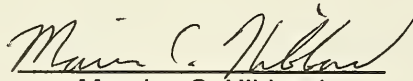
We purchased a new truck with plow equipment this year. The company that is doing the installation of the plow equipment had several trucks ahead of ours and to date of this report, we have not yet received our truck. I am anticipating that we will receive it very soon.

No new paving or construction was done this year, but money will be appropriated in 2005 for plenty of paving and construction of roads. With monies available in 2004, I was able to gravel Northside Road and Croteau Road received long overdue ditching and new culverts. Nash Stream Road, Potter Road and Northside Road were also heavily ditched.

A nice improvement was made to the Emerson Cemetery. All wood was cleaned up and the new section has been seeded.

Along with all the other jobs that needed to be done to maintain the bridges and roads, it was a busy year.

I would like to thank the towns' people for allowing me to serve these four years and I look forward to another one.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Maurice C. Hibbard", written over a horizontal line.

Maurice C. Hibbard  
Road Agent

## TRANSFER STATION REPORT

I often wonder why those who drive in and out down here at a rate of speed that would be considered awakening always hang around the longest, rather suggesting that they may be late for a meeting. And then if having won with their points, leave elated, or having lost exit with a "frummped" ego. Now, the opposite of this coming and going at a low rate of speed, quiet as a gate crasher, with very little time spent suggest the fear they may be nailed for putting something in the wrong place (it does happen from time to time). It is also wonderment how popular a substitute we are for the backyard over the fence gossip. Entertaining in its' own right, but a hindrance to traffic flow. But, then again, back yards are widely spaced up here. Of no wonderment, but stressful to ones' balance, is the 90 decibel radio when you're trying to explain a point to another person. (Those songs by some whaling female with their heart on their sleeve over a lost love are the absolute pits and should be recycled!)

Also, is this "Why Me" category, are those diesels that grab ones' brain and lungs like contact cement. When this near invisible cloud joins up with the cat food cans and milk jugs all on a hot day, you have a cocktail suitable only for zombies, not the whole living. Such is the itch of the "Blue Collar" clan.

Last summer saw the placement of fifteen signs which propose the questions of what is left to mark out. As mentioned in an earlier report, signage is a pet project, but take heart, only 3 (well maybe) more remain on the program. They do reduce the frustration of yelling painfully, usually against the wind-"that goes to the left of the "whatchamacallit" behind the "thingamajig" next to "whatisname" over there. These signs, new bay boards, a new bulletin board for the "Swap Shop" (Don't forget you can use this for your personal notices, if your wish), and a new set of guards for the "open tops" (which were on view for a very short period of time because someone thought they had better use for them), were the main improvements for 2004.

Agendas for any year depend upon the whims of numerous variables at least one of which you never heard of before until it hits smack in the noggin. Serious brush work is again considered and to that end a one way ticket to the South Pole will be punched for the "God of Rain" who has a reputation of being a world traveler in the first place. We shall see. An attempt will also be made to make the interior of the "Swap Shop" larger in defiance of all accepted mathematical equations concerning matter and

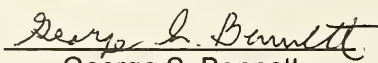
space. This will be a fun one. The S.R.O. approach is rather restrictive. A somewhat "make work" project which has become a pet peeve is the squeak emitting from all our eight doors. A little oil you say, don't count on it. We could, on second thought, have eight guys each working one door and perhaps come up with a hit for the "Hip Hop" world.

With every season there is usually one category of waste that jumps the box; for '04 it was the "open top" with its' mix of building and remodeling debris and bulky plastic items. 71.5 tons and thirteen trips to the land fill costing approximately \$ 6,980 for the year. A nearly 100% increase over 2003. Our compactor represented by almost 6,500 drops gave us a tonnage of 103.5, costing \$ 8,375 with nine trips to the landfill. Delivery of the non-burnable wood products was an additional \$ 900 for a total cost of \$ 16,255 that equates to 175 tons of non recyclable wastes. This does not include the 17 plus tons of wood waste because in our case it is considered a recyclable material. To counter the negative, we collected 19 plus tons of all paper products, 20 plus tons of all plastic, glass, and can containers, and 67 tons of all scrap metal products including the aluminum, etc. Some small items such as fuel tanks and batteries are considered of no value in relation to budget or revenue. In essence this gives us a phenomenal recycling rate of 75 % for 2004. That figure should pop the charts and make Concord blink. The revenue side this year is also the largest ever. Bulky waste fees including tires totaled \$ 908.00; the aluminum pile and related metals totaled \$ 465.00; and the steel and iron totaled \$ 2,200.00. The sum of \$ 3,565.00 is a 260% increase over 2003. May we be so fortunate in 2005.

At days end my appreciation to all those who know how to read and the courage to seek the word. Of Moe for search and rescue; of Sue for the inside word and little pink and green candies; of Donald for energy and common sense; of Barry and the boys for turning brush into open space; and of Jim for his game with Mother Nature.

Also, a special thank you this year to Helen and Frank for helping me to stay on my feet, especially on those cold days.

The migration of the "White Phantom" is now invading Northern Africa.

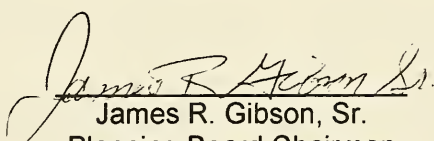
  
George S. Bennett  
Transfer Station Manager

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Another relatively quiet year passed for the planning board. Activity included the renewal of the Robert Kidder gravel pit, opening of the Maynard & Bonnie Knapp gravel pit, and a minor lot line adjustment for Robert & Gretchen Fink from Jeanne Dennehy.

The Board was approached by a property owner about a possible subdivision of a 141 acre lot on Cold Spring Road. Legal and estate issues prolonged the subdivision of this lot in 2004, but plans are in the works for the subdivision in 2005.

The Board currently consists of Jane Hopps, Sue Croteau, James Gibson Jr., William Cowie, Maurice Hibbard, Albert Cloutier, Jr. and myself. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month and we would welcome any new persons interested in serving on the Board.

  
James R. Gibson, Sr.  
Planning Board Chairman



## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year the department was busy with more than 100 calls for trespassing, shots being fired, squealing tires, and problems with neighbors. Neighbor problems usually become civil issues that the department does not handle and they were referred to lawyers for guidance.

We had an "Involuntary Emergency Admission" that has thus far required three trips to Concord for hearings for reasons stated in the above paragraph.

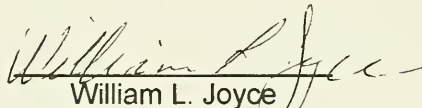
The following cases/calls were handled in 2004; 1- conduct after an accident, 3 -dogs running at large, 2 OHRV's operating on a public way, 37-speeding violations, 2 -solid line violations, 1- following to close violation, 1-operating without a valid license and 2-juvenile cases.

Christine Lake saw a quiet year in 2004, however, Pike Pond yielded three minor in possession complaints and charges.

The department received over 100 gun locks from the Sheriffs Department through "Project Child Safe" and we conducted a gun safety program at Stark Village School. Anyone needing gunlocks may pick them up free of charge at the Town Hall.

Pistol permit applications may be obtained through me or also at the Town Hall; application cost is \$ 10.00 for a 4 year period.

I would like to thank the residents of Stark, Officers Donald Croteau and Bruce Oakes as well as the Selectmen and Sue Croteau for all their help in 2004.

  
William L. Joyce  
Town Constable

## **STARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The fire department had quite a busy year with in town and mutual aid calls. Most in town calls were for single or multiple vehicle accidents as well as tractor trailer, moose and snow machine accidents.

The following is the number of different incidents we responded to:

8- Motor Vehicle Accidents	1-Stove Pipe Fire
1- Burning Debris Fire	1-Skidder Fire
2-Assist Groveton Ambulance	3-Mutual Aid Calls (Milan)
4- Mutual Aid Calls (Groveton)	1-Mutual Aid Call (Stratford Hollow)
1-Plugged Chimney (Maidstone)	1-Plugged Chimney (Lunenburg)

### **GRANTS**

In 2003 we received a trailer mounted generator through a grant from the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management under the Division of Fire Safety and Emergency Management. This year we had the generator temporarily wired to the fire station and the company it was purchased from came to service it and start it for the first time. The electricity was then disconnected and with the generator operating, everything in the station was turned on to test the generator to make certain that it would produce enough power to operate everything. It passed with no problems.

We were also able to purchase four mobile digital radios through the State of New Hampshire Joint Committee for First Responder Interoperability through a Homeland Security Grant. These radios were installed by Ossipee Mountain Electronics Inc. of Moultonborough, NH.

We received a second Homeland Security Grant which was used to purchase a cutters edge ventilation chain saw, oil, grease and a spare chain. This saw will be used to cut a hole in the roof of a burning building, which would in turn act like a chimney to vent the hot gases and heat from the building so firefighters can work in a cooler, safer environment while performing work inside a burning building.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Rick Perry was very successful in raising money to purchase a Rescue Alive Sled. Ricks efforts yielded over \$ 6,600 to purchase the sled along with a water rescue jaws recovery tool, 3 rescue suits, two 300 foot ropes,

two 75 foot ropes, 4 sets of ice awls, 2 helmets, 4 life vests, and 2 personnel floatation jackets. The Stark Volunteer Fire Department members would like to thank Rick for a job well done.

We have also purchased a 1970 Ford rescue van that will eventually replace our support van. More equipment will be able to be stored in the newer van.

Ron Costa of Jefferson painted murals, design work and lettering on Engine 2 and designed and installed the sign on the fire station, which really compliments the building.

## **TRAINING**

At the Groveton Trailblazers Clubhouse we attended training on snow machine rescues and on use and operation of Groveton's new snow machine and rescue sled. This training was put on by Fish and Game and Groveton Fire Department.

We received training from Dan Meloche from Better Products Company of Rochdale, Massachusetts on the Rescue Sled and equipment. Training consisted of watching videos and presentations on how to determine how hypothermic a victim really is. We were also shown different scenarios with different ice conditions using the ice and water rescue sled. Actual hands on training included training at the Transfer Station Pond. The Groveton Fire Department and Ambulance Corp., as well as NH Fish and Game were also present for training.

Training in 2004 also included training on self contained breathing apparatus and the Cascade Air System which is a system of four large air tanks used to recharge the smaller bottles that we carry on our backs into a hazardous environment so we are able to breathe clean air.

One firefighter and 2 members of the Explorer Program from Stark completed a 48 hour First Responder Course put on by the Groveton Ambulance Corp.

## **FUNCTIONS**

The Stark Volunteer Fire Department Association Inc., along with other area residents had 2 breakfasts and a spaghetti supper.

This year the Stark Improvement Fund Committee decided to turn the "Stark Old Time Fiddlers Contest" over to the Stark Volunteer Fire Department Association Inc. It was the wish of the committee to keep it in

town and we were honored to be selected to put on the event. The name was changed to "Stark Fiddlers Contest" and the date was left the same as it always had been, the last Sunday in June. We had a good turn out and some profit was made. The members of the fire department wish to thank the Stark Improvement Fund Committee for allowing us the opportunity to take over the contest. We also wish to thank you for all you have done over the years for the Town of Stark.

