

THE TOWN OF  
**STRAFFORD**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

### Front Cover:

Fifty years ago, Walter and Mildred Weidman worked with the Strafford Conservation Commission to donate a parcel of land to create a Town Forest for our community. Since that time, Strafford has embraced that gift and grown our conserved lands to preserve our healthy environment and to augment your recreational opportunities. One of our most popular conservation areas is the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve easily accessed from Pig Lane or the New Road parking area (immediately off Range Road). Our cover photo is an invite to explore the Beaver Pond loop trail. The IRCR was conserved in 2008 with funding from the federal CELCP program and with the assistance of the Trust for Public Lands, Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, and others, to protect an intact large tract of unfragmented habitat. The Isinglass River is one of only 19 rivers designated under NH's Rivers Management and Protection Program for its outstanding natural and cultural resources.

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ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE  
TOWN OF  
STRAFFORD,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
2021



For The Year Ending December 31, 2021

Population.....	estimated 4230
Registered Voters.....	2981





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# TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## SELECTMEN

Scott L. Young, Chairman 2022  
Brian J. Monahan 2023  
Lynn Sweet 2024  
Ellen J. White, Town Administrator

## TOWN CLERK

Terri Marsh 2022  
Stephanie Norton, Deputy Town Clerk

## ROAD AGENT

Greg Messenger 2022

## TOWN TREASURER

Cindy Cushing 2022

## BUILDING INSPECTORS

David Copeland  
Dan Howard

## TAX COLLECTOR

Judith Dupré  
Martha English, Deputy Tax Collector

## HEALTH OFFICER

Scott Whitehouse  
David Hartranft, Deputy

## MODERATOR

Ralph Wegner 2022

## TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Carol Cooper 2024  
Martha English 2022  
Judith Dupré 2026

Charles H. Burnham, Chairman 2022  
Scott Hodgdon 2023  
Jean Ewen 2024

## PLANNING BOARD

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Paige Holman

Charles Moreno, Chairman 2023  
Terrence Hyland 2023  
Timothy Reed 2024  
Phil Auger 2022

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sharon Omand, Chairman 2023  
Jessie Copeland, Treasurer 2024  
Lindsay Aucella, Secretary 2022  
Liza Witonis, Alternate  
JoAnn Brown, Alternate

Lynn Sweet, Ex Officio member  
Donald Coker, Alternate  
Don Clifford, Alternate  
Susan Arnold, Alternate

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Ashley Rowe, Chairman 2023  
Herman Groth 2021  
Terrence Hyland 2022  
Aaron Leff 2022  
Alison Brisson 2024  
Ashley Leighton, Alternate  
Jeffrey Sanita, Alternate  
Jean Ewen, Alternate  
Charles Burnham, Alternate

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Scott A. Young, Chairman 2024  
Randal Jacunski 2024  
Kerry Omand 2022  
Mimi Jost 2022  
David Perkins 2023  
Susan Barnes 2023  
Michael Ferber 2023  
Elizabeth Evans, Alternate  
JoAnn Brown, Alternate

# TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mike Richard, Chief of Police

Randy Young, Lieutenant

John Bernard, Sergeant

Mary Macfadzen, Secretary

Officer Evan Ortega

Officer Forrest "Chip" Stickney

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief

## FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief - Fire Warden

David Hartfranft, Deputy Fire Chief

### CAPTAINS

Paul Stover

Erik Aucella

Steve Johnson

### LIEUTENANTS

Paul Yergeau, Sr.

Ben Bickford

Bryan Hayes

Peter Frasca

## DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

James A. Andersen

James W. Andersen

Erik Aucella

Benjamin Bickford

Kenneth Chick

Joshua Crampsey

Lyle Deane

Normand Dumais

Peter Frasca

Steve Goodspeed

David Hartranft

Josiah Hinrichsen

Steve Johnson

Stephen LaPorte

James Lindquist

Brett Machenry

Henry Marston

Brendan McAdams

Michael McGinn

Dan Meehan

Scott Morin

Ed Morse

Dakota Poole

Nathan Richard

Douglass Rohr

Chris Roy

Windy Rudnicki

Adam Schaub

Paul Stover

Cameron Whitehouse

Sam Whitehouse

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Representative Mike Harrington

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## REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town and School elections will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM for voting. Candidates for Town and School District offices and four amendments to the Zoning Ordinances proposed by the Planning Board will be considered. Warrant Articles 6 through 30 will be considered on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Strafford School commencing at 8:30AM; both in person and outside options for participation will be available. Two more elections will be held in 2022. The State Primary will be held on September 13th and a General Election on November 8th. Voting for both will be held at the Town Hall. The Town website at [www.stafford.nh.gov](http://www.stafford.nh.gov) is skillfully managed by Town Clerk Terri Marsh and is the best source for election and all Town related information.

The March 2021 Town Meeting was held as usual in the school gymnasium, but also featured an option to listen and vote from a car in the school parking lot via FM transmitter. Many thanks to Town Clerk Terri Marsh and Moderator Lynn Sweet for executing that. Funds were approved for the State mandated Statistical Revaluation to be conducted in 2021; all properties were valued anew and more nearly reflecting current market conditions. Additional funds were appropriated for the repair of the Barn Door Gap bridge; engineering and permitting delays will push the work into 2002. Departmental budgets were funded and, once again, modest appropriations were made to numerous Capital Reserve Funds in anticipation of future capital improvement projects. Several zoning amendments were approved by ballot on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Strafford's Bicentennial celebration had been postponed in 2020, due to Covid concerns, and was finally celebrated in 2021 with several summer events, culminating with a parade from Beaver Dam to Bow Lake Village on July 10<sup>th</sup> followed by a ceremony recognizing longtime residents of Strafford. Many thanks, especially to members of the Strafford Historical Society, especially JoAnn Brown and Liz Evans for planning these events! Though the Town was unable to secure lifeguards for the beach during the summer, the beach remained opened for use. We are grateful to the many town residents who cleaned up the beach at the beginning of the season, repaired and painted the shed at the beach, maintained the swim line, and generally kept the beach area clean throughout. Community spirit at its best! Longtime resident and Centenarian Gladys Heald was recognized as Strafford's Oldest Citizen.

We were saddened by the passing of Recycling Center Manager, Craig Hastings in December of 2021. Craig wisely managed the Recycling Center and is missed by all who knew him as a familiar and helpful attendant there. We also want to acknowledge the passing of Phil Dame. Phil was a long time resident of the Town and had served as the Town Road Agent from 1988-1989. Craig and Phil along with many others among us who passed are missed by family and friends.

The 2022 Warrant presents several important appropriations for the Town's 2022 budget. Warrant proposes to change the Road Agent from an elected to an appointed position. Funding of departmental budgets, equipment purchases, and appropriations to Capital Reserve Funds will be discussed. At this writing, several articles propose changing five Class VI roads to Class A trails. A petition article will take up the use of the Town property abutting the Hill Library for use by the library as a community garden. Finally, the Cell Tower Study Committee will make a presentation of their findings and proposals. Several proposed appropriations do not appear on the warrant as the Selectmen will make use of available Federal/State funding for Capital Improvement projects as permitted by the funding regulations.

In 2021, the Selectboard welcomed back Lynn Sweet, who won the seat in a write-in campaign, as they said goodbye to Selectman Bryant Scott. Bryant, having served for 6 years, was instrumental in guiding the Town wisely through the complexities of the Covid situation. He is remembered for his calm and thoughtful approach to all matters before the Board. In 2022, Selectman Scott Young will step down after serving for 6 years. We are grateful for his discerning leadership and years of faithful service to the Town, both as Police Chief and Selectman.

The Selectmen meet every other Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall, unless otherwise posted. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend any meeting of the Selectboard and other boards which meet throughout the month. Dates and times are posted on the Town website [www.stafford.nh.gov](http://www.stafford.nh.gov).

Finally, we'd like to recognize Linda Pape and thank her for her many years of service to the Town. Linda is the kind of person who brings out the best in all of us. Her dedication, kindness, and joyful spirit will be greatly missed. We congratulate her and wish her nothing but the best in her retirement.

As always, a sincere thanks to all men and women who labor quietly among us as volunteers, on boards, committees, commissions and in various organizations in Town.

*Scott L. Young, Chairman*

*Brian J. Monahan, Selectman*

*Lynn M. Sweet, Selectman*



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the **Strafford Town Hall** in said Strafford on Tuesday, the Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day of March, next at 8:00 A.M. to act upon the following subjects:

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

\*\* 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board:

“To amend the definitions in *Section 1.14, Definitions*, of the Zoning Ordinance to clarify the definitions of “Accessory Buildings, Structures, or Uses”; “Structure”s; “Building”s; and to correct citations of these terms throughout the Zoning Ordinance.”

\*\* 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board:

“To amend *Article 1.14.5—Frontage*, the definition of Frontage, and *Article 1.4.1 D Minimum Land Area* provisions. The proposed amendments to the frontage definition clarify the road type on which a lot must border, that the same provisions apply to both private and public roads, and that the frontage must be fully within the Town of Strafford. The amendments to the Minimum Land Area provisions clarify the requirements for building on lots that do not meet Strafford’s minimum land area specifications.

\*\* 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board:

“To amend *Article 1.7.1—Non-Conforming Use* to clarify when Special Exceptions or Variances are required, or when neither is needed. Also, it specifies the duration of permits, allowance to rebuild destroyed non-conforming structures, and that permitted non-conforming construction must comply with state laws and town ordinances.”

\*\* 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board:

“To amend *Article 1.4.2 H Telecommunications Facilities* by deleting the existing language and adopting **Article 1.4.2 H Wireless Telecommunication Facilities**, a comprehensive wireless telecommunications facilities ordinance complying with federal and state requirements regarding the siting, construction and deactivation of wireless telecommunications facilities (cell towers) in Strafford. The amendment would establish four wireless communication facility overlay districts delineated by GPS coordinates to be known as Strafford North, Strafford East, Strafford South, and Strafford West, in order to encourage optimal tower locations where comprehensive community telecommunication coverage can be achieved. The ordinance establishes maximum height and setback requirements as well as operational standards regarding security and noise and establishes procedures for both construction and deactivation of cell towers through a Special Use Permit process before the Planning Board.”

**\*\* NOTE: ALL ARTICLES, EXCEPT ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5 WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, March 12, 2022 AT THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL.**

6. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:62, to change the currently “*Elected*” Road Agent position to an “*Appointed*” position, and to authorize the Selectmen as agents to appoint. The current Road Agent shall continue in the position until the end of the next Town Meeting.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$335,000. for Capital Improvements (Drainage work, culverts, gravel and paving) of roads within the Town boundaries at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$814,152. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

9. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Strafford County Radio Project Fund. Said funds (\$5,000.59), with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality’s general fund.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$556,271. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,217. for the third year’s payment of the lease agreement for the new ambulance approved at the 2020 Town Meeting, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,217. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund to be used for this purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies for the ambulances, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$15,000. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$670,000. for the purpose of leasing to own a new Fire Engine Tanker, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$155,000. for the first year’s payment. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000. to be placed in the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund and designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,684. to purchase medical and associated equipment (i.e. 2 AED defibrillators and LUCAS auto compression device, etc.), \$24,915. to come from a GOFERR Grant, the balance of \$2,769. to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,778. for the purpose of purchasing new forestry equipment (i.e. PPE shirts, headlamps, goggles and hose clamps) with \$1,389. to come from the State Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant and the balance of \$1,389. to come from general taxation.

17. To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Fire Station Committee to be comprised of the Fire Chief, one Fire Department member, one Selectman, and two Town residents. The committee to report back at the 2023 Town Meeting.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,554. for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Library Expansion/Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Town Office Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Town Hall Building Maintenance, Improvements and/or Expansion Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Future Reval/Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,747,219. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 94,238.
Election & Registration.....	39,282.
Financial Administration.....	116,623.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	45,193.
Legal Expenses.....	60,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	46,410.
Planning and Zoning.....	52,043.
General Government Building.....	46,800.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	38,310.
Insurance.....	60,847.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	4,243.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	5,214.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	13,000.
Emergency Management.....	15,000.
Building Inspection.....	18,748.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	643,875.
Street Lighting.....	5,000.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	352,147.

Animal Control.....	1,800.
Cemeteries.....	9,000.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	15,580.
Community Action.....	2,000.
Haven Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	3,200.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
CASA.....	500.
Strafford Nutrition & Meals on Wheels.....	1,000.
Parks and Recreation.....	23,183.
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks .....	6,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,747,219.</b>

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,747,219. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

24. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following section of a Class VI road as a Class A Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2: First Crown Point Road from a point at the northeast corner of Tax Map 17, Lot 20 and the southwest corner of Tax Map 17, Lot 19 to the Barnstead town line (approximately 5900 feet).

25. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following section of Class VI road as a Class A Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2: Second Crown Point Road from the southeast corner of Tax Map 18, Lot 32 to the southwest corner of Tax Map 14, Lot 11-2 (approximately 3600 feet).

26. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following Class VI road as a Class A Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2: Snackerty Road (a.k.a. Church Road) from Barn Door Gap Road to the Barnstead town line (approximately 2600 feet).

27. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following section of a Class VI road as a Class A Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2: Willey Road running northerly from the Beam Camp entrance road (a.k.a Boy Scout Road) to a point 50 feet north of the north side embankment of the Little River crossing (approximately 2600 feet).

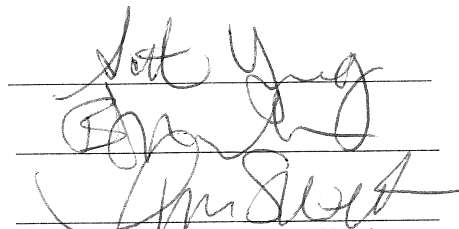
28. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following section of Class VI road as a Class A Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2: Pig Lane running northerly from Range Road at the southwest corner of Tax Map 8, Lot 20 and the southeast corner of Tax Map 8, Lot 19-1 to a point 50 feet north of the north side embankment of the Huckins Brook crossing (approximately 4490 feet).

29. "To see if the town will support the use of the Town lot next to the Hill Library (formerly known as the Hill Lot) as the Community Garden and to allow for expansion and improvement of public access to the garden. Improvements include installing steps, changing the slope of the lot, and placing a shed on the land. The cost of improvements will be covered by Hill Library donations, fundraising and grants, at no cost to the Town. The elected town Library Trustees will oversee the improvements." (by Petition.)

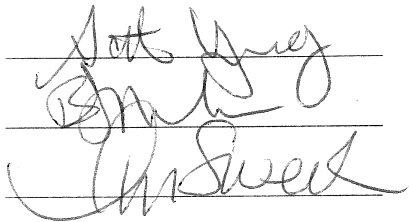
30. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.



Given under our hands and seal, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-two.

  
Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:







New Hampshire  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

2022  
MS-636

**Proposed Budget**

**Strafford**

For the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 17, 2022

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

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

Name

Position

Signature

Scott L. Young

Chairman

Brian J. Monahan

Selectman

Lynn M. Sweet

Selectman

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:

<https://www.proptax.org/>

**For assistance please contact:**

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division  
(603) 230-5090

<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>



**New Hampshire**  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

**2022**  
**MS-636**

**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2021	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	23	\$88,986	\$89,443	\$94,238	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	23	\$60,240	\$75,077	\$77,592	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	23	\$109,011	\$125,079	\$129,623	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	23	\$84,472	\$90,152	\$45,193	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	23	\$20,956	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	23	\$36,399	\$40,865	\$46,410	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	23	\$50,173	\$38,730	\$52,043	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	23	\$46,780	\$46,800	\$46,800	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	23	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
4196	Insurance	23	\$52,843	\$60,847	\$60,847	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	23	\$9,210	\$9,417	\$9,457	\$0
4199	Other General Government	23	\$0	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$568,070	\$661,410	\$647,203	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	8	\$696,663	\$766,716	\$814,152	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	13	\$484,466	\$518,108	\$556,271	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	26	\$11,538	\$17,832	\$18,748	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	26	\$4,961	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$1,197,628	\$1,317,656	\$1,404,171	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	23	\$545,630	\$544,800	\$643,875	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	23	\$3,950	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$549,580	\$549,800	\$648,875	\$0





**New Hampshire**  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

**2022**  
**MS-636**

**Appropriations**

**Sanitation**

4321	Administration	23	\$302,590	\$343,884	\$352,147	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$302,590</b>	<b>\$343,884</b>	<b>\$352,147</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Water Distribution and Treatment**

4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Electric**

4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Health**

4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	23	\$1,478	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	23	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$5,469</b>	<b>\$5,791</b>	<b>\$5,791</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Welfare**

4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	23	\$2,595	\$15,297	\$15,580	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	23	\$8,642	\$9,392	\$9,392	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$11,237</b>	<b>\$24,689</b>	<b>\$24,972</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Culture and Recreation**

4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	23	\$4,342	\$21,759	\$23,183	\$0
4550-4559	Library	18	\$125,946	\$128,039	\$133,554	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	23	\$6,510	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$136,798</b>	<b>\$156,598</b>	<b>\$163,537</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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**Appropriations**

**Conservation and Development**

4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	23	\$720	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$720</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Debt Service**

4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	23	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Capital Outlay**

4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$124,836	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$385,000	\$385,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$385,000</b>	<b>\$509,836</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Operating Transfers Out**

4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Total Operating Budget Appropriations**

**\$3,251,196**

**\$0**



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**Special Warrant Articles**

			Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	
Account	Purpose	Article		
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	11	\$60,217	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Lease/Purch New Ambulance-2nd year pmt			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	12	\$15,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Purchase Equip/Supplies for Ambulance			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$100,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Add to CRF-Future Fire Truck			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	19	\$10,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Add to CRF-Library expansion and improvements			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	20	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Add to CRF-Town Office Equipment Fund			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	21	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Add to CRF-Town Hall Bldg Mnt/Imprv/Expansion			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	22	\$10,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Add to Future Reval/Statistical Update CRF			
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$205,217	\$0

**Individual Warrant Articles**

Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022				
Account	Purpose	Article	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	16	\$2,778	\$0
	Purpose: Forestry Equip-Fire Asst Grant/Taxation			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	15	\$27,684	\$0
	Purpose: Medical equip. GOFERR Grant Taxation			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	13	\$155,000	\$0
	Purpose: Lease/Purchase new Fire Engine Tanker-1st year's p			
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	7	\$335,000	\$0
	Purpose: Capital Improvements to Roads			
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$520,462	\$0



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**Revenues**

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	23	\$18,282	\$18,000	\$19,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	23	\$39,973	\$40,000	\$39,973
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$58,255</b>	<b>\$58,000</b>	<b>\$59,473</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	23	\$920,059	\$895,714	\$920,059
3230	Building Permits	23	\$28,873	\$25,500	\$28,873
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	23	\$52,195	\$48,000	\$52,195
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,001,127</b>	<b>\$969,214</b>	<b>\$1,001,127</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	23	\$309,185	\$309,185	\$309,185
3353	Highway Block Grant	23	\$125,206	\$125,206	\$125,072
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	16,15	\$0	\$0	\$26,304
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$434,391</b>	<b>\$434,391</b>	<b>\$460,561</b>
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	23	\$62,090	\$54,000	\$62,090
3409	Other Charges	23	\$14,365	\$9,000	\$14,365
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$76,455</b>	<b>\$63,000</b>	<b>\$76,455</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$2,852	\$2,852	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	23	\$2,376	\$1,400	\$2,376
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$5,228</b>	<b>\$4,252</b>	<b>\$2,376</b>





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**Interfund Operating Transfers In**

3912	From Special Revenue Funds	11,12	\$0	\$109,836	\$75,217
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$109,836</b>	<b>\$75,217</b>

**Other Financing Sources**

3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	23	\$233,392	\$233,392	\$233,392
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$233,392</b>	<b>\$233,392</b>	<b>\$233,392</b>

<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$1,808,848</b>	<b>\$1,872,085</b>	<b>\$1,908,601</b>
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**Budget Summary**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Period Ending 12/31/22</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$3,251,196.00
Special Warrant Articles	\$205,217.00
Individual Warrant Articles	\$520,462.00
Total Appropriations	\$3,976,875.00
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues and Credits	\$1,908,601.00
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$2,068,274.00</b>

# REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

TOWN OF STRAFFORD

FY 2021

Account #	Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
<b>TAXES</b>			
3185	Timber Tax	\$19,000	\$18,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$45,000	\$40,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		\$0
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$895,714	\$895,714
3230	Building Permits	\$24,362	\$25,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$48,000	\$48,000
<b>FROM STATE</b>			
3351	Shared Revenue	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals & Rooms Distribution	\$200,000	\$309,185
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$100,000	\$125,206
3359	Bridge Grant	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	\$0	\$0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$54,000	\$54,000
3409	Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	\$9,000	\$9,000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$0	\$2,852
3502	Interest on Investments	\$5,000	\$1,400
3503-3509	Other - Insurance Refund	\$0	\$0
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$109,836	\$109,836
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0
<b>SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES</b>		<b>\$1,509,912</b>	<b>\$1,638,693</b>
	Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$233,392	\$233,392
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>		<b>\$1,743,304</b>	<b>\$1,872,085</b>
<b>REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)</b>		<b>\$52,022</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

<b>ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW</b>	
Total Appropriations	\$3,776,107
(Less) Total Revenues and Credits	\$1,872,085
Net Assessment	\$1,904,022

# REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

Saturday, March 13, 2021

Acct#	Purpose of Appropriation	RSA 32:3 ,V	Warrant Art.	Appropriation As Voted
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130-4139	Executive	26		\$89,443
4140-4149	Elec, Auto Reg, Vital Sts, Clrk Fees	26		\$75,077
4150-4151	Financial Adm & CPA Audit	23,26		\$158,077
4152	Reval of Property & Tax Maps	26		\$90,152
4153	Legal Expense	26		\$60,000
4155-4159	Personnel Adm, FICA, Medi, Unemp Comp	26		\$40,865
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	26		\$17,175
4195	Cemeteries	26		\$46,800
4194	General Government Buildings	26		\$9,000
4196	Insurance	26		\$60,847
4197	Advertising & Reg Assoc Dues, SRPC Dues	26		\$9,417
4199	Other General Gov't/Contingency	26		\$16,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210-4214	Police	9		\$766,716
4215-4219	Ambulance			
4220-4229	Fire & Rescue	13		\$518,108
4240-4249	Building Inspection	26		\$17,832
4290-4298	Emergency Management	26		\$15,000
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311	Adm/Gen Hwy & Road Maintenance	26		\$544,800
4313	Bridges			
4316	Street Lighting	26		\$5,000
4319	Other (Road Improvements)			
SANITATION				
4321	Administration	26		\$343,884
HEALTH				
4411	Administration			
4414	Pest Control	26		\$1,800
4415-4419	Health Agencies/Cornerstone VNA	26		\$3,991
WELFARE				
4441-4442	Adminstration & Direct Assistance	26		\$15,297
4445-4449	Vendor pmts/Other	26		\$9,392
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	26		\$21,759
4550-4559	Library	19		\$128,039
4583	Patriotic Purposes	26		\$6,800
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT				
4611-4612	Admin & Purchase of Natural Resources	26		\$2,500
DEBT SERVICE				
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note	26		\$2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	10,14,15,16		\$124,836
4903	Buildings			
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	6		\$385,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	7,8,11,12,17,18,20,21,22,24,25		\$194,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS VOTED</b>				<b>\$ 3,779,607</b>

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET**  
**TOWN OF STRAFFORD**  
**2021**

<b>A. ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>Acct#</b>	<b>Beginning of year</b>	<b>End of year</b>
Cash and equivalents	1010	\$4,921,216	\$ 2,505,921
Investments	1030	\$294,658	299,578
Taxes receivable	1080	\$532,468	\$4,083,629
Tax liens receivable	1110	\$181,101	157,414
Accounts receivable	1150		
Due from other governments	1260		
Due from other funds	1310		
Other current assets	1400		
Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$5,929,443</b>	<b>\$7,046,542</b>
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>Acct#</b>	<b>Beginning of year</b>	<b>End of year</b>
Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$36,576	51,764
Compensated absences payable	2030		
Contracts payable	2050		
Due to other governments	2070		
Due to school districts	2075	\$4,520,928	4,627,719
Due to other funds	2080		
Deferred revenue	2220		
Notes payable - Current	2230		
Bonds payable - Current	2250		
Other payables	2270	\$0	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>\$4,557,504</b>	<b>\$4,679,483</b>
<b>Fund Equity*</b>			
Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440		
Restricted Fund Balance	2450	\$72,618	\$67,618
Committed Fund Balance	2460	\$31,681	\$50,161
Assigned Fund Balance	2490	\$22,136	40,023
Unassigned Fund Balance	2530	\$1,245,504	\$2,209,257
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>		<b>\$1,371,939</b>	<b>\$2,367,059</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>		<b>\$5,929,443</b>	<b>\$7,046,542</b>

\*Note: to be GASB 54 compliant, the fund balance classifications have changed. See tab called Fund Balance Explanation

**NOTE:** NH Law requires all municipalities to gross appropriate, but this balance sheet only reflects the general fund.  
See the municipality's audited financials for more information on proprietary funds, special revenue, or capital project funds

<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET RECONCILIATION</b>		
Ending Fund Equity from Balance Sheet		\$2,367,059
Less Beginning Fund Equity from Balance Sheet		\$1,371,939
Change (Increase or Decrease)		\$995,120

In Lieu of Audit: Please note that the Town's financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2021 is in process; therefore no Auditor's Report is available at this time. Upon completion, the audit information will be available at the Town Office.

## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION 2021

<b>Value of Land Only</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Assessed Valuation</b>
Current Use RSA 79-A	23,794.32	\$1,957,700
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.16	\$4,500
Residential Land	6,319.43	\$245,814,670
Commercial/Industrial Land	173.43	\$2,377,630
<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>30,287.34</b>	<b>\$250,154,500</b>
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	2,825.99	\$5,197,300

<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>		<b>Assessed Valuation</b>
Residential		\$433,503,080
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$5,940,100
Commercial/Industrial		\$8,291,320
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	3 Structures	\$108,100
<b>Total of Taxable Buildings</b>		<b>\$447,842,600</b>
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$16,447,800

<b>Utilities</b>		<b>Valuation</b>
Public Utilities		\$6,571,900
Other Public Utilities		\$9,000
Valuation Before Exemptions		\$704,578,000
<b>Modified Assessed Valuation of All Properties</b>		<b>\$704,578,000</b>

Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a&b	18 Granted	\$670,000
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	4 Granted	\$105,000
<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>		<b>\$775,000</b>

<b>Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed</b>	<b>\$703,803,000</b>
Less Public Utilities	\$6,571,900
<b>Net Valuation without Utilites</b>	<b>\$697,231,100</b>

### Utility Summary

The Municipality **DOES NOT** use the DRA utility values. The municipality **IS NOT** equalized by the ratio?

PSNH dba Eversource Energy	\$6,390,600
Hampstead Area Water Company	\$181,300
Total of All Utilities	\$6,571,900
City of Rochester -Municipal	\$9,000

### Tax Credits

<b>Veterans' Tax Credits</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b># Individuals</b>	<b>Estimated Tax Credits</b>
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$200	170	\$34,000
Tax Credit for Total Service			
Connected Disability	\$700	17	\$11,900
Total Number and Amount		187	\$45,900

## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

### Disabled Exemption Report RSA 72:37-b

Current Year Exemptions Granted: 4                      Amount of Exemption \$30,000                      Total \$105,000

Income Limits:	Single	\$20,000	Asset Limits:	\$35,000
	Married	\$30,000		\$35,000

### Elderly Exemption Report RSA 72:39-a

Number of <b>First Time Filers</b> Granted <b>Elderly Exemption</b> for Current Tax Year	Total Number of Individuals Granted <b>Elderly Exemption</b> for Current Tax Year & Total Amount of Exemptions Granted
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Age	#	Amount	Age	#	Amount	Total Exemption Granted
65-74	3	\$30,000	65-74	9	\$270,000	\$270,000
75-79	0	\$40,000	75-79	3	\$120,000	\$100,000
80+	1	\$50,000	80+	<u>6</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
			Total	18	\$690,000	\$670,000

Income Limits:	Single	\$30,000	Asset Limits:	\$75,000
	Married	\$40,000		\$75,000

Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive - RSA79-E Adopted?	No
Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings - RSA 79-G	No
Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities - RSA 79-H	No
Exemption for Electric Energy Systems -RSA72:85	No
Exemption for Renewable Gen Facility&Electric Energy Storage RSA 72:87	No
Optional Commerical & Industrial Contruction Exemption RSA 72:76-78/RSA 72:80-83	No
Low Income Housing Tax Credit Tax Program RSA 75:1-a	No

### Current Use Reports RSA 79-A

	Total # Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	1,155.69	\$473,900
Forest Land	12,973.69	\$1,137,000
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	7,759.83	\$309,900
Unproductive Land	173.10	\$3,300
Wetland	1,732.01	\$33,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,794.32</b>	<b>\$1,957,700</b>

### Other Current Use Statistics

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	10,520.59 acres
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	74.08 acres
Number of Owners in Current Use	379
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	602

Land Use Change Tax Received January 1 through December 31	\$38,650
100% Conservation Allocation	\$38,650

### Discretionary Preservation Easements

# Owners	# Structures	# Acres	Assessed Land Valuation	Assessed Structure Valuation
2	3	0.16	\$4,500	\$108,100
	Structures in Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		1700s Barn/Bicentennial Farm Hay Barn Double Gable Entrance Barn	50% Map 11 Lot 4 .04AC 75% Map 10 Lot 13 .05AC 75% Map 10 Lot 13 .07AC



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\$18.46

## Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,005,444	\$703,803,000	<b>\$2.85</b>
County	\$1,498,263	\$703,803,000	<b>\$2.13</b>
Local Education	\$8,333,955	\$703,803,000	<b>\$11.84</b>
State Education	\$1,143,764	\$697,231,100	<b>\$1.64</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,981,426</b>		<b>\$18.46</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
<b>Total</b>			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$12,981,426
War Service Credits	(\$45,900)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$12,935,526

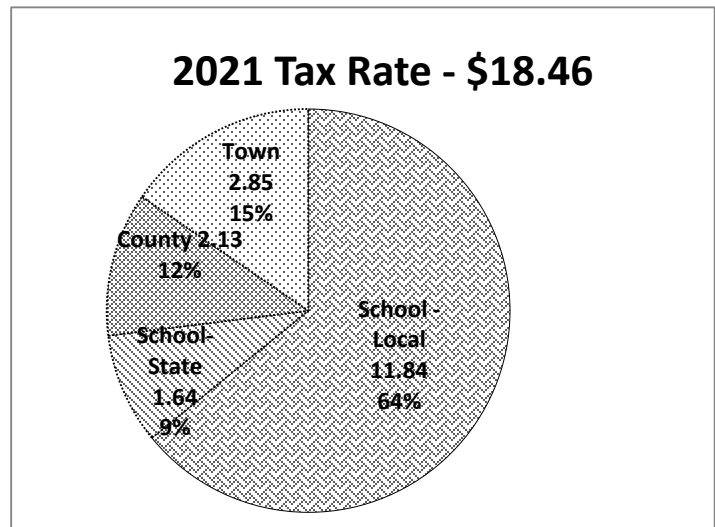
James P. Gerry  
Director of Municipal and Property Division  
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

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## HISTORICAL PROPERTY & TAX RATE DATA

Historical Tax Rate											
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Town	2.85	3.93	3.48	3.28	2.78	2.70	2.57	2.39	2.21	2.49	2.23
School -Local	11.84	16.30	14.77	15.20	14.42	13.63	14.29	15.71	15.31	14.79	15.53
School-State	1.64	2.32	2.24	2.30	2.23	2.20	2.27	2.39	2.41	2.35	2.44
County	2.13	3.10	2.98	2.85	2.86	2.72	2.68	2.67	2.75	2.75	2.60
Total Tax Rate	18.46	25.65	23.47	23.63	22.29	21.25	21.81	23.16	22.68	22.38	22.80

2021 TAX RATE	
TOWN	\$ 2.85
COUNTY	2.13
SCHOOL - LOCAL	11.84
SCHOOL - STATE	1.64
<b>TOTAL TAX</b>	<b>\$18.46</b>



HISTORICAL TOTAL TOWN PROPERTY VALUE									
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Total Town Value	703,803,000	493,115,100	485,434,912	479,262,200	475,637,420	472,279,300	464,957,500	461,618,700	458,999,700

Historical Total Town Equalization Ratio*										
2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
91%*	72.8%	79.1%	80.5%	91.1%	93.60%	96.80%	105.80%	108.80%	102.53%	100.30%

\*Estimated-DRA has not completed as of this printing

The NH Department of Revenue Administration annually conducts a sales to assessment ratio study to establish an overall assessment ratio. The Assessment Ratio is a measurement of the assessment level of a municipality. The ratio is found by dividing the assessed value by the sales price. The overall ratio for a municipality is derived from a statistical analysis of the compilation of all individual ratios. Per State Statute, the Town of Strafford completed a town-wide statistical revaluation in 2011, 2016, and in 2021.



## 2021 STRAFFORD TOWN MEETING

MARCH 9, 2021

The Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the Strafford Town Hall, in the Town of Strafford, by Appointed Town Moderator Lynn Sweet, to act on Articles 1 through 5 by ballot vote.

The ballots were cast and the meeting recessed at 7:00 PM for the purpose of tallying the votes.

The 201<sup>st</sup> Town Meeting was called to order again at 8:37 AM on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Strafford School by Appointed Moderator Lynn Sweet to act on Articles 6 through 29.

Selectman Scott Young lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Lynn Sweet reviewed house rules with a reminder of the Governor's Emergency Order #74 regarding mask and social distancing. Due to Covid 19, the meeting was set up with two attending areas: In-Person in the gymnasium and In-car from the School parking lot tuned into FM 88:1, with a microphone available for outside speakers and ballot clerk attendants checking in outside voters. There were 118 registered voters in attendance. Out of that number 34 registered voters were attending from their car. Moderator Lynn Sweet asked for cars to signify they could hear the meeting and horns were heard from the parking lot. Moderator Sweet asked the audience for patience through the meeting process.

Moderator Sweet read the results of the March 9, 2021 election.

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

Voters on the Checklist....3610

Votes cast 678 (of that number 101 were cast by absentee vote and 577 in person)

Selectman - Three Years

Lynn M Sweet	284 Write-In Votes
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Moderator - One Year Remaining of a Two Year Term

Lynn M Sweet	527
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Town Clerk - One Year Remaining of a Three Year Term

Terri L Marsh	612
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Library Trustee - Three Years

Jessie Copeland	561
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Trustee of the Trust Funds - Three Years

Jean Ewen	545
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Road Agent - One Year

Greg Messenger	628
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Planning Board - Three Years

Timothy Reed	265
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Moderator Sweet made it clear that due to the legal incompatibility of the two offices, she would be resigning her newly elected position of Moderator and accepting the Office of Selectman. The Supervisors of the Checklist will be appointing a Moderator.

Moderator Sweet read the results of the School District Election:

School Board Member - Three Years

Eric Almanzan	394
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Elizabeth Mason	422
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District Clerk - Two Years Remaining of a Three Year Term

Kaisha Morse	136 Write-In Votes
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Moderator Sweet congratulated newly elected officers and invited those present to come forward at the end of the meeting to be sworn into office by the Town Clerk or Assistant Moderators.

Moderator Sweet welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Selectmen: Bryant Scott, Scott Young, Brian Monahan, Town Administrator: Ellen White, Assistant Moderators: Bob Fletcher, Steve Goodspeed, Supervisors of the Checklist: Carol Cooper, Martha English, Judy Dupre, Town Clerk: Terri Marsh. Moderator Sweet gave a huge thanks to all of the volunteers assisting car voters.

Selectman Scott Young thanked all the people who work hard for the Town. He thanked Bryant Scott, who is stepping down from 6 years in the Office of Selectmen. Bryant will be greatly missed. Scott Young thanked Lynn Sweet for the idea and implementation of an FM System for people to attend and vote from their cars and Ashley Rowe for his technical support. He also thanked the previous Moderator Ron Lemieux and Town Clerk Terri Marsh for all of their work getting through the November Elections with Covid. Scott Young thanked Aaron Stanley for technical support, Strafford School Facility Director Gary Hesselton and all of Strafford School.

Selectman Young spoke regarding an overview of the articles and budget proposed for 2021 using a PowerPoint presentation with some graphics that compared Strafford tax rates to other towns of our size. Scott Young gave recognition and thanks to the Recycling Center crew for their willingness to adapt as problems arise. Looking to the future we will continue with Capital Reserve funding. We will also be reviewing the fees at the Recycling Center because cardboard and demo have increased. We hope to purchase a newer backhoe in the future. Scott Young thanked all the departments for presenting reasonable budgets.

Moderator Sweet read results of Articles 2-5 that were voted on by ballot on Election Day, March 9th.

\*\* 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as follows:

“To amend Article 1.15 to clarify the intent of the Phased Development Ordinance by changing the wording of the title and preamble from Growth Management Ordinance to Phased Development Ordinance in order to match the actual wording of the ordinance as adopted in 2003 and to delete the incorrect statutory reference (RSA 674:22) and keep the correct statutory reference (RSA 674:21).”

YES – 447      NO – 196

**Article #2 Passes**

**\*\* 3.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as follows:

“To add a new Article 1.18 to clarify the process for applying to the Planning Board for Subdivision by requiring that applicants for Major Subdivision meet with the Planning Board for non-binding conceptual consultation prior to developing and submitting a formal application as authorized under NH RSA 674:35 I.”

YES – 381      NO – 263

**Article #3 Passes**

**\*\* 4.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as follows:

“To add a new Article 1.19 to clarify the process for applying to the Planning Board for Non-Residential Site Plan Review by requiring that applicants for Site Plan Review meet with the Planning Board for non-binding conceptual consultation prior to developing and submitting a formal application as authorized under NH RSA 674:43.”

YES – 381      NO – 262

**Article #4 Passes**

**\*\* 5.** “By petition of the undersigned registered voters of Strafford NH; by the authority of NH RSA 673:2, II(C) subparagraph (a); to see if the town will vote to change the Planning Board members from elected to appointed, effective upon adoption by the town vote. The Planning Board will continue to have five members, who shall be appointed pursuant to subparagraph (a)” (by Petition.)

YES – 113      NO – 418

**Article #5 Failed**

Moderator Sweet began the Articles being considered at Town Meeting:

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$385,000. for Capital Improvements (Drainage work, culverts, gravel and paving) of roads within the town boundaries at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits.

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Road Agent, Greg Messenger* commented on paving he was going to continue on Second Crown Point Road and Province Road to Wild Goose Pond Road.

With no further discussion a vote was taken by show of cards.

**Article #6 Passes**

Selectmen Brian Monahan motioned to move SB2 up from the end of the meeting to continue the meeting while the polls remained open for the necessary 1 hour period. Motion was seconded. A vote was taken by show of cards. **The motion to move the SB2 Article Passes.**

Moderator Sweet Read the article.

28. "By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Strafford to see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Strafford on the second Tuesday of March of each year." (by Petition.)  
(3/5 vote by ballot in the affirmative required for passage)

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Genny Rizzotti* stated that she started the petition to give more voters a chance to vote without having to be at Town Meeting. She expressed concern that a small number of people who attend Town Meeting decide the budget. She ended by thanking the Town Heads for doing a good job.

*Denise Rainey* stated that the concern of uneducated voters if we go to SB2 is a problem even now with the few articles voted on by ballot. She stated that 100 people showing up at Town Meeting set the tax rate for the whole community and encouraged people to take part and have a voice in the community.

*JoAnne Brown* stated she was a selectman for 34 years and she is against SB2. She feels SB2 is taking the easy way out. She expressed the need for people to show up and vote.

*Linda Pape* stated, articles by Planning and Zoning voted on by ballot were advertised ahead of time and the public was duly notified with plenty of time to educate themselves. She shared that with SB2 all articles would be voted on by ballot and voters would be uninformed on all ballot items as they do not come to public meetings.

*Mike Harrington* stated that in SB2 towns no one shows up for the deliberative session and voters don't understand reasons or need for budget increases without attending those meetings. He expressed that SB2 sounds nice but does not work.

*Ralph Wegner* opened with many thanks to Town Department Heads. He questioned how many people showed up at the budget hearing. *Selectmen Young* answered that there were only department heads and maybe one or two people. *Ralph* pointed out how that demonstrates people do not attend public meetings. He shared that he was strongly against SB2.

*Donald Coker* gave an example of a Planning Board meeting on Zoom that was well attended that resulted in putting the proposed articles on hold. He asked for clarification of SB2 process. *Selectmen Young* answered that there is a deliberative session for information and amendments and then all articles are voted on by ballot on Election Day. *Don* closed by stating that SB2 would make more uninformed voters and that he is opposed to SB2.

*Eric Almanzan* questioned if SB2 would require a budget committee? *Selectmen Young* answered that if it was voted in they would look at what was required and decide how to proceed. *Eric* expressed that he does not support SB2 but he does support more people attending and voting.

*David Hartranft* stated that we have been having Town Meeting for 201 years and every year more and more information is available to the public. He expressed opposition to SB2.

*Kurt Wuelper* stated that his understanding is that SB2 would require a default budget made by a budget committee. He expressed concern that a default budget would cause confusion.

With no further discussion Moderator Sweet read Article #28 again and called for a secret ballot vote as required for SB2. Voting for Article #28 began at 9:30 AM and a timer was set for 1 hour at which time ballots would be counted.

9:50 AM Moderator Lynn Sweet reconvened the meeting with 40 minutes left to cast ballots.

10:30 AM Voting on SB2 was closed and ballots were counted. Moderator Sweet read the results.

Yes - 14

No 102

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## **Article #28 Fails**

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. to be placed in the Reflective Road Signage Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. With no discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

## **Article #7 Passes**

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Highway Department Vehicle and/or Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. With no discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

## **Article #8 Passes**

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$766,716. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Chief Michael Richard* opened by thanking the Town. He welcomed new Town Prosecutor Jean Reed. He explained that the increase in the budget was due to new retirement, insurance and payroll.

*Eric Almanzan* questioned money not used for a new officer in 2020.

*Chief Richard* answered that due to Covid they opted not to go forward with hiring in 2020 and they are now in the process of hiring. He stated that if there was money not used it would go back to the Town.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

## **Article #9 Passes**

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,195. for the purchase of a Police vehicle and equipment with \$26,195. to come from the Police Details Special Revenue Fund, with the remaining \$15,000. to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. With no public discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

## **Article #10 Passes**

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Ralph Wegner* asked if this is something that will be added each year. *Chief Richard* answered yes; he stated that he normally asks for \$15,000 but only asked \$5,000 this year. *Selectmen Scott Young* added that there is \$5,191 in the fund now.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

**Article #11 Passes**

12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 to be known as the Strafford County Radio Project Fund for the purpose of radio and equipment upgrade, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Ralph Wegner* questioned the purpose of the fund. *Chief Richard* replied that the dispatch broadcasting system is over 20 years old and failing. Motorola was awarded the project of updating for the County and each Town will contribute. Due to Covid the project has been on hold. The goal is to put in \$5,000 a year so that the expense is spread out over a few years.

*Eric Almanzan* questioned if this was a one-time capital reserve fund that will dissolve once the project is paid for. *Chief Richard* answered with yes and that the reserve fund would be dissolved once the project is done. He shared that it is expected to cost \$10,000 to \$20,000 and money not used would go back to the Town.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

**Article #12 Passes**

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$518,108. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department.

Motion made and seconded

Discussion:

*Deputy Chief David Hartranft* reviewed articles 13-18 using a PowerPoint presentation.

The PowerPoint presentation showed an increase in calls over several years and a need for increase in staffing. The PowerPoint showed a picture of the newly purchased ambulance and outlined needs for supplies, warranty item, new fire pumper-tanker and dry hydrant/fire pond maintenance.

*Ralph Wegner* asked for a rough estimate of how much a new engine will cost and for more information on dry fire hydrants.

*Moderator Sweet* stated those questions would be answered as we came to those articles and advised a vote be taken on the budget article.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by show of cards.

**Article #13 Passes.**

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,217. for the second year's payment of the lease agreement for the new ambulance approved at the 2020 Town Meeting, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,217. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. With no discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

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## **Article #14 Passes**

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies for the ambulances, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$15,000. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. With no discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

## **Article #15 Passes**

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,424. for the purpose of extended warranty coverage and three year maintenance plan on the Zoll X-Series Defibrillators, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$8,424. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Chief Scott Whitehouse* stated this is done on an annual basis and the 3 year package plan will provide better maintenance.

*Tyson Bostrom* questioned the fund. *Chief Whitehouse* stated again that maintenance is done annually and the three year package plan will provide better maintenance.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by show of cards.

## **Article #16 Passes**

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000. to be placed in the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Discussion:

*Mike Harrington* asked how much is in the fund now and the anticipated cost of a new engine.

*Selectmen Scott Young* answered that there is \$133,238 in the account now. *Chief Whitehouse* commented that the interior frame rail is starting to rust and they will probably get two more years of service out of the engine they have now. The anticipated cost of a new engine is roughly \$500,000. He also stated that a new engine will have the ability to carry more water.

*Eric Almanzan* asked if frame rot was the main issue on the engine and asked if oil undercoating was used to protect the underside. *Chief Whitehouse* replied that rot is causing instability of the frame. He commented this was not due to neglect and the engines are well taken care of.

*Selectman Bryant Scott* asked when we got the fire engine. *Chief Whitehouse* replied 1993.

*Selectman Scott* commented that the Town has gotten their money out of it.

*Genny Rizzotti* – Questioned if \$100,000 is enough and shared concern if a large amount of money is needed sooner if the fire engine does not last. She supports expenditure as insurance for fire protection.

*Selectman Scott Young* replied that *Chief Whitehouse* has come for 3 years now requesting \$100,000 but the Board felt that was too much while remodeling the Crown Point Fire Station. They allowed half the amount until the completion of the Fire Station. The Fire Station is now complete so the Board said yes to \$100,000.

*Chief Whitehouse* added that the projected purchase is for 2023.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by show of cards.

**Article #17 Passes**

Moderator Sweet announced at 10:30 AM that voting for SB2 was closed and ballots would be counted.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Dry Hydrant Capital Reserve Fund created for the purpose of repairs and/or replacement of existing dry hydrants. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Chief Whitehouse* stated that this capital reserve fund is to keep up with the damage and maintenance on existing fire ponds and dry hydrants. Dry hydrant is a system that draws water out of a body of water to be used in fire suppression. The fire pond across from the School is the greatest concern and is in need of repair. There is a little over \$30,000 in this fund.

*David Ekstrom* questioned if fire ponds and dry hydrants are the same thing and asked how many the Town has.

*Chief Whitehouse* replied with yes and answered we have 4 fire ponds in Town and 3 tip up hydrants. They are hoping to increase that number around Town if possible.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by show of cards.

**Article #18 Passes**

Moderator Sweet announces Article #28 SB2 vote results. See Above

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,039. for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library.

Motion made and seconded. With no discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

**Article #19 Passes**

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Library Expansion/Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion is made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Ralph Wegner* asked about the use of this fund.

*Selectman Scott Young* stated there is currently \$38,000 in the fund.

*Librarian Paige Holmes* answered that this capital reserve fund is for major repairs or improvements of the Library.

*Genny Rizzotti* questioned if it is for repairs or for a future build. *Paige Homes* replied there is no specific plan for the money and future expansion would be addressed if it becomes necessary.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by show of cards.



## **Article #20 Passes**

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Repair/Replace Recycling Center Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded.

