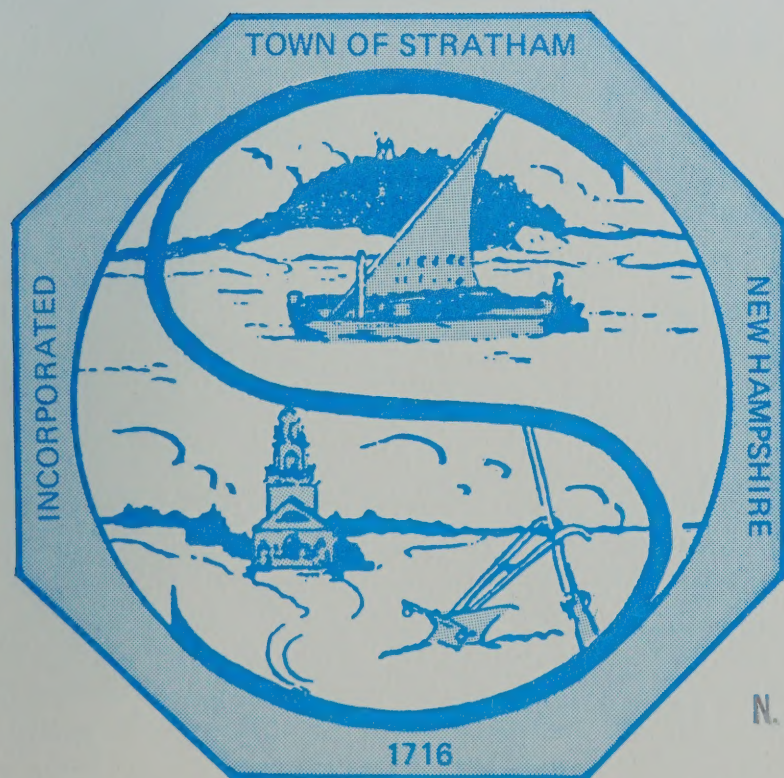


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Stratham

New Hampshire



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Year Ending
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TOWN OFFICERS

W. Douglas Scamman, Moderator

Richard G. Scamman, Chairman

James I. Scamman

John A. Hutton, Jr., Board of Selectmen

George R. Brown, Highway Agent

Kenneth F. Lanzillo, Treasurer

Joyce A. Rowe, Town Clerk-Tax Collector

Nelson E. Barker, Building Inspector

James I. Scamman, Chairman & Selectmen Rep.

Francis Frasier, Sec.

Barbara Krooss

Lee Oliver

Nelson E. Barker, Members Planning Board

Rodney Sanderson, Chairman

Annette Carter, Sec.

Lawrence Dowling

James Stuart

William Robinson, Members Board of Adjustment

Dr. George Fontaine, Health Officer

Barbara Barker

Charlotte Hutton

Patricia Turner, Library Trustees

W. Douglas Scamman, Representative to General Court

Josephine Scamman

Stella Scamman

Robert Hill, Supervisors of Checklist

David L. Gilbert, Chief of Police

Lawrence Dowling, Fire Chief

Donald Schaller, Dog Officer

Dwight F. Crow

Fred Ordway, Jr.

Nelson E. Barker, Trustees of Trust Funds

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING

March 8, 1977

ARTICLE 1.

Results of balloting, an * denotes elected officer.

SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS:

John A. Hutton, Jr.* 261

HIGHWAY AGENT FOR ONE YEAR:

George R. Brown* 249

TWO AUDITORS - ONE YEAR TERM:

Write in votes

Arthur Weeks* 26

Leslie Barker* 15

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS:

Write in votes

Dwight F. Crow, Jr.* 9

LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS:

Patricia Turner* 245

LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR ONE YEAR:

Barbara J. Barker* 269

ARTICLE 2.

Yes 130 No 151*

ARTICLE 3.

yes 229* No 55

ARTICLE 4.

Yes 108 No 171*

ARTICLE 5.

Yes 262* No 27

ARTICLE 6.

Yes 142* No 135

ARTICLE 7.

Yes 228* No 47

ARTICLE 8.

Yes 226* No 51

ARTICLE 9.

Yes 198* No 95

ARTICLE 10.

Yes 259* No 27

ARTICLE 11.

Yes 241* No 44

RESULTS OF SCHOOL BALLOT

SCHOOL BOARD FOR THREE YEARS:

Natalie S. Perry* 258

MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR:

William P. Roberts* 279

TREASURER FOR ONE YEAR:

Barbara Dowling* 281

CLERK FOR ONE YEAR:

Stella Scamman* 271

AUDITOR FOR ONE YEAR:

Write in votes
Bonnie Williams* 14

RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING, MARCH 11, 1977

W. Douglas Scamman, Moderator, opened the meeting at 8 p.m. with the reading of the warrant articles and the results of Tuesday's balloting. A prayer was offered by Rev. Gilman.

ARTICLE 12. Gilbert Stevens made motion to accept budget, James Scamman seconded. The budget was passed at \$226,489.72.

ARTICLE 13. John Hutton moved motion. Dick Scamman seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 14. Don Allen moved motion. Joyce Frasier seconded. William Robinson moved article be tabled. Donald Thurston seconded. No vote. Kenneth Lanzillo spoke for article. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 15. Richard Gallant moved motion. Terry Koerner questioned. Christopher moved to table article. No vote. Vote on article in the negative.

ARTICLE 16. Richard Gallant moved motion. Motion seconded. No vote.

ARTICLE 17. James Scanman moved motion. John Hutton seconded. Hand vote called for. Yes 97 No 65

ARTICLE 18. James Scanman made motion to table article. Richard Scanman seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 19. W. Douglas Scanman, Jr. made motion, John Hutton seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 20. John Hutton moved motion. Richard Scanman seconded. Yes 87 No 67

ARTICLE 21. Richard Scanman moved article, John Hutton seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 22. James Scanman moved motion for \$13,916.26 for the purchase of a grader. John Hutton seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 23. Richard Scanman moved motion. John Hutton seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 24. John Hutton moved motion, Richard Scanman seconded. John Flynn made the following amendment: That no sanitary land-fill will be within 500 feet of any well or residence. Vote in the affirmative. Richard Scanman made motion to amend article to read plan instead of program. Article moved and voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 25. James Scanman moved motion. John Hutton seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 26. Richard Scanman moved motion. John Hutton seconded. Kathi Bradt amended the article to read to sell pine timber and all hardwood to be left standing. Yes vote on the amendment. Vote in the affirmative on the article.

ARTICLE 27. Richard Scanman moved motion. John Hutton seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 28. John Hutton moved motion. James Scanman seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 29. John Hutton moved motion. Richard Scanman seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 30. James Scanman moved motion. John Hutton seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 31. James Scanman moved motion. John Hutton seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 32. James Scanman moved motion. John Hutton seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 33. Richard Scanman moved motion. John Hutton seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 34. Richard Scanman moved motion. John Hutton seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 35. Motion by Dr. Peter Vrees: I move that the Board of Selectmen immediately commence negotiations with the necessary State agencies to work out a better traffic pattern including new road construction, if necessary, to correct the present known dangerous road condition in front of the Kings Hyway Shopping Center area on Route #101. Motion seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Jean Wiggin inquired about the town adopting a lease law.

Francis Frasier introduced the following resolution: I move that the minutes of this meeting reflect the sorrow we all feel over the untimely loss of our good friend and neighbor Clayton Eastman and at the same time let these minutes acknowledge our gratitude to the Lord for letting this kind and decent Yankee gentleman pass this way and spent some time with us, the people of Stratham. Richard Scamman seconded motion. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Nelson Barker made motion that the various organizations in Stratham have a monument in respect to Clayton Eastman. Richard Scamman seconded. Yes vote.

Kenneth FitzGerald entertained motion for lease law for next town meeting. Motion seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03, adjourned by motion of Richard Scamman.

TOWN BUDGET

Town Officers' Salaries.....	\$ 16,130.00
Town Officers' Expenses.....	8,650.00
Election & Registration Expenses.....	800.00
Town Hall & Other Buildings.....	7,000.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security.....	4,400.00
Police Department.....	39,865.00
Fire Department.....	11,000.00
Insurance.....	15,000.00
Planning & Zoning.....	1,150.00
Damages & Legal Expense.....	1,500.00
Health Services.....	3,770.00
Department of Public Works.....	119,620.00

Highway.....	\$ 94,650.00
Dump.....	7,790.00
Cemeteries.....	6,190.00
Park.....	10,990.00

Street Lighting.....	1,500.00
Library.....	13,330.00
Town Road Aid.....	322.00
Recreation.....	500.00
Old Age Assistance.....	3,000.00
Town Poor.....	2,000.00
Memorial Day.....	450.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	100.00
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds.....	8,000.00
Interest-Long Term Notes & Bonds.....	2,000.00
Interest-Temporary Loans.....	<u>2,300.00</u>

TOTAL TOWN BUDGET

\$ 262,387.00

Gilbert Stevens, Chairman
John W. Flynn, Jr.
Paul Smith
Don Allen

Richard G. Scamman
James I. Scamman
John A. Hutton, Jr., Budget Comm.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Lower Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

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

2. Definition of Subdivision, the purpose being to change the definition of "Subdivision" as presently found on page 24, in the present Land Subdivision Control Regulation and insert in place thereof in Section 2, Sub. B, the following:

"Subdivision" means the division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land into two or more lots, plats, sites, or other division of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of sale or of building development. It includes resubdivision and, when appropriate to the context, relates to the process of subdividing or to the land or territory subdivided. The division of a parcel of land held in common and subsequently divided into parts among the several owners shall be deemed a subdivision under this chapter. The proposed change in the definition of subdivision would conform to the present existing definition in the State Statutes (N.H. RSA Chap. 36, 1, VIII.)