Members of the fire department put on a funeral luncheon for friends and family of Mildred Gonyer at the fire station.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped the fire department either through your donations or attendance at any of the functions provided by the department this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Pepau, Jr.  
John Pepau, Jr.  
Firefighter



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

2004 was a bad year for emergency management. None of the expected grant money materialized – mostly because the state had other priorities – so that much we wanted to accomplish was unaffordable. Nonetheless, there was some progress during 2004. And the town received some found money also.

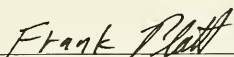
Stark's *All-Hazard Mitigation Plan* was submitted in February after the state had vetted it in 2003. But by the time FEMA reviewed our plan, the rules had changed and it was rejected. We've been at this project over three years, but I do expect approval soon as is now required by federal law. And, fortunately, all of the project time and expenses so far have been at no cost to the town.

Our other required plan, the *Emergency Operations Plan*, was approved by Concord in September as submitted. And this too was done at no cost to the town for over 350 hours of work. Although it appears that I ran over budget, \$1,400 paid to the town in 2003 for this project was not carried over into 2004. In fact, emergency management finished 2004 well under budget.

Stark did receive a disaster assistance grant of \$2,900 as reimbursement for some of our snow removal costs during the heavy snowstorm of December, 2003. Coös County received a presidential emergency declaration, I was alerted by Concord, and we were able to qualify for some unexpected money.

We face many new issues for 2005, including new requirements for incident management and response issued during 2004 as a result of 9/11. We must comply fully or we may risk forfeiting any grant money or assistance from any state or federal agency. However, compliance can benefit us – and should be relatively easy as well. As the rules stand now, everyone involved in incident response or management must be certified by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2005. Certification is done by completing a short, easy FEMA course that can be taken online, downloaded from the Internet, or, I hope, we can teach here in a classroom. This is a good and useful course. Anyone interested can take it.

The likelihood of a major incident affecting Stark is not very high. But there are still events that could happen here and cause considerable injury, damage or hardship. Therefore, it is very much in our best interests for everyone to comply and remain prepared. And I will continue to try to offset our emergency management expenses with grant monies.



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Franklin Platt, Director

TOWN OF  
STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

WARRANT  
&  
BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2005

# TOWN OF STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## TOWN WARRANT

### 2005

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stark, Coos County and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stark Volunteer Fire Department in said Town on the second Tuesday in March, next March 8, 2005 to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. You are hereby warned that on said date and place the polls will be opened at 9:00 in the forenoon and will remain open until 7:00 in the afternoon for the reception of ballots under the Non-Partisan Ballot System.

**ARTICLE # 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (To be voted on by ballot while the polls are open.)

**ARTICLE # 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 153,050 for General Government: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

<b>4130-EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>33,100</b>
Payroll	22,000
Expenses	1,600
Office Expenses	9,500

<b>4140-ELECTION, REGISTRATION</b>	<b>14,300</b>
Payroll	10,000
Annual Report	2,200
Expenses	1,100
Office Expenses	1,000

<b>4150-FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>18,100</b>
Payroll	9,000
Auditors	6,100
Expenses	1,000
Office Expenses	2,000

<b>4152-REVALUATION</b>	<b>17,700</b>
Map Maintenance	800
Partial Revaluation	14,000
Software Support	2,900

<b>4153-LEGAL</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Services	2,000
<b>4155-PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>14,000</b>
With holding/medi/retirement	13,500
Unemployment	500
<b>4191-PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>	<b>500</b>
Miscellaneous	500
<b>4194-GEN.GOV'T. BUILDINGS</b>	<b>13,500</b>
Payroll	1,400
Expenses	300
Fire Code	600
Interior & Exterior	1,000
Maintenance	3,000
Utilities	7,200
<b>4195-CEMETERIES</b>	<b>4,500</b>
Payroll	3,600
Expenses	300
Maintenance	600
<b>4196-INSURANCE</b>	<b>29,200</b>
Health Insurance	15,200
Liability/Bonding	10,000
Worker's Compensation	4,000
<b>4197-ADVERTISING &amp; REGIONAL ASSOC</b>	<b>2,250</b>
Advertising	1,100
North Country Council	500
Northern Gateway	300
Sta-North	350
<b>4199-OTHER GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>3,500</b>
Perambulation	3,500

**ARTICLE # 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 27,825 for Public Safety: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

<b>4210-POLICE</b>	<b>8,250</b>
Payroll	6,500
Expenses	1,000
Office Expenses	750

<b>4215-AMBULANCE</b>	<b>5,200</b>
Services	5,200

<b>4220-FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>13,300</b>
Payroll	1,000
Expenses	300
Fire Calls	4,500
Homeland Security Grants	1,300
Mutual Aid	700
Physicals/Background Checks	2,000
Utilities	3,500

<b>4290-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>500</b>
Expenses	500

<b>4299-OTHER SAFETY</b>	<b>575</b>
Lancaster Juvenile Diversion Program	275
Safety	300

**ARTICLE # 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 192,250 for Highways and Streets: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

<b>4312-HIGHWAYS</b>	<b>192,250</b>
Payroll	36,500
Chloride	3,800
Cold Patch	1,600
Expenses	250
Grading	4,500
Maintenance	13,000
Mowing	3,600
Reconstruction	109,000
Sand & Salt	14,000
Signs	1,000
Town Garage Addition	1,500
Utilities	3,500

**ARTICLE # 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 73,800 for Sanitation: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

<b>4324-SOLID WASTE</b>	<b>44,600</b>
Payroll	13,000
District Costs	26,000
Expenses	400
Maintenance	4,000
Utilities	1,200

<b>4325-SOLID WASTE CLEAN UP</b>	<b>29,200</b>
Bond/Loan Fees	22,100
Fence Line-Percy Landfill	1,000
Monitoring	6,100

**ARTICLE # 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 4,575 for Health: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

<b>4415-HEALTH AGENCIES</b>	<b>2,400</b>
Health Officer	75
Upper Connecticut Valley Mental Hlth.	125
Weeks Home Health	2,200

<b>4419-OTHER HEALTH</b>	<b>2,175</b>
American Red Cross	225
Community Action Program	800
Groveton High School Chem Free	450
Meals on Wheels	700

**ARTICLE # 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,200 for Direct Assistance: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

<b>4442-WELFARE</b>	<b>2,200</b>
Direct Assistance	2,200

**ARTICLE # 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,500 for Culture and Recreation: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

<b>4550-LIBRARY</b>	<b>500</b>
Library	500

<b>4583-PATRIOTIC</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Patriotic	1,500
Groveton Community Christmas	500

**ARTICLE # 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 34,185 for Debt Services: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

<b>4711-PRINCIPAL LONG TERM BONDS</b>	<b>25,000</b>
Bridge Bond	10,000
Fire Department Bond	15,000

<b>4721-INTEREST LONG TERM BONDS</b>	<b>9,185</b>
Bridge Bond	1,425
Fire Department Bond	7,760

<b>4723-INTEREST ON T.A.N.</b>	<b>4,500</b>
Tax Anticipation Note	4,500

**ARTICLE # 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 19,200 for Interfund Operating Transfers Out: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

<b>4915-CAPITAL RESERVES</b>	<b>18,200</b>
Backhoe	3,000
Bridge	3,000
Compactor	1,000
Dump Closure	100
Fire Department Building	100
Fire Department Equipment	6,000
Truck	5,000

<b>4916-TRANSFERS TO TRUST</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Discount	1,000

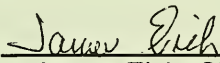
**ARTICLE # 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 73,000 for the interior rehabilitation of the Stark Parsonage

(formerly the Gibson Property) located at 1197 Stark Highway. Said funds to come from a donation from John Kauffmann, and to further authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend monies donated by John Kauffmann. The purpose of this article is to rehabilitate the property for historical and /or town purposes. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

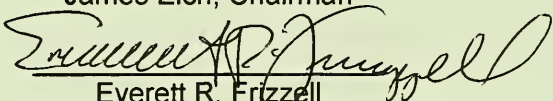
**ARTICLE # 12:** To see if the Town will vote to give a 5% discount on property taxes if paid within 14 days after tax bills have been presented.

**ARTICLE # 13:** To transact any and all other business that may lawfully come before this meeting:

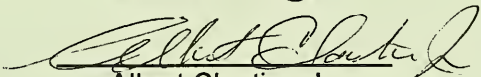
**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**



James Eich, Chairman



Everett R. Frizzell



Albert Cloutier, Jr.

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: STARK

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

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

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) FEBRUARY 9, 2005.

## GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

JAMES EICH, CHAIRMAN

EVERETT R. FRIZZELL

ALBERT CLOUTIER, JR.

*James Eich*  
*Everett R. Frizzell*  
*Albert Cloutier, Jr.*

**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION  
 MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU  
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
 (603)271-3397

Budget - Town/City of STARK FY 2005

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	2	32,100	29,669	33,100	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	2	17,300	13,168	14,300	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	14,500	14,746	18,100	
4152	Revaluation of Property	2	7,000	7,642	17,700	
4153	Legal Expense	2	2,000	50	2,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	2	13,200	9,672	14,000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	2	500	546	500	
4194	General Government Buildings	2	13,500	12,174	13,500	
4195	Cemeteries	2	4,500	4,366	4,500	
4196	Insurance	2	27,500	25,335	29,200	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2	2,250	1,518	2,250	
4199	Other General Government	2	100	0	3,500	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	3	8,250	8,255	8,250	
4215-4219	Ambulance	3	4,000	3,612	5,200	
4220-4229	Fire	3	15,800	12,689	13,300	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management	3	500	1,843	500	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	3	575	393	575	
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration					
4312	Highways & Streets	4	145,570	144,639	192,250	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting					
4319	Other					
<b>SANITATION</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration					
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	5	40,600	44,565	44,600	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	5	100	0	29,200	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

Budget - Town/City of STARK FY 2005

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration					
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	6	4,575	4,560	4,575	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	7	2,200	789	2,200	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation					
4550-4559	Library	8	500	500	500	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	8	1,500	1,067	2,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	9	25,000	25,000	25,000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	9	10,400	10,423	9,185	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	9	4,500	0	4,500	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

Budget - Town/City of STARK FY 2005

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CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	34,200	34,200	18,200	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917	10	1,000	1,000	1,000	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Agency Funds					
SUBTOTAL 1			433,900	412,421	513,685	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

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

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

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	PARIS RD. RR XING	11	14,000	14,000	0	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

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

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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	STARK PARSONAGE	11	129,700	93,747	73,000	
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>TAXES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		7,000	5,529	5,500
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes				
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		10,000	26,492	16,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		2,500	1,035	2,500
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		250	269	250
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		70,000	78,896	80,000
3230	Building Permits				
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		1,000	1,428	1,400
3311-3319	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		5,000	6,963	5,000
<b>FROM STATE</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		4,000	5,596	5,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		14,000	17,514	15,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		40,000	44,966	40,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		25,000	32,148	30,000
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		6,000	4,324	4,000
3379	<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>				
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		1,000	791	1,000
3409	Other Charges				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		500	0	1,000
3502	Interest on Investments		2,000	3,157	3,000
3503-3509	Other		169,700	218,935	73,000

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		50,000	1,300	50,000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>					

**\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	433,900	513,685
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	14,000	0
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	129,700	73,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	577,600	586,685
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	407,950	332,650
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	169,650	254,035

## REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE

It is an honor to be starting my 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> year as one of your public servants here in District One.