*Selectman Bryant Scott* submitted an amendment to increase the appropriation from \$5,000 to \$8,500. The intent is to use \$3500. to purchase a container for tires at the Recycling Center, instead of paying a yearly rental fee.

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Genny Rizzotti* questioned what was in the fund and what the money is used for.

*Selectman Scott Young* answered that \$15,000 is in the fund now.

*Selectman Bryant Scott* answered the additional money would be used for a storage container for used tires.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

## **Amendment to Article #21 Passes**

Article 21 with approved amendment. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500. to be placed in the Repair/Replace Recycling Center Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by show of cards.

## **Amended Article #21 Passes**

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000. to be placed in the Bridge C & R Non-Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Road Agent Greg Messenger* stated that one bridge is on the Red List by State inspection. There are 10 houses beyond the bridge affected and it has become serious.

*Don Coker* asked for clarification on the type of fund.

*Town Administrator Ellen White* replied that it works the same as a capital reserve fund and stated it is for construction and repair of the bridge.

*Kurt Wuelper* asked if this is the C & R Fund seen in the Town Report.

*Town Administrator Ellen White* replied that it is.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by show of cards.

## **Article #22 Passes**

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000. for the purpose of an

office position/positions.

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Mike Harrington* asked if the Selectmen recommend this article.

*Selectmen Scott Young* replied yes the Selectmen put it there. He continued that two people are retiring and these two people wear several hats. The Town will try to hire someone for a few more hours and divide the responsibilities.

*Mike Harrington* asked if this is a one-time increase or are there more expected increases annually and what category on article 26 it would fall under.

*Selectman Scott Young* replied that the work load at the Town has increased but the staff has not.

*Selectman Brian Monahan* commented that the positions to be replaced perform tasks in many departments.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by show of cards.

#### **Article #23 Passes**

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Town Hall Building Maintenance, Improvements and/or Expansion Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. With no discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

#### **Article #24 Passes**

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Future Reval/Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Tyson Bostrom* asked what this fund's purpose is.

*Selectman Scott Young* replied that once every five years we have a revaluation, by state statute, for which we have to appropriate funds. This capital reserve fund will help us avoid a one-time payment as we are doing this year.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by show of cards.

#### **Article #25 Passes**

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,627,908. for general  
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Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 89,443.
Election & Registration.....	36,767.
Financial Administration.....	110,077.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	90,152.
Legal Expenses.....	60,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	40,865.
Planning and Zoning.....	17,175.
General Government Building.....	46,800.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	38,310.
Insurance.....	60,847.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	4,203.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	5,214.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	13,000.
Emergency Management.....	15,000.
Building Inspection.....	17,832.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	544,800.
Street Lighting.....	5,000.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	343,884.
Animal Control.....	1,800.
Cemeteries.....	9,000.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	15,297.
Community Action.....	2,000.
Haven Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	3,200.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
CASA.....	500.
Strafford Nutrition & Meals on Wheels.....	1,000.
Parks and Recreation.....	21,759.
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks .....	6,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	\$1,627,908.

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,627,908. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

Motion made and seconded.

*Mike Harrington* referenced page 39 of the Town Report and asked if there was an increase in uncollected property taxes.

*Tax Collector Judy Dupre* answered that one number represents uncollected taxes for the current year and the larger number includes all of the liens that have not been collected for three years. *Mike Harrington* commented that the cost of recycling continues to go up and we are now being charged to haul it away. He asked if we should separate cans and plastics.

*Selectmen Scott Young* replied that separating them would increase cost. He further explained that the big cost is bin rentals, construction material waste and trucking. He shared that purchasing a container for used tires and increasing fees for disposal of demolition materials would cut some of the cost.

*Eric Almanzan* questioned why legal expenses have increased to \$60,000 and asked if that would continue yearly.

*Selectman Scott Young* replied that the Town would prefer it not to be so but this is a necessary appropriation.

*Eric Almanzan* asked if the money is not used will it return to a trust or regular account.

*Selectman Scott Young* replied that it would return to the regular account.

*Eric Almanzan* asked if the emergency management increase was due to Covid and moving forward would it be \$15,000 a year.

*Selectman Scott Young* replied that as long as Covid is around yes, but we will look at that amount and what is needed each year.

*Mike Harrington* asked where the leftover funds for patriotic purposes went.

*Selectman Scott Young* answered that they were returned to the General Fund.

*Mary Leavitt* asked how the highway expenses in Article 26 compared to Article 6.

*Selectman Scott Young* replied that the Road Agent has a rotation of roads that are upgraded. Article 6 deals with those roads. The amount in Article 26 is for general operation such as snow removal and general road maintenance.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by show of cards.

#### **Article #26 Passes**

27. "By petition of the undersigned registered voters of the Strafford, NH, by the authority of NH RSA 39:3 and pursuant to NH 673:3 II; To see if the town of Strafford will vote to change Zoning Board members from appointed to elected, effective the next regular town election. Said board shall consist of five members each serving three year terms, as the term of each current member expires, a new member shall be elected at the next regular municipal election." (by Petition.)

Motion made and seconded.

Discussion:

*Phil Auger* stated that he started and submitted this petition as a better way to do business in Town. He stated that this petition takes the responsibility to select Zoning Board members off the shoulders of the Selectman and puts it on the voters.

*Genny Rizzotti* commented that we elect the Selectmen and she is good with the Selectmen choosing the Zoning Board members. She shared that she does not support this petition.

*Ralph Wegner* and *Philip Auger* collaborated in stating that they believe neighboring town boards are elected.

*Denise Rainey* stated that appointed people are chosen by likeminded people and elected positions must win over the voters to be put into office.

*Don Coker* commented that voters should have the ultimate say and strongly urges the election of the board members.

*Mike Harrington* expressed that he feels board members should be elected.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards.

#### **Article #27 Passes**

28. Article #28 was moved by an approved motion to the beginning of the meeting.

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

#### **Discussion:**

*JoAnn Brown* President of the Historical Society shared that a parade is planned for the belated Bicentennial Celebration. She also commented that Ready Rides needs volunteers.

*Genny Rizzotti* commented that articles were tabled from the Planning Board this year and voters need to elect the people, next year, that they want making decisions on the Board.

*Mike Harrington* commented that the opening page of the Town Report shows a population and number of registered voters that does not add up. He felt he should explain that the voter list totals may not be current as people move out of Town and are removed when the voter list is purged every 10 years.

*Denise Rainey* encouraged people to educate themselves on the issues and come out to vote.

With no further discussion a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 AM.

All newly elected positions present were sworn in by the Town Clerk, Terri Marsh.

Given under my hand and seal, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-two

Respectfully submitted,

*Terri L. Marsh*

Terri L. Marsh

Strafford Town Clerk

\*Comments made at the meeting are not included in these minutes as quotes but instead as a summary of what was said.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Thank you Strafford residents for another good year at the Town Clerk's Office. Being your Town Clerk is the most gratifying job. In 2022 the Town Clerk's Office will continue to strive for excellence in customer service for our residents. We want you to have a good experience doing business with us, whether it is by phone, mail, email or in person.

Our new business hours were received well. As a result of the positive feedback, we will be keeping these hours.

Online and mail in transactions increased significantly in 2021. We encourage you to continue to use this option.

### **Town Clerk's Office Hours**

Mon & Wed 8:30am-2pm

Tue & Thur 1:30pm-7pm



Our first Top Dog contest was a hit! Thank you to all who participated and licensed their dogs. We have approximately 1200 dogs on record. Good job Strafford! We will have another Top Dog contest beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. NH State Law requires all dogs to be licensed by April 30th each year.

2021 was a quiet election year with only one local election in March. Our 2021 Annual Town Meeting gave our residents a unique experience with an option to attend and vote from their cars. It went well and according to plan. Once again Strafford showed its resilience and ability to work together.

In 2022 there are three elections scheduled. Polls open 8AM-7PM at the Town Hall.

Tuesday, March 8th - Town Election

Town Meeting to follow on Saturday March 12th at the Strafford School, 8:30AM.

Tuesday, September 13th - State Primary Election

Tuesday, November 8th - State General Election

You may register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office during our regular business hours.



We are here to help you with vehicle registrations & titles, boat registrations, dog licensing, vital record requests, marriage licenses, voter registration and notary services. We will gladly help to answer and direct your town business needs.

### **Strafford Town Clerk's Office**

*Town Clerk – Terri Marsh*

*Deputy Town Clerk- Stephanie Norton*

Email: [townclerk@strafford.nh.gov](mailto:townclerk@strafford.nh.gov)

Telephone: (603)664-2192 X102

Website: [www.strafford.nh.gov](http://www.strafford.nh.gov)

Mail: PO Box 169, Strafford, NH 03884

Many thanks to Stephanie Norton, Deputy Town Clerk. She brings so much creativity and positivity to the Town Clerk's Office.

Thank you to all of the people that work at the town offices, serve as elected officials, serve on boards and commissions, volunteer and work hard to keep Strafford a great town and community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terri Marsh, Town Clerk

# TOWN CLERK'S` REPORT

## For Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2021

### Revenues Received & Remitted to the Treasurer in 2021:

Quantity	Description	Amount
6730	Motor Vehicle Permits	\$920,059.98
330	Boat Permits	\$4198.60
1206	Dog Licenses	\$7547.00
19	Marriage Licenses	\$950.00
10	Returned Check Fees	\$315.00
11	Dog Control Fee	\$348.00
198	Certified Vitals	\$2575.00
7060	Municipal Agent Fees	\$21,840.00
1086	Title Fees	\$2172.00
-	UCC/IRS Filings	\$1440.00
1	Pole License	\$10.00
-	Postage	\$1488.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$962,944.08</b>

### BEST WISHES TO LINDA PAPE

Linda Pape has worked at the town offices since 2008. She was hired to do "a little filing". Little did she know that she would become an integral part of our local government here in Strafford. From Book Keeper to Welfare Office, Assessors Office, Building Inspectors Office, Administrative Office, her task are endless. She is a dedicated, hard working, detail oriented, pleasant person. She has a supportive, kind word for everyone. She will be greatly missed at the Town Offices and we wish her only the best. Thank you Linda for everything!

From all of your friends at the Town Hall

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2021

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Tax Collector for over twenty years and contrary to the rumors, I have **NO PLANS** to retire. I am responsible for collecting Property, Yield, Excavation, and Current Use Change Taxes, as well as responding to inquiries from homeowners, mortgage companies, attorney's offices and the public in a courteous and timely manner. My goal is to keep information current and accurate. All of which is becoming more time consuming as our Town continues to expand.

Our Town website is [www.trafford.nh.gov](http://www.trafford.nh.gov) and is full of Town information. You may make tax payments on the Town website with your Credit or Debit Card or an ACH check (ACH comes directly out of your checking account). **Beware** of the convenience fee that goes with the on-line or **ANY** credit card payments (credit card payments have a much larger convenience fee than ACH payments). As always, you may also pay through the mail or in person. We look forward to seeing all your faces again- WITH OR WITHOUT MASKS.

In 2003 the Department of Revenue Administration started a **"Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief"** program. Form (DP-8), Please, pick up at my office or downloaded from [www.revenue.nh.gov](http://www.revenue.nh.gov) the last week of April. These must be **mailed to the State no earlier than May 1 and no later than June 30.** We are happy to offer any assistance that you may want or need.

Strafford School's appropriation for 2021 .....	<b>\$11,696,963.00</b> ....	Tax Rate Portion.....	<b>\$11.84</b>
State Education Tax's appropriation for 2021 .....	<b>\$1,143,764.00</b> ...	Tax Rate Portion.....	<b>\$1.64</b>
County Appointment's appropriation for 2020....	<b>\$1,498,263.00</b> ...	Tax Rate Portion.....	<b>\$2.13</b>
Municipal's Total appropriation for 2020.....	<b>\$3,779,607.00</b> ....	Tax Rate Portion.....	<b>\$2.85</b>
<b><u>Minus</u></b> ... War Credits, Grants, Retained Education Tax, Net Revenues and Fund Balances.			
		Total Tax Rate for 2020.....	<b>\$18.46</b>

The total Property Tax Warrants for 2021: **\$12, 936,458.00.**

The Current Use Change Tax Warrants for 2021: **\$93,210.00.** (All CUSE money goes to the Strafford Conservation Committee.)

The total Timber or Yield Tax Warrants for 2021: **\$18,665.99.**

Excavation Tax Warrants for 2021: **\$0.72.**

Our 2021 lien was **\$125,321.24** which is a **\$31,380.67** decrease over last year or a **.020%** decrease.

Thanks to Martha English for doing an exceptional job as Deputy Tax Collector. She continues to be my rock.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Dupre'  
Tax Collector



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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

For the Municipality of Strafford

Year Ending 2021

**DEBITS**

UNCOLLECTED TAXES		Levy for Year		PRIOR LEVIES	
BEG. OF YEAR*		of this report		(Please Specify Year)	
		2021	2020	2019	Prior Years
Property Tax	#3110	XXXXXXXXXX	\$542,531.39	\$6,144.00	\$0.00
Land Use Charge	#3120	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance **		\$0.00	-\$6,557.43	\$0.00	\$7.03
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges	#3189	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR				FOR DRA USE ONLY	
Property Taxes	#3110	\$12,936,458.00	\$0.00		
Land use Charge	#3120	\$93,210.00	\$0.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$18,665.99	\$0.00		
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.72	\$0.00		
Other Charges	#3189	\$0.00	\$0.00		
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS					
Property Taxes	#3110	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Charge	#3120	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest-Late Tax	#3190	\$2,963.71	\$14,761.87	\$383.73	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$13,051,298.42</b>	<b>\$550,735.83</b>	<b>\$6,527.73</b>	<b>\$7.03</b>

\*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

\*\*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52a.

\*\*The amount is already included in the warrant &amp; therefore in line #3110 as positive amount for this year's levy

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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

For the Municipality of Strafford

Year Ending 2021

**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year		PRIOR LEVIES	
	2021	2020	2019	Prior Years
Property Tax	\$8,854,851.09	\$535,973.96	\$5,010.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change	\$93,210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$18,281.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$2,963.71	\$14,761.87	\$383.73	\$0.00
Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**ABATEMENTS MADE**

Property Taxes	-\$497.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land use Change	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES****END OF YEAR #1080**

Property Taxes	\$4,114,094.89	\$0.00	\$1,134.00	\$7.03
Land Use Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$384.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance**	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	-\$31,990.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	\$13,051,298.42	\$550,735.83	\$6,527.73	\$7.03

\*Enter as a negative. This is the amount pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a

(Be sure to include a positive amount in the appropriate taxes or charges actually remitted to the treasurer).

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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

For the Municipality of Strafford

Year Ending 2021

**DEBITS**

	Last Year's Levy		PRIOR LEVIES	
	2020	2019	2018	Prior Years
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. Of Year.				
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$125,321.24	\$107,494.53	\$61,632.53	\$11,972.30
Interest & Cost Collected	\$2,114.54	\$9,316.52	\$18,978.98	\$5,135.04
<b>(AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)</b>				
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$127,435.78</b>	<b>\$116,811.05</b>	<b>\$80,611.51</b>	<b>\$17,107.34</b>

**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Last Year's Levy		PRIOR LEVIES	
	2020	2019	2018	Prior Years
Redemptions	\$35,367.21	\$39,525.04	\$56,248.84	\$0.00
Interest & Cost Collected #3190	\$2,114.54	\$9,316.52	\$18,978.98	\$5,135.04
(After Lien Execution)				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$35.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$0.00	\$474.38	\$5,383.69	\$11,972.30
Unredeemed Liens Balance #1110	\$89,918.53	\$67,495.11	\$0.00	\$0.00
End of Year				
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$127,435.78</b>	<b>\$116,811.05</b>	<b>\$80,611.51</b>	<b>\$17,107.34</b>

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

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

*Judith Dupré*

DATE January 20, 2021

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## STRAFFORD TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

### Officers' Salaries

Lynn Sweet, Selectman.....	\$ 2,167.20
Bryant Scott, Selectman.....	\$ 532.80
Scott Young, Selectman.....	\$ 2,700.00
Brian Monahan, Selectman.....	\$ 2,700.00
Cindy Cushing, Treasurer.....	\$ 8,999.90
Terri Marsh, Town Clerk.....	\$ 1,999.92
Judith Dupré, Tax Collector.....	\$ 25,900.48
Lynn Sweet, Moderator.....	\$ 75.00

### Office Expenses

#### Town Clerk's Fees

Auto Permits.....	\$12,686.00
Vital Statistics.....	\$1,254.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$17,590.00
M/V Title.....	\$2,166.00
Marriage License.....	\$133.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$1,440.00
Wet land Perm/Pole License.....	\$10.00
Animal Control Fees.....	\$0.00
Boat Permits.....	\$239.00

Ellen White, Administrator.....	\$ 80,810.56
Martha English, Deputy Tax Collector.....	\$ 5,361.88
Stephanie Norton, Deputy Town Clerk.....	\$ 8,678.52
Clerical.....	\$ 20,359.71
Bookkeeping.....	\$ 16,930.89
Office Supplies.....	\$ 2,423.36
Postage.....	\$ 9,590.00
Printing.....	\$ 2,573.80
Conferences/Training.....	\$ 323.00
Reference Materials.....	\$ 856.74
Deed Research/Tax Lien.....	\$ 480.00
Recording Fees.....	\$ 268.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$ 13,964.19

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021

## RECEIPTS

Balance Check Book January 1, 2021.....	\$4,921,215.71	
Receipts 2021.....	\$11,905,350.62	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB38 (received).....	\$67,618.38	
ARPA Funding (received)	\$219,079.53	
Total Receipts.....		\$17,113,264.24

## EXPENDITURES

Expenditures 2021.....	\$14,320,644.90	
Balance Check Book December 31, 2021.....	\$2,505,921.43	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB38 (encumbered).....	\$67,618.38	
ARPA Funding (encumbered)	\$219,079.53	
Total Expenditures.....		\$17,113,264.24

TD BANK Investment Pool.....	\$299,578.08	
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### **Strafford Conservation Commission Easement Fund Acct #####4477**

Balance January 1, 2021	\$250,458.54	
Deposited 2021	\$93,210.00	
Withdrawals 2021	-\$110,000.00	
Interest Earned 2021	\$226.15	
Total Balance	\$233,894.69	

### **Town of Strafford Ambulance Acct #####4485**

Balance January 1, 2021	\$215,942.77	
Deposited 2021	\$55,214.13	
Withdrawals 2021	-\$84,948.36	
Interest Earned 2021	\$270.09	
Total Balance	\$186,478.63	

### **Conservation Commission Acct #####4493**

Balance January 1, 2021	\$28,277.87	
Deposited 2021	\$0.00	
Withdrawals 2021	-\$4,977.24	
Interest Earned 2021	\$31.99	
Total Balance	\$23,332.62	

### **Police Special Details Acct #####4500**

Balance January 1, 2021	\$38,630.50	
Deposited 2021	\$132,990.79	
Withdrawals 2021	-\$146,748.31	
Interest Earned 2021	\$80.72	
Total Balance	\$24,953.70	

### **Timber Escrow Acct #####4518**

Balance January 1, 2021	\$7,217.64	
Deposited 2021	\$0.00	
Withdrawals 2021	-\$5,160.69	
Interest Earned 2021	\$4.85	
Total Balance	\$2,061.80	

### **Fire Dept. Special Details Acct #####4526**

Balance January 1, 2021	\$1,372.44	
Deposited 2021	\$0.00	
Withdrawals 2021	-\$649.28	
Interest Earned 2021	\$1.55	
Total Balance	\$724.71	

# Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Despite a brief flurry of wildfire activity across the state this spring, the summer and fall months saw weather conditions which kept the fire danger consistently at low levels. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

The long lasting drought effects in Coos County are showing some minor signs of improvement but a good portion of northern Coos remains in the abnormally dry category with the northeastern portion still remaining in moderate drought. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect some areas of the state may still be experiencing abnormally dry or drought conditions this spring. For this reason, we ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done.

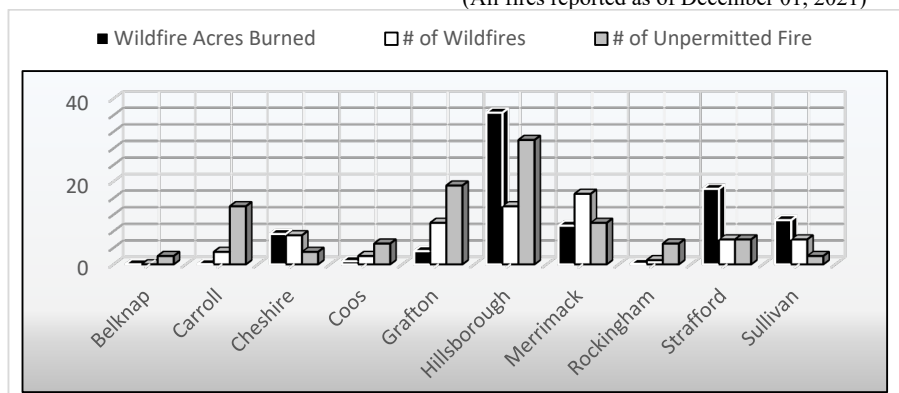
**"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2022 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nh.gov/nhdfl/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/). For up to date information, follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @NHForestRangers



## 2021 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2021)



\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100

## CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
1	81	25	0	7	1	4	2	41

\*Miscellaneous includes power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc...

# STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT FY2021

The Strafford Fire Department experienced a record breaking year, answering 486 calls for service, up from 468 in 2020. A large amount of those calls were carbon monoxide calls due to poorly maintained heating systems. A friendly reminder to get your heating system serviced at least once a year by a professional licensed HVAC company. In several of the situations, portable generators were located under decks or beside a basement window. Be sure to properly place portable generators away from the building, at least 10 feet, with the exhaust facing away from the building.

Department members continue to maintain certifications, attend classes, and participate in training events as individuals and as a team, enabling us to better serve the community. In the late summer of 2021, two of our members began an extremely intense paramedic program with the hopes of being fully licensed by July or August of 2022.

In November of 2021, the Fire Department started the specification process of acquiring a new Fire Engine, replacing the 1993 Engine. On behalf of the Fire Department, I have also applied for 2 Grants for equipment. One is a VFA Grant for forestry equipment. The second is a GOFERR (Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery) Grant for additional medical equipment. The GOFERR Grant has a 10% match.

As the Emergency Management Director, I am pleased to report no major incidents in 2021. However, we continue to train and remain prepared to handle whatever emergency that may arise.

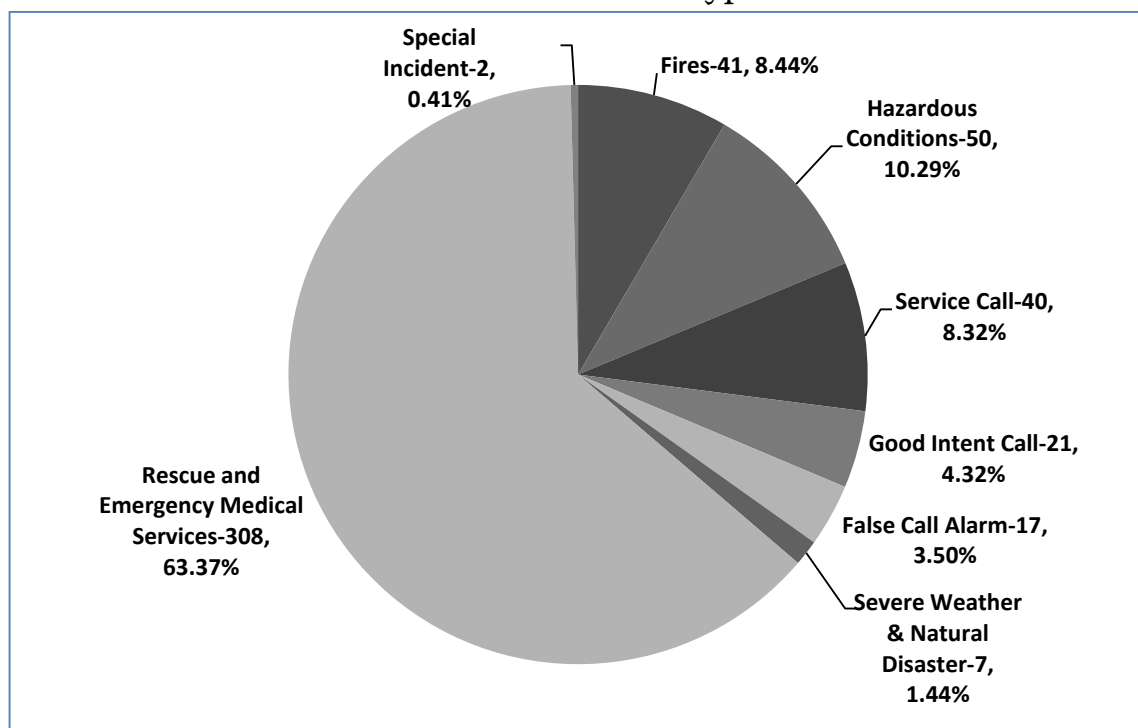
We thank you for your continued support.