3. To consider the following proposed matters which relate to controlling town growth: A. Proposed by the Stratham Planning Board and would be an addition to the Land Subdivision Control Regulations: That from the Town Meeting of March 1978, to the Town Meeting of March 1979 that presently existing subdivisions may have not more than ten (10) new lots approved; subdivision requiring roads may have not more than six (6) new lots approved. land on existing public roads which are presently maintained by the Town or the State may have not more than three (3) new lots approved per record owner as of Town Meeting of March 1978, including any subdivision owners in whole or in part of any parcel and land serviced by a private right of way may have one lot approved and with Planning Board approval up to two (2) lots approved during the above mentioned period of time. The total new lots approved shall not exceed sixty-five (65) during this period of time and may be additionally limited during this period of time if the Planning Board in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen by majority vote of both Boards determine after a public hearing that the number of sixty-five (65) new lots that may be approved should be reduced then such reduced number shall be the only number of new lots permitted to be approved. Under no circumstances shall a developer or owner of land be granted more than ten (10) building permits upon land owned as of Town Meeting 1978 no matter how the property is subdivided or conveyed to anyone else. This provision includes any existing lot or lots already approved prior to the Town Meeting of

1978 no matter how or when they were approved previously. For purposes of this provision there are four presently existing subdivisions and they are "Wingate Woods": (Emanuel), "Stratham Woods" (Wilkins), "Meadowbrook Farm" (McDonnell), and "Pond View Heights" (Stevens). The word subdivision in this provision means the definition of subdivision being proposed for the Town Meeting of March 1978.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING, UPPER TOWN HALL, FRIDAY MARCH 17, 1978 AT 8:00 p.m.

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

5. By petition of Jean Wiggin and 74 other voters for a dog ordinance as posted with warrants. (Copies available to read in town office)

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Agreement (as posted) for the purpose of disposing of the solid waste generated by the cooperating towns and for the recovery of energy in the most economical and efficient manner. The Agreement set forth herein is intended to provide, under State statute, for the joining of towns in a cooperative effort for the disposal of solid waste in a manner that will meet Federal and State requirements.

7. To see if the Town will vote to continue the solid waste disposal committee to make recommendations for a central receiving station at our present dump site, or a house to house pick up and to report at the next annual or special town meeting.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the town's share of the initial first year anticipated cost of this agreement article. (This assumes the above article has been adopted by the Town.)

9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway department to replace the present dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the construction of tennis courts on the Town owned portion of Stratham Hill Park and authorize the withdrawal of Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Six Dollars and Eighty Three Cents (\$9,946.83) for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 with the balance to be raised by taxation.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the Provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act the accrued interest to date and apply same to tennis courts.

12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300.00) for the Towns participation in the expenses of the Exeter Area Youth Group Home.

13. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of three to work with the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board to promote clean industry in Stratham.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for the Seacoast Big Brothers/Big Sisters of N.H.

15. By petition of Martha O'Malley and 22 other voters: To see if the Town will vote to prevent the Selectmen, Highway Agent, Fire Chief, or any other Town official, or individual, from purchasing, accepting as a gift or acquiring by any other method, motorized equipment for the Town unless approved by an annual or special Town Meeting.

16. To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be used by the Fire and Highway Departments for the purchase of new equipment.

17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to secure the purchase of land situated on the corner of Bunker Hill Avenue and Middle Road upon which is presently built the Town Highway Shed, this real estate now owned by Eugene and Jessica Parker, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to secure title to the above property on such terms and conditions as are approved by Town Councse.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollard (\$5,000.00) for adulticiding and lavaciding in the Town for the control of mosquitoes.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred (\$2,800.00) to purchase a mosquito sprayer.

20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

21. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on such property taxes as are paid in full within 10 days from the day the Tax Warrant is committed to the Tax Collector, the date to be printed on the tax bill.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy eight

Richard G. Scamman

James I. Scamman

John A. Hutton, Jr.

Selectmen of Stratham

A true copy of Warrant --- Attest:

Richard G. Scamman

James I. Scamman

John A. Hutton, Jr.

Selectmen of Stratham

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1977

- DR -

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes.....	\$ 774,066.05	
Resident Taxes.....	<u>11,770.00</u>	
Total Warrants.....		\$ 785,836.05

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes.....	1,484.00	
Resident Taxes.....	<u>470.00</u>	1,954.00

<u>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes.....</u>		87.00
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Total Debits.....		\$ 787,877.05
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- CR -

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes.....	\$ 603,606.56	
Resident Taxes.....	10,780.00	
Penalties on Resident Taxes.....	<u>87.00</u>	
		\$ 614,473.56

<u>Discounts Allowed.....</u>		5,807.39
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Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes.....	2,285.80	
Resident Taxes.....	<u>350.00</u>	
		2,635.80

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:
(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes.....	163,850.30	
Resident Taxes.....	<u>1,110.00</u>	

Total Credits.....		\$ 787,877.05
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SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1976

- DR -

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1977:

Property Taxes.....	\$ 91,261.47	
Resident Taxes.....	<u>1,180.00</u>	
		\$ 92,441.47

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes.....	140.00	
		140.00
<u>Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes....</u>	4,465.16	
<u>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes.....</u>	104.00	
Total Debits.....		\$ 97,150.63

- CR -

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year
Ended December 31, 1977:

Property Taxes.....	\$ 91,160.27	
Resident Taxes.....	1,060.00	
Interest Collected During Year.....	4,465.16	
Penalties on Resident Taxes.....	<u>104.00</u>	
		\$ 96,789.43

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes.....	101.20	
Resident Taxes.....	<u>130.00</u>	231.20

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:

Resident Taxes.....	130.00	
		130.00
Total Credits.....		\$ 97,150.63

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

- DR -

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>Previous Years</u>
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - January 1, 1977		\$ 9,013.47	\$ 1,929.30	\$ 27.10
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$ 22,298.39			
(c) Taxes Sold to Other Than Town	106.21			
<u>Interest Collected After Sale</u>	<u>244.18</u>	<u>409.03</u>	<u>419.34</u>	<u>14.29</u>
Total Debits	\$ 22,648.78	\$ 9,422.50	\$ 2,348.64	\$ 41.39

- CR -

Remittances to Treasurer
During Year:

Redemptions	\$ 10,694.80	\$ 4,035.82	\$ 1,858.69	\$ 27.10
Interest & Cost After Sale	244.18	409.03	419.34	14.29
<u>Unredeemed Taxes</u> <u>December 31, 1977</u>	<u>11,709.80</u>	<u>4,977.65</u>	<u>70.61</u>	<u>-----</u>
Total Credits.....	\$ 22,648.78	\$ 9,422.50	\$ 2,348.64	\$ 41.39

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CASH ON HAND, JANUARY 1, 1977

Checking and Payroll Accounts	\$ 16,738.46	
Savings Account	277,759.54	
Revenue Sharing Account	<u>8,851.77</u>	\$ 303,349.77

RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR:

1977 Property Taxes	603,606.56	
1977 Resident Taxes	10,780.00	
Property Taxes for Prev. Yr.	91,160.27	
Resident Taxes for Prev. Yr.	1,060.00	
Interest Rec. on Delinquent Taxes	5,552.00	
Penalties Rec. on Resident Taxes	191.00	
Tax Sale Redeemed	<u>16,616.41</u>	728,966.24

RECEIVED FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

TRA (Town Road Aid)	2,178.66	
Highway Subsidy	7,945.82	
Interest & Dividends Tax	18,764.59	
Savings Bank Tax	3,417.07	
Meals & Room Tax	12,986.50	
Business Profits Tax	<u>15,682.08</u>	60,974.72

RECEIVED FROM LOCAL SOURCES:

Septic System Permits	690.00	
Dog licenses	1,012.75	
Filings Fees	838.00	
Rent of Town Hall	743.00	
Reim. for Cemetery Exec. & Care	2,877.50	
Reim. for Police Services	5,115.00	
Reim. for Highway Dept. Services	485.00	
Motor Vehicle Permits	49,005.00	
Town Hall Pay Phone	151.72	
Reim. from Stratham Fair Assoc.	<u>7,167.21</u>	68,085.18

RECEIVED FROM NON-LOCAL SOURCES:

Loan in Anticipation of Taxes	270,000.00	
Refunds, Dividends & Adjustments	1,673.36	
Trust Funds	4,400.00	
Anti Recession Funds	672.00	

Donation	200.00	
Sale of Town Property	8,015.75	
USA Revenue Sharing, 1977	17,170.00	
Reim. from Board of Adjustment	470.00	
National Bank Stock Tax	<u>3.50</u>	\$ 302,604.61
INTEREST ON REVENUE SHARING - 1977	699.42	
INTEREST ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS - 1977	<u>5,737.55</u>	6,436.97
TOTAL ASSETS & RECEIPTS	1,470,417.49	
PAID ON SELECTMENS' ORDER	<u>1,199,945.59</u>	
CASH ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1977		\$ 270,471.90

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

TOWN OF STRATHAM, N.H.

DECEMBER 31, 1977

MATURITIES

TRA NOTE
1976
4.95%

FIRE STATION
NOTE 1976
4.65%

Original Amt.
\$20,000.00

Original Amt.
\$30,000.00

AMOUNT DUE

\$18,000.00

\$24,000.00

AUDITORS STATEMENT

The books have been audited by Irene Lebel of Portsmouth, N.H. and a final report will follow.

Richard G. Scamman, Chr.
James I. Scamman
John A. Hutton, Jr.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

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

Date: February 1, 1978

Richard G. Scamman

James I. Scamman

John A. Hutton, Jr., Board of Selectmen

Kenneth F. Lanzillo, Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:

In hands of Treasurer	\$ 270,471.90
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Unredeemed Taxes:

(a) Levy of 1976.....	\$ 11,699.76	
(b) Levy of 1975.....	4,977.65	
(c) Levy of 1974.....	<u>70.61</u>	16,748.02

Uncollected Taxes:

(a) Levy of 1977, Includ. Res.	164,960.30	
(b) Levy of 1976, "	<u>130.00</u>	165,090.30

TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$ 452,310.22
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Current Surplus, December 31, 1976	30,735.92
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Current Surplus, December 31, 1977	28,589.07
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Decrease of Surplus	2,146.85
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Unexpended Balances of	
Special Appropriations.....	\$ 5,353.26
Unexpended Balances of	
Bond & Note Funds.....	42,000.00
Unexpended Revenue Sharing	
Funds.....	3,804.83

School Taxes Payable	\$377,381.00	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN		\$ 423,721.15
Total Liabilities		423,721.15
Current Surplus		28,589.07
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 452,310.22

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes: (Collected and remitted to Treas.)