The Executive Council is your effective point of contact at the top of your Executive Branch of state government. The Council acts much like a board of directors for the administration of public law and public budget as passed by the NH House and Senate. The Council also accepts grant money from federal programs for administration to community-based organizations.

As we look into the next two years, I urge citizens to become involved through their regional planning commissions in bringing forth concerns and ideas for transportation projects. It is my opinion that not many new projects will be done, due to lack of sufficient funds. We will be lucky to maintain what we have and build what is in the current ten-year transportation plan.

District Health Councils are in full gear whereby local health concerns can be articulated directly to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. This is the largest agency in our state government.

With a new administration headed by Governor John Lynch there will be many board and commissions looking for volunteers. If you are interested in finding out what is available please visit the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index) or call my office.

My office is always available to assist in questions for relief, assistance and information. Also available and free is the NH Constitution, state map and brochure on the Executive Council. Please contact me any time. It is a pleasure to serve you and your region.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Raymond S. Burton  
Executive Councilor  
District One  
747-3662  
[ray.burton4@gte.net](mailto:ray.burton4@gte.net)

# WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE SERVICES

Weeks Medical Center-Home Health and Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Stark and greatly appreciates your continued support and confidence. Town funding is critically important and is used to assist families and individuals who are unable to pay for Home Health and Hospice Services and to support care where funding does not cover direct costs.

Our Home Health and Hospice Services continue to provide Stark residents with a wide range of services. Weeks Home Health and Hospice provides continuity of health care from the hospital to patients' homes. Services include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapies; certified home health aides; homemakers; medical social services; intravenous therapies and care to the terminally ill.

Our Medicare Certified Hospice program continues to provide excellent palliative care to the terminally ill. Weeks Hospice is a special kind of holistic care...focusing on the emotional and spiritual needs of the family, as well as the physical needs of the patient at the end of life. No one is refused care based on an inability to pay. Over the last year, 20 hospice patients received care, support and love from our nurses, aides and volunteers. To celebrate their memory, a luminary service was held and many residents from area towns were in attendance.

## Regional and Town Services-A Summary

	Skilled Nursing	Rehab Services	Home Health Aide	Home- makers	Visits & Units
Regional services provided by WMC - Home Health	7002	1250	7135	23278	38665
Services to the Town of Stark	295	27	234	2140	2696

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence

Gail Tattan-Giampaolo  
Executive Director  
Home Health, Hospice & Community Outreach

# **UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH & VERSHIRE CENTER**

## **2004 Fact Sheet**

### **UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH**

Upper Connecticut Valley Mental Health & Development Services has provided the people of northern New Hampshire and bordering communities in Vermont with quality services for over 30 years. We provide mental health emergency services 24 hours a day, counseling, evaluations, drug and alcohol treatment, consultation, education, medication evaluations and treatment, community outreach, and prevention services. We also provide supportive housing services to individuals with disabilities, enabling them to live as independently as possible in their local community. The services we provide are confidential.

As a private non-profit agency, we are dependent on fees for services, grants and appropriations from the communities we serve. Insurance plans cover most of our services. It is our policy not to let an inability to pay prevent someone from obtaining the services they require. Sliding fee arrangements are available. As a result, our collection rate is only about 50%.

### **VERSHIRE CENTER**

Vershire Center has provided vocational and social training as well as support to individuals with a variety of disabilities for more than 30 years. Over 60 individuals from the local geographic area benefit from our services. Over 50 community employers across our service area work closely with the Center to provide meaningful paid and volunteer work, as well as social opportunities to the individuals we serve.

The individuals we serve reside in Errol, Northumberland, Pittsburg, bordering Vermont communities, and all points in-between. Hundreds of miles of transportation services are required each day.

**TOWN DONATIONS  
VERSHIRE CENTER AND UCVMH COMBINED**

The amount received from the Town of Stark in 2001: \$ 125.00  
The amount received from the Town of Stark in 2002: \$ 125.00  
The amount received from the Town of Stark in 2003: \$ 125.00  
The amount received from the Town of Stark in 2004: \$ 125.00  
The amount requested from the Town of Stark in 2005: \$ 125.00

We deeply appreciate the ongoing support that we have received from the citizens of Stark. Your appropriations help insure the continued availability of quality services to the residents of your community who experience mental health difficulties and/ or developmental impairments.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charlie Cotton, LICSW  
Area Director  
237-4955

## NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

This has been another busy year at the council. As we began our 31<sup>st</sup> year as a Planning Commission, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

Over the past year we have expanded our capabilities based in response to our communities needs. We have added additional capacity in grant writing and grant administration by the addition of an assistant planner and we continue to expand the capabilities of the staff by encouraging all of them to continue their education and training. Three of our planners recently received their ACIP certification. We continue to work in the areas of community planning, solid waste management, forest planning, resource planning, transportation planning, and others. If you would like to see our complete annual report you can go to [www.ncccouncil.org](http://www.ncccouncil.org) or you can request a hard copy from North Country Council. I hope you will take the time to look it over and give us some feedback as to where you think the Council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

In the coming year we will intend to continue to improve our capabilities and services in our core areas and have taken on some projects that will continue these goals. We have been awarded a "Brownfield's Assessment" grant from EPA which we began working on late in 2004. This grant will inventory and assess petroleum contamination sites throughout the region which will allow communities in which these sites are located to understand costs of mitigating the contamination and potentially procure funding for them. We completed the regional housing needs assessment update at the end of 2004 and in the coming year will continue to work on updating our regional plan. 2005 will be another busy year.

I would like to thank you for all your support for the Council and hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community needs. If there is a project of need in your town, please call. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael King, Executive Director

## ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT REPORT

The AVRDD 2004 Budget apportionment for our member municipalities totaled \$ 893,375. A surplus of \$ 340,870.23 from the 2003 budget was used to reduce apportionments with a net budget of \$ 522,504.77 being billed to the member municipalities. The proportionate share of the credit for the Town of Stark was \$ 2,782.41, reducing your gross apportionment of \$ 12,577.24 to \$ 9,794.83. Preliminary reconciliation of the 2004 budget shows a surplus of approximately \$ 440,000 being available to credit toward 2005 apportionments.

Our Materials Recycling Facility marketed a total of 2,097.61 tons of recyclables for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, representing \$ 116,588.11 of marketing income to the District. In addition to the marketing revenue derived from the recyclables, there is also an avoided cost of disposal at the landfill. Our avoided cost for 2004 totals \$140,539.87.

For calendar year 2004, our Transfer Station received 3,255 deliveries from District residents for a total of 922.42 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris. In addition, our 159 commercial accounts delivered 1,065.96 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris and 286.40 tons of wood. Recycling at the Transfer Station consisted of 1,316.01 tons of wood that was processed through a grinder, 593.91 tons of scrap metal and 395.44 tons of brush which was chipped with the District owned chipper. In addition, 297 refrigerators/air conditioners; 438 propane tanks; 5,322 tires; 13,743 feet of fluorescent bulbs and 1,032 HID bulbs were received. Transfer Station income from all sources totaled \$84,068.80. The Recycling Center and Transfer Station are operated, under contract with the District, by FERCO Recycling, Inc. of Berlin.

Election of officers was held at the District Annual Meeting in April 2004: Raymond Chagnon of Berlin was re-elected District Chairman; Clara Grover of Errol was re-elected Vice Chairman and Earl Wadsworth of Dummer was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Other District Representatives are: Yves Zornio of Gorham, David Tomlinson of Randolph, Linda Cushman of Jefferson, Paul Grenier for the Coos County

Unincorporated Towns, Lorna Aldrich of Northumberland, George Bennett of Stark and Richard Lamontagne of Milan.

In June, the District conducted its thirteenth annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The collection was held at the District Transfer Station with 433 households participating. The project was funded through the District Household Hazardous Waste Fund, with an assessment of fifty cents (\$.50) per capita to the District communities. In addition, a grant from the State of New Hampshire reimbursed the District at nineteen cents (\$.19) per capita. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held Saturday, June 4, 2005 at the District Transfer Station.

2004 marked the second year of operations for the AVRRDD-Mt. Carberry Landfill. The landfill, operated under contract with the District by Cianbro Corp., had a very successful year. No assessment was made to the District municipalities for Mt. Carberry operations, with income raised through landfill tipping fees covering operating expenses. Any landfill funds remaining at the end of the year will be held in reserve, by the district, to pay for Mt. Carberry operating and capital expenses.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon E. Gauthier  
Executive Director

## **NORTHERN GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce serves thirteen towns in the area to include: Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Groveton, Northumberland, Randolph, Stark, Stratford, Twin Mountain, and Whitefield in NH, and Gilman, Guildhall, and Lunenburg in Vt. We have 130 member organizations in this area and are still growing.

Your chamber's goal is to support the economic development of the area and the businesses in the area. We do this by promoting the regional economy and all it has to offer to businesses, residents, and visitors. Specifically we promote the area and our member businesses with:

- A website that draws an average of 5,300 hits per month.  
[www.northerngatewaychamber.org](http://www.northerngatewaychamber.org)
- Publication of the Gateway to the Great North Woods magazine, a 32-page publication designed to draw tourists to our area. We print and distribute 50,000 "Gateways" to welcome centers, hotels, dining, and recreational establishments. We also post the magazine to our website, for thousands more to view and print.
- An ad in New Hampshire's primary tourist magazine distributed by the state's department of tourism.
- A window box display in the Lincoln Welcome Center ( a heavily visited center in the White Mountains)
- A new Chamber Gift Certificate Program designed to keep local dollars coming to our local member businesses. Banks in our service area sell the certificates for \$ 10 each and they are honored at a number of businesses.
- An annual Small Business Expo that draws over 200 people a year to see what's new with the local businesses and to attend free informational workshops

In addition, we continue to increase our numbers as businesses discover the value of the exclusive benefits that come with membership including bulk mailing; scholarship opportunities from the College of Lifelong Learning; a bi-monthly newsletter containing business news, marketing tips, and other information affecting our businesses; brochure inserts;

sponsorships; free business listings; free use of the chamber's mailing list; and other benefits.