Have a safe 2022!

Respectfully submitted,

*Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief/EMD*

Breakdown of Incident Type 2021



## STRAFFORD FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT



2021 was a busy year for brush fires with 14 brush fires reported in Strafford. Several of these brush pile fires spread because of unattended and/or unpermitted fires. Two fires were ruled suspicious with the largest of the two being approximately 5 acres. Please remember to get a burn permit before lighting up those burn piles. Obtaining a permit is an extremely easy process. We are hopeful that permits will soon be able to be issued on-line from the State of NH. Until then, permits can be picked up at the Bow Lake Station Monday thru Saturday 8am-6pm and on Sundays 8am-5pm.

Please remember that all outside fires **MUST**, at all times, be permitted. The **ONLY** exception being when the ground is covered with snow. As long as there is snowcover, open burning is allowed. Permits are **REQUIRED** once the snow is no longer on

the ground. If you are not a property owner, a written letter from the actual property owner is required to obtain a permit. The letter needs to be dated for the current year and is to be held by the permittee.

In other happenings, the Fire Department has been awarded a VFA (Volunteer Fire Assistance) Grant from the State of NH. This will be used to purchase additional forestry equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

*Scott Whitehouse, Forest Fire Warden*

Fire permits may be obtained at the Bow Lake Station  
Monday through Saturday 8AM – 6PM  
Sunday 8AM – 5PM



## STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

	2021 Budgeted	2021 Expenditures	2022 Budgeted
Administrative Salaries.....	\$69,317.00	\$68,926.80	\$73,407.00
Call Wages Fire and Rescue.....	\$25,507.00	\$19,134.48	\$27,012.00
Call Wages Ambulance.....	\$217,843.00	\$204,748.12	\$230,696.00
Paramedic Intercepts.....	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Supplies.....	\$3,000.00	\$2,369.25	\$3,000.00
Gas.....	\$7,500.00	\$7,145.47	\$12,500.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$1,000.00	\$370.99	\$1,000.00
Training/Reference Materials.....	\$12,000.00	\$11,871.50	\$12,000.00
Electricity/Heat.....	\$12,500.00	\$13,168.55	\$20,000.00
Telephone.....	\$5,000.00	\$5,225.52	\$6,000.00
Equipment Maintenance.....	\$30,000.00	\$32,096.22	\$30,000.00
Dues.....	\$1,500.00	\$1,138.00	\$1,500.00
Truck Maintenance.....	\$20,000.00	\$18,451.53	\$27,500.00
Dispatch.....	\$47,584.00	\$44,077.57	\$43,309.00
Uniforms/Clothing.....	\$4,000.00	\$3,695.55	\$4,500.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$13,500.00	\$11,477.57	\$13,500.00
Dock Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
PR/Books/Films.....	\$300.00	\$85.00	\$300.00
Employer FICA.....	\$15,088.00	\$13,937.09	\$15,978.00
Employer MEDI.....	\$4,534.00	\$4,249.10	\$4,801.00
NH Retirement Fire.....	\$22,868.00	\$21,745.14	\$24,217.00
Fire/Rescue Disability.....	\$396.00	\$399.30	\$399.00
Fire/Rescue Life Insurance.....	\$171.00	\$152.76	\$152.00
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$518,108.00</b>	<b>\$484,465.51</b>	<b>\$556,271.00</b>



## FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT WAGE SUMMARY

### Administrative Salary

Scott Whitehouse.....	\$68,926.80
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### Call Wages/Fire

Andersen, James A.....	\$302.83
Andersen, James W.....	\$146.63
Aucella, Erik P.....	\$643.51
Bickford, Benjamin A.....	\$1,073.02
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$1,032.00
Crampsey, Joshua T.....	\$1,427.46
Deane, Lyle T.....	\$1,733.68
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$1,096.14
Goodspeed, Steven N.....	\$1,246.71
Hartranft, David.....	\$3,833.53
Hinrichsen, Josiah J.....	\$22.00
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$731.26
Marston, Henry J.....	\$181.69
McAdams, Brendan T.....	\$18.00
McGinn, Michael.....	\$276.38
Meehan, Daniel E.....	\$1,386.11
Morin, Scott R.....	\$167.50
Morse, Edward J.....	\$30.25
Richard, Nathan J.....	\$198.38
Rohr, Douglass E.....	\$460.45
Roy, Christopher M.....	\$404.13
Rudnicki, Windy L.....	\$862.55
Schaub, Adam A.....	\$17.25
Stover, Paul M.....	\$1,004.27
Whitehouse, Cameron.....	\$761.75
Whitehouse, Samuel E.....	\$77.00
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	<b>\$19,134.48</b>

### Call Wages /Ambulance

Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$6,212.00
Crampsey, Joshua T.....	\$17,918.47
Deane, Lyle T.....	\$30,945.69
Dumais Jr, Normand L.....	\$150.75
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$27,611.26
Goodspeed, Steven N.....	\$915.01
Hartranft, David.....	\$10,014.25
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$37,854.38
LaPorte, Stephen J.....	\$4,007.45
Lindquist, James R.....	\$16.75
Machenry, Brett C.....	\$4,765.38
McAdams, Brendan T.....	\$2,520.00
McGinn, Michael.....	\$17,641.96
Meehan, Daniel E.....	\$11,658.04
Morin, Scott R.....	\$9,413.52
Poole, Dakota.....	\$4,512.00
Richard, Nathan J.....	\$897.00
Rudnicki, Windy L.....	\$13,127.27
Schaub, Adam A.....	\$4,566.94
	<b>\$204,748.12</b>

<b>Total Wages</b>	<b>\$292,809.40</b>
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# STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Annual Report FY2021



We continued to respond to all calls for service, and overall, our traffic stops and arrests remained about the same as last year. If at all possible, summons were issued roadside, and no one was brought into the Police Station unless absolutely necessary. Any arrest that involved a bail situation was done via telephone or fax, when practical, to mitigate unnecessary social contact. We continue to work with Attorney Jean Reed as our part time court prosecutor. Jean continues to work out of the Police Station, making herself available to answer legal questions should they arise.

In 2022, we have plans to replace the roof and repair the entryway at the Police Station.

Everyone from the citizens of Strafford to the officers on the street and the court system worked hard to accommodate the ever-evolving, unplanned situation that was Covid-19. I thank you all for stepping up and making things easier for us at the Police Department.

As always, it has been a pleasure serving the residents of Strafford and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

*Chief Mike Richard*

Police Department Statistics				
	2018	2019	2020	2021
Accidents.....	37	44	35	34
911 calls.....	15	11	7	17
MV summons.....	77	82	71	69
MV warnings.....	598	479	883	961
Arrests.....	33	41	39	62
Mutual Aid/Fire/Med.....	85	181	84	100
Incidents.....	125	112	137	103
Alarms.....	80	42	35	19
Property Crimes .....	19	33	17	25
Miscellaneous calls for service.....	3296	3348	784	3342
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4365</b>	<b>4373</b>	<b>2092</b>	<b>4732</b>



## STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Wage Report

	2021 Budget Appropriations	2021 Expenditures	2022 Budget Appropriations
<b>Salaries</b>			
Chief Michael Richard	\$84,214.00	\$83,740.00	\$89,183.00
Lt. Randy Young	\$74,620.00	\$75,879.32	\$79,023.00
Sgt. John Bernard	\$63,960.00	\$65,402.26	\$67,734.00
Officer Evan Ortega	\$51,168.00	\$52,048.80	\$53,960.00
Officer Forrest Stickney	\$50,954.00	\$61,992.44	\$53,058.00
New Officer	\$50,102.00		\$54,187.00
Secretary/Admin Asst.	\$24,305.00	\$24,559.68	\$26,155.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$399,323.00</b>	<b>\$363,622.50</b>	<b>\$423,300.00</b>
<b>Overtime</b>			
Chief Michael Richard		\$0.00	
Lt. Randy Young		\$19,557.39	
Sgt. John Bernard		\$6,429.96	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$4,151.03	
Officer Forrest Stickney		\$2,281.95	
Greg Iannacci			
<b>Overtime</b>	<b>\$12,915.00</b>	<b>\$32,420.33</b>	<b>\$13,677.00</b>
<b>Details</b>			
Chief Michael Richard		\$0.00	
Lt. Randy Young		\$215.28	
Officer Forrest Stickney		\$286.80	
Sgt. John Bernard		\$0.00	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$502.08</b>	
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$412,238.00</b>	<b>\$396,544.91</b>	<b>\$436,977.00</b>
<b>Benefits</b>			
FICA	\$1,507.00	\$1,504.67	\$1,622.00
Medi	\$5,977.00	\$5,746.30	\$6,365.00
Retirement	\$131,432.00	\$116,501.84	\$139,186.00
Insurance	\$125,024.00	\$95,050.13	\$127,664.00
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$263,940.00</b>	<b>\$218,802.94</b>	<b>\$274,837.00</b>

# STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Operating Budget

Purpose of Appropriation	2021 Budget Appropriations	2021 Budget Expenditures	2022 Budget Appropriations
Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$4,158.12	\$4,500.00
Building Maintenance	\$5,300.00	\$6,321.61	\$6,300.00
Equipment	\$8,000.00	\$4,426.25	\$9,500.00
Prosecution	\$10,000.00	\$10,740.00	\$12,500.00
Dispatch	\$7,105.00	\$6,750.28	\$7,105.00
Special Details	\$2,000.00	\$502.08	\$2,000.00
Cruiser Maintance	\$7,000.00	\$8,241.25	\$8,000.00
Computer Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$6,386.00	\$6,500.00
Training	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Heat/Electricity	\$7,000.00	\$7,439.77	\$9,800.00
Uniforms	\$5,932.00	\$1,254.46	\$5,932.00
Gasoline	\$14,000.00	\$15,189.85	\$14,000.00
Telephone	\$8,600.00	\$9,245.26	\$9,600.00
Computer IT	\$5,000.00	\$648.00	\$5,000.00
PD Dues	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
PD Misc.	\$100.00	\$214.00	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$90,537.00</b>	<b>\$81,816.93</b>	<b>\$102,337.00</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Salaries	\$412,238.00	\$396,042.83	\$436,978.00
Benefits	\$263,940.06	\$218,134.05	\$274,837.00
Operating	\$90,537.00	\$81,816.93	\$102,337.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$766,715.06</b>	<b>\$695,491.73</b>	<b>\$814,152.00</b>
<b>Revenues (2021)</b>			
Pistol Permits	\$240.00		
Reports	\$150.00		
Fines	\$200.00		
Special Services Fees			
Grants	\$1,498.00		
Witness Fees			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,088.00</b>		
<b>Police Special Detail (O2 Fund)</b>			
<b>Balance 1/1/2021</b>	<b>\$38,630.50</b>		
2021 Deposits	\$132,990.79		
Withdrawals	\$146,748.31		
Interest	\$80.72		
<b>Balance 12/31/21</b>	<b>\$24,953.70</b>		



# ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

## Capital Improvement projects for 2021 consisted of preparation and paving of:

Second Crown Point Road from Jason Conley's property to the end of the pavement

Continued work on Province Road, this year going as far as Wild goose Pond Road

Plowing and sanding continued throughout the winter months. Grading, gravel, and drainage work took place during the spring, summer, and fall, along with treatment of dirt roads. Roadside mowing and sign maintenance are ongoing projects throughout the year. Many dead trees, especially ash, were removed with more scheduled for 2022.

*Greg Messenger, Road Agent*

### ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE - 2021

Administrative Salary	\$11,757.76
Arborcare Tree Service	\$11,248.87
Burke's Tree Service	\$1,075.00
Dew's Tree Service	\$7,575.00
Industrial Traffic Lines	\$22,658.32
Nathan Smith	\$5,052.00
Scott Barry Trucking	\$255.00
R.W. Tasker & Son	\$23,407.00
Radford Messenger, Inc.	\$318,836.66
Urban Tree Service	\$1,100.00
<b>Sub Total</b> .....	<b>\$402,965.61</b>

### GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES - 2021

Equipment/Maintenance	\$10,224.72
Gravel	\$21,273.25
Sand	\$13,655.20
Salt	\$43,940.79
Cold Patch	\$2,576.21
Paving Asphalt	\$5,624.56
Culverts	\$15,525.92
Street Signs/Posts	\$681.50
Supplies/Calcium on dirt roads	\$18,285.00
Miscellaneous & Spray	\$3,621.00
Road Detail Coverage	\$8,177.14
<b>Sub Total</b> .....	<b>\$143,585.29</b>

**Total Expenditures**..... **\$545,450.90**



#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS

87R4. WINTER PARKING--Pursuant to RSA 265: 70, the following parking regulation will be established:

a. There will be no parking on all town roads so as to impede snow removal.

Any violations of the above will be subject to a fine of \$ 5.00 per violation and subject to towing, pursuant to RSA 265: 69 and RSA 265: 70.

87R5. SNOW OBSTRUCTION--Pursuant to RSA 249: 23, the following snow obstruction regulations will be established:

a. Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any town maintained road for any purpose, except to provide a place necessary for crossing, recrossing, and traveling upon said roads by sleds, logging or farm equipment shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person. The provisions of this section shall not apply where snow or ice is pushed across the traveled surface of said road for the purpose of snow removal from land adjoining said roads.

Any violation of the above will be subjected to a fine up to \$ 100.00, pursuant to RSA 249: 23.

## Hill Library Director's Report 2021

The Hill Library staff continues to work to provide free and valuable services to the community of Strafford, even with many social restrictions in place. While the library building was closed to the public, our staff worked in the building to create monthly crafts for youth and adults to take-and-make at home, provide online book reviews and recommendations, and fill orders for library materials to go. We were also busy writing grants to help offset the costs to you, the taxpayers of Strafford. In 2021, the Hill Library was awarded grants from ARPA Federal Funds, Canva, The Pilcrow Foundation, NH Charitable Foundation, Association for Rural and Small Libraries, NH Humanities, NH Council on the Arts and NH State Library. Altogether these grants totaled over \$13,000.

Outdoor activities and programs continued to be a key to reaching families in Strafford in a healthy way. This year, the Children's Community Garden (CCG) continued to grow and thrive with staff, patrons, and children working in, learning about, and expanding this garden. Programs and activities included 125 youth and 16 adults. Eleven new garden beds were added this year. There were many generous donations of plants, a sign, and materials (see list of donors on our website). The CCG donated 143 pounds of produce to the Strafford Food Pantry. With continued participation by local families and businesses, the CCG will continue to be a place for families to work outside on a new project together and to learn about organic gardening methods and community giving with no direct cost to the town residents.

The library staff also maintained the Little Free Library (on Water Street across from the dam) and the Storybook Trail (on the Isinglass River Preserve off Range Road) for all to enjoy. In May, the Hill Library began offering free weekly programs outdoors, including yoga for adults and programs for children and families. This included programs at the library as well as at other locations, including story time at the dam and at local child care centers. The library staff participated in the Bicentennial +1 parade and handed out over one hundred free books to the crowd. The library offered 4 drive-in & outdoor movies for safe family entertainment. We continued with our tradition of Summer Reading Programs for children and adults, including a live band performance, a wildlife encounters show, and Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals, as well as gifts and prizes for reading.

As the weather cooled, the library began indoor group activities. These included book club meetings, crafting groups, cribbage games, writers' groups, and youth programming, such as weekly afterschool programs, story times and music groups, as well as special events like a Comics Workshop in the fall. We continued our community outreach with child care and school classes and presence at events like the school open house and PTO trunk-or-treat. We were proud to announce our first child who read '1,000 Books Before Kindergarten' on the library sign and social media! We were also thrilled to be recognized by The Strafford Garden Club with cake and a certificate of appreciation for our service throughout the pandemic.

When possible, Hill Library offered Inter-Library Loan services, Passport Application Acceptance, Notary Public Services, browsing and computer/printer use. We continue to offer patrons the option to come to the library without encountering other members of the public by having appointments only on Mondays.

We are fortunate that all of our staff remained throughout the year. We continue to benefit from the expertise of Megan Grondin, Larisa Miller-Molloy, Dolly Pauliukonis, Vilija Pauliukonis, and Marilyn Roderick. We were proud when Larisa was chosen as a judge for the NH Writers' Project this summer. We are also excited that we have a shiny new website, donated by Kelly Kilgallon of TapHouse Media. Go to [www.HillLibrary.org](http://www.HillLibrary.org) to see for yourself!

The Strafford Library Association, our Friends of the Library group, began to regularly meet again in May. They continue to sponsor our Baby Basket program. On a Strafford child's first birthday, we offer to deliver a basket with a book, library information, and a hand-made item (thanks to the String Enthusiasts group who met weekly at the library). The Friends of the Hill Library purchases an annual subscription to Bookpage. This is a monthly magazine with articles about new books and author interviews. The Friends are also responsible for the museum admission reimbursement program through the library and matching funds for our grant applications. You are all welcome to join the Friends and participate in planning and programming for the library.

The Library Trustees for 2021 are: Sharon Omand, Jessie Copeland, and Lindsay Aucella. The alternate trustee is Liza Witonis. The meetings take place on the second Wednesday of every month at 6PM in the library. Please attend to learn about the library and share your thoughts.

### Statistics in 2021

Library Cards	1,657	
Materials in Library	14,374	
Hill Library Items borrowed	14,506	
E-books/Audiobooks/Online magazines borrowed	5,249	
Inter-Library Materials borrowed and lent	2,044	
Meetings and programs	352	
Attendance at meetings/programs	3,968	
Summer Reading Program Enrollment	Adults 43	Children 60



Strafford Garden Club Award



First Graders of Strafford School at the Community Garden



## HILL LIBRARY BUDGET INFORMATION

	2021 Proposed	2021 Expenditures	2022 Proposed
<b>Personnel</b>			
Director	\$ 26,312	\$ 26,243	\$ 26,884
Administrative Librarian	\$ 13,312	\$ 13,364	\$ 13,728
Circulation	\$ 12,064	\$ 11,809	\$ 12,480
Youth Services	\$ 31,200	\$ 30,675	\$ 32,240
Library Aides	\$ 5,460	\$ 3,816	\$ 5,127
Pandemic Differential			\$ 2,490
<b>Personnel Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 88,348</b>	<b>\$ 85,907</b>	<b>\$ 92,949</b>
 Insurance	 \$ 11,057	 \$ 11,044	 \$ 11,540
FICA	\$ 5,478	\$ 5,385	\$ 5,673
Medicare	\$ 1,281	\$ 1,259	\$ 1,327
Professional Development	\$ 450	\$ 460	\$ 1,450
<b>Personnel Total</b>	<b>\$ 106,614</b>	<b>\$ 104,055</b>	<b>\$ 112,939</b>
 <b>Services</b>			
	<b>\$ 4,175</b>	<b>\$ 3,216</b>	<b>\$ 4,175</b>
 <b>Collections</b>			
Books	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700
Periodicals	\$ 300	\$ 292	\$ 300
CDs/DVDs/Audiobooks	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,391	\$ 1,100
Digital Resources	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,059	\$ 1,700
Binding/Labeling	\$ 400	\$ 398	\$ 400
<b>Collections Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,200</b>	<b>\$ 6,840</b>	<b>\$ 6,200</b>
 <b>Programming</b>	 \$ 800	 \$ 842	 \$ 800
 <b>Administrative</b>	 \$ 2,750	 \$ 2,769	 \$ 2,750
 <b>Utilities</b>	 \$ 7,500	 \$ 6,789	 \$ 7,500
 <b>TOTAL</b>	 <b><u>\$ 128,039</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 124,511</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 134,364</u></b>



Fall Clean Up at Hill Library

# TRUSTEES OF HILL LIBRARY

## 2021 Treasurer's Report

### INCOME

Grants Received	\$	11,316
Donations	\$	651
Interest	\$	85
Overdue Fines	\$	579
Copies/Fax/Laminating	\$	145
Book Sales	\$	224
Other Income	\$	152
<b>Total Income for 2020</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,152</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$	120
Services	\$	500
New Books	\$	1,559
New DVDs, Audio, Periodicals		
Administrative	\$	518
Programs	\$	680
<b>Total Expenditures for 2020</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,377</b>

**NET INCOME** **\$ 9,775**

### ASSETS

CD Holdings	\$	61,978
Checking Account	\$	9,552



Fourth Graders at the Community Garden

## REPORT OF THE STRAFFORD BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2021

The Strafford Building Department continued to face obstacles from ongoing restrictions. This forced the building department to utilize technology more than we had before such as receiving digital images in place of in person inspections. Dave Copeland and Dan Howard continue to staff the office on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:00PM. We are available by appointment via cell phone, email, or text. Contact information and permit information are available online; permit applications are available for downloading by accessing the Town website at [www.trafford.nh.gov](http://www.trafford.nh.gov).

We would like to again stress the importance of hiring reputable, licensed installers and obtaining the appropriate permits so inspections may be conducted. We encourage anyone seeking to build, remodel, add-on, or renovate to contact our office so we can assist with your project; ensuring it is completed in compliance with codes. Also, for life safety and during construction, a 911 address number should be prominently displayed.

If required, most elements of the inspection process can be done via social distancing or remote communication. Final inspections will continue to be done on site.

### Permits issued in 2021 included:

Month	New Home	Renovation	Addition	Barn/ Garage	Shed/ Deck/ Pool	Septic	Demo	Mech/ Elec/ Plumb	Renewal	ADU	Duplex
Jan	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	11	0	0	0
Feb	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	4	2	0	0
Mar	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	6	0	0	0
April	4	0	0	3	5	1	0	13	0	0	0
May	2	5	1	1	2	3	2	15	0	0	0
June	3	1	2	0	4	4	0	11	0	0	0
July	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Aug	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	11	0	0	0
Sept	1	1	0	1	4	1	0	10	2	1	0
Oct	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	12	2	0	0
Nov	3	0	0	1	2	3	0	4	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	14	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	21	8	4	13	18	21	6	126	6	1	0

A total of 222 Permits were issued or renewed in 2021. This is up from the 152 issued in 2020-a 30% increase. Mechanical, electrical, & plumbing permits include those required for generator installations.

Town of Strafford Building and Code Enforcement

Email: [trafford.inspector@gmail.com](mailto:trafford.inspector@gmail.com)

Office Telephone: 603-664-2192 x104

David Copeland, Inspector  
cell 603-942-8303

Dan Howard, Asst. Inspector  
cell 603-343-3339

At this time we'd like to recognize and thank David Copeland. David has worked as the Town's Building Inspector for over 14 years and will be retiring in March.