Property Taxes - Current Year - 1977	\$ 603,606.56	
Resident Taxes - Current Year - 1977	10,780.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes - Current Yr. - 1977	3.50	
TOTAL CURRENT YEAR'S TAXES COLLECTED AND REMITTED		614,390.06
Property Taxes - Previous Year		91,160.27
Resident Taxes - Previous Year		1,060.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes		5,552.00
Penalties: Resident Taxes		191.00
Tax sales redeemed		16,616.41

From State:

TRA		2,178.66
Highway Subsidy		7,945.82
Interest and dividends tax		18,764.59
Savings Bank Tax		3,417.07
Meals and Rooms Tax		12,986.50
Business Profits Tax		15,682.08

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses		1,012.75
Business licenses, permits and filing fees		838.00
Town Hall Phone		151.72
Rent of town property		743.00
Interest received on deposits		5,587.40
Income from trust funds		4,400.00
Income from departments		5,600.00
Reim. Stratham Fair Assoc.		7,167.21
Septic System Permits		690.00
Motor Vehicle permits		49,005.00

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes		270,000.00
Board of Adjustment		470.00

Refunds	1,673.36
Gifts	200.00
Grave excavations	2,877.50
Withdrawals from Savings Accounts	335,328.96
Sale of Town Property	8,015.75
Grants from U. S. A.:	
(a) Revenue Sharing	17,170.00
(b) Anti Rec. Funds	<u>672.00</u>
 TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	 \$1,501,547.11
Cash on hand January 1, 1977	<u>14,521.99</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$1,516,069.10

PAYMENTS

General Government:	
Town officers' salaries	14,848.40
Town officers' expenses	5,780.57
Election and registration expenses	275.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	7,536.39
 Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police Department	33,798.82
Fire department, including forest fires	12,518.30
Planning and Zoning	20.50
Insurance	12,396.96
 Health:	
Health department	2,598.00
Town dump	6,939.38
 Highway and Bridges:	
TRA	324.72
Town Maintenance	92,006.35
Street Lighting	1,439.99
 Libraries:	
Library	8,496.73
 Public Welfare:	
Old age assistance	2,496.57
Town poor	1,383.91
 Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day	386.60

Recreation:	
Recreation commission	500.00
Parks and playgrounds	9,005.20
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries	4,279.97
Unclassified:	
Damages and legal expenses	666.50
Article #23	4,188.50
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	75.00
Taxes bought by town	22,298.39
Discounts, Abatements and refunds	138.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	4,609.09
Savings Accounts	57,170.00
Article #28	2,700.00
Debt Service:	
Interest on tax anticipation notes	4,456.13
Interest on long term notes	2,385.00
Principal of Debt:	
Payments on tax anticipation notes	270,000.00
Payment on long term notes	7,675.28
Other Unclassified:	
Article #19 (1976)	793.75
Article #21	3,300.00
Article #27	12,328.75
Article #12 (1976)	2,348.18
Article #17	3,421.77
Article #22	13,916.26
Article #14	380.00
Fair Building	5,685.04
Article #13	1,540.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
Payments to State - Boats	7.50
Payments to State - Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	80.31
Taxes paid to County	38,021.11
Payments to School Districts - 1976	\$337,872.55
1977	244,000.00
	<u>581,872.55</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES	\$1,257,115.59
Cash on hand December 31, 1977	<u>258,953.51</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,516,069.10

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF
STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SECTION 1

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp.Prev. Fiscal Year <u>1977</u>	Actual Expend. Prev. Fisc. Yr. <u>1977</u>	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year <u>1978</u>
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</u>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 14,690.00	\$ 14,848.40	\$ 16,130.00
Town Officers' Expenses	5,000.00	5,780.57	8,650.00
Election & Registration Exp.	200.00	275.00	800.00
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:</u>			
Police Department	34,500.00	33,798.82	39,865.00
Fire Department	12,950.00	12,518.30	11,000.00
Insurance	12,000.00	12,396.96	15,000.00
Planning & Zoning	1,150.00	20.50	1,150.00
Damages & Legal Expense	1,500.00	666.50	1,500.00
<u>HEALTH DEPARTMENT:</u>			
Health Services	3,100.00	2,598.00	3,770.00
Dump	7,000.00	6,939.38	7,790.00
<u>HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:</u>			
Town Maintenance-Summer & Winter	88,500.00	92,006.35	94,650.00
Street Lighting	1,400.00	1,439.99	1,500.00
<u>LIBRARIES:</u>	8,500.00	8,496.73	13,330.00
<u>PUBLIC WELFARE:</u>			
Town Poor	2,000.00	1,383.91	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	2,496.57	3,000.00
<u>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:</u>			
Memorial Day	450.00	386.60	450.00
<u>RECREATION:</u>	500.00	526.12	500.00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Park	8,000.00	9,005.20	10,990.00
Cemeteries	4,250.00	4,279.97	6,190.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	75.00	75.00	100.00

DEBT SERVICE:

Principal & Long Term Notes	7,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Interest-Long Term Notes	2,400.00	2,385.00	2,000.00
Interest on Temp. Loans	2,300.00	4,456.13	2,300.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 226,489.72	\$ 231,954.61	\$ 262,387.00
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SECTION II

<u>SOURCES OF REVENUE</u>	Estimated Rev. Prev. Fiscal Yr. 1977	Actual Rev. Prev. Fiscal Yr. 1977	Estimated Rev. Ensuing Fiscal Yr., 1978-79
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FROM STATE:

Interest & Dividends Tax	20,000.00	18,764.59	20,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	2,500.00	3,417.07	3,400.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	13,000.00	12,986.50	13,000.00
Highway Subsidy	7,945.82	7,945.82	12,682.03
Reim. A/C Bus. Profits Tax	15,000.00	15,682.08	16,000.00
TRA	2,164.80		

FROM LOCAL SOURCES:

Dog licenses	900.00	1,012.75	1,000.00
Business lic., permits & filing fees	10.00	838.00	800.00
Motor Vehicle Permit fees	35,000.00	49,005.00	50,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	5,000.00	5,587.40	1,500.00
Income from Trust Funds	2,400.00	4,400.00	4,000.00
Town Hall Pay Phone	100.00	151.72	100.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	3.50	3.50	3.50
Resident Taxes	12,000.00	10,780.00	11,000.00
Yield Taxes	200.00		200.00
Rent of Town Property	400.00	743.00	500.00
Sale of Town Property	8,000.00	8,015.75	8,000.00
Income from Departments	3,500.00	5,600.00	5,000.00

FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:

Revenue Sharing	12,000.00	17,170.00	21,142.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 140,124.12	\$ 162,103.18	\$ 168,327.53

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Town of Stratham in Rockingham County

CERTIFICATE

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

Richard G. Scamman, James I. Scamman, John A. Hutton, Jr. Selectmen of Stratham

Land - Improved and Unimproved	2,629,000.00
Buildings	11,664,050.00

Public Utilities

Gas	61,600.00
Electric	463,600.00

House Trailers, Mobile Homes & Travel Trailer Assessed as Personal Property (12)	44,600.00
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Boats & Launches (5)	1,600.00
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TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	\$ 14,864,450.00
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Blind Exemption (1)	\$ 5,000.00
Elderly Exemptions (27)	64,800.00

TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	69,800.00
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NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$ 14,794,650.00
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ELECTRIC, GAS & PIPELINE COMPANY

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	\$ 263,600.00
Public Service of N.H.	200,000.00
Granite State Gas Co.	61,600.00

Number of Inventories Distributed in 1977 - 713

Date 1977 Inventories Were Mailed - 03-25-77

Number of Inventories Returned in 1977 - 496

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND
TAXES ASSESSED
FOR THE TAX YEAR 1977

Town of Stratham in Rockingham County

CERTIFICATE

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

Richard G. Scanman, James I. Scanman, John A. Hutton, Jr., Selectmen of Stratham

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 14,690.00
Town officers' expenses	5,000.00
Election and Registration expenses	200.00
Town Hall and Other Buildings expenses	6,200.00
Police Department	34,500.00
Fire Department	12,950.00
Planning & Zoning	1,150.00
Insurance	12,000.00
Health Services	3,100.00
Town Dump	7,000.00
TRA	324.72
Town Maintenance	88,500.00
Street Lighting	1,400.00
Library	8,500.00
Town poor	2,000.00
Old age assistance	2,500.00
Memorial day	450.00
Recreation	500.00
Playgrounds and parks	8,000.00
Cemeteries	4,250.00
Damages and legal expenses	1,500.00
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	75.00
Principal-long term notes and bonds	7,000.00
Interest-long term notes & bonds	2,400.00
Interest on temporary loans	2,300.00
Article #13 - Dump	2,000.00
Article #14 - Rockingham Child & Family Service	380.00

Article #17 - Mosquito Control	3,700.00
Article #20 - Maps Conservation Comm.	3,000.00
Article #21-Exeter Area Group Home, Inc.	3,300.00
Article #22-Grader	13,916.26
Article #23 - Police Cruiser	4,188.50
Article #27 - Library & Fire Station	12,600.00
Article #28 - F. I. C. A.	<u>2,700.00</u>

TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

\$ 272,274.48

SOURCES OF REVENUE:

Resident Taxes	12,150.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	3.50
Yield Taxes	402.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	12,986.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	18,765.00
Savings Bank Tax	3,417.00
Highway Subsidy	7,945.82
TRA	2,164.80
Dog licenses	900.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	10.00
Rent of Town Property	400.00
Interest received on deposits	5,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	2,400.00
Income from Departments	3,500.00
Motor Vehicle permits fees	35,000.00
Sale of Town Property	8,000.00
Town Hall Pay Phone	100.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Revenue Sharing Funds	12,000.00
Withdrawals From Savings (Rev. Sharing)	<u>10,916.26</u>

TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS

\$ 151,060.38

Net Town Appropriations	121,214.00
Net School Appropriations	621,381.00
County Tax Assessment	38,021.00