All of this is accomplished with a paid part-time Executive Director and an all volunteer board consisting of Pam Remick (President), Karie Davis Bennett (Secretary), Joyce McGee (Treasurer), Gloria Brisson, Cindy Campbell Normandeau, David Fuller, Jerry Hite, Scott Howe, Barbara Peaslee-Smith, Sally Pratt, and Cindy Robert.

The chamber derives its financial support from membership dues, fundraising activities, and town appropriations. Continued support through these resources ensures that we are able to market and therefore grow our local businesses and our local economy. As always, we thank the local businesses and residents for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Annie Bartlett, Executive Director  
On behalf of the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department of DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at [www.nhdfi.org](http://www.nhdfi.org).

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe.

**CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED**

Arson	15
Campfire	41
Children	12
Smoking	19
Debris	201
Railroad	1
Merrimack	104
Equipment	5
Misc.*	163

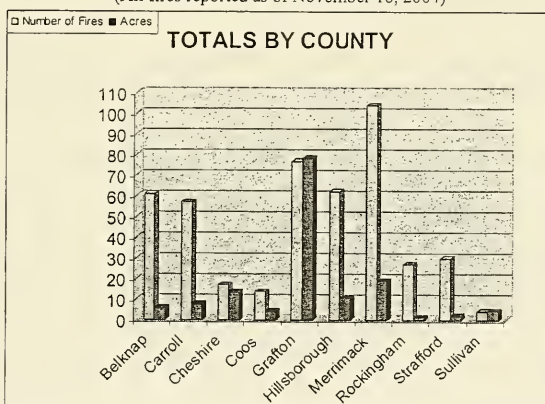
(\*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc)

**TOTAL FIRES****TOTAL ACRES**

2004	462	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428

**2004 FIRE STATISTICS**

(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



## DOG LICENSE LAWS

Every owner or keeper of a dog three months old or over shall annually, on or before April 30<sup>th</sup>, cause it to be licensed. (RSA 466:1).

Proof of rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian must be present before a dog license will be issued.

Every dog must wear its license tag. (RSA 466:13).

A \$ 25.00 penalty will be assessed to the dog owner for failure to license any dog. (RSA 466:13).

License Fees: (RSA 466:4)

\$ 20.00-Group License for up to 10 dogs.

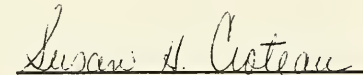
\$ 6.50- Spayed or neutered

\$ 9.00- Male or female

\$ 2.00- Owners over age 65 (one dog only)

The Town of Stark has an enforced leash law, which states that no dog shall run at large unless the owner accompanies it. (RSA 466:30a).


It is a State law that all cats 3 months of age and over be vaccinated against rabies.

  
Susan H. Croteau  
Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE  
TOWN OF STARK, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2004**

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name of Groom and Bride</u>	<u>Residence At Time Of Marriage</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
1/9/2004	Shane T. Cloutier Tia A. Keddy	Stark, NH Lancaster, NH	Chichester, NH
02/14/04	Jarrad C. Jewell Kelly J. Baker	Stark, NH Stark, NH	Colebrook, NH
02/21/04	Normand A. Rousseau Paula K. Branch	Stark, NH Stark, NH	Stark, NH
08/21/04	Dennis J. Boivin Jr. Danielle N. Wing	Stark, NH Stark, NH	Stark, NH
10/02/04	Shawn W. Wallace Tracy A. Sargent	Stark, NH Stark, NH	Lancaster, NH
10/16/2004	Colin K. Wentworth Carrie L. Bouchard	Stark, NH Stark, NH	Berlin, NH

I certify that the above information is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Susan H. Croteau, Town Clerk

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STARK, NH

For The Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date of <u>Death</u>	Name of <u>Deceased</u>	Father's <u>Name</u>	Mother's <u>Maiden Name</u>	Place of <u>Death</u>
01/05/04	Joseph Richards	Amedee Richards	Marida Pelogain	Lancaster, NH
03/11/04	Mildred Gonyer	Arthur Parks	Bertha Rogers	Lancaster, NH
04/23/04	Patricia Hanson	Stanley Morton	Roberta Tatro	Lancaster, NH

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STARK, NH

For The Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date of <u>Birth</u>	Name of <u>Child</u>	Father's <u>Name</u>	Mother's <u>Name</u>	Place of <u>Birth</u>
08/21/04	Emily Joanne Auger	Aaron Auger	Tanisha Shannon	Lancaster, NH
09/01/04	Michael John Ball	Matthew Ball	Lindsay Rexford	Lancaster, NH
11/24/04	Katherine Chandler Bushey	Thomas Bushey	Heather Bushey	Lancaster, NH

I certify that the above information is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Susan H. Croteau  
Susan H. Croteau, Town Clerk

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF  
STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2004**

# ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

## School District of Stark

### Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

#### Organization/Administration 2004-2005

<u>School Board</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Cindy Boivin, Chairperson	2007
Jane Hopps, Assistant Chair	2005
Michelle Randall	2006

#### Superintendent of Schools

Sherwood W. Fluery – Tel. 636-1437  
 Carl Ramsdell, Business Manager  
 Frederick Bailey, Administrative/Curriculum Coordinator  
 Carol Frizzell, Curriculum & Grants Coordinator  
 Robert Butson, Foreign Language Grant Coordinator  
 Kim McDade, Transportation Coordinator & Payroll  
 Carolyn Foss-Monson, Secretary  
 Carrie Irving, Accounts Payable

#### Stark Village School

Charles Witters, Jr. – Teaching Principal/Student Services Coordinator  
 Janice Oakes – Part-time Secretary  
 Kelly Jewell (Baker) – Special Education & Kindergarten  
 Sharyl Graham – Grades 1 & 2  
 Nancy Spaulding – Grades 3 & 4  
 James Eich – Computer Tech. Aide  
 Jennifer Chauvette, Paraprofessional  
 Judith Fortier, Cafeteria  
 Bradley Ball, Custodian  
 Cheryl Cloutier – Part-time Art  
 Tabitha Paquette, Part-time Music  
 Dorothy Meunier, RN – Part-time Nurse  
 Mary Eliason – Part-time Guidance Counselor  
 Mandy Roberge (Parent) – Part-time Speech Pathologist

<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Moderator</u>
Susan Croteau	Susan Croteau	William Joyce

**SCHOOL WARRANT**  
**State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stark, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Stark Fire Station in said District on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be opened at said place and date from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the reception of your ballots under the non-partisan ballot system. Polls will not close before 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

1. To choose by non-partisan ballot the following District officers for the ensuing year: a District clerk, a District treasurer, a District moderator; and one member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Given under our hands at Stark this 1st day of February, 2005.

Cindy Boivin

Cindy Boivin, Chairperson

SCHOOL  
BOARD

Jane Hopps

Jane Hopps, Asst. Chair

Michelle M Randall

Michelle Randall

A True Copy of Warrant – Attest:

Cindy Boivin

Cindy Boivin, Chairperson

Jane Hopps

Jane Hopps, Asst. Chair

SCHOOL  
BOARD

Michelle M Randall

Michelle Randall

## SCHOOL WARRANT STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stark, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Stark Fire Station in said District on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The matters of appropriations and such other business properly coming before said meeting will be taken up for your consideration and action.

1. To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and any vote relating thereto.

2. To set the salaries of school district officials:

School Board Members	3 @ \$850.00 each	\$2,550.00
Treasurer		600.00
Board Secretary	\$50.00 per meeting	600.00
Clerk		55.00
Moderator		55.00
Police		55.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	3 @ \$25.00 each	75.00
Ballot Clerks	2 @ \$40.00 each	80.00

(Recommended by the School Board)

3. To see if the District will vote to accept the provisions of the Federal and State School Lunch Program and to appropriate Six Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$6,300.00) as may be available to the District under said program. Further, to see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for such funds and to expend the same for such programs. This article is included in Warrant Article #5. (Recommended by the School Board)

4. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, to receive and expend in the name of the District such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for the educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State, Federal, or other governmental unit or from private sources which become

available during the fiscal year. (Recommended by the School Board).

5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,033,320.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. This article includes Warrant Article #3 but not any other warrant articles. (Recommended by the School Board)
6. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate *up to* Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1. (Recommended by the School Board)
7. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Stark this 1st day of February, 2005.

Cindy Boivin

Cindy Boivin, Chairperson

SCHOOL  
BOARD

Jane Hopps

Jane Hopps, Asst. Chairperson

Michelle M. Randall

Michelle Randall

A True Copy of Warrant – Attest:

Cindy Boivin

Cindy Boivin, Chairperson

Jane Hopps

Jane Hopps, Asst. Chairperson

Michelle M. Randall

Michelle Randall

SCHOOL  
BOARD

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET**

Year Ending June 30, 2004

	GENERAL	FOOD SERVICE	ALL OTHER	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST FUNDS
<b>ASSETS</b>					
CASH	42,480.31				96,733.93
INVESTMENTS					
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE					
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE	32,328.58	2,354.30	17,361.99		
INTERGOV'T RECEIVABLE					
OTHER RECEIVABLES	14,944.00	321.03	32,007.55		
BOND PROCEEDS RECEIVABLE					
INVENTORIES					
PREPAID EXPENSES					
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS					
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$89,752.89</b>	<b>\$2,675.33</b>	<b>\$49,369.54</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$96,733.93</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>					
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>					
INTERFUND PAYABLES	19,716.29	321.03	32,007.55		
INTERGOV'T PAYABLES					
OTHER PAYABLES	30,739.82	2,354.30	17,361.99		
CONTRACTS PAYABLE					
LOAN & INTEREST PAYABLE					
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	342.52				
DEFERRED REVENUES	6,112.13				
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES					
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$56,910.76</b>	<b>\$2,675.33</b>	<b>\$49,369.54</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY:</b>					
RESERVE FOR INVENTORIES					
RESERVE FOR PREPAID EXPENSES					
RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES					
RESERVE FOR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS					96,733.93
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	32,842.13				
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>32,842.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>96,733.93</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$89,752.89</b>	<b>\$2,675.33</b>	<b>\$49,369.54</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$96,733.93</b>

# STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

	SALARIES	BENEFITS	PURCHASED	SUPPLIES	PROPERTY	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>INSTRUCTION:</b>							
REGULAR PROGRAMS	136,714.50	51,017.60	361,964.93	7,759.92			557,456.95
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	21,832.17	5,286.17	47,385.28	628.21			75,131.83
VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS							0.00
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS				117.96		189.75	307.71
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES:</b>							
STUDENT			12,468.83	453.54			12,922.37
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF	3,738.17	285.94	3,699.48	402.23			8,125.82
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	3,695.00	328.59	68,753.93			1,884.32	74,661.84
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	48,022.00	14,949.00	639.48	381.77		736.74	64,728.99
OPERATION/MAINTENANCE	9,130.26	756.37	19,235.01	13,753.75			42,875.39
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	10,486.50	1,655.85	16,300.21	2,229.63			30,672.19
<b>OTHER OUTLAYS:</b>							
FACILITIES ACQUISITION & CONST.							0.00
DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL							0.00
DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST							0.00
<b>FUND TRANSFERS:</b>							
TRANSFER TO TRUST FUNDS						5,000.00	5,000.00
TRANSFER TO FOOD SERVICE						19,970.78	19,970.78
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$233,618.60</b>	<b>\$74,278.52</b>	<b>\$530,447.15</b>	<b>\$25,727.01</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$27,781.59</b>	<b>\$891,853.87</b>