## PLANNING BOARD and BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORTS 2021

2021 was a year of transitions for the Planning Board. Liz Evans retired after 34 years of serving as our very able, knowledgeable, and dedicated Strafford Planning Board Administrator, public liaison/interface, and minute-taker. Her tremendous service to the community cannot be understated, and she is greatly missed. During the spring and summer, we transitioned to working with Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC), which was contracted by the town to assume administrative, advisory, and liaison responsibilities. Robert Fletcher is now our minute-taker. Both have done an excellent job of what is a tough act to follow, and the Planning Board is appreciative of their assistance.

The Strafford Planning Board was busy in 2021 with several subdivisions, site plan reviews, lot line adjustments, and design consultations. The new preliminary review regulation was used by persons planning to subdivide, resulting in a more streamlined process and better outcomes.

The Planning Board undertook a study of the town's Class VI roads, to quantify, map, and gain a sense of current usage. Based on this study, the Board recommended to the Selectmen that 5 segments of the town's 21 Class VI roads be reclassified as Class A Trail, which must be voted on at Town Meeting. The Board also continued to work on edits and revisions to current zoning rules, which included modifications to minimum land area requirements and the definition of frontage, as well as clarifications for non-conforming use.

Finally, the Planning Board commissioned a Cell Tower Study Committee, consisting of four Strafford resident volunteers. The objective was to determine what are the optimal locations for cell towers so that Strafford would have complete cellular coverage with the fewest number of towers. The committee did an outstanding, scientific job, with an insightful presentation made at the public hearing. The presentation is posted on the town website, where it is readily available for public view. The Planning Board then crafted an updated telecommunications tower ordinance based on the committee's findings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles A. Moreno, Chairman, Strafford Planning Board

The Board of Adjustment stayed busy in 2021, receiving nine applications requesting variances or special exceptions to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances or Building Regulations of the Town. The number of times the Board meets during a year is based on the number of applications received.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley F. Rowe, Chairman, Board of Adjustment

### Receipts in 2021

Application Fees Planning Board	\$ 9,325.00
Application Fees Board of Adjustment	\$ 5,040.00

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Total.....	\$ 14,365.00
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### Expenditures in 2021

Postage	\$ 2,011.55
Newspaper Notices (Foster's Daily Democrat)	\$ 3,499.05
Secretarial Planning Board	\$ 4,879.85
Planning Services (Contract)	\$ 27,329.05
Secretarial Board of Adjustment	\$ 885.63
Supplies	\$ 117.99
Miscellaneous & Printing	\$ 6.48

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Total.....	\$ 38,729.60
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# STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## 2021 Annual Report

Strafford Regional Planning Commission works with municipalities, statewide organizations and other partners to provide technical assistance with planning documents, outreach, projects and regulations. SRPC creates a space for stakeholders to connect, share information, and engage with important planning initiatives.

### 2021 Accomplishments:

(Value of each service provided at no additional cost to the town is in parentheses)

- Provided the town with contract planning services including the following:
  - Technical review and processing of applications, including but not limited to Subdivisions, Variances, Site Plans, Equitable Waivers, Appeals, etc.
  - Provided assistance to applicants, professionals, and residents and helped respond to inquiries regarding the Town's land use matters
  - Provided support to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board as needed
  - Assisted the Planning Board with Zoning Amendments
  - Attended hearings and workshops as necessary; prepared meeting materials; helped disseminate information
- Promoted Blue Job State Forest Trails through the Promoting Outdoor Play! Summer Recreation Passport Program. (\$2,000)
- Inventoried one additional recreation site to the POP! Recreation Map Viewer. (\$250)
- Ordered *NH Planning and Land Use Regulation* books for the land use boards. (\$37.50)

### 2021 Regional Accomplishments:

- Updated the regional Long-Range Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, valuable resources for local planning.
- Developed a new Regional Data Snapshot, an annual document that contains many data metrics and maps referenced in our core planning documents.
- Launched and marketed the online map viewer for the Promoting Outdoor Play! (POP!) project that catalogued 340+ recreation sites in the region.
- Continued Brownfields assessment and cleanup planning activities.
- Launched the new SRPC website with an emphasis on accessibility. The new site includes community profiles, highlighting the work we do for each town.
- Created an online map viewer showing 2020 Census demographics data.
- Operated a CARES Act Economic Recovery and Resiliency grant. Activities included promotion of funding opportunities and technical assistance for local businesses.
- Solicited, ranked and submitted new transportation projects for inclusion in the Statewide Ten-Year Plan.
- Developed a drinking water quality buffer model ordinance in partnership with Rockingham Planning Commission.

### Goals for 2022:

- Complete the Communities for Healthy Aging Transitions (CHAT) Strafford Assessment and share it with the town.
- Update the regional Housing Needs Assessment.
- Expand the Regional Data Snapshot with additional metrics, interactive web maps and more focused information on local data within each community.
- Continue SRPC's CARES Act programming through Sept. 2022, including rollout of SRPC's record digitization initiative in winter 2021-2022.

**Commissioners:** Donald Coker

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Czysz, Executive Director

## ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT FY2021

The Assessing Agent makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for property valuations, tax abatements, supplemental tax bills, and matters regarding property tax cards/maps and the computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system. Assessment of properties provides the basis for the tax bills that property owners receive twice each year. Each year a portion of the properties in Strafford are visited by an agent from KRT, the Town's contracted assessing firm. Our goal is to verify and update the physical data to ensure the assessments are accurate. In the spring of 2021, properties with open building permits were visited and improvements were reflected in the 2021 assessments. In the autumn 2021, properties on Maps 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20 were visited; any changes will be reflected in the 2022 assessments. In the summer/fall of 2022, properties on Maps 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, and 12 will be visited as part of the cyclical review process, with any changes reflected in the 2023 assessments.

Data collectors and their vehicles are properly identified and carry a letter of introduction from the Selectmen's Office. Vehicle information is posted on the website. If you have any concerns about the identity or procedures of the data collectors, you are urged to contact the Town Office, 664-2192 ext 101 or 107. Your cooperation will ensure that the assessment data is up to date and as accurate as possible.

2021 was a busy year in the Assessing Department. In addition to the routine work of the assessors, KRT conducted a Statistical Revaluation which is mandated by the State to be completed every 5 years per RSA 75:8-a. Previous Statistical Revaluations occurred in 2016, and before that 2011. In addition to being mandated, the Revaluation is done to equalize the valuations within a municipality to ensure a fair distribution of the tax burden. Due to the increase in assessments, the tax rate has fallen from \$25.65 to \$18.46/thousand.

2019 Residential Valuation	2020 Residential Valuation	2021 Residential Valuation
\$466,956,900	\$473,477,670	\$679,317,350

Property Tax Abatement Applications for consideration on prior year's taxes are due by March 1st following notice of tax. Applications are available at the Town Office or on the Town website [www.trafford.nh.gov](http://www.trafford.nh.gov); go to the "Town Services" tab and then the "Assessor's" page.

In Strafford, the War Veteran's Tax Credit of \$200 is available for those who meet the specific requirements according to RSA 72:28. An additional credit of \$700 is granted to totally & permanently disabled Veterans, their widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed while on active duty.

Senior Property Tax Exemptions of \$30,000 to \$50,000 are provided to/for qualifying seniors ages 65 and older. This exemption reduces the total assessed valuation of the property. Qualification is based on age as well as income and asset limits. Strafford also provides a Disabled Property Tax Exemption of \$30,000. This exemption reduces the total assessed value of the property. Income and asset limits apply here as well.

The deadline for submitting all exemption and tax credit applications is April 15 for the tax year in which they are applied. The qualification guidelines along with the applications are available at the Town Office.

I would like to thank you for your continued cooperation with property assessors. It is of the utmost importance to have accurate data to ensure all property owners in Strafford are assessed equitably. We aim to develop and maintain effective communications with the citizens of Strafford on assessing issues. If you have any questions or would like to find out more information about exemptions, tax credits, and qualifying criteria, call or stop by the Assessors' Office, 603-664-2192 ext. 107.

Sincerely,  
*Richard Dorsett Jr., CNHA*  
Strafford Assessing Agent

# RECYCLING REPORT 2021

## STRAFFORD RECYCLING CENTER

### Recycling Center Hours

**Wednesday Evening 4:00 – 7:00, Saturday & Sunday Morning 9:00 – 1:00**

The Transfer Station is a busy place during its hours of operation. The attendants are to be commended for their efforts to keep operations running safely and efficiently. A notable and very sad change at the Recycling Center in 2021 was the passing of Craig Hastings. Craig had been a familiar and reliable team member at the Recycling Center for years, both as an attendant and more recently manager. He was well liked and kept operations running smoothly; he is sorely missed!

A few simple rules regarding recycling:

- Remove bottle caps and dispose in household trash
- Recycle all rinsed empty bottles, cans, paper and clean cardboard
- Keep food and liquids out of your recycling
- Keep plastic bags and other non-recyclable plastics out of your recycling. Waste Management accepts only #1, #2 and #5 plastics.

Waste Management Recycling		
	2020	2021
Mixed Paper	151.95 tons	148.51 tons
Plastic	39.42 tons	41.02 tons
Glass	83.00 tons	76.23 tons
Aluminum Cans		12.96 tons
Electronics		9.20 tons
Scrap Metal		85.17 tons

While the Town still doesn't realize any revenue from paper, plastic or glass recycling, 2021 brought some encouraging news in that the cost to recycle mixed paper dropped steadily throughout the year. The cost to recycle plastic and glass has remained fairly steady. Actual tonnage was also consistent with 2020 which had shown quite an increase over 2019. The Town contracts with NRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) to handle the proper disposal/recycling of our tires, electronics, Freon, aluminum and scrap metal. Revenues from aluminum and scrap metal, along with customer fees help to offset these costs. The "Good as New" Swap Shop at the Recycling Center remains the favorite way to recycle for many residents.

Strafford is under contract with Waste Management for the hauling of our Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Demolition materials as well. We have seen steady increase in these volumes since 2018. In 2021, Strafford residents produced about 950+ tons of MSW. As a point of interest, each MSW compactor can hold 10-12 tons of material before it must be replaced with another; the attendants handled over 95 MSW containers over the course of the year. Thank you to our attendants who carefully manage those containers, with efficient filling and timely, cost effective hauling! The tonnage of demolition debris was 505.70 tons in 2020 and decreased to 479.02 in 2021. Those open containers hold an average of 5 tons. Increased volume, along with contractual increases in hauling charges, necessarily increase the Town's expenses. We would also like to remind everyone that if you are running a business, you should make arrangements for commercial trash disposal. The Transfer Center is only for Strafford's residential trash disposal. The backhoe, which is invaluable in "compacting" the demolition containers and minimizing hauling charges.

The staff of the Transfer Station would like to ask for your help. Staff members are requesting that residents try to arrive no later than 6:45 PM on Wednesdays and 12:45 PM on Saturdays and Sundays so that staff members have an opportunity to complete all the necessary tasks by closing time.

## Bicentennial Report

Strafford was on track to celebrate our Bicentennial year in 2020 with a big splash. A Bicentennial Committee had been formed under the leadership of JoAnn Brown back in 2014, and by early 2020 the group had grown to involve more than 25 members of our community. None of us could have foreseen the global pandemic that shut down so many public events in 2020, and which continues to challenge our community today. Along with organizations such as the International Olympic Committee, we here in Strafford agreed that we needed to postpone our Bicentennial celebrations. Not to let the summer of 2020 slip by unremarked, we would like to extend many thanks to Scott Whitehouse and the Strafford Fire and Rescue who organized a small parade during the “old home week” of August 2020 that we had all hoped to spend in big celebration.



As Covid restrictions relaxed in the late spring of 2021, we decided to go forward and host a light version of our Bicentennial. Our Bicentennial Plus One celebrations included a parade on Saturday, July 10th, a Bicentennial Ceremony, a Summer Heritage Fair, and a Ham and Bean Supper. The Bicentennial Ceremony was held at the Old Waldron Store immediately following the parade and was a big success, gathering a good crowd. The weather was perfect, and the crowd was able to mingle both inside and outside on the lawn. The event began with Adam Black performing his father's "Sense of our Community" song. Bicentennial proclamations were read, and lifelong residents (over 75 years in our community) were honored with certificates and pins. Charles Simic read his poem honoring our community, and Andrew Periale and Cynthia Knorr read winning student poems written on the occasion of the Bicentennial. We may not have been able to host the many events originally planned, but we are pleased that our Bicentennial Plus One turned out so well.

The various people that we want to thank for their efforts on behalf of the Bicentennial are too numerous to name; however, a few people deserve special recognition. Kristen Bozak designed our logo and set up the Bicentennial web page and Facebook page. Jessica Clark and family helped us a great deal, especially with fundraising. Linda Pape worked with Hampshire Pewters and designed our beautiful pewter commemorative ornament. Juliet Perdichizzi designed and produced advertising flyers and banners in early 2020. AMI Graphics donated their artistic expertise and a number of banners for our various events, including our Bicentennial Plus One celebrations. Scott Whitehouse and Strafford Fire and Rescue are not only faithful friends of the Old Waldron Store, we could not have organized the Bicentennial Parade without their help and participation.

Between 2015 and 2019 the Town of Strafford donated \$500 per year toward the Bicentennial, for a total investment of \$2500, about half of our actual expenditures. We would like to extend our thanks to the many members of our community and to the Historical Society whose additional fundraising efforts during the years leading up to our 200<sup>th</sup> birthday made our celebrations possible. Thank you again to the Town of Strafford, to the many volunteers who worked with the Bicentennial Committee, and to our community for participating in this special celebration.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Brown, President of the Strafford Historical Society and Chairwoman, Strafford Bicentennial Committee



# STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The mission of the Strafford Conservation Commission is to protect and enhance open spaces in order to promote a diversity of habitats and wildlife. The Conservation Commission will work to maintain the rural and agricultural identity of the town, act as an educational resource for conservation practices, and serve as an intermediary between the citizens of Strafford and government permitting agencies.

The Conservation Commission spent time this year on trail maintenance by removing downed trees and cutting back growth. The Conservation Commission welcomes notice of any new obstructions from hikers. We wish to thank the many volunteers for assisting in this maintenance, including the Strafford Swamp Stompers snowmobile club.

Other Conservation Commission activities include efforts to arrest the spread of invasive plants. We continued the annual Garlic Mustard pull at the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve. We reviewed development proposals and communicated our concern to the ZBA regarding potential water quality issues. Parking lots continue to be plowed at both the IRCR and town forest.

Emerald Ash Borer continues decimating our town's White Ash trees. We continued removing hazardous dying trees on conservation properties. Dr. Garnas' UNH research group furthered its studies of our Ash stands on the Strafford Town Forest. Initial releases in 2020 of two parasitic wasp species showed some initial hopeful signs of beetle control. The goal is to preserve a local genetic bank for eventual recovery efforts in New Hampshire.

The Conservation Commission financially assisted in the protection of the Leighton Forest in June. The Leighton Forest is a 400 acre tract of land spanning Strafford and Barrington which hosts a wealth of wetlands habitats, a developed road system and well managed forests. South East Land Trust, the new owner, is intending to construct a public parking area sometime in 2022.

Bear Paw Regional Greenways has several conservation projects underway which the Commission is willing to financially support. The pace of many of these projects is being slowed by the availability of qualified surveyors. Hopefully they will be completed in the current year.

There were no reported fires this year! A reminder that no fires are permitted on town conservation lands. Unlike the shoulders of many of Strafford's roads, the parking areas for the conservation lands did not have an explosion of litter even as high use continued in year 2 of the pandemic.

There were multiple natural cycles that experienced extremes this year. After a dearth of snow, the spring started two weeks early. The second year of an extreme drought left many vernal pools unfilled. Chipmunks and voles were reaching plague numbers. Insect populations were noticeably low. Tick populations were high. The water quality of Bow Lake declined significantly. In July we received historic rainfall totals. Hopefully in 2022 we experience something closer to "normal".

We are seeking new members to serve on the Conservation Commission - if you have an interest in Strafford's wonderful natural areas, enjoy hiking the trails, observing local wildlife, or anything else related to getting outside, then please consider joining us. We are a little biased, but we think the Conservation Commission is a great group of people and we are dedicated to protecting the rural, open spaces that make Strafford so special.

Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. online or in person at the town hall, check the town website for updates. We encourage you to attend.

## Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds MS-9

Name of Trust Fund 10487										Fund Type	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Date of Creation	Principal Balance BOY	New Funds Created and Deposits	Withdrawal of Principal	Principal EOY	Income Current Year	Income Expended	Income EOY Balance	Grand Total																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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## Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds MS-10

Name of Trust Fund 10487	Fund Type	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Date of Creation	Principal					Income			
					Purchases and Funds added to Existing Accts	Sales Proceeds and Withdrawals	New Funds	Balance EOY	Balance BOY	Income/Expense current	Income Expended	Income EOY Balance	Grand Total
Forest Fire Fund #0005	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Police/Fire	NHPDIP	100%	03/10/1998	6,038.77		6,038.77	169.77	1.30		171.07	6,209.84
School Bus I&B #0007	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	100%	12/31/1980	246,195.19		246,195.19	5,803.07	52.38		5,855.45	252,050.64
Cemetery Perpetual Care #0008	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPDIP	100%	01/01/1899	14,215.00		14,215.00	29,410.74	9.07		29,419.81	43,634.81
Recreation Land #0009	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Parks/Recreation	NHPDIP	100%	03/08/1984	12,760.31		12,760.31	358.74	2.72		361.46	13,121.77
Theodore Storer Conserv Fund #0011	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Discretionary/Benefit of To	NHPDIP	100%	03/10/1980	33,730.07		33,730.07	955.08	7.20		962.28	34,692.35
Conservation Commission #0012	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Environmental Purposes	NHPDIP	100%	04/26/1988	1,973.42		1,973.42	55.52	0.43		55.95	2,029.37
Bridge C and R #0015	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	100%	01/05/2005	129,825.11		129,825.11	2,947.30	32.47		2,979.77	182,804.88
Municipal Building Fund #0018	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	100%	09/27/2005	1,538.22		1,538.22	43.24	0.35		43.59	1,581.81
Fire Engine Fund #0019	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	100%	09/27/2005	131,290.97		131,290.97	1,942.69	28.32		1,971.01	233,261.98
Town Dock Account #0021	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	100%	08/31/2007	21,957.14		21,957.14	617.29	4.70		621.99	22,579.13
Fire Department Repairs #0024	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	100%	07/26/2010	16.49		16.49	0.43	0.00		0.43	16.92
Ed of Persons with Disabilities #0025	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Educational Purposes	NHPDIP	100%	12/22/2010	231,447.54		231,447.54	5,808.38	49.32		5,857.70	237,305.24
Future Re-Evaluation/Stat Update #0026	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	100%	12/22/2010	17.04		17.04	5,017.04	0.44		0.47	5,017.51
Reflective Road Signage #0027	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	100%	09/01/2011	1,916.64		1,916.64	73.42	0.37		12.09	85.51
Police Vehicle Fund Number Two #0028	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	100%	09/01/2011	5,081.74		5,081.74	110.00	1.11		111.11	10,192.85
Municipal Oil and Fuel #0029	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	100%	09/01/2011	10,358.39		10,358.39	291.22	2.20		293.42	10,651.81
Library Expansion/Improvement #0030	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	100%	12/26/2013	37,460.89		37,460.89	703.49	7.95		711.44	43,172.33
Dry Hydrant Fund #0031	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Police/Fire	NHPDIP	100%	12/12/2017	30,618.32		30,618.32	860.80	6.59		867.39	36,485.71
Crown Point Fire Station #0032	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	100%	12/29/2017	7,004.04		7,004.04	2,797.19	1.43		2,798.62	4,741.66
Town Hall Bldg. Maint., Imprv., and / or Expand #0033	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	100%	09/03/2018	25,062.07		25,062.07	354.91	5.31		360.22	30,422.29
Repair/Replace Recycling Center Equipment Fund #0034	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	100%	07/09/2019	15,000.00		15,000.00	155.64	3.06		158.70	19,948.70
Town Office Equipment Fund #0035	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	100%	12/12/2019	4,642.07		4,642.07	42.00	0.95		42.95	4,685.02
Highway Dept Vehicle and/or Equipment Fund #0036	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	100%	10/23/2020	5,000.00		5,000.00	0.17	1.09		1.26	10,001.26
Strafford County Radio Project Fund #0037	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	100%	07/01/2021			5,000.00		0.50		0.50	5,000.50
<b>Totals</b>					<b>973,149.43</b>	<b>189,000.00</b>	<b>11,114.22</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>53,439.83</b>	<b>218.85</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>53,658.68</b>	<b>1,209,693.89</b>

## **READY RIDES TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE**



### **2021, Another Year of Covid19 Challenges**

Ready Rides Transportation Assistance organization provides curb-to-curb rides at no charge to all medical, dental and physical therapy related appointments for those residents living in Strafford that are 55+ or disabled. In the second half of 2020 we provided 281 trips, 46 per month. As 2021 unfolded we saw more demand for trips as Covid19 vaccines became available and more riders ventured out to medical appointments. For the first six months of 2021 eighteen drivers completed 621 trips, just over 100 per month, to the nine towns we serve. During the second half of 2021 demand increased by 38% and resulted in 857 trips, 143 per month. Ready Rides provided 302 trips to Strafford residents in 2021. Ready Rides serves residents of Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford.

Ready Rides, established in 2013, is a 501 (c) (3) independent nonprofit organization.

### **2021 Fiscal Year Accomplishments:**

<b>Ride Statistics</b>	<b><u>1H2021</u></b>	<b><u>2H2021</u></b>
<b>Total Trips for all 9 Communities</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>857</b>

For 2022 we expect that rides will continue to increase after Omicron peaks and the COVID-19 epidemic becomes less disruptive. We are now seeing an increased demand from riders and will need to rebuild our team of drivers as more begin to feel safer giving rides. For 2022 we expect the challenge will continue to be matching requests by riders with available drivers. We don't expect to get back to 250 trips per month again until late 2022. We will continue our outreach to bring in more vetted drivers and more riders needing our service.

Please call our Coordinator for more information (603) 244-8719.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tahja Fulwider, Volunteer Driver Coordinator and Strafford Resident

Carolyn Clarke, Board Member and Strafford Resident

Martha English, Secretary and Strafford Resident

Steve Goodspeed, Treasurer and Strafford Resident

Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261

[info@readyrides.org](mailto:info@readyrides.org) [www.readyrides.org](http://www.readyrides.org)



Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC) is a 501(c)(3) private, nonprofit organization established in 1965. CAPSC works with our community, state, and federal partners to assist more than 15,000 low-income children, families, and adults each year. Our mission is to *“reduce barriers to help clients improve their economic stability and well-being through education, advocacy, and partnerships.”* CAPSC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, one-third of whom are consumers of our services. We have nearly 150 employees, and a \$20 million operating budget, which includes federal, state, and local funds in addition to foundation and United Way grants, fees for service, and individual and corporate donations.

At CAPSC, we strongly believe no one should go without having their basic needs met. As the leading anti-poverty agency in Strafford County, we strive to empower individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency by opening the doors to resources and opportunities that offer a hand up, not a hand out. When we achieve this goal, we reduce the impact of poverty and build a stronger community.

Last year, CAPSC helped over 10,000 Strafford County households become self-sufficient through housing, child and parent education, fuel and utility assistance, rental assistance, nutrition, transportation, and more. We are grateful to the Town of Strafford for municipal funding, which was leveraged to provide nearly \$100,000 in services to 148 households in Strafford last year.

**2020-2021 Service Highlights:**

- 54 households in Strafford received \$40,297 in fuel assistance;
- 34 households received a discount on their electric bill through CAPSC’s Electric Assistance Program at a value of \$13,007;
- 4 households received Weatherization assistance in Strafford at a value of \$6,562 to make energy efficient improvements to their home;
- 36 individuals or families experiencing financial hardship received emergency rental assistance at a value of \$14,265;
- 20 families received comprehensive family support through CAPSC’s Home Visiting Program; and
- CAPSC assisted 6 Strafford households with emergency food at a value of \$240 or \$40/pantry visit.