TOTAL OF TOWN, SCHOOL AND COUNTY

780,616.00

Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimbursement	15,682.00
Add: War Service Credits	10,050.00
Add Overlay	9,132.00

PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED

\$ 784,116.00

SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

As of December 31, 1977

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Town Road Aid	\$ 18,000.00
Addition to Fire Station	24,000.00

Total Long Term Indebtedness	\$ 42,000.00
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RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Long Term Debt - Dec. 31, 1976	50,000.00
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Long Term Notes Paid	8,000.00
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Outstanding Long Term Debt - Dec. 31, 1977	\$ 42,000.00
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 35,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	10,000.00
Library, Lands and Buildings	50,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	25,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	4,500.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	60,000.00
Equipment	65,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	8,000.00
Equipment	65,000.00
Park	120,000.00
School, Lands and Buildings	500,000.00
Equipment	<u>60,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$998,500.00

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Separate Tax Rates to be Printed on 1977 Tax Bills

TOWN OF STRATHAM

UNIT OF GOVERNMENT

Municipal	\$.93
County	.25
School	4.12

COMBINED RATE \$ 5.30

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1977

1977 Auto permits	\$ 49,005.00
Dog licenses	1,012.75
Filing fees	<u>2.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ 50,019.75

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

1977

Description	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
	Balance 1/1/77	New Trusts 1977	Capital Gain (Loss)	Balance 12/31/77	Balance 1/1/77	Income 1977	Expense 1977	Balance 12/31/77
Cemeteries:								
Greenwood	\$13,825.00	\$	\$1,791.07	\$15,616.07	\$3,354.34	\$1,189.21	\$1,300.00	\$3,243.55
Harmony Hill	5,800.00	200.00	621.62	6,621.62	658.54	515.30	600.00	573.84
Maple Lane	2,300.00		297.85	2,597.85	222.31	199.52	250.00	171.83
Other	423.00		694.10	1,117.10	364.68	30.05	—	394.73
Total Cemetery	\$22,348.00	\$ 200.00	\$3,404.64	\$25,952.64	\$4,599.87	\$4,934.08	\$2,150.00	\$4,383.95
Library	13,197.57	950.00	2,561.64	16,709.21		1,232.83	1,232.83	—
Stratham Hill Park	4,525.00	2,500.00	(194.76)	6,830.24	(45.15)	273.81	250.00	(21.34)
Towle Fund	950.00	(950.00)				46.57	46.57	
Highway Rock Fund	5.00			5.00	18.40	1.29	—	19.69
Park Association	15,000.00			15,000.00		752.19	752.19	
Totals	\$56,025.57	\$2,700.00	\$5,771.52	\$64,497.09	\$4,573.12	\$4,250.97	\$4,431.59	\$4,382.30

The above listed principal and interest balances are invested or on deposit as follows:

No. Shares	Description	Book Value	Market Value	Unrealized Gain (Loss)
1745	Puritan Fund	\$10,298.13	\$18,148.00	\$7,849.87
420	Broad St. Investing Corp.	3,502.24	4,695.60	1,193.36
644	Investors Selective Fund	7,117.98	5,950.56	(1,167.42)
611	Mutual Investing Foundation	4,400.00	4,820.79	420.79
551	Investors Mutual Fund	7,500.00	5,450.12	(2,049.88)
1817	National Securities	7,500.00	7,249.83	(250.17)
30	Chase Manhattan Bank	1,000.00	896.25	(103.75)
	Indian Head Banks — 8½ % Note	3,000.00	3,000.00	—
	Indian Head Banks — 8½ % Note	7,000.00	7,000.00	—
	Portsmouth Savings Bank	1,163.24	1,163.24	—
	Indian Head Bank of Exeter — Savings	962.40	962.40	—
	Exeter Co-op. Bank — Savings	852.12	852.12	—
	Amoskeag Savings Bank — Savings	974.69	974.69	—
	Plaistow Co-op. — Savings	200.00	200.00	—
	Indian Head of Exeter — NOW	13,403.49	13,403.49	—
	Totals	<u>\$68,874.29</u>	<u>\$74,767.09</u>	<u>\$5,892.80</u>

The average rate of return on our funds during 1977 was 7.02% on cost and 5.72% on market value.

During the year we sold our 700 shares of Public Service of N.H. for \$13,973.27 resulting in a net Capital Gain of \$5,573.27. We were advised by the Office of Attorney General of New Hampshire that the Shawmut Associates common stock and American International Insurance Group common stock were no longer on the N.H. legal list of investments. Therefore we sold the Shawmut common with a resulting Capital Loss of \$457.00. We sold American International common with a Capital Gain of \$655.25 resulting.

The Market Value of our investments declined approximately \$2,300.00 from the balance on 1/1/77 reflecting some of the decline in the stock market. These investments, however, show a Market Value of \$5,892.80 over Book Value as of year end.

As a result of the death of Mary F. Weeks Malz and pursuant to the terms of the will of Mary Wiggin Towle, the income and principal of the Towle fund was transferred to the Library Trust during August of 1977.

The following new funds were received by the Trustees during 1977:

\$200.00 from the Estate of Abner Marsh for perpetual care of the Marsh lot.

\$2,500.00 from the Estate of Abner (Ridge) Marsh, the income from which is to be used for the upkeep of Stratham Hill Park as follows:

“Especially for the maintenance of its natural beauty, such as renewal and perpetuation of its forest growth, thinning out and replanting in case of destruction by fire; preferably under the direction of the Extension Forester; since this park is for the use of all people — keeping in mind that the park is to be maintained as a place where people can enjoy the beauty and quietude, and the unsurpassed view from its summit.”

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson E. Barker
Dwight F. Crow
Fred Ordway, Jr.
Trustees of Trust Funds

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY - 1977

One of the most popular library services continues to be the story hour for pre-schoolers held on Wednesday afternoons from October through May and on Wednesday mornings during July and August. While the little ones are listening to stories and taking part in other activities during the story hour, their mothers have organized a weekly game of volleyball at the Town Hall.

The theme for the Summer Reading Program this year was " Books on Parade". All those participating were invited to a performance by a magician at the Town Hall late in August.

The money earned from our booth at the Stratham Fair and from a book and bookmark sale during December will be used to purchase badly needed shelves and book carts. Since the library acquires over seven hundred books each year, we are constantly faced with a space problem. Due to lack of shelf area, we can keep most magazines for only one year.

The page of statistics shows clearly the increased use of the library by townspeople which pleases all of us. More books have been borrowed this past year and we have over a hundred new patrons. Almost half of the town's population make use of our library services which include books, records, magazines, pamphlets, pictures, reference materials and inter-library loan plus the story hours and summer reading program each year. The library owns a 16 mm projector, a film strip projector, five films and there are many films available from the State Library and the Hampton Film Cooperative to which we belong. Organizations, clubs and groups in town are welcomed to look through our catalogs and order films for their programs.

We would like to express our gratitude to all the clubs and townspeople who contribute magazines and books to the library.

Our staff includes Virginia Turner, page; Dorothy Cole, assistant librarian; Joan Smith, alternate and Barbara Senko, Librarian. We are available to serve you during the library hours which are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons from one until five, Wednesday mornings from nine until twelve and Wednesday evenings from seven until nine.

Barbara Senko
Librarian

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Statistics for years	1976	1977
Inter library loan	40	54
Film Programs and Story Hours	47	43
Attendance	1060	1074
Borrowed from State Library(on request)	55	59
Borrowed from Bookmobile (3 visits)	2220	1729
Circulation:		
Books	10,756	11,517
Records	766	927
Periodicals	229	374
Average Monthly Circulation		1,068
Patrons:		
Adult	473	738
Juvenile (under 14)	438	308
Withdrawn	69	53
Total	911	993
Books Added to Collection:		
Adult Fiction	211	245
Adult Non-Fiction	225	216
Juvenile	336	362
Total	772	823
Received as gifts	38	93
Number of books purchased	734	710
State Library Cards issued	17	30
Number magazine subscriptions:	25	30
Adult	3	4
Juvenile		
Number records added to collection	39	53

STRATHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

1977 CRIME REPORT

Burglary	27	Incident Calls	3,280
Larceny	6	Court Cases	95
DWI	35	House Checks	107
Robbery	9	Assistance to other towns	69
Accidents	134	Drug Cases	7

Police car miles 30,200

EXPENDITURES 1977

Payroll \$28,701.08

Gas & Oil

Ernie's '66	13.70
Amoco Oil	2,603.06
Stratham Sunoco	91.25
Stratham Store	13.36

Repairs to Cruiser

Stratham Tire	37.05
Sanel Auto Parts	26.88
Mike's Mobile	84.81
McCoy's	345.69
Dreher-Holloway	39.27

Clothing

Ben's Uniforms, Inc.	454.75
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Miscellaneous

State of N.H.	71.50
N.E. Barricade	83.96
Regency Enterprise	14.00
Ashmont Elec.	31.17
Jeff Baillargeon	40.00
Trustworthy Hardware	3.00
2 Way Communications	10.00
Motorola	800.00
Sonny's Garden Center	16.00
N.E. Telephone	53.40
Village Press	42.46
Exeter News Letter	19.20
Portsmouth Herald	12.18
Rifle Musket Shop	20.40

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$33,798.82

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR 1977

For the year 1977 I have issued to a total of 109 permits, broken down in the following categories:

CATEGORY	NUMBER	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
Single family homes	63	2,445,000.00
Multi-family homes	2	109,000.00
Mobile homes	3	37,000.00
Modular homes	2	50,000.00
Barns	2	9,000.00
Addition to Barns	1	3,000.00
Renovated to Apartments	3	20,000.00
Garage & Breezeways	3	18,000.00
Home Additions	10	53,000.00
Storage Sheds & Warehouses	6	21,000.00
Convert into Offices	3	47,000.00
Additions to Commercial Blds.	2	65,000.00
Commercial Garage & Office	1	50,000.00
Addition to Memorial School	1	150,000.00
Family Home to Restaurant	1	60,000.00
Exhibit Building	1	25,000.00
Moving Homes	2	10,000.00
Total	109	3,182,000.00

Nelson E. Barker
Building Inspector

HIGHWAY AGENTS REPORT

I'll take this opportunity to report to the townspeople of Stratham about their public works program which consists of the following:

- A. Town road maintenance and snow removal
- B. Town dump and maintenance
- C. Park and maintenance
- D. Cemeteries, graves, burials and up keep
- E. Mowing program- all areas.