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES**  
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004

DESCRIPTION	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	FOOD SERVICE	TRUST FUND
<b>LOCAL REVENUE:</b>				
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	342,084.00			
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	89.15			617.62
OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	873.63			
FOOD SERVICE SALES			3,937.60	
<b>TOTAL LOCAL</b>	<b>\$343,046.78</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,937.60</b>	<b>\$617.62</b>
<b>STATE REVENUE:</b>				
ADEQUACY AID (GRANT)	407,369.00			
ADEQUACY AID (STATE TAX)	118,063.00			
CHILD NUTRITION			205.06	
CATASTROPHIC AID				
<b>TOTAL STATE</b>	<b>\$525,432.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$205.06</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>FEDERAL REVENUE:</b>				
CHILD NUTRITION			5,968.52	
MEDICAID DISTRIBUTIONS	1,222.20			
DISABILITIES PROGRAMS	14,944.00			
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS		117,548.14		
FEDERAL FOREST LAND	5,601.23			
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>	<b>\$21,767.43</b>	<b>\$117,548.14</b>	<b>\$5,968.52</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND	0.00	0.00	19,970.78	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$890,246.21</b>	<b>\$117,548.14</b>	<b>\$30,081.96</b>	<b>\$5,617.62</b>

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

	<u>2002/2003</u>	<u>2003/2004</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	115,315.23	103,436.01
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Individuals with Disabilities Act (94-142):	13,764.00	14,944.00
Medicaid Funds:	1,955.20	1,222.20
Adequacy Allocation:	53,307.00	51,867.00
Total Revenues:	<u>69,026.20</u>	<u>68,033.20</u>
<b>NET SPECIAL EDUCATION COST:</b>	<b>\$46,289.03</b>	<b>\$35,402.81</b>

# STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL

## VENDOR HISTORY

2003-2004

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
AANNH	35.00
ACADEMIC BOOK SERVICES	22.50
AL'S PLUMBING & HEATING	1,279.64
AMERIGAS	553.99
ARTS ALLIANCE OF NORTHERN	1,500.00
BAILLARGEON, DORIS	337.84
BARCLAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES	170.27
BERLIN WATER WORKS	80.00
BOSTON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE	253.50
BOYNTON, JAY C.	45.00
BRIAN KINGSLEY PAINTING	7,200.00
BROADVIEW NP ACQUISITION	444.97
CALEDONIAN RECORD	440.39
CENTRAL RESTAURANT PRODUCTS	924.91
CHAUVETTE, JENNIFER	2,540.21
CITY CREEK PRESS, INC.	107.83
CLARKEIES MARKET	5,709.13
COLLEGE FOR LIFELONG	1,182.00
COLOR WORKS, INC	1,247.06
CRABTREE PUBLISHING CO.	242.97
CROTEAU, DENNIS	204.00
CROTEAU, DONALD	440.00
CROTEAU, SUSAN H.	876.40
D&D COMPUTERS	2,043.48
DELL ACCOUNT	1,100.00
DELTA EDUCATION	36.80
DEMCO	405.47
DESKTEK GROUP INC, THE	4,175.00
DOUBLETREE COLUMBIA RIVER	441.54
E & S RENTAL & SALES INC	105.90
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER	841.50
ELIASON, MARY	57.30
EMERSON & SON	346.46
FAIRGROUNDS/REA ACCOUNT 3294	200.00
FEDEX	15.78
FIRST STUDENT, INC.	16,013.71

**STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL  
VENDOR HISTORY  
2003-2004**

<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
FORTIER, JUDITH	433.80
GENESIS CHILDREN CENTER	900.00
GOPHER SPORTS EQUIPMENT	234.19
GORHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT	162.50
GRAHAM, SHARYL	2,436.17
GREAT EVENTS	185.14
GREETINGS JEWELERS	92.42
GROVETON PHARMACY	83.43
GSBS, LLC	143.63
HARCOURT EDUCATION	32.38
HOLBROOK, SAMANTHA	1,407.90
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY	77.71
HP HOOD LLC	1,646.23
HUNTER SCHOOL, THE	21,665.63
HUSKY TRAIL PRESS LLC	100.77
INLAND DIVERS, INC.	63.50
INTERSTATE FIRE PROTECTION	92.50
JENSEN LEARNING CORPORATION	900.00
JEWELL, KELLY	1,404.51
JORDAN ASSOCIATES	479.58
KEENAN Ed.D, MELISSA D.H.	36,004.96
KENCO, INC.	2,326.28
KIDS DISCOVER	41.00
KIPP ALARM SERVICE	700.00
LANCASTER FLORAL DESIGN	30.00
LEARNING RESOURCES	561.01
LGC HEALTH TRUST	47,456.85
LYNDONVILLE OFFICE EQUIP	679.98
MAGAZINE CITY.NET	872.36
McCORMACK, KENDALL E.	35.75
MCINTIRE BUSINESS PRODUCT	172.80
MEUNIER, DOROTHY	71.20
MILL MOUNTAIN MASONRY	400.00
MOORE MEDICAL CORP.	47.37
MORNEAU, RENNY E.	476.80
MUNCE'S SUPERIOR, INC.	2,229.63

**STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL  
VENDOR HISTORY  
2003-2004**

<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
MUSEUM OF NH HISTORY	189.75
NASCO	616.62
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	51.97
NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION	17.00
NCIA	10.56
NEWS & SENTINEL	529.39
NH CELEBRATES WELLNESS	250.00
NH DEPT OF ENVIR. SERVICE	207.00
NH LABOR LAW POSTER SERVICE	65.25
NH RETIREMENT SYSTEM	19,907.85
NHASP	575.00
NHSBA	1,829.32
NCES	6,364.00
NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	375,848.66
OAKES, JANICE S.	164.70
ORIENTAL TRADING	97.35
ORIGINAL CRISPY PIZZA OF BOSTON, INC	2,541.11
PAPER DIRECT	51.93
PARENT INSTITUTE, THE	195.00
PARENT, MANDY ANN	469.20
PEARSON EDUCATION, INC.	294.63
PERRAS ACE, INC	120.04
PLODZIK & SANDERSON	2,300.00
PORTER OFFICE MACHINES	1,454.44
PRIMEX	5,278.18
PROACTIVE PARENT COMPANY	1,682.00
PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF NH	5,151.31
R & J REFRIGERATION & HTG	372.42
R.E.A.L. Lighting & Supply	49.50
RANDALL, MICHELLE	40.00
RANDALL, TEGE	664.33
RESTAURANT NEWS	39.95
REXFORD CONSTRUCTION	225.00
RON'S ELECTRIC	159.85
SALMON PRESS	760.99
SAU #58	64,152.58

**STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL  
VENDOR HISTORY  
2003-2004**

<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
SCHOLASTIC, INC	3,279.07
SCHOOL NURSE SUPPLY INC.	59.69
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	463.15
SCOTT FORESMAN	19,804.11
SIMONS PhD, KATHE	300.00
SMART APPLE MEDIA	1,474.70
SOPRIS WEST EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	825.00
SPAULDING YOUTH CENTER	4,139.98
SPAULDING, NANCY	117.30
STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS	2,033.55
STAPLES	134.94
STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL	1,806.89
STATE OF NH - MV	16.00
STECK-VAUGHN COMPANY	144.62
STILES FUEL CO. INC.	172.10
STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	1,253.24
SUNDANCE PUBLISHING	689.48
SURPLUS DISTRIBUTION SEC	648.17
SYSCO FOOD SERVICE	3,070.37
THE HARTFORD	1,257.29
TIME FOR KIDS	108.22
TREASURER, STATE OF NH	25.00
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND	5,000.00
ULTRAMAR ENERGY, INC.	4,264.05
UNIV. OF OREGON/IDEA-EDUC. ANNEX	19.00
VAC SHOP	42.00
VERIZON	1,433.51
VERMONT DEPT. OF TAXES	952.87
WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER	2,321.96
WITTERS, CHARLES	612.30
WONDERLAND BOOK STORE	704.40
WORLD OF ROPE JUMPING, INC	595.00
ZANER BLOSER	94.08
ZELIN & MCCORMACK, PLLC	16.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$726,873.45</b>

# **STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPARATIVE BUDGETS**

DESCRIPTION	2004/2005 BUDGET	2005/2006 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFF +/-
<b>REGULAR INSTRUCTION</b>			
SALARIES	143,304.00	150,204.50	6,900.50
SALARY-PARAPROFESSIONALS	6,016.65	3,969.00	-2,047.65
SALARIES-SUBSTITUTES	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	34,238.39	36,358.12	2,119.73
LIFE & DISABILITY	853.48	867.64	14.16
FICA	11,331.24	11,794.29	463.05
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT		270.29	270.29
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT	3,649.22	5,363.31	1,714.09
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	122.07	119.89	-2.18
WORKER'S COMP	947.98	986.71	38.73
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE			0.00
COPIER RENTAL	2,000.00	1,800.00	-200.00
TUITION/PUBLIC-ELEM.	165,434.43	139,712.00	-25,722.43
TUITION/PUBLIC-HIGH SCHOOL	262,994.42	320,383.00	57,388.58
SUPPLIES	6,281.58	5,000.00	-1,281.58
TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	300.00	750.00	450.00
INTERNET FILTER SOFTWARE	100.00		-100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$643,073.46</b>	<b>\$683,078.75</b>	<b>\$40,005.29</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>			
SALARIES	14,600.00	15,200.00	600.00
SALARY-PARAPROFESSIONALS	8,797.60	20,661.00	11,863.40
HEALTH INSURANCE	2,896.50	5,672.00	2,775.50
LIFE & DISABILITY	104.35	112.86	8.51
FICA	1,789.92	2,743.27	953.35
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT		630.67	630.67
TEACHER'S RETIRMET	385.44	562.40	176.96
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	28.80	68.80	40.00
WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE	149.74	237.55	87.81
OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL	27,500.00	20,000.00	-7,500.00
TUITION-PRIVATE	16,000.00		-16,000.00
TRAVEL EXPENSE	300.00	300.00	0.00
SUPPLIES	349.21	275.00	-74.21
SPED SOFTWARE	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$72,901.56</b>	<b>\$66,463.55</b>	<b>-\$6,438.01</b>
<b>CO-CURRICULAR/OTHER INST.</b>			
SUPPLIES	355.91	93.50	-262.41
OTHER PROFESSIONAL-ASSEMBLY	450.00	450.00	0.00
DUES & FEES	575.00	575.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,380.91</b>	<b>\$1,118.50</b>	<b>-\$262.41</b>