For more information on how to access CAPSC’s programs and services, please visit our website: [www.straffordcap.org](http://www.straffordcap.org).



Thank you, Strafford residents for your continued support of Cornerstone VNA, your local independent nonprofit visiting nurse association serving Strafford, Belknap, Carroll and Rockingham Counties in NH and York County in ME. As a nonprofit organization, we are committed to bringing services to *people of all ages regardless of their ability to pay*, so that families can stay together at home, even when facing the challenges of aging, surgical recovery, chronic or life-threatening illnesses or end of life care. We provide award-winning care at home through five programs: **Home Care, Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Life Care-Private Duty, and Community Care.**

As a home health organization, Cornerstone VNA has evolved significantly over the years to best meet the needs of our local communities and referral partners. Our commitment to the professional development of our staff, investments in technology, and the addition of new programs and services, has earned us continued recognition as a leader in our industry. Our continued success is possible thanks to our strong team, and generous donors and municipalities who believe in, and support, our mission. Although 2021 presented ongoing challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are pleased to share some notable accomplishments:

- In August, we celebrated the completion of our significant building expansion and renovation project. This project was needed to address our continued growth, especially over the past decade, and has resulted in spaces that foster better communication and collaboration, as well as enhanced professional development through our improved training rooms. Our staff are enjoying their new and improved office spaces, which enhances patient care, improves community support, and helps our team prepare for future growth.
- Several members of our Palliative Care (PC) medical team achieved Certification in Hospice and Palliative Care for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Our Nurse Practitioners are among a small number of medical providers in the State of NH who have received this special certification. Although PC is underfunded, Cornerstone VNA believes in this program because it provides improved quality of life and decreases the need for emergency room visits or re-hospitalizations for those with chronic illnesses. This program continues to grow, especially with our unique hospital-based program where our PC Medical Director provides consultations at Portsmouth Regional Hospital and Frisbie Memorial Hospital. Through this program, our PC Team provides an extra layer of support to local physicians and patients.
- Due to COVID-19, we continued our virtual programs including two virtual Hospice Memorial Services, monthly Caregiver Cafés, monthly Vet to Vet Cafés, and virtual Grief Support Groups.
- This year we launched a new lymphedema specialty program, and we now have a team of clinicians who are certified as lymphedema specialists. Lymphedema is an abnormal collection of high-protein fluid just beneath the skin, and this program is another way in which we can provide advanced care to patients at home.
- We also launched a program to provide in-home lab services for patients who need routine lab tests for PT/INR and Venipunctures, which is an especially important service to provide during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2021 Awards and Recognition
  - Best of the Seacoast First Place Award Winner, 2021 Best Home Health Care
  - Rochester Post, Best Nonprofit/Charity of the Year
  - The Home Care Program at Cornerstone VNA was reviewed by the State Medicare Surveyors, and received a deficiency free survey, a significant achievement.

Your continued investment in our organization enables us to provide care to your residents, regardless of their ability to pay, and to purchase special equipment for patients in need. Along with access to care, your support funds free community clinics, patient education and allows us to launch innovative program and services. We encourage residents to call Cornerstone VNA at 800-691-1133 if they have any questions. Thank you once again for your generous support. It is our privilege to continue providing trusted, compassionate, and expert health care to members of your community.

Respectfully,

*Julie Reynolds, RN, MS*

President/Chief Executive Officer

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



2021

**OFFICERS OF THE  
STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2021-2022 STRAFFORD SCHOOL BOARD**

	Term Expires
Mr. Eric Almanzan	2024
Ms. Erica Helm	2022
Ms. Debbi Hinrichsen, Chair	2023
Ms. Elizabeth Mason	2024
Mr. Kerry McMahon, Vice Chair	2022

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

John J. Freeman, Ph.D

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES**

Melissa McKeon

**FINANCIAL MANAGER**

Lisa Ciesluk

**PRINCIPAL**

Danielle Harvey

**TREASURER**

Sharon Huckins

**SCHOOL CLERK**

Kaisha Morse

**MODERATOR**

Kurt Wuelper

**AUDITOR**

Plodzick & Sanderson, P.A.



**Warrant for  
2022 Annual Strafford School District Meeting  
The State of New Hampshire**

*To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Strafford, in the County of Strafford,  
qualified to vote in School District affairs:*

**Election:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the STRAFFORD TOWN HALL, 12 Mountain View Drive, Strafford, New Hampshire, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022, at 8:00 a.m., to act upon the following subject:

ARTICLE #1 (Voting)

To choose the following School District Officers:

- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| a. School Board Member | Term of 3 Years |
| b. School Board Member | Term of 3 Years |

**Annual Meeting:**

You are hereby notified to meet at STRAFFORD SCHOOL, 22 Roller Coaster Road, Strafford, New Hampshire, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022, at 9:00 a.m. (if weather or other conditions require cancellation, the articles contained below will be taken up on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022, at 6:00 p.m.), to act upon the remaining articles set forth in this Warrant:

ARTICLE #2 (Operating Budget)

Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate the amount of twelve million, three hundred eighty thousand, eight hundred three dollars (\$12,380,803) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Strafford School District?

This article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article.

*The School Board approves this appropriation by a 5 to 0 vote.  
The estimated tax impact if this article passes is an increase of \$12.36 per \$1000.*

ARTICLE #3 (Addition to Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons with Disabilities)

Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons with Disabilities, established in 2010, for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educating students with disabilities? This sum to come from the June 30, 2022, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance as of December 31, 2021: \$237,305.24.

*The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5 to 0 vote.  
There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.*

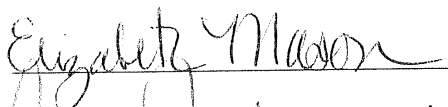
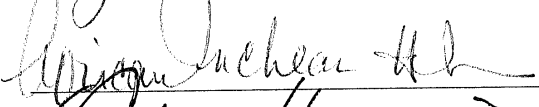
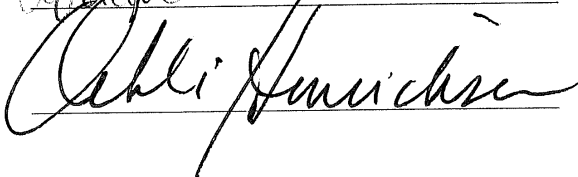
ARTICLE #4. (Addition to Capital Reserve Fund for Financing Improvements to the School)

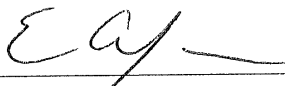
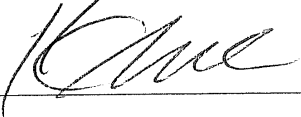
Shall the Strafford School District raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the School District Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1985, for the purpose of financing any and all improvements to the school buildings? This sum to come from the June 30, 2022, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance as of December 31, 2021: \$252,050.64.

*The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5 to 0 vote.  
There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.*

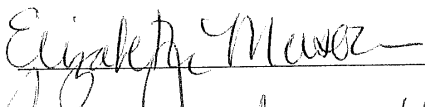
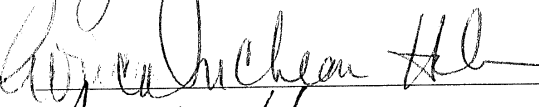
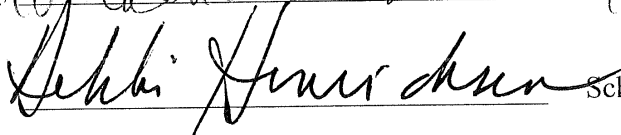
To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.


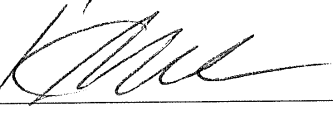
Given under our hands at said Strafford this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

  
  
  
School Board

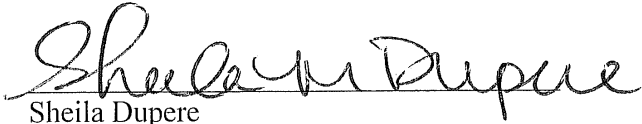
  
  
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A true copy of Warrant Attest:

  
  
  
School Board

  
  
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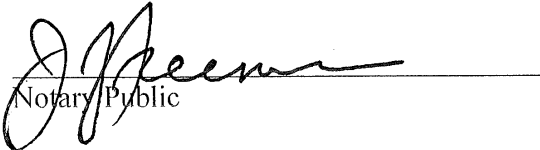
I certify that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, the written warrant articles attested by the School Board of said District at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the Strafford School and Strafford Town Hall being a public place in said District.



Sheila Dupere

School Board Secretary, Strafford School District, SAU #105

Personally appeared the said Sheila Dupere and made oath the above certificate by the Strafford School Board as signed is true.



Notary Public

My commission expires:

**JOHN J. FREEMAN**  
**Justice of the Peace - New Hampshire**  
**My Commission Expires November 6, 2024**





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Proposed Budget  
**Strafford Local School**

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from:  
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: 2/17/2022

**SCHOOL BOARD CERTIFICATION**

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

Name	Position	Signature
Debbi Hinrichsen	School Board Chair	Debbi Hinrichsen
Elizabeth Mearns	School Board member	Elizabeth Mearns
Erica Mearns Helm	School Board member	Erica Mearns Helm
Eric Almanzan	School Board Member	Eric Almanzan
KERRY McMAHON	SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR	Kerry McMahon

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

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



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**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2021	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2023 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2023 (Not Recommended)
<b>Instruction</b>						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	02	\$6,524,647	\$6,947,075	\$7,069,678	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	02	\$1,354,017	\$1,611,029	\$1,655,557	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	02	\$26,205	\$61,156	\$57,049	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	02	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Instruction Subtotal</b>			<b>\$7,904,869</b>	<b>\$8,619,260</b>	<b>\$8,782,284</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Support Services</b>						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	02	\$522,035	\$565,331	\$543,733	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	02	\$319,909	\$373,963	\$408,993	\$0
<b>Support Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$841,944</b>	<b>\$939,294</b>	<b>\$952,726</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>General Administration</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	02	\$110,061	\$60,614	\$55,614	\$0
<b>General Administration Subtotal</b>			<b>\$110,061</b>	<b>\$60,614</b>	<b>\$55,614</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Executive Administration</b>						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	02	\$395,507	\$323,116	\$183,073	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration	02	\$0	\$0	\$195,140	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	02	\$369,526	\$386,199	\$428,146	\$0
2500-2599	Business	02	\$0	\$144,888	\$121,879	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	02	\$490,686	\$498,504	\$527,405	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	02	\$485,528	\$570,708	\$566,560	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Executive Administration Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,741,247</b>	<b>\$1,923,415</b>	<b>\$2,022,203</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Non-Instructional Services</b>						
3100	Food Service Operations	02	\$130,416	\$172,267	\$181,451	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Non-Instructional Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$130,416</b>	<b>\$172,267</b>	<b>\$181,451</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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**Facilities Acquisition and Construction**

4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services		\$0	\$76,000	\$0	\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Facilities Acquisition and Construction Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Other Outlays**

5110	Debt Service - Principal	02	\$240,000	\$255,000	\$265,000	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	02	\$151,342	\$135,183	\$121,525	\$0
<b>Other Outlays Subtotal</b>			<b>\$391,342</b>	<b>\$390,183</b>	<b>\$386,525</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Fund Transfers**

5220-5221	To Food Service		\$54,984	\$0	\$0	\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5310	To Charter Schools		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5390	To Other Agencies		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Fund Transfers Subtotal</b>			<b>\$54,984</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Total Operating Budget Appropriations**

**\$12,380,803** **\$0**



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2023 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2023 (Not Recommended)
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	03	\$25,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Education of Persons with Disabilities CRF</i>				
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$25,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: School District CRF</i>				
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>





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**Individual Warrant Articles**

			Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2023 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2023 (Not Recommended)
Account	Purpose	Article		
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0



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**Revenues**

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2021	Revised Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2022	Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2023
<b>Local Sources</b>					
1300-1349	Tuition	02	\$11,242	\$17,500	\$17,500
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	02	\$1,343	\$1,000	\$1,500
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	02	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		\$68,932	\$93,000	\$0
<b>Local Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$81,517</b>	<b>\$111,500</b>	<b>\$19,000</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3210	School Building Aid	02	\$77,483	\$81,983	\$84,983
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Special Education Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	02	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$77,483</b>	<b>\$84,483</b>	<b>\$87,483</b>
<b>Federal Sources</b>					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	02	\$0	\$70,000	\$40,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Federal Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>



**New Hampshire**  
**Department of**  
**Revenue Administration**

**2022**  
**MS-26**

**Revenues**

**Other Financing Sources**

5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5221	Transfers from Food Service Special Revenues Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	04,03	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**Total Estimated Revenues and Credits**

**\$159,000**

**\$265,983**

**\$196,483**



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**Budget Summary**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Period ending 6/30/2023</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$12,380,803
Special Warrant Articles	\$50,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$12,430,803
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$196,483
Less Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$0
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$12,234,320</b>

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# REPORT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## TREASURER

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021

TD Bank (beginning balance)	\$ 254,688.01
Received from Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	\$9,170,928.00
Revenue from State	2,544,297.44
Revenue from Federal	-0-
Received from all other Sourced	192,350.84
	<u>\$11,907,576.28</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (balance-receipts)	\$12,162,264.29
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID	<u>11,280,653.46</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2021 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$ 881,610.83



District Treasurer

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM WHOM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
July 1, 2020	State of NH	Equitable Ed Aid	\$2,293,426.19
to	State of NH	Building Aid	\$79,477.71
June 30, 2021	State of NH	Medicaid Reimbursement	\$22,023.01
	Town of Strafford	Appropriation	\$9,170,928.00
	TD Bank	Interest	\$1,342.72
		Reversal of ACH taxes	\$24,932.35
	SAU #44	Lunch Program/Title 1	\$114,617.92
	School Lunch Program	Lunch Sales	\$7.50
		Tsys Lunch Sales	\$95.00
		Food & Supplies Purchases	\$146.70
		Replacement check for preschool	\$625.00
		Return check fee	\$50.00
		Payroll direct deposit returned	\$3,771.76
		Oyster River Tuition	\$1,520.00
	Primex Insurance	Damages by Power Surge	\$22,492.03
		Voided checks	\$5,537.31
		Bank adj. check	\$100.00
		Strafford Preschool	\$10,025.00
	State of NH	Supplemental public school	\$148,832.88
	State of NH	Fed Medical Assist.	\$537.65
		Damaged/Lost Books	\$110.81
		Strafford Education Assoc. refund	\$958.40
		AMN Healthcare refund	\$4,618.08
		NH Retirement refund	\$90.86
		Brock's over payment refund	\$125.23
		Refund from WB Mason	\$1,184.17
		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>\$11,907,576.28</u></b>

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT EARNINGS HISTORY

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Almanzan, Jessica	Paraprofessional	\$16,974.87
Anderson, Brianna D	Food Service Worker	\$11,135.22
Bane, Christine	School Board Secretary	\$300.00
Bazzell, Katherine A	Grade 7/8 Teacher	\$41,188.20
Beaverstock, Karen A	Grade 6 Teacher	\$69,976.28
Bonneau, Aaron M	Part Time Custodian	\$8,394.86
Bonneau, James M	Technology Director	\$45,090.10
Bonneau, Noah M	Part Time Custodian	\$10,571.53
Braga, Ashley M	Grade 1 Teacher	\$38,673.00
Buehne, Elizabeth G	Substitute	\$400.00
Buehne, Karen L	Substitute	\$1,350.00
Burnell, Patricia A	Food Service Worker	\$433.83
Chadwick, Carol	Paraprofessional	\$23,851.27
Clemons, Kimberly E	Grade 5 Teacher	\$43,373.51
Clinch, Andrea C	Teacher, Reading Specialist	\$64,422.00
Columbare, Wendy A	Substitute	\$3,880.00
Cote, Megan M	Food Service Worker	\$7,000.00
Cullen, Anne P	Special Education Secretary	\$37,616.82
Cunningham, Kathryn	Nurse	\$61,991.13
DeCota, Kendra L	Paraprofessional	\$21,038.53
Dolan, Audrey E	Grade 6 Teacher	\$69,050.16
Dubina, Susan E	Math Teacher	\$47,535.00
Duffy, Cynthia L	Paraprofessional	\$27,805.39
Eaton, Beth A	Paraprofessional	\$21,594.25
Edgerly, Jennifer L	Substitute Custodian	\$67.50
Fife, Kristine	Grade 4 Teacher	\$38,539.52
Gabaree, Sarah A	Paraprofessional	\$3,086.86
Gage, Linda J	Secretary	\$31,898.34
Gahm, Allan K	Grade 6 Teacher	\$71,224.56
Gale, Cynthia A	Paraprofessional	\$26,211.11
Gale, Eric J	Food Service Director	\$39,999.60
Galvin, Michael R	Special Education Teacher	\$19,733.55
Garland, Georgia I	Grade 4 teacher	\$65,840.34
Gentile, Courtney C	Preschool Teacher	\$36,556.69
Gerry, Jarrett A	Part Time Custodian	\$3,450.00
Glaude, Eileen M	Special Education Teacher	\$70,384.24
Goscinski, Donna	Retired Teacher	\$3,000.00
Grant, Keri B	Grade 1 Teacher	\$41,899.10
Grant, Mindy L	Paraprofessional	\$17,864.68

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Total Earnings</b>
Hanson, Tracy	Grade 1 Teacher	\$65,361.58
Harling, Rebecca J	Speech and Language Pathologist	\$69,240.11
Helm, Erica M	School Board	\$2,000.00
Helm, Patrick M	Substitute	\$3,250.00
Heselton, Callie A	Part Time Custodian	\$9,119.92
Heselton, Gary R	Facilities Manager	\$54,674.07
Hinrichsen, Debra A	School Board	\$2,000.00
Hinrichsen, Elijah O	Substitute	\$1,750.00
Hinrichsen, Rebekah F	Substitute	\$750.00
Homiak, Janet E	Reading Teacher	\$67,363.45
Hossack, Michele D	Technology Teacher K- 8	\$43,722.00
Huckins, Sharon L	Treasurer	\$5,200.00
Irons, Mary D	Kindergarten Teacher	\$71,885.94
Jacobs, Abby H	Kindergarten Teacher	\$48,724.18
Johnson, Erik W	Substitute Custodian	\$1,353.75
Jordan, Heidi F	Art Teacher	\$53,469.36
Jordan, Kevin A	Grade 2 Teacher	\$66,120.42
Kerivan, Sandra A	Paraprofessional	\$25,674.18
Knox, Bethany	Paraprofessional	\$21,486.87
Krasko, Robyn	Physical Education Teacher	\$68,605.71
LaMacchia, Tina M	Special Education Teacher	\$42,847.81
Lano, Elizabeth C	Paraprofessional	\$1,811.18
Lee, Kate-Lynn V	Paraprofessional	\$5,852.72
Letourneau, Mary J	Substitute	\$810.00
Lewis, Stephanie R	Health Teacher	\$40,307.00
Libby, Karen S	Paraprofessional	\$24,359.59
Lowe, Misty R	School Board	\$2,000.00
Marshall, Nichole E	Grade 3 Teacher	\$25,657.53
Marston, Eilish M	Grade 3 Teacher	\$41,636.07
Martel, Jeffrey A	Baseball Coach	\$1,300.00
Martin, Conner W	Part Time Custodian	\$2,286.42
Mason, Elizabeth	Retired Teacher	\$3,000.00
McGrath, Jessica L	Grade 1 teacher	\$43,288.31
McMahon, Kerry P	School Board	\$2,000.00
Meehan, Andrea E	Substitute Nurse	\$250.00
Metivier, Candice L	Paraprofessional	\$26,344.02
Morrisette, Kimberly A	Special Education Teacher	\$53,048.85
Morse, Kaisha R	School Board Secretary	\$300.00
Mulligan, Riley J	Part Time Custodian	\$3,003.75
Murdough, Claire E	Athletic Director	\$750.00
Nault, Donna L	Paraprofessional	\$20,290.99
Neal, Taylor	Paraprofessional	\$14,561.97
Nix, David R	Retired Teacher	\$12,711.00
Nomula, Tanuja	Paraprofessional	\$20,126.61
Pagnotta, Katie L	Guidance Counselor K-8	\$51,884.00
Patel, Ravi	Part Time Custodian	\$1,485.00



<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Total Earnings</b>
Patrick, Bruce	School Board	\$2,000.00
Pelletier, John J	Substitute	\$200.00
Pina, Mark H	Part Time Custodian	\$12,131.25
Plaza, Linda R	Paraprofessional	\$23,908.27
Pogharian, Kathrine M	Interim Principal	\$103,363.52
Purvis, Juliana E	Paraprofessional	\$32,130.92
Richard, Michael A	Truant Officer	\$550.00
Rousselle, Melinda L	Grade 2 Teacher	\$50,384.00
Roy, Amanda R	Secretary	\$33,882.64
Roy, Sarah A	Grade 4 Teacher	\$67,958.63
Russell, Amanda L	Interim Assistant Principal	\$71,253.00
Russell, Jordan M	Long Term Substitute	\$26,250.94
Saia, Jill H	Grade 7/8 Teacher	\$70,799.65
Sawyer, Carolyn V	Grade 7/8 Teacher	\$51,616.30
Schraufnagel, Julie A	Paraprofessional	\$24,127.31
Silva, April L	Substitute	\$160.00
Spadafora, Barbara G	Paraprofessional	\$17,972.72
Spadafora, Kathryn L	Substitute	\$3,600.00
Stover, Christine E	Substitute	\$3,700.00
Struthers, Elizabeth C	Paraprofessional	\$101.29
Szatko, Lawrence E	Custodian	\$35,127.81
Tiede, Lynn P	Long Term Substitute Special Education	\$19,645.33
Tkaczyk, Amy B	Stipend/Kindergarten Screening	\$570.00
Trapp, Amelia A	School Board Secretary	\$7,384.40
Vachon, Jennifer M Total	Substitute Nurse	\$250.00
VanDenBerg, Rebecca G	Teacher Guidance Counselor (50%)	\$17,930.52
Verville, Jennifer JL	Spanish Teacher K -8	\$45,887.00
Vulner, Kristine B	Paraprofessional	\$26,914.60
Wichroski, Alison M	Speech and Language Pathologist	\$71,184.24
Wilder, Darci	Kindergarten Teacher	\$41,793.69
Williams, Susan J	Library Media Specialist	\$68,470.36
Young, Scott C	Principal	\$14,323.51

## STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Capital Fund Balances

December 31, 2021

School Infrastructure & Buildings Capital Reserve Fund:

Balance as of 12/31/2021    **\$252,050.64**

Education of Persons with Disabilities Capital Reserve Fund:

Balance as of 12/31/2021    **\$237,305.24**

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENT REPORT  
as of January 1, 2022**

Elementary School Enrollment							
Grade	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total			TOTAL
Pre-K	Preschool	10	7	17	Preschool		17
					Home School Preschool		
K	M. Irons	8	6	14			
K	A. Jacobs	6	6	12			
K	D. Wilder	7	5	12			
					Kindergarten		38
					Home School Kindergarten		
Grade 1	A. Braga	11	7	18			
Grade 1	K. Grant	9	8	17			
Grade 1	T. Hanson	9	9	18			
					Grade 1		54
					Home School Grade 1		
Grade 2	K. Jordan	8	8	16			
Grade 2	M. Rousselle	7	10	17			
Grade 2	S. Roy	6	10	16			
						Grade 2	50
					Home School Grade 2		
Grade 3	M. Blum	7	7	14			
Grade 3	E. Marston	8	6	14			
Grade 3	J. McGrath	7	8	15			
					Grade 3		43
					Home School Grade 3		
Grade 4	A. Fife	8	5	13			
Grade 4	G. Garland	8	9	17			
Grade 4	B. Spadafora	9	9	18			
					Grade 4		48
					Home School Grade 4		
Grade 5	K. Clemons	9	7	16			
Grade 5	A. Clinch	9	7	16			
Grade 5	S. Kerivan	8	6	15			
					Grade 5		47
					Home School Grade 5		
					Total Elementary School Students		297
					Total Home School Elementary Students		27
Middle School Enrollment							
Grade 6	R. Jones	10	8	18			
Grade 6	A. Dolan	9	8	17			
					Grade 6		35
					Home School Grade 6		
Grade 7	R. Redmond	7	11	18			
Grade 7	J. Verville	8	11	19			
					Grade 7		37
					Home School Grade 7		
Grade 8	C. Sawyer	10	6	16			
Grade 8	A. Gahm	11	6	17			
Grade 8	J. Saia	10	6	16			
					Grade 8		49
					Home School Grade 8		
					Total Middle School		124
					Total Home School Middle School		15
Enrollment Summary							
Pre-K	17	Grade 4	48	Total Students Enrolled in School		421	
Kindergarten	38	Grade 5	47	Total Home School Students		42	
Grade 1	54	Grade 6	35				
Grade 2	50	Grade 7	40	Total Students Enrolled at SAU		463	
Grade 3	43	Grade 8	49				

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT 2021

Like the rest of the world, Strafford School experienced a year that was dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic: a year characterized by health threats, uncertainty, and accommodations. Though usual expectations for elementary school days were upended, Strafford School continued to offer in-person, on-site classes, in addition to an option for remote learning for our students, during the 2020-2021 school year.