Each program has it's own budget.

The T.R.A. project on Union Road has been finished with a one inch hot top surface. This completes the extended T.R.A. program until we become eligible again with the state. As you remember this was a ten year program to be completed as soon as possible.

Reconstruction and new hot top surface was completed by Bell & Flynn on High Street from Ross's corner to the intersection of Barker Road and High Street. I believe this is a good program to follow, and if the budget permits, plan to continue this year.

Stone chip seal was applied on Union Road from Bunker Hill Ave. to Barker Lane. The year before, this part of Union Road was shimmed and leveled and needed to be sealed.

In regards to new subdivision roads we have had four under construction this year:

- 1. Walter Biery
- 2. Mc Donnell
- 3 Emanuel
- 4. Wilkinson

Emanuel's has been completed and accepted by the Town.

About the Army Surplus Truck Program, I would like to say this. These trucks became available to towns FREE and clear; all the town had to do was to make out a request and as the truck became available ,go and bring it home. The trucks our Highway Department received all could be driven home on their own power. Very little maintenance had to be done on any of these vehicles. We were very lucky and each one has certainly proved it's worth. These vehicles belong to the Town free and clear and the Town may dispose of them as they see fit. I am still receiving calls from area towns interested in the trucks and how they could come under the program. Some 100 towns in New Hampshire have taken advantage of this offer. I would like to point out that before we received these trucks the town owned ONE dump truck to do all the work on nearly 20 miles of road. IMPOSSIBLE, Without hiring for winter work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men who worked day and night during this last blizzard to keep the roads open. Also a vote of thanks to the townspeople for their understanding and cooperation during a difficult time.

I do wish more people would take the time and interest to acquaint themselves with the Highway Department and get first hand knowledge of how it operates. The Highway phone number 772-5550.

George R. Brown
Highway Agent

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
EXPENDITURES FOR 1977

Payroll	\$29,688.73
Contracted services	1,820.62
Parts & Repairs	9,778.15
Grader Payment	5,000.00
Office Supply	6.98
Sand & Gravel	47.85
New England Telephone	316.72
Gas & Oil	4,652.11
Repairs to Building	776.75
Tar & Patch	20,953.54
Electricity	721.78
Salt	16,963.83
Miscellaneous	
N.E. Barricade	175.70
Stratham Store	56.87
George Brown	478.74
Seacoast Fire Equipment	9.50
Bryon Littlefield	10.00
W.A. Scamman & Son	325.59
Town of Rindge	50.00
Charles Hayes	50.00
Ralph Ranger	10.28
Merrimack Farmer's Exchange	17.34
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	89.27
Dumas Roofing	6.00
TOTAL	\$92,006.35
INCOME TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	
Highway Services	\$ 485.00
Fair Association	1,225.30
Salt	7,267.41
Home Tech	400.00
Septic System Permits	690.00
TOTAL	10,067.71
OTHER INCOME TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	
Auto Permit Fees	49,005.00
Highway Subsidy	7,945.82
TOTAL	56,950.82
GRAND TOTAL	67,018.53

REPORT OF STRATHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 1977 has produced "near completion results" on the Fire Station addition. Many hundred hours of volunteer labor and an additional \$5,000.00 from the S.V.F.D. Fair Association will result in the completion of the addition before the end of 1978.

The concerted efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary provided training equipment, additional personnel equipment, and \$1,100.00 for kitchen renovations.

Our smoke detector promotion was continued under the direction of Mr. Gordon Jameson. Many more smoke detectors were placed in operation in town as a result of his endeavors.

The Fire Department Training Program was expanded on a local level under the direction of Assistant Chief Walker and is proving most beneficial since state sponsored training programs were reduced this year.

1977 Summary:

Calls on Emergency Phone	327
Fire Calls	76
Assembly Inspections	5
Day Care Inspections	5
Oil Burner Inspections	36
Investigations	22

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence E. Dowling
Chief, S.V.F.D.

STRATHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

RECEIPTS:

Balance in hands of Treasurer, January 1, 1977	\$ 636.37
Savings account, January 1, 1977	8,218.69
Interest on Savings Account	312.69
Finance Committee	288.50
Smoke Detectors	2,048.00
Refreshment Committee	123.65
Dues	162.00
Badges & Emblems	20.00
Fire Extinguishers	25.50
Rent-Tent	25.00
Burning and other services	585.50
Social Activities	363.90
Ladies Auxiliary	1,100.00
Supper & Auction	2,155.30
Stratham Fair Association	2,000.00
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	\$18,065.10

EXPENCES:

Equipment and Maintenance	\$ 417.65
Building Fund	6,498.09
Finance Committee	182.16
Postage & Secretary Supplies	27.95
Interstate Emergency Unit	42.00
Community Calander	15.90
Flowers	42.05
Social Activities	537.50
Supper & Auction	1,611.58
Smoke Detectors	1,669.77
Balance in hands of Treasurer, December 31, 1977	2,835.07
Savings Account, December 31, 1977	4,195.38
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	\$18,065.10

Nelson E. Barker, Treasurer

STRATHAM FAIR
REPORT OF AN EXAMINATION AND AUDIT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976
made by
THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

RECEIPTS:

Admissions	\$11,836.10
Food-General	9,050.98
Beef Barbecue	1,400.65
Chicken Barbecue	2,932.09
Lobster Feed	3,137.65
Commercial Exhibits	2,867.50
Rides	1,781.01
Concessions	1,379.20
Advertising	1,955.00
Beano	609.55
Miscellaneous	400.80

State of New Hampshire

Racing Funds- Premiums:

1976 Reimbursement	\$ 7,571.58
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Improvements and Repairs:

1976 Reimbursement	<u>5,689.30</u>
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Interest on Savings	\$13,260.88
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Contributions	417.95
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	<u>8.76</u>
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Total Receipts From All Sources	\$51,038.12
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Balance - January 1, 1976	<u>11,807.37</u>
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GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>\$62,845.49</u></u>
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EXPENDITURES

Premiums Paid:

Allowable	\$8,276.24
Non-Allowable	<u>202.40</u>
	\$ 8,478.64
Cash Over and Short	220.67
Food	10,429.47
Grounds	5,255.91
Advertising	2,874.08
Postage and Office Supplies	165.12
Police and Watchmen	2,971.00
Queen Contest	890.77
Entertainment	600.00
Insurance	275.00
Judges	100.00
Printing	1,584.79
Tent Rental	960.00
First Aid and Ambulance Service	250.00
Fireworks	1,000.00
Other Fair Costs	<u>872.35</u>
Total Fair Costs	\$36,927.80
Audit and Dues	\$ 422.34
Banquets and Meetings	439.36
Refunds	50.00
Donation - Stratham Volunteer Fire Department	5,000.00
Donation - Stratham Community Church	<u>50.00</u>
Total Other Expence	5,961.70
Capital Improvements	<u>6,120.20</u>
Total Expenditures For All Purposes	\$49,009.70
Balance - December 31, 1976	<u>13,835.79</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$62,845.49</u>

Nelson E. Barker
Treasurer

STRATHAM HILL PARK ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1977

Balance on hand January 1, 1977

Savings Account	\$508.29
Checking Account	<u>5.76</u>

Balance on hand December 31, 1977	\$514.05
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Robert Calef, Treasurer

MOSQUITO COMMITTEE REPORT

The mosquito control program in 1977 was primarily engaged in the control of Aedes sollicitans breeding in the salt marsh areas of town. Known breeding sites were monitored and larval activity was observed throughout the summer months. Actual control work took place during the months of June, July, and August. The salt marsh areas were treated as populations increased with "ABATE 4-E", an organophosphate. There were 17 application dates indicative of fluctuating populations and the need for weekly observations to insure proper timing of insecticidal treatments. Source reduction is a most important factor in a good mosquito abatement program and should not be overlooked in any future mosquito control work in Stratham.

The 1977 mosquito control program did not undertake the control of adult or freshwater mosquitoes. It is in these areas that we have to develop our program to effect adequate mosquito control throughout the town. The Stratham Mosquito Control District in cooperation with the Rockingham County Mosquito Project is planning to develop a program to control adult mosquitoes in 1978. We would also like to expand our larvicide treatment to include freshwater breeding sites.

The recommendation for the 1978 mosquito abatement work is to integrate a program to include adult and larval treatments. It is hoped that through cooperation with the Rockingham County Mosquito Project a program of this nature can be started. Future control work is the responsibility of all townspeople and any suggestions are welcomed.

STRATHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Stratham Conservation Commission meets on the second Monday of each month in the lower Town Hall. It's main purpose is to guide and promote conservation activities in the town.

One of the duties of the Commission is to index and catalog the natural resources of the town. During the past year we have been collecting this information and planning a slide show to familiarize the people of Stratham with its natural resources. In the future we hope to make this information available for other boards and offices in the Town.

We would like to encourage any interested persons to attend our meetings and assist us in our work.

Ray Wenninger
Lee Oliver
Suzanne Bourn

Fred Nason
William Kelly

Annual Reports

of the

School District

of

STRATHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICERS OF STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
1977 - 1978

SCHOOL BOARD

Don G. Allen, Chairman	Term Expires 1978
Richard Wiggin	Term Expires 1979
Natalie S. Perry	Term Expires 1980

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Frederick B. King

TEACHER CONSULTANT

Richard S. Short

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Daniel C. Durgin

PRINCIPAL

David C. Michaud

MODERATOR

William P. Roberts

CLERK

Stella Scamman

TREASURER

Barbara Dowling

AUDITOR

Bonnie Williams

SCHOOL NURSE

Vinie Scamman

TRUANT OFFICER

Don G. Allen

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the Fourteenth day of March, 1978, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock in the morning and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this 18th day of February, 1978.

Don G. Allen

Natalie Perry

Richard Wiggin
School Board of Stratham, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Don G. Allen

Natalie Perry

Richard Wiggin
School Board of Stratham, N.H.