# **STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPARATIVE BUDGETS**

DESCRIPTION	2004/2005 BUDGET	2005/2006 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFF +/-
<b><u>GUIDANCE</u></b>			
OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL	13,897.07	14,750.00	852.93
SUPPLIES	434.50	214.50	-220.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,331.57</b>	<b>\$14,964.50</b>	<b>\$632.93</b>
<b><u>HEALTH</u></b>			
OTHER PROF-TECHNICAL	3,308.81	4,000.00	691.19
REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	25.00	25.00	0.00
TRAVEL	125.00	125.00	0.00
SUPPLIES	400.00	300.00	-100.00
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	0.00	50.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,858.81</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$641.19</b>
<b><u>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</u></b>			
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
EXPENSE/TRAVEL	400.00	400.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,400.00</b>	<b>\$5,400.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b><u>EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</u></b>			
CONTRACTED SERVICES		200.00	200.00
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE			0.00
RENTAL			0.00
SUPPLIES	460.00		-460.00
TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS			0.00
SOFTWARE	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$460.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>-\$260.00</b>
<b><u>TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR</u></b>			
TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTION	2,781.00	2,864.00	83.00
FICA	212.75	219.10	6.35
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	8.34	8.59	0.25
WORKER'S COMP	17.80	18.33	0.53
COMPUTER REPAIR & MAINT.	1,000.00	500.00	-500.00
SUPPLIES		200.00	200.00
SOFTWARE		650.00	650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,019.89</b>	<b>\$4,460.02</b>	<b>\$440.13</b>

# **STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPARATIVE BUDGETS**

DESCRIPTION	2004/2005 BUDGET	2005/2006 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFF +/-
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES</b>			
SALARIES	4,070.00	4,070.00	0.00
FICA	311.35	311.00	-0.35
OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL	100.00	100.00	0.00
OTHER PROF LEGAL	800.00	500.00	-300.00
OTHER PROF AUDIT	1,800.00	2,500.00	700.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
POSTAGE/PETTY CASH	500.00	100.00	-400.00
ADVERTISING	1,100.00	2,300.00	1,200.00
PRINTING & BINDING	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
DUES/FEES	1,950.00	2,000.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,631.35</b>	<b>\$14,881.00</b>	<b>\$1,249.65</b>
<b>SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES</b>			
SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	70,005.74	76,039.54	6,033.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,005.74</b>	<b>\$76,039.54</b>	<b>\$6,033.80</b>
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>			
SALARIES	5,000.00	5,150.00	150.00
SALARY-SECRETARY	11,305.00	11,970.00	665.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	1,158.70	1,134.40	-24.30
LIFE & DISABILITY	29.20	29.40	0.20
FICA	1,247.33	1,309.69	62.36
TEACHER RETIREMENT	799.00	1,005.71	206.71
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	26.40	26.40	0.00
WORKER'S COMP	104.35	109.57	5.22
POSTAGE/PETTY CASH	200.00	200.00	0.00
EXPENSE/TRAVEL	300.00	300.00	0.00
SUPPLIES	300.00	300.00	0.00
TEXTBOOKS	150.00		-150.00
EQUIPMENT	200.00	200.00	0.00
DUES/FEES	590.00	600.00	10.00
GRADUATION	200.00	200.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,609.98</b>	<b>\$22,535.17</b>	<b>\$925.19</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION</b>			
SALARY	3,250.00	3,317.50	67.50
HEALTH INSURANCE	521.42	510.48	-10.94
LIFE & DISABILITY	13.14	13.23	0.09
FICA	248.63	253.79	5.16
RETIREMENT	59.40	85.75	26.35
UNEPMLOYMENT COMP	4.08	4.08	0.00
WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE	20.80	21.23	0.43
TRAVEL	500.00	500.00	0.00
SUPPLIES	150.00		-150.00
DUES & FEES	89.00		-89.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,856.47</b>	<b>\$4,706.06</b>	<b>-\$150.41</b>

# STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

DESCRIPTION	2004/2005 BUDGET	2005/2006 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFF +/-
<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</b>			
SALARIES	8,734.00	9,131.00	397.00
SALARY - SUMMER MAINTENANCE	2,200.00	2,300.00	100.00
FICA	836.45	874.47	38.02
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	24.00	24.00	0.00
WORKER'S COMP	365.20	381.80	16.60
PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL WATER	550.00	800.00	250.00
GROUNDWORK	500.00	575.00	75.00
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	7,000.00	5,000.00	-2,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	250.00	350.00	100.00
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	1,500.00	500.00	-1,000.00
PROPERTY INSURANCE	3,400.00	3,500.00	100.00
TELEPHONE	1,875.00	1,600.00	-275.00
INTERNET SERVICE	600.00		-600.00
SUPPLIES	5,500.00	4,000.00	-1,500.00
ELECTRICITY	5,000.00	5,300.00	300.00
BOTTLED GAS	1,030.00	1,000.00	-30.00
FUEL OIL	3,000.00	4,800.00	1,800.00
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	0.00		0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,364.65</b>	<b>\$40,136.27</b>	<b>-\$2,228.38</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>			
SALARIES	9,720.00	10,080.00	360.00
FICA	820.08	847.62	27.54
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	24.00	24.00	0.00
WORKER'S COMP	659.28	681.42	22.14
SALARY-FIELD TRIPS	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT-ELEM.	10,748.00	11,081.00	333.00
TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT-H.S..	6,046.00	6,508.00	462.00
MEALS	120.00	120.00	0.00
PHYSICALS/DRUG SCREENING ELEM.	150.00	202.00	52.00
PHYSICALS/DRUG SCREENING H.S.	75.00	118.00	43.00
GAS/DIESEL ELEM	2,100.00	3,150.00	1,050.00
GAS/DIESEL H.S.	1,200.00	1,850.00	650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,662.36</b>	<b>\$35,662.04</b>	<b>\$2,999.68</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$930,556.75</b>	<b>\$974,145.40</b>	<b>\$43,588.65</b>

# **STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPARATIVE BUDGETS**

DESCRIPTION	2004/2005 BUDGET	2005/2006 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFF +/-
<b>SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM</b>			
SALARIES - CAFETERIA	13,489.00	16,121.00	2,632.00
FICA/ CAFETERIA	1,031.91	1,233.26	201.35
RETIREMENT-EMPLOYEE	795.81	1,097.84	302.03
WORKER'S COMP	450.53	538.44	87.91
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	24.00	24.00	0.00
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
EXPENSE/TRAVEL	500.00	500.00	0.00
SUPPLIES/CAFETERIA	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
FOOD-CAFETERIA	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
REPLACEMENT EQUIP.-CAFETERIA	1,000.00		-1,000.00
DUES/FEEES	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,891.25</b>	<b>\$37,114.54</b>	<b>\$2,223.29</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL &amp; FOOD SERVICE</b>	<b>\$965,448.00</b>	<b>\$1,011,259.94</b>	<b>\$45,811.94</b>
<b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b>			
CAPITAL RESERVE 1			0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE 2	0.00		0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$965,448.00</b>	<b>\$1,011,259.94</b>	<b>\$45,811.94</b>
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
TITLE I	2,476.00	2,200.00	-276.00
TITLE II	11,034.00	138.00	-10,896.00
TITLE IV	1,304.00	213.00	-1,091.00
TITLE V	1,221.00	918.00	-303.00
IDEA		14,100.00	
REAP	9,695.00	3,972.00	-5,723.00
OTHER		519.00	
READING EXCELLENCE			0.00
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$25,730.00</b>	<b>\$22,060.00</b>	<b>-\$18,289.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$991,178.00</b>	<b>\$1,033,319.94</b>	<b>\$27,522.94</b>

# STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTIMATED REVENUES / ASSESSMENT

SOURCE	(MS-24) CURRENT	ESTIMATED
	2004-2005	2005-2006
<b>LOCAL REVENUES</b>		
Earnings on Investments	500.00	500.00
School Food Service Sales	4,000.00	4,000.00
Other Local Revenue		
<b>STATE REVENUES</b>		
Child Nutrition	500.00	300.00
Catastrophic Aid		
<b>FEDERAL REVENUES</b>		
Child Nutrition	9,500.00	6,000.00
Medicaid	2,000.00	1,500.00
Other Federal Sources (94-142)	14,954.00	14,100.00
Federal Forest Reserve	<u>6,112.00</u>	<u>6,112.00</u>
<b>LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>37,566.00</b>	<b>32,512.00</b>
<b>FEDERAL PROGRAM GRANTS</b>	<b>25,730.00</b>	<b>22,060.00</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Placed into Capital Reserve	0.00	5,000.00
Unreserved to Reduce Taxes	<u>32,842.00</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE BEFORE GRANT</b>	<b>96,138.00</b>	<b>89,572.00</b>
<b>ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT</b>	301,874.00	304,079.00
<b>DISTRICT ASSESSMENT</b>		
State Education Tax	88,829.00	98,311.00
Local Education tax	<u>504,337.00</u>	<u>546,358.00</u>
<b>TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>593,166.00</b>	<b>644,669.00</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION VOTED</b>	<u><b>\$991,178.00</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,038,320.00</b></u>

# **STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY**

	<b>CURR. YR. BUDGET 04-05</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET 05-06</b>
GEN. ED.	930,557.00	974,145.00
FOOD SERVICE	34,891.00	37,115.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>965,448.00</b>	<b>1,011,260.00</b>
<b>FED. FUNDS</b>		
TITLE I	2,476.00	2,200.00
TITLE II	11,034.00	138.00
TITLE IV	1,304.00	213.00
TITLE V	1,221.00	918.00
IDEA		14,100.00
REAP	9,695.00	3,972.00
OTHER		519.00
<b>TOTAL FED. FUNDS</b>	<b>25,730.00</b>	<b>22,060.00</b>
CAPITAL RES. 1		
CAPITAL RES. 2	0.00	0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$991,178.00</b>	<b>\$1,033,320.00</b>

# Stark Tax Rate

## School Portion Only

	2004/2005	2005/2006	Diff +/-
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Appropriations Voted:			
General Fund	930,556.75	974,145.00	
Capital Reserve		5,000.00	
Lunch Program	34,891.25	37,115.00	
Federal Funds	25,730.00	22,060.00	
Total Appropriation:	\$991,178.00	\$1,038,320.00	\$47,142.00
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Surplus placed into Capital Reserve		5,000.00	
Minus money left from last year's budget	32,842.00	30,000.00	
Federal Revenues	58,296.00	49,772.00	
General Revenues	5,000.00	4,800.00	
Total Revenues:	\$96,138.00	\$89,572.00	
Equals amount before grant	\$895,040.00	\$948,748.00	\$53,708.00
Minus State Education Grant	\$301,874.00	\$304,079.00	
Amount to be raised by taxes	\$593,166.00	\$644,669.00	
State School Property Tax (raised locally) (state = \$5.80)	\$88,829.00	\$98,311.00	
Local School Property Tax	\$504,337.00	\$546,358.00	\$42,021.00
Total Actual & Estimated Local School Tax Rate	12.14	13.15	1.01
State School Property Tax Rate (\$5.80)	3.32	3.68	0.35
<b>Total State &amp; Local School Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$15.46</b>	<b>\$16.83</b>	<b>\$1.37</b>

\* Based upon \$41,546,680 net assessed valuation and \$26,729,780 net assessment - utilities



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board  
Stark School District  
Stark, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Stark School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Stark School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

Management has chosen not to implement Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. Therefore, these financial statements are presented following the principles that were in effect prior to GASB Statement No. 34. Management has not presented government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities and business-type activities. The financial statements presented do not contain separate statements for governmental, proprietary, if applicable, and fiduciary fund types, nor are major and non-major funds, separately identified and classified. The financial statements presented report expendable trust funds which should be reported as special revenue funds under the new reporting model. Also, the financial statements do not contain any information on capital assets because the government has not maintained historical cost records of such assets. Management has not presented a management's discussion and analysis as required. The amounts that would be reported in the missing statements and required supplementary information, and the effects of reclassifying and properly reporting the information presented are not reasonably determined.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matters discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Stark School District as of June 30, 2004, or the changes in its financial position or its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Stark School District basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. For reasons stated in the third paragraph of this report, we expressed an opinion that the financial statements of the Stark School District do not fairly present financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, if applicable, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Therefore, we do not express an opinion on the accompanying combining and individual fund statements and schedules.