August 2021 saw Strafford School reopen with a more familiar calendar and schedule – full schedule of 180 days of in-person, on-site classes for our students – for the 2021-2022 school year. Of course, this required the district to continue with a number of accommodations continued from the previous school year. Overall, this current school year provides our students and staff with a closer-to-normal feel as we continue to serve our students' learning needs.

Like students across our country and around the globe, our students experienced a major disruption to their learning progress. Our faculty and staff continue to work diligently to fill learning gaps and to extend student achievement; we are hopeful about making up for lost time and are appreciative of additional financial support provided by federal legislation over the past year. On a day-to-day basis, our school is looking more normal than not; we appreciate the support of our families and community in this critical work.

This past year also marked the separation of the Strafford School District from School Administrative Unit (SAU) #44. Though the District began operations as SAU #105 on July 1, the winter and spring included a good deal of work by the District Transition Team and other community volunteers to prepare for the formal separation. This work included the recruitment and hiring of district and school leaders, as well as the transfer of the broad range of responsibilities to our new SAU.

Finally, I extend my most sincere appreciation to our faculty and staff, our parents and guardians, our community, and our Strafford School Board for your strong support of Strafford's children and youth.

Respectfully submitted,

John Freeman  
Superintendent of Schools

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been my honor to join the Strafford School community this year. While I wasn't here for the 2020-2021 school year which we are reporting out on, I am pleased to share what I have learned since joining the school district. The Strafford School is a remarkable community of learners. The staff and students are all working each and every day to grow. They are a kind and welcoming group. Families have been amazingly supportive.

Last year, the school offered online classes or in-person classes to support each family's comfort level. This year we are back in school five days a week, with only in-person classes per the governor's guidance. We are able to provide online lessons if families are out sick for an extended period of time. Since the last couple of years have been challenging, the focus this year has been on building community. With new faces on the school, it has been important to work on school culture and climate. Our new IT Director has been working on rebuilding our website, [www.trafford.k12.nh.us](http://www.trafford.k12.nh.us) Please take a look at the resources located there, including a picture directory.

This year, we have circled back to the work from 2019-2020 on the social-emotional skills that the school had worked on. Each month we have a focus skill. Our school counselors provide resources on the focus skills and then each month we celebrate three students from each grade level who have shown exemplar skills in the focus skill area.

As we look forward, the teachers have looked at areas they would like to increase their focus on. With COVID we have seen the same drop in assessment scores that the rest of the state has seen. As we have returned to in-person five-day-a-week instruction we a focused on increasing achievement levels.

<u>Math</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
All, 3-8	49%	49%	56%	xxx	35% (statewide: 33% in 2021)
Gr. 3	67%	64%	78%	xxx	38%
Gr. 4	42%	62%	70%	xxx	42%
Gr. 5	32%	37%	32%	xxx	24%
Gr. 6	48%	47%	66%	xxx	35%
Gr. 7	54%	49%	48%	xxx	34%
Gr. 8	53%	42%	49%	xxx	34%
<u>Reading</u>					
All, 3-8	62%	64%	57%	xxx	50% (statewide: 49% in 2021)
Gr. 3	60%	63%	47%	xxx	33%
Gr. 4	50%	57%	57%	xxx	55%
Gr. 5	56%	61%	45%	xxx	47%
Gr. 6	62%	55%	57%	xxx	61%
Gr. 7	79%	75%	62%	xxx	40%
Gr. 8	65%	71%	69%	xxx	66%
<u>Science</u>					
All, 5 & 8	42%	39%	44%	xxx	34% (statewide: 34% in 2021)
Gr. 5	53%	30%	36%	xxx	38%
Gr. 8	33%	46%	49%	xxx	30%

The faculty and staff of Strafford appreciate the continued support of the community in the important work of educating the youth of Strafford.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Harvey  
Principal  
Strafford School



Coe-Brown Northwood Academy  
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT  
for the  
2020-2021 Academic Year



The Board of Trustees and Administration of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy are pleased to provide this Annual Report of the 2020-2021 school year to CBNA sending towns. Members of the Academy have enjoyed a long-term cooperative working relationship with the school boards of local towns and continue to work hard to ensure the educational opportunities for students are competitive, satisfying, and of the highest quality. The Board of Trustees strives, through its administration, faculty, and rigorous academic and co-curricular programming, to provide the most comprehensive and challenging educational experience for CBNA students.

**The following data provides an overview of educational programming at Coe-Brown and the status of CBNA students.**

Student Enrollment Breakdown: 2020-21

	August 2020	May 2021
<b>Seniors</b>	168	164
<b>Juniors</b>	157	150
<b>Sophomores</b>	169	173
<b>Freshmen</b>	174	182
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>669</b>

**Of the total students enrolled at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, the following enrollment changes took place throughout the 2020-2021 school year:**

CBNA Student Enrollment Changes by Class: 2020-21

	Dismissed	Moved	Additions	Other Reasons	Total Change
<b>Seniors</b>	0	-3	+1	-2	<b>-4</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	0	-2	+2	-7	<b>-7</b>
<b>Sophomores</b>	0	-1	+6	-1	<b>+4</b>
<b>Freshmen</b>	0	0	+9	-1	<b>+8</b>

**CBNA offers a traditional high school academic program, with several honors level and Advanced Placement level courses. Students took advantage of such programming in the following manner:**

Students and Honors Programming: 2020-21

<b>Class of 2021 Graduating with Honors:</b>	<b>52%</b>
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2020-21 Enrollment in Advanced Placement /Honors Level Courses:

Class	# Stdnts.	Class	# Stdnts.	Class	# Stdnts.
Literature & Comp AP	25	Spanish Language AP	8	Calculus AP	11
Language & Comp AP	26	French IV/V Honors	7	Pre-Calc. Honors	18
English 12 Honors	39	Spanish III Honors	16	Math I Honors	39
English 11 Honors	27	French III Honors	11	Math II Honors	46
English 10 Honors	54	Spanish II Honors	23	Math III Honors	36
English 9 Honors	22	French II Honors	21		
US History AP	13	Biology AP	17	Studio Art AP	1
Economics Honors	13	Chemistry AP	10	Honors Art	4
World History Honors	30	Physics Honors	16	Music Theory AP	5
US History II Honors	12	Chemistry Honors	44	Chorus Honors	7
US History III Honors	15	Biology Honors	47	Band Honors	5
		Intro to Science Honors	32		

CBNA offers several concurrent enrollment courses through Southern New Hampshire University and Project Running Start which grant students 3-4 college credits for each course for a nominal fee of \$100-\$150. Students took advantage of this opportunity in numbers as follows:

2020-21 Enrollment in SNHU/Running Start Courses:

SNHU/RS Class	Number of Students	SNHU/RS Class	Number of Students
Calculus	12	Creative Writing	28
Anatomy & Physiology	36	Environmental Science	11
Public Speaking	21	Digital Photography	4
Biology	7	Chemistry	10
Marketing	7	Criminal Justice	4

Students at the Academy work hard to be successful in their Advanced Placement (AP) coursework. The following table shows the comparison of CBNA students to students in the State of New Hampshire.

2021 Advanced Placement Scores

68 CBNA students took 121 AP Exams in 2021

	Coe-Brown	New Hampshire
% of Scores 3 or Above	<b>81%</b>	<b>65.5%</b>

CBNA believes strongly that reading is the key to success for students. The Academy utilizes several methods to assess student reading levels, including the SAT, the Scholastic Reading Inventory, and individualized testing and assessment via a reading specialist.

### Student Reading Levels: 2020-21

Spring 2021 *Scholastic Reading Inventory*: Whole School

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	35%	51%	9%	5%

CBNA participates in state-wide mandated examinations. For the 2020-21 academic year, the State of NH implemented the science AIR and the SAT (reading and math) for eleventh grade students. Students at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy scored as follows:

### Spring 2021 Testing

	% Proficient or Above SCIENCE	% Proficient or Above READING	% Proficient or Above MATH
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	61%	74%	63%
State of New Hampshire	43%	63%	42%

Following graduation from Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, CBNA students participate in many varying post-secondary experiences.

### Class of 2021 Post-Graduate Experiences

	4-Year Post Secondary	2-Year Post Secondary	Specialized Education Programs	Other Programs	Military	Work Force
Class of 2021	54%	11%	8%	6%	2%	19%

### SPECIAL NOTE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

After the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020 and the subsequent spring school closures, Coe-Brown spent the summer of 2020 planning for the reopening of the school. A great deal was unknown at that time about the transmission of COVID-19 as well as the best way to provide education in the midst of the pandemic. In preparation for in-school learning, seemingly all potentially effective mitigation strategies were implemented. This included one-way directional movement around campus, desk shields, reduced lunch sizes, mask-wearing, disinfecting all surfaces between every period, elimination of all large group situations (such as assemblies and morning gathering), fewer transitions between classes, hand sanitizer bottles readily available in all areas, and more.

With so many changes to the daily life at Coe-Brown, school began with four days of 50% students, alternating half the alphabet, in order for students to get accustomed to the new protocols and the new ways of moving

around the campus. After that fourth day, school was officially opened in-person for the 2020-21 academic year for all students.

However, it was important to also meet the needs of our Coe-Brown students and families who were not able to return to in-person learning during this pandemic, largely for medical reasons. Faculty were asked to run all classes remotely for students who elected to stay at home for remote learning while simultaneously running their “in-person” classes. This required installation of technology, staff training, and shifts in planning and methodology for faculty. While initially it was hoped this would be short-term, the remote offerings for Coe-Brown students remained available for the entirety of the 2020-21 school year. At the peak, over 100 students were remote and the total fluctuated daily throughout the entire school year as students went on and off quarantine status.

School activities were supported as much as deemed safe, with athletic teams practicing and competing, masked and hosting limited spectators. Concerts and plays were performed, although live-streamed to audiences. Clubs and activities were confined to the campus as there was limited opportunity for field trips elsewhere, but students rose to the challenge and were grateful for the opportunities and experiences they had.

The school health office was tasked with incredible new responsibilities, as designated by the Department of Health and Human services. For every positive COVID-19 case, the health office staff and administration were required to map out and measure who had been within six feet of that positive COVID-19 person the entirety of their contagious period. Then, each person’s parents and guardians needed to be contacted so they could begin quarantine protocols. In addition, increased scrutiny was placed on the health of all individuals so that anyone who was symptomatic could immediately be removed from the school population for testing.

With the FDA approval of the COVID-19 vaccine as a prime opportunity for protection from the worst of COVID-19 effects, Coe-Brown offered a vaccine clinic for all eligible students during the school day in the spring. The 2020-21 academic year was unique right to the very end, with graduation ceremonies taking place outdoors, for the first time in recent history, on a playing field. This was a very special experience for the Class of 2021, as the graduation ceremony was the first time the class had gathered together as a single group since the onset of the pandemic. It was wrought with meaning and accomplishment for students and Coe-Brown faculty and staff alike as they celebrated the notable achievements and sense of spirit of the CBNA senior class.

As the school year closed in June, 2021, the pandemic reached a lull in activity, leaving the school population with hope for the next school year. There were anticipated learning gaps for students as many of our sending towns were remote for much of the school year and curriculums were modified significantly at all schools, including Coe-Brown, to accommodate remote learners. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was strongly felt by the CBNA population while it occurred and it is predicted to be felt long-term into the future.

As with any challenge, however, there is a great deal to be learned. Some of the changes made during the 2020-21 were found to be effective overall and will likely continue long-term. These included some changes to the schedule, student releases, and cleaning protocols. The value of teaching and learning physically in-person was overwhelmingly evident, even with the many adjustments and accommodations in place due to the pandemic. The 2020-21 academic year showed Coe-Brown the importance of being together, what can be accomplished through the partnership of student, school, and home, and a sense of flexibility required to successfully navigate unknown territory. The Board and Administration of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy is appreciative of the very supportive educational environment in our communities as well as the positive and effective educational culture in which we operate, created by community, parents, students, and staff.



## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The Academy has maintained a reasonably steady population in recent years, with a slight decline as sending schools have experienced smaller total populations. Our total enrollment has allowed CBNA to develop new programs and educational opportunities to best meet the needs of diverse learners. High standards of work ethic, behavior, and personal responsibility have been established and upheld by the administration, faculty and staff. The Academy offers multiple college and career fairs to assist students in making successful transitions to the next stage. CBNA continues to promote colleges, trades, military, and work force opportunities for all students.

Positive feedback from students who have attended post-secondary institutions, as well as their high academic performances at such places, informs the Academy that they have felt well-prepared for the challenges of college. This reflects the academic rigor of their coursework at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy and the support from involved parents, school boards, and community.

The Academy administered the statewide examination, the SAT assessing reading and math, and NH AIR assessing science, for juniors in the spring of 2021. Performance on those exams is demonstrated in the charts above and the Academy will continue to develop curriculum and teaching techniques for meeting New Hampshire State Standards and to best prepare students for state-wide assessments. Students at Coe-Brown continue to score in the upper percentiles of the AP examinations, NH state testing, and excel in many areas outside of academia as well. In addition, students, faculty, and staff have been thrilled to have so many members of the community come to the Academy to enjoy talented student performances within the athletic, music, arts, and drama programs.

The Education Committee of the Board of Trustees, which has voting representatives from Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford, annually reviews course offerings to ensure that they are appropriate to meeting students' needs and are in keeping with the high academic standards set by the Board and administration. For the 2020-2021 academic year, the Academy continued to offer concurrent enrollment courses to allow students to receive both high school and college credit in the same class, for a greatly reduced college tuition rate. The courses are optional and allow students to get a head start on meeting their college requirements. Currently, the Academy has agreements with Southern New Hampshire University, Project Running Start through Great Bay Community College, NHTI, and the University of Iowa.

As the field of education continues to be complex, challenging, and ever-changing, those representatives from the Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford School Boards who serve on the Education Committee have become even more important in providing a vital link between the Academy and the sending schools. These representatives influence student discipline, assist in the hiring of faculty, and facilitate the coordination of educational programs. This joint participation is unique among schools that hold tuition contracts with other school districts. The Board of Trustees encourages active participation by the Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford representatives.

Individual faculty members, both at Coe-Brown as well as from sending schools, have participated in a board-supported program called "*Bridges*." Faculty members met virtually throughout the 2020-2021 year in different department groups with the goal of continuing to bridge any gap in the transition from elementary to high school and to coordinate and support each other in their academic work. Their efforts have been positive and effective in improving the educational experience for the communities' students.

## **CO-CURRICULAR**

The Academy strives to provide opportunities for students to become well-rounded adults through an intensive co-curricular program. Dozens of clubs are available for student membership, including some of the most recently created: Forensics Club, Health Occupation Student Association, Gaming Club, as

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well as some clubs that have been in existence for most of Coe-Brown's history such as FFA, Band, Chorus, National Honor Society, Science & Robotics Club and many more. Students are encouraged to become as involved in school life as much as possible. Each of these activities is monitored and evaluated to ensure a worthwhile experience that meets the Academy's mission.

Athletic offerings at the Academy continue to evolve with Coe-Brown's student-athletes. The athletic programs provide opportunities for students to practice self-discipline, time management, the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship. The 2020-21 academic year had 206 fall athletes, 164 winter athletes, and 245 spring athletes, showing the tremendous amount of participation in athletics by CBNA students.

As with all programs, the Board of Trustees strives to provide first-class athletic facilities and to make them available, as appropriate and possible, to local citizens. This is in keeping with the Board's commitment to make the Academy a part of the local communities.

## **PHYSICAL PLANT**

The Board of Trustees has worked to develop and implement a multi-year Master Plan to enhance the Academy's education services. This includes a review of current classrooms, pedestrian and vehicular circulation patterns, safety concerns, new facility needs and possible locations for these facilities. The Academy's ability to construct new facilities is based on very limited available funds that can be used for such endeavors.

Because the Academy does not receive any state funding, all new capital construction must be funded through investments and the capital charge to sending schools based on the current valuation of the property. This fiscal constraint does limit the Academy's ability to construct new facilities. For that reason, each construction project is considered carefully and has been deemed necessary and vital for continued growth of the Academy.

Most recently, significant roofing replacements have occurred for the tunnel, Smith Hall, and the Science Building. Air ventilation projects, with the installation of new ERV systems, upgraded filters, and ionizing equipment, allowed for increased fresh air turnover and enhanced air quality in prime classroom areas of the campus. The major construction project, begun in 2019, is the new Wiggin Hall building which has been completed on the first-floor level only. This involved the razing of the front part of the building with a two-story new building erected in its place. It currently houses art, music, specialized and general education classrooms. The next phase of the Wiggin Hall project is in the planning stages which will add an elevator and stair tower to the building. In addition, security measures on campus are constantly evaluated, for greater student and staff safety including work on classroom doors, camera installations, lighting and security monitoring. Continued smaller projects will serve to revitalize and repurpose areas of the Academy in the future, ensuring a modern, student-focused campus.

## **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees and its committees (Administration, Athletics, Development, Education, Facilities, & Fiscal) continue to work to enhance the educational opportunities for the students. The Education Committee, with representatives from Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford, continues work on long-range planning goals that better address curriculum and educational needs of the students. Faculty selection is a critical part of the process to ensure exceptional staff who are not only highly

qualified, but are dedicated to the educational process. The input from Northwood, Nottingham, and Stafford representatives plays a critical part of the process.

The Board of Trustees Athletic Committee supports enhanced opportunities for students to participate in team and club sports. A wide variety of year-round programs and camps are also available to students. The Academy staff is working to enhance cooperation and participation with the elementary schools in both the athletic and arts areas. Parental support of these programs is important and the committee is working on this issue in conjunction with the administration.

The Board of Trustees Development Committee is actively working on programs that support and enhance alumni and community relations. The publication of the *VISIONS* magazine, *Connections* flyer, and fundraising drives are vital steps in continuing to reach out to alumni and prospective students in the process of maintaining a long-range plan. The generosity of many people has resulted in enhancements to the physical plant, educational opportunities for students and faculty and a higher level of recognition of the quality of education offered by the Academy to local students.

### **THE FUTURE**

The Board of Trustees thanks the towns in this community for the cooperative spirit and joined efforts to best serve the high school students in the area. Continued constructive and productive relationships with local SAUs, school boards, and administrations of sending schools help ensure the best preparation for the future challenges students will face as adults. The Board of Trustees and administration of CBNA remain appreciative of a continued long-term relationship with local citizens in working toward achieving continued educational excellence.

Respectfully submitted by  
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy  
Board of Trustees & Administration



SAU #44 DISTRICT SHARE OF FINANCIALS							
DISTRICT	2020 EQUALIZED VALUATION w/o UTILITIES	VALUATION PERCENT	(as of 6.30.21) ATTENDANCE ENROLLMENT	PUPILS PERCENT	COMBINED PERCENT	20 -'21 DISTRICT ALLOCATION %	2020-2021 DISTRICT SHARE SAU BUDGET
Northwood	677,918,411	34.87%	346	28.27%	63.13%	29.42%	\$370,803.89
Nottingham	779,027,543	40.07%	484	39.54%	79.61%	39.20%	\$494,069.08
<b><u>Strafford</u></b>	<b><u>487,407,900</u></b>	<b><u>25.07%</u></b>	<b><u>394</u></b>	<b><u>32.19%</u></b>	<b><u>57.26%</u></b>	<b><u>31.38%</u></b>	<b><u>\$395,507.34</u></b>
TOTAL	1,944,353,854	100%	1224	100%	200%	100%	\$1,260,380.31

## SAU#44 STAFF SALARY REPORT

2020 ~ 2021 Salaries

Superintendent of Schools \$105,747.13  
 Student Services Director \$92,298.90  
 Business Administrator \$114,799.26  
 Grant Administrator \$11,122.52

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Special Education Analysis

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
Instruction	\$ 1,071,915	\$ 1,062,072.98
Related Services	\$ 293,637	\$ 330,255
Transportation	\$ 55,712	\$ 50,238
Tuition (HS, Pre-School & Placements)	\$ 381,004	\$ 291,944
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,802,268</b>	<b>\$ 1,734,510</b>
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Catastrophic Aid		
Adequacy (Allocation*)	\$ 356,208	\$ 343,063
IDEA Entitlement-Part B	\$ 100,835	\$ 110,064
IDEA Entitlement-Pre School	\$ 3,922	\$ 3,941
Medicaid	\$ 23,416	\$ 22,561
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 484,381</b>	<b>\$ 479,630</b>
<b>Net District Special Education Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,317,887</b>	<b>\$ 1,254,880</b>

\*Adequacy allocation based on total expenditures for special education divided by total budget and multiplied by the adequacy grant



New Hampshire  
Department of  
Revenue  
Administration

2021  
\$18.46

## Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,005,444	\$703,803,000	<b>\$2.85</b>
County	\$1,498,263	\$703,803,000	<b>\$2.13</b>
Local Education	\$8,333,955	\$703,803,000	<b>\$11.84</b>
State Education	\$1,143,764	\$697,231,100	<b>\$1.64</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,981,426</b>		<b>\$18.46</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
<b>Total</b>			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$12,981,426
War Service Credits	(\$45,900)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$12,935,526

James P. Gerry  
Director of Municipal and Property Division  
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

12/8/2021

# Strafford School District Meeting SAU #44 SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021 9AM

**School Board Members:**

Mr. Bruce Patrick, Chairman  
Ms. Debbie Hinrichsen, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Misty Lowe  
Mr. Kerry McMahon  
Ms. Erica Helm

**Others:**

Ms. Kathy Pogharian, Interim Principal, Strafford School  
Mr. Nathaniel Byrne, C.A.G.S., Director of Student Services  
Mr. James O'Shaughnessy, Esq.  
Ms. Kaisha Morse, School District Clerk  
Mr. Kurt Wuelper, Strafford School District Moderator

Moderator Wuelper called the 2021 Strafford School District Meeting to order at 9:05am. The Moderator then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Wuelper introduced the head table occupants including School Board Members and all others as noted above.

Moderator Wuelper discussed the rules of the meeting. He stated we have voters outside voting from their cars and listening from an FM transmitter. The volunteers with the yellow vests are sworn in Ballot Clerks and they are here to help car voters register, speak publically, and count votes. He then gave the details of how secret ballot will work for car voters. He stated that he will not follow Robert's Rules of Order. Instead, he will generally adhere to commonly-accepted rules of meetings. He stated that any ruling the Moderator makes can be overruled by the body. Moderator will read the articles as its written and any person that would like to speak must come to the microphone.

Debbie Hinrichsen offered thanks to those that worked to make the meeting possible. Debby also thanked Misty Lowe and Bruce Patrick for their service on the School Board and their assistance on numerous committees.