I certify that on the 18th day of February, 1978, I posted copies of the within warrant, attested by the School Board of said district, at the place of meeting within named, and the Stratham Memorial School, and the Stratham Sunoco Station, being public places in said district.

Chairperson
Stratham School Board

Rockingham, ss.

Personally appeared the said Don G. Allen and made oath that the above certificate by him signed is true.

Before me,

Justice of the Peace

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Memorial School in
said District on Monday, the Sixth of March, 1978, at eight
o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees,
or Officers hereto chosen and pass any vote relating
thereto.
2. To see what sum of money the District will vote to
raise and appropriate for the support of schools,
for the payment of salaries of school district
officials and agents, and for the payment of the
statutory obligations of the District.
3. To see if the district will vote to authorize the
School Board to make application for, accept, and
expend on behalf of the School District, all gifts,
advances, grants in aid, revenue sharing funds or
any other funds for educational purposes as may now
or hereafter be available or forthcoming from the
U. S. Government, the State of New Hampshire, or any
of its municipalities or any other state, local or
federal agency.
4. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation
to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
5. To transact any other business which may legally come
before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this 18th day
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Natalie Perry

Richard Wiggin

School Board of Stratham, N.H.

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STRATHAM

	Code	Expenditures 1976-77	Adopted Budget 1977-78	Proposed Budget 1978-79
ADMINISTRATION				
Salaries of District Officers	110.1	\$ 220.00	\$ 220	\$ 220
Contracted Services	135	225.00	245	345
Other Expense	190.1	960.49	845	1,575
INSTRUCTION				
Salary of Principal	210.1	13,869.96	14,720	16,250
Salaries of Teachers	210.3	108,261.33	119,498	130,079
Sal. of Other Instr. Staff	210.4,9	12,900.00	9,757	12,960
Sal. Sec. & Cler.	210.5	2,102.27	1,922	2,633
Textbooks	215	2,142.19	1,795	3,069
Library & Audio Visual	220	1,097.44	1,429.	1,406
Teaching Supplies	230	4,407.74	5,109	5,736
Contracted Services	235	451.37	1,744	1,935
Other Expenses	290	300.92	1,143	1,450
HEALTH				
Nurse's Salary	410	4,474.08	4,742	5,027
Contracted Services	435	18.00	100	100
Supplies & Travel	490	398.64	575	575
TRANSPORTATION				
Public	535	30,000.00	31,000	36,000
Special	535	2,448.05	2,920	1,980
OPERATION OF PLANT				
Janitor's Salary	610	8,328.46	10,036	10,868
Janitor's Supplies	630	1,017.26	1,050	1,150
Contracted Services	635	425.00	450	1,300
Fuel	640	4,089.87	6,400	5,800
Utilities (Lights, Tel., Water)	645	5,004.78	5,304	6,300
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT				
Plant Equip. Replacement	725.2		700	
Contracted Services	735	2,706.13	1,050	4,030
Bldg. Repair Materials	766	347.21	500	500
Maint. of Grounds	790			2,000

	Code	Expenditures 1976-77	Adopted Budget 1977-78	Proposed Budget 1978-79
FIXED CHARGES				
Retirement	850.2	2,740.81	2,376	2,844
FICA	850.3	8,754.01	9,217	10,545
Insurance	855	4,517.24	4,602	6,439
SCHOOL LUNCH/MILK				
Federal Monies	975	6,808.25	6,200	6,900
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Sites	1265			
Buildings	1266	33,287.77		
Equipment	1267	3,581.39	1,375	1,934
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal	1370		16,000	16,000
Interest	1371		8,464	5,971
OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNT				
Tuition, Public	1477.1	314,463.32	355,552	414,501
Supervisory Union Expense	1477.3	14,240.00	15,326	15,357
Other In-State Exp.	1477.9	2,959.00	3,014	3,161
Tuition & Transp. Non Public	1479	3,119.14	2,600	2,650
Deficit Appropriation			12,309	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$600,667.12</u>	<u>\$660,289</u>	<u>\$739,590</u>

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RECEIPTS

Balance (Actual or Estimate)	\$	17,521	\$
State - Bldg. Aid		4,800	4,800
State - Sweepstakes		7,578	13,000
State - Handicapped			
Federal - School Lunch		6,200	6,900
Federal -PL 874			
Federal - Other			
Tuition - Transition			
Other			
Bond or Note Issue		2,809	2,966
Interest			
Local - Other			
Total Receipts	\$	38,908	\$ 27,666
Business Profits Tax		12,324	12,940
District Assessment		609,057	698,984
TOTAL APPROPRIATION VOTED OR TO BE VOTED BY DISTRICT	\$566,062.00	\$660,289	\$739,590

TOTAL APPROPRIATION VOTED OR TO BE

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1976, to June 30, 1977

Cash on Hand July 1, 1976		\$ 28,804.54
Received from Selectmen	\$512,563.55	
Revenue from State Sources	17,376.27	
Revenue from Federal Sources	16,587.21	
Received from Tuitions	4,414.76	
Received from Other Sources	<u>2,843.82</u>	<u>553,785.61</u>
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$582,590.15
Less School Board Orders Paid		<u>567,551.17</u>
Balance on Hand June 30, 1977		<u><u>\$-15,038.98</u></u>

July 15, 1977

Barbara L. Dowling
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Stratham, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, and find them correct in all respects.

September 13, 1977

Bonnie A. Williams
Auditor

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1976, to June 30, 1977

School Building Fund

Cash on Hand July 1, 1976		\$	0
Received - Notes/Bonds	\$160,000.00		
Received - Interest	<u>1,828.30</u>		<u>161,828.30</u>
Total Amount Available		\$	161,828.30
Less School Board Orders Paid			<u>33,287.77</u>
Balance on Hand June 30, 1977			<u>\$128,540.53</u>

July 15, 1977

Barbara L. Dowling
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STRATHAM ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

MARCH 7, 1977

The annual meeting of Supervisory Union #16 Stratham School District was held at Stratham Memorial School on Monday, March 7, 1977. Moderator William P. Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Rev. Andrew Gilman gave the Invocation. Approximately 75 people attended. Moderator Roberts read the school warrant.

Article I: To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers hereto chosen and pass any vote relating thereto. Jim Stuart moved that this article be approved as printed. It was seconded and passed.

Article II: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Nine Dollars (\$12,309.) as a deficit appropriation to the 1976-1977 appropriation for the purpose of meeting the unanticipated expense of the District in the account for tuition.

Dick Wiggin moved the Article be adopted. Don Allen seconded it. The article passed by a voice vote.

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

Dick Scamman moved to reduce this article by \$12,309. from the total budget because this amount was voted in the previous article. This motion was passed.

Doug Scamman moved to raise and appropriate \$647,980. to support the schools under Article III. It was seconded by John Hutton. The motion passed.

Article IV: To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant. No action.

Article V: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting. No action.

Dick Wiggin moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Elected were the following:

School Board	-	Natalie S. Perry
Moderator	-	William P. Roberts
Treasurer	-	Barbara Dowling
Clerk	-	Stella Scamman
Auditor	-	Bonnie Williams

Respectfully submitted,

Stella Scamman
School District Clerk

Stratham School District
Report of the Superintendent of Schools

I should like to touch on a number of items that are occurring in the Stratham School this year. Probably the one that results in the most change is our new Tuesday afternoon in-service programs. We have experienced workshops for teachers prior to the opening of school whereby we "scratch the surface" of updating staff members with new ideas, teaching methods and current trends in classroom performance. This year we began a series of Tuesday afternoon sessions to "tie-in" directly with the ongoing job of the teacher. For these to be completely successful we must have careful planning well in advance, involvement of the staff in this planning, some very definite purposes in mind and have the support of the community through the local school board with some funding. I believe parents want teachers to be current. Today more than ever, what is done to improve school programs has a better chance of lasting because staff turnover has rapidly declined. Re-certification is now tied to appropriate programs on in-service conducted within the school setting, and teachers themselves realize the importance of in-service education if they are to deal with shifts in values, learning patterns, new materials, and increased demands placed upon them. "Professionalization" of teaching is vital. It is important to make it clear that like doctors, lawyers, law enforcement agencies, and industry, we must keep current and show the public we "care" about children, and learning. We are making good progress in this area and will continue to improve our planning and our efforts to make education better in 1978-79.

Competency based education is shaping up as the major reform movement in American education. In Stratham the establishment of skills that are expected of students at each grade level in Math, Reading, and Language Arts has already occurred. These skills can be tested, and appropriate reports of results can be issued. Currently we have a standardized testing system which compares us with national norms. We come out very well at all levels. Competency based testing requires a test be structured based on what is actually taught in a school system. The State Department of Education and the legislature is interested in such a program. It will require much time, effort and dollars to bring forth such a testing program, as well as general agreement on what are the "vital" skills each student must have.

With the enactment and full implementation of P.L. 94-142 by the school systems in this country education for the handicapped will reach greater proportions. Congress enacted P.L. 94-142 with the purpose of assuring that all handicapped children, ages 3 to 21, have available to them a free appropriate public education and related services designed to meet their unique needs. It is readily evident that public schools will be forced to expand their services, hire professionals who are appropriately prepared and trained, and expend money in up-dating buildings to accomodate the handicapped. This program is already well

underway and will have an impact on the tax dollar. A group of districts can do the job better and more economical if they join together and pool resources and people. Stratham is finding budget costs rising for many reasons and P.L. 94-142 will contribute to the increase.

We are pleased with the new addition and it has certainly made education easier at the school. Dave Michaud has commented on a number of issues and I should like you to read his report as follows:

"It is with great pleasure that this report is written and I find it most enjoyable to inform the community of Stratham that our truly fine elementary school is functioning well and efficiently. Our new addition has made a great difference in the quality of educational programs we can offer. Additional classroom space has made it easy for conversion of older classrooms into necessary auxiliary service areas.

Our fine library is now able to remain open every day and resource materials and audio visual equipment are stored and organized for more efficient use to improve instruction. This has been especially helpful for our Title I personnel, who work with children having difficulties in Reading and Language or in the perceptual-motor areas.