January 5, 2005

*Plodzik & Sanderson*  
*Professional Association*

## **STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY**

The parents, teachers, administrators and school board of the Stark Village School are committed to the belief that all students have a right to an excellent education.

It is accepted that learning is a lifelong process; related to all cultural factors; concrete and abstract; a result of experiences and interactions within one's environment; an experience which develops motor, cognitive, and effective skills; a right and a responsibility which children must accept; a process of self-fulfillment; and a process enhanced by competent instructors.

Therefore, the Stark Village School and the entire community seek to provide:

- ◆ Curriculum that offer opportunities to students and staff to acquire a broad awareness of themselves as part of a local, regional, and world community
- ◆ Comprehensive education that prepares all students to function well in a technological society
- ◆ Quality facilities, materials, and resources
- ◆ Competent and certified teachers and administration
- ◆ Conscientious support personnel
- ◆ Comprehensive services including guidance, healthy foods, and safe transportation
- ◆ Proper financial support for programs, staff, and facilities

# **STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 2004-2005**

I am pleased to submit my third annual school report. I want to thank the School Board for their hard work and support this past year.

The SAU # 58 School Board, comprised of Northumberland, Stark, and Stratford established goals for the upcoming year. These goal areas have provided the focus and the direction for the use of our limited resources and time.

## **SAU #58 GOALS:**

1. Funding – State/local  
To continue to lobby for an adequate funding formula that will address our financial needs  
Aggressively pursue additional sources of revenue such as grants
2. Enrollment – Stratford, Stark, Groveton  
To continue to monitor enrollment trends and how it will impact the future of the schools
3. Test scores – maintain and improve  
To work hard to monitor and evaluate test scores in order to maintain accountability and successful programs
4. Technology Coordination – need SAU Plan  
To improve upon technology coordination SAU wide
5. Non-Sped + Sped (lower 10% of student population) need to have options for success – plan  
To develop an action plan that will address the lower 10% of the student population
6. Attracting quality staff – maintenance of current staff  
To continue to work hard to support and help our current staff to be successful and to actively pursue highly qualified candidates to replace staff who leave  
To help teachers pursue certification in job  
To help non-certified staff pursue certification and become highly qualified

7. Curriculum alignment – to State Frameworks/Grade Level Expectations

To work closely with the staff and administration in setting up staff development and in-service opportunities for the staff to align their curriculums to the Framework, and at the same time try to use technology to support this effort

8. Teacher evaluation procedures need to be reviewed

The Administrative Team will be reviewing the current evaluation procedures and developing an action plan that will address concerns

9. Alternative Ed/Charter School – needs to be successful

To continue to work with the North Country schools in supporting this new adventure. The Superintendent of Schools will serve on the Trustee Committee and meet monthly to monitor and help in this process.

10. Teacher collaboration – system-wide

Staff and the administration will work together to develop a SAU Staff Development Plan that will address the above goals and to use technology to communicate SAU wide, particularly in the areas of curriculum framing and the world language program.

**STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL GOALS:**

1. To work towards building a unified community spirit for ensuring the future of the Stark Village School
2. To attempt to maintain and improve our State/local/Title I Funding
3. To maintain and improve test scores, AYP, NCLB
4. To improve communication between school and town
5. To improve, utilize, and maintain technology capabilities

We have been active this past year in addressing the reduction in state school adequacy aid distribution to the School District. This changing state financial formula has created problems in our budget process and in local taxation demands. This will be one of the top issues our legislature will deal with this upcoming year. We have joined the Coalition for an Adequate School Funding Formula and have been in regular contact with our local legislators to address this important issue.

I am pleased with the many successes that our schools and students have achieved this past year. Some of these areas include: running the school effectively with a teaching Principal, our continued success on the state mandated testing, SAU wide collaboration, improved curriculum frameworks, the increased use of technology for instruction, the addition of elementary World Language, the addition of a regional alternative education program, the ability to attract highly qualified teachers and our ability to retain our quality staff members. These successes are directly related to the hard work and dedication of our teachers, support staff, local administrators, and SAU #58 staff. I want to thank Principal Chuck Witters for his hard work and leadership this past year. I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to Carl Ramsdell, SAU #58 Business Administrator, for his dedication and outstanding service to our district over the past four years. Carl will be retiring at the end of this school year. He will be greatly missed.

I would like to thank everyone for his or her support over these past three years. I feel fortunate that I have been able to return to the North Country and work with the fine people in SAU #58 and its communities. I am looking forward to next year and the challenges it will bring.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherwood W. Fluery

Acting Superintendent, SAU # 58

**SAU #58**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR'S**  
**REPORT FOR 2004-2005**

This past year has been very busy and rewarding for SAU 58. We continue to work diligently to attain the goals established for our schools and districts. Steady progress has been made in staff development, curriculum alignment, and hiring quality educators.

One of the top goals of SAU 58 is the improvement of instruction. Four early release days and three full days have been scheduled into the school calendar to provide in-service training for our teachers. This training focused on helping teachers better organize, schedule and deliver the content in their curriculums. Staff members could use these staff development hours toward state re-certification.

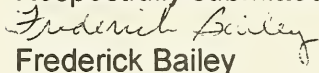
Along with improving instruction, we are also revising and updating our curriculums to make sure that each curriculum area is aligned with the NH Frameworks and that instructional content is taught at the appropriate grade level. By aligning our curriculums with the NH Frameworks, we are increasing the likelihood that students in SAU 58 will perform well on the state tests and that each of our schools will meet adequate yearly progress as defined by the state.

SAU 58 is working hard to meet the federal requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. This act calls for improved student achievement and the development of challenging academic standards and requires that there be a "highly qualified teacher" in every classroom by June 2006. Although the vast majority of our teachers meet the H.Q.T. standard, a few do not. We will help these individuals become highly qualified teachers, but because the process can be difficult and time consuming, some educators may decide to retire early or leave the profession.

In addition to meeting the criteria for being "highly qualified", teachers must also be certified by the state of New Hampshire. Due to the nation-wide shortage of certified teachers, especially in mathematics, foreign language, science, music, technology, and special education, it is becoming increasingly difficult to fill staff vacancies with certified teachers. SAU 58 has had to hire non-certified people in order to fill classroom vacancies. Once hired, non-certified educators are required to develop an alternative plan that will lead to state certification. This process is a long and rigorous one, but again, SAU 58 will provide the support to help educators attain NH certification.

The communities of Northumberland, Stark and Stratford can be proud of their schools and the progress that is being made to attain individual goals and those of the SAU. Thanks to the dedication and efforts of school board members, school administrators, professional and support staffs, and the leadership of the Superintendent, SAU 58 continues to meet the challenges of preparing its students for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Frederick Bailey

**SAU #58**  
**CURRICULUM/GRANTS COORDINATOR'S REPORT**  
**2004-2005**

As I approach the end of my second year in this position, I am once again pleased that exciting and challenging initiatives are in progress. As state and federal mandates change, our small districts are striving to provide a quality education for all of our students.

Our major staff development activity this year has centered on curriculum mapping. During this school year, we have stepped the process up by using a tool called CurriculumMapper. This is a web-based mapping system designed for teacher use; it is easy to use and appears sensitive to the time constraints under which teachers operate. This tool also assists us in aligning our curriculum to the state standards. The Mapper is customized for each of our Districts, and New Hampshire's Grade Level Expectations and Frameworks are included. The cost of this tool is being covered by grant money.

Curriculum revision continues SAU-wide with completion of the English/Language Arts Curriculum K-12. A massive document, this curriculum aligns with not only the NH Frameworks but also with the new Grade Level Expectations on which the New England Common Assessment Program is based. Ten teachers serve on the Mathematics Curriculum Committee, and it should be completed by the end of the year. As a result of staff requests, a committee has also been formed to develop a technology curriculum.

Results from last spring's state assessments indicate that all grades and all schools in SAU #58 have achieved AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). In addition, mean scaled scores for every grade level averaged in the basic level or above. Stark's students did well, but since there are so few tested, yearly comparisons are not available. Teaching based on the curriculum frameworks, use of practice tests and questions, and great attitudes and encouragement ensured success.

In October, our students in Grades 3-8 participated in the piloting of the NECAP tests in reading and mathematics; the writing pilot was given in January. Grade 10 will take the final (maybe) version of the NHEIAP in the spring. Next fall the NECAP's will be given to all students in Grades 3-8, and some kind of test will be given to Grade 11. Science will be added to the test in 2007 but there are no plans to test in social studies.

The SAU has received over \$850,000 in grant money for this year. This includes not only the federal entitlement money and the foreign language grant but also some individual grants written by teachers and other staff members.

Having now worked with the staffs and administrators of each school for a year, I am even more certain that the students in SAU #58 are participating in relevant and challenging activities provided by dedicated and creative teachers; they are learning skills that will prepare them for the complex world in which we live.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol Frizzell*

Carol Frizzell

## WORLD LANGUAGE GRANT FOR SAU #58

As Project Director for the World Language Grant, I am glad to submit this report to the citizens of the communities that make up SAU #58. The official name for the Grant is entitled "EMPOWERING NEW HAMPSHIRE TEACHERS THROUGH A WORLD LANGUAGE PROJECT". Through the hard work of the SAU staff and Superintendent Fluery, the SAU was awarded the grant in December of 2003. The grant was written for three years with funding of \$174,880 for year one, \$173,557 for year two, and \$173,607 for year three. The budget included personnel, equipment, wiring, connectivity and staff development.