**Moderator Wuelper read Article #1**, stating that it will be taken up on Election Day, March 9, 2021:

**\*\* To choose the following School District Officers:**

- |                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| a. School Board Member   | Term of 3 Years |
| b. School Board Member   | Term of 3 Years |
| c. School District Clerk | Term of 2 Years |

## **The Moderator read Article #2:**

### ARTICLE #2

Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Twelve Million One Hundred Five Thousand, and Thirty-Three Dollars (\$12,105,033) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District?

The operating budget warrant does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article.

The School Board approves this appropriation a 4 to 0 vote. The estimated tax impact if this article passes is an increase of \$0.79 per \$1,000.

Board Chairman Bruce Patrick moved the question, seconded by Board member Debbi Hinrichsen.

Chairman Patrick spoke to the article and mentioned the page in the handout that offers the budget drivers for the increase in the budget from the previous year. He stated that the budget has increased due costs that are out of the control of the school board.

- Legislation has increased the schools statutory obligations with New Hampshire retirement for employers.
- Health and dental insurance has also increased.
- Money need for the SAU start-up costs but we may be getting that money back once we dissolve our current SAU.
- Salary and wages have increased as laid out in the collective bargaining agreement currently in place causing an increase in the budget.
- Special Education costs increase is for a potential out of district placement.

Even though our drivers are up \$502,700 our budget is up \$341,666.44. However, there is a possibility that funds could be returned back to the school to decrease that overall increase.

Eric Almanzan - Overlook Lane, finds it ridiculous that the state requires the school to raise retirement and in turn burdens the tax payers with the expense. Eric looks forward to anticipated payment from Forest Green. Eric asks are the new custodian position temporary for Covid or permanent?

Mr. Patrick stated the intention is to have the position be temporary.

Dan Perry - Willy Pond Rd, does this budget include F2F learning and remote learning students?

Mr. Patrick, yes this budget includes all students. Regardless of the instructional model the budget is the same. The budget is not impacted by the school model.

Mr. Perry, what was the net increase for beginning an individual SAU? Has this been done with zero additional cost?

Ms. Hinrichsen, at this point you are correct.

Dave Eckstrom , Juniper Trail Way– The money not used from the Covid year will it be returned?



Mr. Patrick, we cannot confirm until the budget end year. We are currently running a balance but we are anticipating a return to the town. The budget end year will end June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Jefferson, what is the reason for the new math line item?

Ms. Pogharian explained the program is new and the current books we have are not compatible. But we will now have access to the online books and text books. The reason we need both is to accommodate different grades and student preferences.

Linda Pape, Why are we not using our Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons with Disabilities for the Special Education budget driver costs?

Mr. Patrick, the \$110,000 is on top of the reserve fund amounts. The \$110,000 would be used first to allow the trust to stay where it is if not needed.

Mr. Burn, the program is so large that the reserve funds is not enough. If we didn't include additional funds we would be depleting the account.

Ms. Pape, why do we keep putting funds into the Capital Fund if we're not using it?

Ms. Hinrichsen – This is going to allow us to accept any unknown additional student.

Mr. Burn, the money is a safety net because if it's not needed it will be returned back to the tax payers.

Ralph Wegner - Crown Point, percentage wise how many students are non-resident vs resident? How many students are here physically percentage wise?

Ms. Pogharian, out of about 410 we only 45 or 46 that are remote. About 90% and it continues to grow.

**A vote was called and by a show of cards - the article passes.**

**The Moderator read Article #3:**

### ARTICLE #3

Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons with Disabilities, established in 2010, for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educating students with disabilities? This sum to come from June 20, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance at 12/30/2020 is \$237,255.92.

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4 to 0 vote. There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

Chairman Patrick moved the question and was seconded by Debbie Hinrichsen.

Ms. Hinrichsen discussed that this would only be funded with surplus money. This is an emergency fund in case a new student arrives in Strafford with disabilities unexpectedly.

Eric Almanzan, Overlook Lane – There have been times in the past where we have forgone asking for this reserve fund. Eric clarified that this is surplus not returned to the town.  
Board agreed with Eric's clarification.

**A vote was called and by a show of cards - the article passes.**

Mr. Patrick to the town, the next three articles are all tied together.

**ARTICLE #4**

Shall the Strafford School District vote to establish a Roof Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the roofs of school buildings in the Strafford School District, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$152,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the School Board as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required.)

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4 to 0 vote. The estimated tax impact if this article passes \$0.31 per \$1,000.

Chairman Patrick moved the question and was seconded by Debbie Hinrichsen.

Mr. McMahon, his recommendation as the facilities guy is that we move forward with replacing the 1989 part of the roof. How it is paid for us up to the voters.

Unidentified Speaker - Crown Point, clarified that the roof is 32 years old. Speaker asked how we came up with the requested amount number.

Mr. McMahon, confirmed it is a budget number not a bid.

Eric Almanzan- Overlook Lane, would like to consider taking funds from our Capital Reserve funds balance to offset the \$152,000. Would like to amend the article to use \$102,000 from the Capital Reserve and only raise \$50,000 from the article. Seconded by Dutcher.

**Discussion on the Amendment**

Genny Rizzotti – Rollercoaster Rd, when would you like to do the roof? Should we consider waiting a year because of cost of materials being inflated due to Covid?

Mr. McMahon, we would like to do the roof this summer. The problem with waiting is costs will continue to go up and we are already leaking.

Melinda Bubier - Garland Rd, would like to support amendment. Clarified that the amount of the tax fund stay at \$50,000 and any increases in the repair costs come from the Capital Reserve.

Elaine Canney – French Meadow Way, Do we have any maintenance plans coming up in the future that we may need to funds for?

Mr. McMahon explained that the maintenance committee looks at the upcoming needs of the school and find the roof to be most needed next.

Dan B, Garland Rd – Would like to clarify that article 4 establishes a new Capital Reserve Fund and Article 6 is only to be used if Article 4 does not pass.

Dennis Vachon - Province Rd, is \$152,000 the current estimated cost of the repair? Does a new article need to be made in order to draw funds from the Capital Reserve or does the school board acts as its own agent for the Capital Reserve fund?

Mr. Patrick, yes \$152,000 is the current estimated cost of repair. Several years ago a vote was made to give the School Board access to the Capital Reserve funds without any special action.

**A vote was called and by a show of cards - the amendment of Article 4 passes.**

Unidentified Speaker, why do we need to establish a new reserve fund for the roof instead of using the existing one? How would the reserve be closed out or when does it expire?

Mr. McMahon, so it get used for the purpose of the roof.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Article 4 establishes an extended trust fund for a one time roof fund. Article 6 is a one-time appropriation, not a capital fund, and must be spent in 5 years or returns back to the tax payer if not used. Two different ways to approach the same project.

Unidentified Speaker, Crown Point – Would like clarification that article #5 is for general repairs not for the roof specifically like article 4. The capital fund under article #5 is a rainy day fund for other things outside the roof that we may need money for.

Mr. Patrick, the amount of money in article #5 is what is needed to be known to vote on article #4.

Joanne Roush - Parsons Hill Road, is this the only Capital Funds we have for maintenance?

Board replied yes.

Speaker is concerned about draining the account for other needs like frozen pipes as an example.

Unidentified Speaker, a capital improvement would be considered a roof yes?

Board, yes.

Speaker, would we need to create a new reserve for every improvement?

Ms. Helm no. Mr. McMahon prefers an article for big ticket items and doesn't feel comfortable using the money from the reserve without a vote for such a high cost repair.

Moderator is asking why do we have two articles?

Mr. O'Shaughnessy, you may want to consider adding more funding to article 5 and defeating 4 and 6.

Audrey Dolan, Whig Hill – If this article passes we need to remember we will still need to replenish the Capital Reserve regardless if we use the funds for the repair of the roof to re-establish our rainy day fund.

Eric Almanzan, Overlook Lane – Does this article create a permanent new trust fund?

Mr. O'Shaughnessy, yes a trust is created to hold the money for the roof repair to be used by the board for that repair. The fund will remain in place even with no money in it until it is dissolved by the body in the future. Speaker does not support creating a new trust. He was looking to find a way to raise and repair in one step.

Ms. Helm – the board takes ownership for the poor wording of the different articles.

Unidentified Speaker – Makes a motion to amend article 4 to take the \$50,000 and add it to the existing Capital Reserve fund.

Moderator, we cannot amend and amendment already on the floor. Mr. O'Shaughnessy suggested tabling article 4 and moving on to article 5 and come back.

Denise Rainey, Beaver Dam Rd – Encourages the public to vote no on article 4 so that we can move on.

**A vote was called and by a show of cards - the amended article is defeated.**

**The Moderator read Article #5:**

**ARTICLE #5**

Shall the Strafford School District raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the School District Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1985, for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings? This sum to come from June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. No amount to be raise from taxation. Current balance at 12/30/2020 is \$251,998.

The School Board recommends this article by a 4 to 0 vote. There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

Board Member Hinrichsen moved the question and was seconded by Erica Helm.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy, suggested amending article #5 by changing the wording that instead of no amount to be raised from taxation to input a number that will be raised by taxation in addition to the budget surplus.

Moderator clarifies we are discussing the amount of money to be put into article 5.

Unidentified Speaker - How does the surplus get divided?

Board clarified it is placed into reserves based on the order it was voted.

Christy Peter, Province Rd – How board how much surplus do we anticipate?

Board, unable to tell but estimate \$85,000 at this point.

Ralph Wegner, Crown Point – Request to amend article 5 to have an additional \$50,000 be raised from taxation. Seconded by unidentified registered voter.

**Discussion on the Amendment**

Andrea Clinch, Sunny Terrace – If we do this, is this enough for the roof?

Ms. Hinrichsen, I think raising only \$50,000 is not enough to leave a comfortable rainy day balance in the Capital Reserve Fund. A good compromise would be raising \$75,000 through taxation and the balance through Capital Reserve.

Unidentified Speaker - suggests leaving article 5 alone and amending 6 for the roof.

Denise Rainey, Beaver Dam Rd – Clarifying that if you want to keep article 5 as is, vote no.

**A vote was called and by a show of cards - the amended article is defeated.**

**The Moderator re-read Article #5:**

ARTICLE #5

Shall the Strafford School District raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the School District Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1985, for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings? This sum to come from June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. No amount to be raise from taxation. Current balance at 12/30/2020 is \$251,998.

The School Board recommends this article by a 4 to 0 vote. There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

No public comment.

**A vote was called and by a show of cards - the article is passes.**

**Moderator Wuelper read Article #6:**

ARTICLE # 6

If Article 4 is defeated, shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Dollars (\$76,000) for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the roofs of school buildings in the Strafford School District? This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriate per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the roof repair is completed or by June 30, 2026, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

The School Board recommends this article by a 4 to 0 vote. The estimated tax impact if this article passes is \$0.15 per \$1,000.

Board Member Hinrichsen moved the question and was seconded by Misty Lowe.

Ms. Hinrichsen confirmed with attorney that once the money is used the fund is disbanded.

Mark Rainey, Beaver Dam Rd – Clarified this money is just for the roof and once the money is expended the fund goes away.

Unidentified Speaker – Is the board comfortable with this number?  
Board, yes members find this comfortable.

**A vote was called and by a show of cards - the article is passes.**

**Moderator Wuelper read Article #7:**

ARTICLE #7

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Strafford to see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Strafford School District on the second Tuesday of March each year (Majority vote required).

This is a Petition Warrant Article

The School Board does not recommend this article by a 4 to 0 vote.

Genny Rizotti, Rollercoaster Rd – This article was created to help those that can't attend in person. Speaker feels voters will educate themselves but their minds are already made before they came here. The public will still be allowed to discuss but the vote would change.

Rob White, Crown Point – Does this article say there will not be this type of meeting?

Moderator, the answer is yes. There will be a deliberative session but the voting takes place at a later date with no discussion taking place. The deliberative session would take place much earlier than the vote.

Bob Perry, Evans Mountain Rd – Would like to oppose because we have the purest form of democracy at this type of meeting where you discuss and vote at the same time.

Audrey Dolin, Whig Hill – This is democracy at its best. This form of government is appreciated and hearing today's discussion was really important on voting.

Denise Rainey, Beaver Dam Rd – Goes back and forth on this petition. Historically more people show up at the voting box than town meetings. She believes with deliberative session still allows the same kind of opportunity for democracy.

Tom Flynn, Beaver Brook Drive – Opposed to the article because the people who are here and show up has made him realize that the discussion is needed for clarification. Encourages the public to keep this type of forum.

Tonya Rich, Garland Road – Thanked the school board for their work during this school year with Covid.

Thanked Genny for opening up the discussion about becoming an SB2 town. Tonya has spoken with neighboring towns that have regretted the SB2 change. Voting this article is a majority vote to become SB2, 60% to go back.

Genny Rizzotti, Rollercoaster Rd – Emphasized that a deliberative session is still offered in an SB2 vote and there would be time before the vote to do more research.

Rebecca Burling, Jennifer Lane – Thinks having the conversation is important and becoming SB2 takes away a lot of flexibility.

Eric Almanzan, Overlook Ln – Clarified that an SB2 town creates a budgeting committee which creates another layer of government in town.

Unidentified Speaker, Mohawk Trail Way – Can amendments be made at a deliberative session if we are SB2 voting?

Moderator, yes you would be able to amend.

Judy Dupre, Scribner Rd – How many people showed up to the budget hearing?

Ms. Hinrichsen, 3-5 public attendants.

Andrea Clinch, Sunny Oaks Terrace – It is unfair to expect voters to show up to meetings in order to allow them to vote. Historically the numbers are low and will likely continue to stay low.

Mike Pelletier, Bernard Rd – We can feel comfortable that everyone in the room is making an educated vote. We can't rule out an uneducated voter with SB2.

Regina Flynn, Beaver Brook Dr – Detail and nuances are needed to vote with the best amount of information and town meetings already have low participation.

John Freeman – Has experience with a town that swapped over to SB2 and the town has regret and found it to be impossible to be undone. Participation also went down in meetings. The opportunities we have at a meeting help with educated voting. Also spoke about troubles with budget committees in the SB2 town.

### **Secret Ballot**

Moderator clarified that Article #7 requires 60% vote to pass.

A motion was made and seconded by the public to limit reconsideration on articles 2-6, previously voted articles.

**A vote was called and by a show of cards - the motion passes.**

**The Moderator read the results of the secret ballot on article #7    Yes – 17    No – 75**

**The article fails**

A motion was made and seconded by the public to limit reconsideration on all articles.

Mr. Patrick made a motion to adjourn, seconded verbally by the body.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaisha Morse  
Strafford School District Clerk

March 12, 2021



## STRAFFORD SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

Emilee Arnold  
Lyla Baker  
Steeley Baker  
Macsen Baker  
Nicholas Ball  
Kody Barry  
Mya Berry  
Rex Betts-Levine  
Rylee Boucher  
Lily Buehne  
Sarah Beugrer  
Dylan Burovac  
Braden Burt  
Joseph Bush  
Mason Collins  
Justin Cook  
Kyler deRuyter  
James Edmonds  
Noah Fitzpatrick  
Lilly Gilman  
Eliana Gracia  
Connor Hall  
Wesley Jones  
Colin Kane  
Tully Keefe  
Michael Kimble  
James Lano

James Larson-Clarke  
Gage Lavalley-Ingalls  
Cameron Lindsey  
Connor Marquette  
Ryan Matson  
Honorah McGlone  
Evelyn McLaughlin  
Zalan Miko  
Oliver Neuschuez  
Hayley Newick  
Sanjith Nomula  
Elizabeth Norman  
James Norris III  
Samantha Peasley  
Ariella Price  
Christopher Raymond  
Alexander Readell  
Arista Robidas  
James Sawyer  
Thomas Small  
Draven Stevens  
Kassidy Taylor  
Aaron Thornton  
Emerson Totten  
Lana Trafton  
Kaylee Vayda  
Adam Woroniak



# Strafford High School Graduates 2021

## Coe-Brown Northwood Academy

Sylas Aucella  
Emily Buehne  
Morgan Burnap  
Aislin Burt  
Jacob Caron  
Evan Castine  
Charlotte Cleaver  
Benjamin Clinch  
Nathan Conley  
Parker Eaton  
Braden Eldridge  
Carter Ford  
Roy Glidden  
Kathleen Grace  
Rebekah Hall  
Breton Hardy  
Jacob Hodgdon  
Michael Holderby  
Camden Johnson  
Casey Knowles  
Aligail Leas  
Allison Mackey  
Sarah Marsh



Percival Melanson  
Grace Morrisette  
Riley Mulligan  
Hunter Murray  
Emma Naves  
Haley Noel  
Joseph Passwater  
Mary Katherine Patteson  
Jenna Pogorek  
Clayton Price  
Katelyn Rand  
Jeremy Richards  
Jonathan Small  
Niki Smith  
Drusilla Szatko  
Brendan Thivierge  
Spencer Trott  
Beatrice Tursi  
Ethan Vollertsen  
Makala Ware  
Jordan Whittier  
Nolan Woodman

# VITAL RECORDS

## RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2021 ~ DECEMBER 31, 2021

TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Champagne, Desiree Camille	3/3/2021	Dover, NH	Champagne, Dustin	Thorne, Cherylyn
Legsdin, Ulrik Fritz Magnus	3/3/2021	Dover, NH	Legsdin, Jarod	Legsdin, Amanda
Lapanne, Finley Carter	3/9/2021	Dover, NH	Lapanne, Michael	Lapanne, Elise
Barry, Greyson David	3/20/2021	Manchester, NH	Barry, Christopher	Barry, Hannah
Barry, Addison Ann	3/20/2021	Manchester, NH	Barry, Christopher	Barry, Hannah
Crampsey, Grayson Thomas	4/14/2021	Dover, NH	Crampsey, Joshua	Crampsey, Kellyann
Pelletier, Alivia Grace	5/12/2021	Concord, NH	Henderson, Zachary	Pelletier, Nicole
Bennette, Colt Ulysses	5/29/2021	Dover, NH	Bennette, Jamie	Bennette, Katherine
Burkhead, Ava Jane	6/20/2021	Dover, NH	Burkhead, Charles	Burkhead, Maria
Chase, Maxtin Michael	7/9/2021	Concord, NH	Chase, Kenneth	Chase, Kaitlin
Clark, Brayden Arthur	7/17/2021	Concord, NH	Clark, Scott	Clark, Nicole
Hallock, Landon James	8/7/2021	Dover, NH	Hallock, Keith	Hallock, Heather
Dunne, Linkin Thomas	9/16/2021	Rochester, NH	Dunne V, Thomas	Dunne, Danielle
Mullins, Shea Marie	9/20/2021	Dover, NH	Mullins, Steven	Mullins, Mia
Gendreau, Sean Fox Thomas	9/24/2021	Lebanon, NH	Gendreau, Gabriel	Gendreau, Molly
Murphy, Hartlyn Rose	9/27/2021	Dover, NH	Murphy, Colin	Murphy, Jamie
Delisle, Natalie Alice	10/12/2021	Dover, NH	Delisle, Ryan	Farley, Lillian
Rowley, Isabelle Mae	10/21/2021	Dover, NH	Rowley, Chad	Rowley, Brittany
Morton, Miles Davis	10/21/2021	Dover, NH	Morton, Rance	Morton, Vanessa
Young, Wesley Pierce	11/18/2021	Dover, NH	Young, Jameson	Young, Brianna
Silva, Hannah Noelle	12/11/2021	Rochester, NH	Silva, Erik	Silva, Nichole
Leck, Greysen James	12/13/2021	Rochester, NH	Leck, Nicholas	Kane, Shauna

TOTAL NUMBER OF RECORDS: 22

**VITAL RECORDS**  
**RESIDENT MARRIAGE RECORD**  
**JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**Town Of Strafford, NH**

<b>Name - Person A</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Name - Person B</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Town of Issuance</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>	<b>Date</b>
Kleczek Jr., Kenneth M.	Strafford, NH	Hillsgrove, Kelly M.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Rollinsford, NH	2/19/2021
Bouck, Christopher C.	Strafford, NH	Rogers, Cassandra A.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	3/20/2021
Fithian, Michael J.	Strafford, NH	Belanger, Honey T.	Northwood, NH	Northwood, NH	Nottingham, NH	4/18/2021
Thorne, Kyle A.	Strafford, NH	Hogue, Kaitlyn M.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Northwood, NH	5/2/2021
Keene, Jacob T.	Strafford, NH	Plante, Jessica K.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Fremont, NH	8/28/2021
Komatsu Chaves, Paulo R.	Strafford, NH	Cooper, Traci L.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/6/2021
Carter, Ashley M.	Strafford, NH	Lytle, Nicholas C.	NH	Barrington, NH	Epping, NH	10/10/2021
Marsh, William C.	Strafford, NH	Wang, Huichun	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/24/2021
Bates, Andrew J.	Northwood, NH	Mastrofine, Adana J.	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Barrington, NH	12/27/2021

Total Number of Records: 9

# VITAL RECORDS

## RESIDENT DEATH RECORD

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021  
Town of Strafford, NH

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Place of Death	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Military
Wilder, Kenneth R.	1/3/2021	Strafford, NH	Wilder, Theodore	Flanagan, Helen	N
Hutchins, John Robert	1/7/2021	Rochester, NH	Hutchins, Leslie	Thompson, Phyllis	N
Towle, Terry	1/11/2021	Strafford, NH	Ray, Ronald	Cohen, Sylvia	N
Devine, Henry David	1/27/2021	Goffstown, NH	Devine, Henry	Berry, Leona	N
Dame, Philip	1/31/2021	Strafford, NH	Dame, Kenneth	Lovering, Madeline	Y
Shaver, Donald Sloan	2/10/2021	Strafford, NH	Shaver, Edwin	Ebert, Helen	Y
Henson, Douglas M.	2/13/2021	Rochester, NH	Henson, William	Trefethen, Alice	N
Daudelin, Jason	2/24/2021	Strafford, NH	Daudelin Jr., Alfred	Howard, Lorraine	N
White, Patricia K.	3/5/2021	Dover, NH	Parker, Harvey	Unknown, Christine	N
Keefe, John William	3/18/2021	Dover, NH	Keefe, Arthur	Ring, Margaret	Y
Martel, Richard F.	3/27/2021	Rochester, NH	Martel, Wilfred	Labrie, Pauline	Y
Lindsey Sr., Joseph C.	5/11/2021	Dover, NH	Lindsey, Robert	Johnson, Nellie	Y
Duval Jr., Leon	5/23/2021	Strafford, NH	Duval Jr., Leon	Giguere, Blanche	Y
Herrick, John	6/6/2021	Strafford, NH	Herrick Sr., William	Coakley, Julia	N
Bennette Jr., John R.	7/2/2021	Dover, NH	Bennette Sr., John	Plaisted, Gloria	Y
Kolifrath, Edward Bruce	7/14/2021	Dover, NH	Kolifrath, Albert	Fitzmaurice, Margaret	Y
Lotz, Rodger F.	8/13/2021	Epsom, NH	Lotz, Fredrick	Schmidt, Elise	Y
Clickman, Colette Marie	8/13/2021	Dover, NH	Roberge, Leo	Heon, Therese	N
Flethcher Jr., Charles H.	10/4/2021	Strafford, NH	Flethcher, Charles	Fontaine, Joan	N
Brown, James E.	10/12/2021	Strafford, NH	Unknown	Rudd, Doris	Y
Wagner, Kermit E.	10/14/2021	Strafford, NH	Wagner, Kermit	Heisey, Vera	Y
Goduti, Thelma	11/15/2021	Strafford, NH	Kelley, Lester	Farnsworth, Andrea	N
Horan, John Sydney	12/5/2021	Dover, NH	Hanson, Sydney	Clifford, Laura	Y
Thurston, Joseph A.	12/25/2021	Strafford, NH	Thurston, Walter	Shaw, Virginia	Y

Total number of records 24







"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold  
of winter to give it sweetness."

— John Steinbeck