A fine kitchen, which is now well equipped and efficiently run is able to provide an excellent hot lunch program for the school and once again, students are able to eat in the cafeteria.

Our instructional program consists of a continuous progress curriculum with a series of levels in reading and mathematics. For the past two years we have been up-dating and revising this program so that the quality may be enhanced. In Stratham we attempt to see growth in each child as a total individual, emotionally, socially, physically, and academically. We are attempting to provide a strong basic foundation academically and to enrich our programs as frequently as possible. This would not be possible without the excellent support of our large corps of volunteers in the library and in the classrooms, and especially with the support of the PTO.

Our close affiliation with the University of New Hampshire has provided us with students and interns of high caliber who are learning yet giving a great deal of assistance in providing a firm educational program.

I conclude my report with the statement that Stratham is a community who can and should be proud of its elementary school and which should be proud of its support for that school."

In conclusion I should like to mention the AREA #18 Vocational Center plans are coming along well. The long range target date should see construction underway by late Spring of '78. This facility will provide a new dimension to the

education of our secondary students, and we all look forward to its completion in 1979.

The Stratham Community has grown rapidly and we know this puts a real burden on the school district. Tuition increases coupled with additional students really does a job on increased spending. Yet the community has responded well. As citizens you have demonstrated that you want the best affordable education possible, and it is my pleasure to work with the school board in attaining this goal.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Daniel C. Durgin

Occasionally, it is interesting to take a look at some statistics relative to public education. Obviously, statistics on the subject abound and one can easily become buried in detail and lose sight of the "big picture". With that cautious note, let me begin.

Contrary to what we are experiencing in some of our local schools, enrollments across the country are definitely on the decline. In some communities, the closing of schools is more explosive an issue than was passing the bond issue to build them. No one wants to see their neighborhood school closed and the controversy goes on.

While enrollments are declining the cost of educating these decreased numbers continues to climb. Projections indicate that total enrollments across the country will drop slightly this year while the total cost of education will increase by about \$12 billion over last year. Enrollment is currently 60.3 million students which is about a one-half of one percent decrease from the 60.6 million of last year.

Total expenditures at all levels are expected to reach \$144 billion for the 1977-78 school year as compared with about \$132 billion in 1976-77. This represents a 9% increase.

So we have a situation where enrollments are down .05% and costs for the same period, nation-wide, are up 9%. One could properly state, "Never have so few cost so much".

Certainly, it never has cost more to educate our children than it does today. But then, it has never cost more to feed our families, heat our homes, drive our automobiles or purchase health services than it does today.

In a word, inflation is the number one contributor to the disproportionate rise in educational costs. In addition to inflation, education has never been faced with more federal and state mandates than it is today. The following come quickly to mind:

a) The recent broadening of responsibilities in the area of education of the handicapped is adding new costs to educational budgets. While this is certainly a most worthwhile and justified expenditure of funds, the local New Hampshire school district is forced to carry nearly all the financial burden due to the lack of state funds. Beginning this year, federal funds are available for education of the handicapped but the current \$52 per pupil is a small fraction of the total cost.

b) Beginning next year, New Hampshire school districts must pay the cost of living increases granted to all retirees, present and past, of the school districts. This cost has previously been paid by the state.

c) Effective this year, school districts across the country will be required to pay unemployment compensation for their employees. Some districts facing declining enrollments and consequent lay-offs will be particularly effected by the law.

There are many others but the foregoing illustrates the point.

Nationally, there are more than 3.1 million persons employed as classroom teachers while another 300,000 will work as administrators, supervisors, and other instructional staff, both about the same as last year. Therefore, education in 1977-78 will be the major occupation or pre-occupation of 63.7 million Americans. Given a national population of 217 million, about 3 of every 10 persons will be actively involved in the education process.

The number of students enrolled in the nations elementary schools this past fall dropped about one and one-half percent to 33.3 million from last fall's enrollment of 33.8 million. This reflects the continuing decrease in the number of children 5 to 13 years of age, a phenomenon which has been characteristic of the 1970's.

High school enrollment, which peaked last year at 15.8 million, is just beginning to reflect the decrease in the school-age population. The number of high school students declined less than one percent this past fall.

More than 2.4 million elementary and secondary school teachers will be engaged in classroom instruction this fall. This represents a very small decrease from the number of teachers employed a year ago.

These statistics were obtained from the National Center for Education Statistics which is part of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Locally, September enrollment in the schools of Supervisory Union # 16 was down slightly from September 1976, dropping 45 students from 3880 to 3835. This is in keeping with the national trend but the rapid growth of Rockingham County could easily reverse this in succeeding years.

Whatever the population trends might be, it seems clear that per pupil costs will continue to rise. It is incumbent upon public officials at all levels of government to develop the most efficient and equitable mechanisms possible for funding educational costs.

TABLE I
STRATHAM PUPILS
TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 1978

Spec. Tr.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Rockingham Sch.	1												1
Memorial School	9	40	35	38	38	42	39						241
Exeter AREA J. H.							48	55					103
Exeter AREA High									49	38	66	50	203
Total	1	9	40	35	38	42	39	48	55	49	38	66	548
1977 Comparisons	1	20	33	32	36	40	35	49	45	38	59	45	515

TABLE II
PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR ENTIRE YEAR
1976 - 1977

Jeffrey Carbonneau	Lori Kurgan
Christopher Chisholm	Valerie Lausier
Tammy Currie	John McNally
Adam Franczak	Timothy Robinson
Richard Gast	Bradley Sanko
Kevin Kearney	Gerald Sterritt
Teddy Krook	Bradstreet Wiggin
Gregory Wool	

New Hampshire State Department of Education
Office of Commissioner
Concord

#16 - Exeter

Supervisory Union

1978-79 SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET

Receipts

Cash on Hand as of June 30, 1978	\$ 6,748.00
State Support	43,914.00
Federal Funds	105,825.00
Other Receipts (Exclusive of District Share)	107,125.00
Total Receipts (Exclusive of District Share)	\$ 263,612.00

Expenditures

Administration

Salaries

Supervisory Union Officers	\$ 150.00
Administrative and Supervisory	94,474.00
Clerical and Technical	55,164.00
Travel	4,300.00
Other Expenses	22,622.00

Instruction

Salaries	170,155.00
Travel	
Other Expenses	24,541.00

Health Services

Salaries	1,468.00
Travel	
Other Expenses	50.00

Operation of Plant

	11,034.00
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Maintenance of Plant

	1,810.00
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Fixed Charges

	39,434.00
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Capital Outlay

	1,325.00
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Contingency Fund

	2,219.00
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Special Programs (Identify)

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Total Expenditures	\$ 428,746.00
Less Estimated Receipts (from above)	263,612.00
Amount to be shared by districts	\$ 165,134.00

Distribution of \$ 165,134.00 to be raised by districts

<u>District</u>	<u>1976 Equalized Valuation</u>	<u>Valuation Percent</u>	<u>1976-77 Pupils</u>	<u>Pupil Percent</u>	<u>Combined Percent</u>	<u>District Share</u>
Brentwood	20,664,169	8.40	178.4	4.61	6.50	10,734
E.Kingston	14,132,138	5.75	145.2	3.75	4.75	7,844
Exeter	145,508,416	59.16	3067.5	79.18	69.17	114,223
Kensington	21,835,720	8.88	144.9	3.74	6.31	10,420
Newfields	13,606,061	5.53	93.5	2.41	3.97	6,556
Stratham	30,195,357	12.28	244.8	6.31	9.30	15,357
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TOTAL	245,941,861	100.00	3874.3	100.00	100.00	165,134

1/5/78
Date

Richard H. Wiggins
Chairman, Supervisory Union Board

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SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY 1976 - 1977

Brentwood	\$ 1,727.25
East Kingston	1,100.05
Exeter	16,931.95
Kensington	1,227.45
Newfields	1,019.20
Stratham	2,494.10
State's Share	<u>3,060.00</u>
	\$27,560.00

TEACHER CONSULTANT'S SALARY 1976 - 1977

Brentwood	\$ 1,313.42
East Kingston	836.49
Exeter	12,875.19
Kensington	933.36
Newfields	775.01
Stratham	1,896.53
State's Share	<u>2,350.00</u>
	\$20,980.00

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY 1976 - 1977

Brentwood	\$ 1,254.20
East Kingston	798.77
Exeter	12,294.67
Kensington	891.28
Newfields	740.06
Stratham	1,811.02
State's Share	<u>2,350.00</u>
	\$20,140.00

**SUPERVISORY UNION #16
SCHOOL CALENDAR
1978-1979**

	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
September	X	X	6	7	8
18	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
October	2	3	4	5	6
19	X	X	11	12	X*
	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27
	30	31			
November			1	2	3
20	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	X	X
	27	28	29	30	
December					1
16	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	X	X	X	X	X
January	X	X	3	4	5
21	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31		

	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
February				1	2
15	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	X	X	X	X	X
	26	27	28		
March				1	2
22	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30
April	2	3	4	5	6
16	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	X	X	X	X	X
	30				
May		1	2	3	4
22	7	8	9	10	11
	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
	28	29	X	31	
June					1
11	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18*	19*	20*		

September through January - 94 Days

February through June - 86 Days

DAYS OUT

Sept. 4	Labor Day	Dec. 25 - Jan. 2	Christmas Vacation
Sept. 5	Staff Meetings	Feb. 19-Feb. 23	Winter Vacation
Oct. 9-10	Staff Development Workshops	Apr. 23-Apr. 27	Spring Vacation
Oct. 13*	Teachers' Convention (Tentative Date)	May 30	Memorial Day
Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving Recess	*If Oct. 13 becomes school day three storm days available June 18, 19, 20	
(Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day)		

183 Days - 180 Days Required Attendance for Instructional Purposes

Use delayed opening for storm days whenever possible, otherwise hold June 18, 19, 20 as "snow" or "emergency" day make-ups. In the event more are needed we would go to Saturday delayed opening for make-ups. Delayed Opening - Announcements and/or local fire whistles by 7 A.M. indicates a delayed opening. Buses will start runs two hours later than usual. If weather is still bad - announcement and/or fire whistle by 8:45 A.M. will mean no school for the day.