The grant's goal is to develop a foreign language model that is research based, scientifically proven and cost effective. By using the talents of local world language teachers and outside specialists, combined with the cooperation and help of classroom teachers, a sequential Spanish program will exist for grades 1-12. With the use of distance learning equipment, under the guidance and mentoring of Al Borsodi, students from Groveton High School are presenting lessons for students in Stark. We have also been connected to Dartmouth College's Rassias Foundation for student and staff presentations. We are hoping to connect with a school that has the equipment and Spanish speaking students.

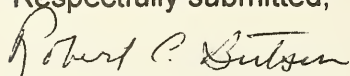
The SAU #58 elementary teachers have had staff development sessions with Sandy Hoffman, Sharon Atkinson and The Rassias Foundation. Many staff have had training with the video-conferencing equipment presented by Al Borsodi and Bruce Pelletier. In Stratford new staff member Kelly McAdam is leading the effort with the help of two high school students. In Stark the equipment is used weekly for Spanish instruction.

The grant has enabled us to upgrade the wiring in Groveton Elementary and High School and in Stark wiring and all connectivity has been upgraded. The grant is also paying for high-speed connectivity for all schools. A technology committee has been formed to look at future issues that will need to be addressed with the additional equipment and capacities. I have been impressed with the

cooperation and hard work of the technology people and administrators on this committee.

In summary I want to thank and congratulate the staff of SAU #58 and the community for the efforts put forth for students. Having been an administrator in many N.H. schools I feel that SAU #58 provides quality and caring that is top notch. Technology is an integrated tool for all staff and foreign language is becoming another way for students to learn about other cultures and improve their learning skills.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert C. Butson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert C. Butson

# **STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **2004 – 2005**

As always, the 2004-2005 school year is continuing to move along at a rapid pace. Our major goal at the Stark Village School is to improve the quality of education through curriculum mapping, as well as curriculum revision and development, while making the educational experience a wholesome and pleasant one for all our students in a safe and caring atmosphere.

#### The 2004-2005 School Year

This year, in addition to being Principal and Student Services Coordinator, I am teaching Grades 5 and 6. It is certainly a pleasure and privilege working with the students, teachers, staff, parents, Superintendent Sherwood Fluery, board members, and the wonderful community members of Stark. Together we continually strive to improve the quality of education and provide a meaningful learning experience for our students. You certainly can be proud of your teachers, school staff, school board, superintendent and support staff. You will not find any better anywhere.

We once again are fortunate to have some very dedicated volunteers who contribute many very appreciated hours to help our school. Judy Fortier is our volunteer librarian; Michelle Randall leads our fund-raising efforts; Bruce and Janice Oakes, landscaping; and Mr. and Mrs. Beauregard help in the kitchen. Thank you all so very much for your continued efforts.

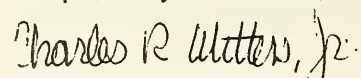
As was mentioned in my report in the 2004 Annual Report, through much hard work by Mr. Fluery, our schools are participating in Distance Learning and a Foreign Language Program. Teachers are also involved in a Curriculum Mapping Program.

This year students participated in a six-week skating program. The school community giving efforts went toward the Humane Society. The school also participated in the Tsunami Relief Funds efforts. We will participate in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart Program and the State's Spelling Bee Contest.

A special thanks goes to the students, parents, friends and community members for help in all the fundraisers.

We are looking forward to an excellent second semester at the Stark Village School. Please come and visit and see for yourself what good things are going on in your school.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles R. Witters, Jr.".

Charles R. Witters, Jr.

Teaching Principal/Student Services Coordinator

**STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL**  
**HEALTH SERVICES**  
**2003 – 2004 Year End Report**

<b>Screenings</b>	32 – Students screened for height and weight 32 – B/P 32 – Students screened for vision 32 – Students screened for hearing 16 – Students screened for scoliosis
<b>Referrals</b>	10 – Vision, hearing, & blood pressure referrals 7 – Scoliosis referrals
<b>Physicals</b>	5 – Pre-grade 7 physicals 3 – Grade 4 physicals
<b>Pediculosis</b>	320 – Head lice checks conducted
<b>Immunizations</b>	12 – Measles, mumps, and rubella – grade 6 2 - Mantoux test for staff
<b>Pre-School registration</b>	– 4
<b>Evaluated for health/injuries</b>	– 19 Evaluated by nurse 5 MD referrals by nurse
First Aid	– 11
Other	- 8

**Programs**

Growing Up series – 5 & 6 grades, AIDS and Wellness K-6  
Springtime Epipen reminders mailed home  
Ski helmet information faxed to Stark for distribution  
Asthma inhaler request – information letter mailed home  
Health update request sent home  
Universal precautions, communicable disease policy reviewed  
Flu vaccine provided to staff x 3

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Meunier, RN

# GRADE PLACEMENT CHART

As of January 25, 2005

<u>Grade</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Total</u>
Kelly Jewell	4							4
Sharyl Graham		6	3					9
Nancy Spaulding				6	2			8
Charles Witters						7	4	11
	4	6	3	6	2	7	4	32

		<u># Students</u>
<b>Junior High School</b>	Grade 7	12
	Grade 8	9
<b>High School</b>	Grade 9	9
	Grade 10	12
	Grade 11	9
	Grade 12	<u>5</u>
		56

## **RIGHTS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**

As the parent or guardian of a child who may require or who is receiving special education and/or related services, you have the following rights:

- You have the right to have access to and examine all records relating to your child's education.
- You have a right to receive prior written notice whenever the local education agency proposes to begin or change the special education referral, evaluation and/or education placement of your child. You also have a right to give your written consent before initial special education placement and before any individual evaluation of your child.
- You have a right to question any matter, decision, or recommendation relating to your child's referral, evaluation or educational placement.
- You have the right to request an independent educational evaluation obtained by the local education agency. If your request is accepted, the evaluation will be conducted by a certified or licensed professional examiner who is independent of the local education agency and will be performed at no cost to you. Should your request be denied, you have a right to appeal this decision as described below.
- If you have any complaints regarding the referral, evaluation or educational placement of your child, you have a right to meet with the School Board. If any agreement is unable to be reached, you have the right to an impartial hearing conducted by a state-appointed due process hearing officer.
- At this hearing, you have the right to be assisted by person(s) with special knowledge or training or by an attorney and the right to present evidence and confront, cross-examine and compel the attendance of witnesses.
- After this hearing you have the right to a written or electronic verbatim recording of such hearing. You have the right to obtain written findings of fact and the decisions of the hearing at no cost.

- If the decision of the impartial hearings at the local level is not acceptable to you, you have the right to appeal this decision to the State Board of Education or Civil Court.
- During any of the hearing or appeal procedures, your child shall remain in the current education program, or if applying for initial admission to the public school, shall be placed in a regular program until all proceedings have been completed, unless you and the school officials agree otherwise.

## **TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972**

### **Public Law 92-318**

Subpart A, Section 86.8 of Title IX requires public notification that the Stark School District does not discriminate in its educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age or handicapping condition under the provisions of Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and the Education of All Handicapped Children Act of 1975. The Stark School District hereby notifies students, parents, employees, and residents that complaints and grievances for noncompliance with any of the provisions of Title IX are to be referred to:

Sherwood W. Fluery  
Title IX Hearing Officer  
SAU #58  
15 Preble Street  
Groveton, NH 03582  
Tel. 603-636-1437

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

### **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Stark School District are hereby notified that the District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

Any person having inquiries regarding the compliance of the Stark School District with the regulations of implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact:

Charles R. Witters, Jr.  
Section 504 Coordinator  
Stark Village School  
1192 Stark Highway  
Stark, NH 03582  
Tel. 603-636-1092

# STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2004

Moderator William Joyce declared meeting open at 3:30 p.m.

A corrected copy of the School Warrant was presented to all persons present. William explained that there was a time issue with the Town and School and that Article # 6 should have been put into the Town Report.

Motion to dispense with reading of entire Warrant made by Jane Hopps. Seconded by Cindy Boivin.

**ARTICLE # 1:** To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and any vote relating thereto.

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 1** made by Cindy Boivin. Seconded by Michelle Randall.

William Joyce requested permission to speak as the Study Committee Chairman. Permission was granted by the School Board. William explained what the Study Committee has done to make things run more smoothly and efficiently at the Stark Village School. William also explained that one teaching position has been eliminated and Charles Witters will now become a teaching principal. The part time secretarial position will become full time. William reported that the Study Committee has come to conclude that the amount of money saved would not be significant enough to close the school at this time.

**ARTICLE # 2:** To set the salaries of school district officials:

School Board Members	3 @ \$ 850.00 each	\$ 2,550.00
Treasurer		600.00
Board Secretary	\$ 50.00 per meeting	600.00
Clerk		55.00
Moderator		55.00
Police		55.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	3 @ \$ 25.00 each	75.00
Ballot Clerks	2 @ \$ 40.00 each	80.00

(Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 2** made by Jane Hopps. Seconded by Cindy Boivin.

**ARTICLE # 2** passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE # 3:** To see if the District will vote to accept the provisions of the Federal and State School Lunch Program and to appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$ 10,000) as may be available to the District under said program. Further, to see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for such funds and to expend the same for such programs. This article is included in Warrant Article # 5.

(Recommended by the School Board).

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 3** made by Michelle Randall. Seconded by Jane Hopps.

**ARTICLE # 3** passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE # 4:** To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, to receive and expend in the name of the District such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for the educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State, Federal, or other governmental unit or from private sources which become available during the fiscal year.

(Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 4** made by Cindy Boivin. Seconded by Michelle Randall.

**ARTICLE # 4** passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE # 5:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Ninety One Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$ 991,178.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. This article includes Warrant Article # 3 but not any other warrant articles.

(Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 5** made by Jane Hopps. Seconded by Cindy Boivin.

**ARTICLE # 5** passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE # 6:** Shall the voters of the Stark School District within School Administrative Unit number 58 Adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meeting?

(Submitted by petition)

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 6** made by James Eich. Seconded by Everett R. Frizzell.

Motion to amend **ARTICLE # 6** to read as follows made by Jane Hopps.  
Seconded by Cindy Boivin.

Shall the voters of the Stark School District within School Administrative Unit number 58 Adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meeting?

(Not recommended by School Board)

**AMENDED ARTICLE # 6** failed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE # 7:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Everett R. Frizzell, Selectperson spoke of tuition costs and the increase in the local tax rate and the impact it will have on property tax in the future.

Sherwood Fluery stated that a Federal Grant will be coming soon that will be used for the purpose of setting up a distance learning program at the Stark Village School.

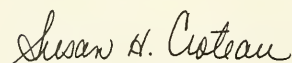
William Joyce complimented the staff and School Board on jobs well done and complimented on the number of Stark students that are currently on the honor roll at Groveton High School.

Michelle Randall thanked the community, teachers and staff for all work done to make Stark Village School such a wonderful place for children.

Motion to adjourn made by Michelle Randall. Seconded by Jane Hopps.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:



Susan H. Croteau  
School Clerk, Stark