**VITAL
STATISTICS**

Town of Stratham, N.H.

1977

DEATHS REGISTERED IN STRATHAM, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>BIRTHPLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF FATHER</u>	<u>NAME OF MOTHER</u>
Jan. 4	Mary A. Nason	86	F	Mass.	Charles Falconer	Marion Flavin
Jan 24	Ralph Chick	72	M	N.H.	Everett Chick	Annie Blake
Feb. 14	Clayton H. Eastman	74	M	N.H.	Herbert Eastman	Elizabeth Diamond
Feb. 22	Abner R. Marsh	97	M	N.H.	John Marsh	Margaret Thaxter
May 17	Charles E. Jewell	90	M	N.H.	Elbridge Jewell	Josephine Wiggin
July 4	Florence Rumrill	76	F	N.H.	Unknown	Unknown
July 8	Eleanor D. Granton	75	F	Mass.	Leonard W. Durkee	Helen Sleeper
July 19	John L. Emery	79	M	N.H.	John F. Emery	Frances Stoddard

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF FATHER</u>	<u>MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER</u>
Jan.6	Tracey Lynn Bunnell	F	Exeter	David C. Bunnell	Susan Bacon
Jan.10	Kimberly Anne Reiss	F	Portsmouth	John H. Reiss	Dinah Daniells
Jan. 19	Benjamin Richard Daley	M	Exeter	Michael J. Daley	Shirley A. Scamman
Jan. 23	Tia Lynn Hartwell	F	Portsmouth	John W. Hartwell	Suzanne Harshman
Mar. 5	Kim Karen Scheller	F	Exeter	Roland F. Scheller	Monika Burger
Mar. 6	Elizabeth Luise Schmidt	F	Exeter	Pierre Schmidt	Karen Gunter
Mar. 6	Mariek Evelyn Schmidt	F	Exeter	Pierre Schmidt	Karen Gunter
Mar. 9	Eric Ryan Rush	M	Portsmouth	Michael Rush	Kathleen Kelley
Mar. 17	Abigail Holbrook Wiggin	F	Portsmouth	Robert Wiggin, Jr.	Marsha Langley
Mar. 29	Molly Catherine Camp	F	Portsmouth	Elisha Camp	Joyce Pickard
Apr. 5	Charles Thomas Hickey	M	Portsmouth	Martin Hickey	Alice Bowser
Apr. 8	Virginia May LaBonte	F	Exeter	Lionel LaBonte	Greta Dalrymple
Apr. 17	Amanda Chesley Tibbetts	F	Exeter	Lloyd Tibbetts, Jr.	Diane Miller
Apr. 29	Bradford Shaw Goodwin, III	M	Portsmouth	Bradford S. Goodwin, Jr.	Susan Williams
May 14	Marybeth Ann McGonagle	F	Portsmouth	John McGonagle	Marguerite Banks
June 11	Alfred Clayton Scamman	M	Exeter	Charles W. Scamman	Melody Bryar
June 13	Denise Rose Bourgeault	F	Exeter	Phillip Bourgeault	Susan Kibble
June 17	Hillary Kay Bullard	F	Exeter	Lawrence Bullard	Ellen Bruen
June 27	Andrew Jay Rohr	M	Exeter	Gary Rohr	Carol Senechal
July 18	David Michael Wing, Jr.	M.	Portsmouth	David Wing	Mary Boland
July 28	Elizabeth Anne Burbank	F	Exeter	Davis Burbank	Sandee Murray
July 28	Jonathan Ray Burbank	M	Exeter	Davis Burbank	Sandee Murray
Aug. 4	Jeremy Charles LaRose	M	Portsmouth	Charles LaRose	Joyce Lampert
Aug. 22	Michael David O'Keefe	M	Portsmouth	Drew O'Keefe	Bonnie Grawemeyer
Sept.22	Jamie Lynn Judkins	F	Exeter	Norman Judkins, Jr.	Deborah Gibney

Sept.27	Kevin Patrick Moriarty	M	Exeter	Daniel Moriarty	Jane Garnos
Nov.12	Jessica Lyn Hersey	F	Exeter	Lloyd Hersey	Jacqueline Daigle
Dec. 1	Jessica Suzanne Gallup	F	Portsmouth	Stephen Gallup	Carol Sanders

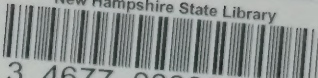
MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DE. 31, 1977

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE</u>	<u>STATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>	<u>BY WHOM MARRIED</u>
Jan. 8	Mark P. Brewitt Debra A. Hatch	N.H. N. Y.	Carl W. Brewitt A. Bradley Dearborn John K. Hatch Eleanor Lewis	William S. Wade Priest, St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H.
Jan. 22	Charles W. Scamman Melody K. Bryer	N.H. Ill.	Charles J. Scamman Evelyn L. Bacon Robert Bryar Patricia Tebo	Walter H. Leff, J. P. Rye, N.H.
Feb. 12	Arthur B. Chaddock Catherine E. Sheehan	N.Y. Mass.	Irving Chaddock Bette Goldstein Thomas Sheehan Rosemarie Tevlin	Janet M. Wiggin Justice of the Peace Exeter, N.H.
Mar. 31	James G. Quinney Paula E. Robertshaw	N.H. Me.	Austin Quinney Victoria Renard Robert Robertshaw Patricia Webb	John S. Buccen Justice of the Peace Portsmouth, N.H.
Apr. 9	Paul G. Franceschini Julie L. Oliver	Mass. Mass.	Giulio Franceschini Norma Arseneault Gilman Oliver Cynthia McKnight	Andrew M. Gilman Pastor, Stratham Community Church Stratham, N.H.
Apr. 16	Walton A. Skinner, III Victoria S. Robertson	Me. N.M.	Walton Skinner, Jr. Gertrude Glouer Jack Robertson Evelyn Wilson	Rev. Frank Hamaha Clergyman Dover, N.H.
Apr. 23	John C. Hamilton Jody A. Hebert	N.H. N.H.	William Hamilton Evelyn Fifield Roger Hebert Jennie Chorzepa	Rev. Marcel M. Allard Priest Franklin, N.H.
Apr. 27	Kenneth A. Parsons Diane A. Allen	Mass. Mass.	Orrin Parsons Elva Publicover William Allen Judith Callahan	Joyce A. Rowe Justice of the Peace Stratham, N.H.

May 21	Harold Buskett	N.C.	Daniel Harris	Andrew M. Gilman
			Margaret Buskell	Pastor, Stratham
	Nina E. Sewall	N.H.	D. Cameron Sewall	Community Church
			Joan Miller	Stratham, N.H.
May 21	Gary R. McComish	Mass.	Robert McComish	Daniel M. Cappicillo
			Rose LeDuc	Justice of the Peace
	Sandra L. Walker	Conn.	Ernest Hall	Barrington, N.H.
			Roberta Yerxa	
June 12	Greg T. Jardis	Mass.	Walter Jardis	G. Richard Siever
			Norma Taylor	Rector
	Kathryn E. Reid	Mass.	Robert Reid	Exeter, N.H.
			Mildred Hutt	
June 18	David H. Bendroth	Mass.	Harold Bendroth	Andrew M. Gilman
			Carolyn Bowen	Pastor, Stratham
	Susan E. Hutton	N.H.	John A. Hutton, Jr.	Community Church
			Charlotte York	Stratham, N.H.
June 25	Gary C. Wiggin	N.H.	Earl L. Wiggin, Jr.	Andrew M. Gilman
			Joan Wardwell	Pastor, Stratham
	Lynda L. Hinds	Me.	Thomas Hinds, Jr.	Community Church
			Sheila Pratt	Stratham, N.H.
June 25	Walter S. Prescott, Jr.	N.H.	Walter Prescott	Rev. Gerald Dauphinais
			Beatrice Spencer	Blessed Sacrament Rectory
	Mary E. Moulthrop	Mass.	Lawrence Moulthrop	Manchester, N.H.
			Elinor Napoli	
Aug. 6	James B. Holmes	Vt.	Royal Holmes	Kenneth R. Brown
			Marion Kemp	Unitarian Minister
	Anne Stuart		James Stuart	Exeter, N.H.
			Lorraine Pote	
Aug. 20	Roger W. Krueger	N.Y.	Donald Krueger	Andrew M. Gilman
			Elinor Gould	Pastor, Stratham
	Ann M. Schaumburg	Mo.	Russell Schaumburg	Community Church
			Margaret Rohlfig	Stratham, N.H.
Sept. 30	Frank A. Cook	N.H.	Albert Cook	Arthur Tufts
			Leona Machra	Justice of the Peace
	Dawn A. Eldredge	N.H.	Frank Eldredge	Exeter, N.H.
			Christine St. Laurent	

Oct. 1	Daniel E. Sewall	N.H.	D. Cameron Sewall	Leo R. Dupuis
	Kathleen M. Buchanan	Mass.	Joan Miller Paul Buchanan Barbara Sousa	Justice of the Peace Seabrook, N.H.
Oct. 8	John M. Walker	Fla.	William Walker	Rev. Vinton B. Bowering
	Brenda L. Watkins	Fla.	Louise Andersen Barry Watkins Sherrill Snow	Minister Haverhill, Mass.
Oct. 9	Nirvar S. Corbin	Me.	Robert E. Corbin	Richard D. Crocker
	Nanu T. Geahegan	Calif.	Elizabeth Stockbridge Ralph Geohegan Florence Bedard	Pamela J. Crocker Witnessed Exeter, N.H.
Oct. 9	Roy C. Evans	N.Y.	William Evans	G. Richard Silver
	Debra L. Miller	Vt.	Marie Cerimido George Miller Lois Flindall	Rector Exeter, N.H.
Dec. 17	Garvase N. White	Canada	Marshall White	Andrew M. Gilman
	Annette L. Burns	Mass.	McNeil Andrew Palardy Emily Yukna	Pastor, Stratham Community Church Stratham, N.H.
Dec. 26	John W. Ayers	Pa.	John S. Ayers	Joyce A. Rowe
	Lea Roxanne Bertschy	Ala.	Margaret King Donald LaFave Nancy Chute	Justice of the Peace Stratham, N.H.

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