

TOWN OF STRATFORD



ANNUAL REPORT 2015

How to Reach Us

Dog Warden 922-3821 (Police Department)
Fire Non-Emergency 636-2375
Health Officer 922-5127
Police Non-Emergency 922-3821
Recycle Center/Transfer Station 922-9063 or 549-5919 12 pm – 4 pm Monday; 8 am-12 pm Tuesday; 3 pm – 7 pm Wednesday; and 8 am -12 pm Saturday
Stratford Public Library 922-9016 9 am - 5 pm Monday, 12 pm - 5 pm Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm Friday
Selectmen 922-5533, 922-3317/Fax Posted hours 9 am – 3:30 pm Monday- Thursday; <i>other hours by appointment</i> ; stratfordnh@gmail.com
Town Clerk/Tax Collector 922-5546 4 pm - 7 pm Monday; 3 pm – 6 pm Tuesday and 9:30 am –12 pm 1 st & 3 rd Saturday of month; <i>other hours by appointment</i> ; townofstratford@gmail.com

Stratford School K-8 922-3387 7 am - 3:30 pm Monday through Friday
Groveton High School 9-12 636-9849 7 am - 3:30 pm Monday through Friday
Water System (N. Stratford) 922-5127 or 922-5533
Sewer System (Millhouse & Village) 922-3357 or 922-5533 or 549-2996
SAU-58 636-1437 8 am – 4 pm Monday through Friday
Web Sites School: www.edline.net/pages/Stratford_Public_School Town: www.stratfordnh.org Mapping: www.caigisonline.com/StratfordNH/
Welfare Administration 922-5533 Posted hours 9 am - 3:30 pm Monday-Thursday <i>other hours by appointment.</i>

Scheduled Public Meetings

Meeting	Date	Place	Time
Annual School Meeting	Monday before Town Meeting	School Auditorium	6:00 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting	2 nd Tuesday of March	Fuller Town Hall	10:00 a.m.
Board of Selectmen	Every other Monday	Fuller Town Hall	3:30 p.m.
Fire Meetings	Alternate Tuesday nights	SHFD	6:00 p.m.
Library Trustees	2 nd Wednesday of month	Library	1:00 p.m.
Planning Board	3 rd Tuesday of month	Fuller Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
Safety Committee	Quarterly (date varies) Thurs.	Selectmen's Office	6:30 p.m.
Stratford School Board	2 nd Wednesday of month	Multipurpose Room	6:00 p.m.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
STRATFORD
NEW HAMPSHIRE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2015

2015 Elected Officers, Appointees, and Other Positions

<p>Board of Selectmen 2016 Clayton Macdonald 2017 Larry W. Ladd 2018 James Davis</p>
<p>Cemetery Trustees 2016 Terry Place 2017 Charles Goulet 2018 Ronald Connary</p>
<p>Emergency Management 2018 Charles Stinson III</p>
<p>Fire Department 2018 Charles Stinson III, Chief William Zanes, Assistant Chief Robert Blodgett, Assistant Chief</p> <p>Forest Fire Warden William Zanes, Warden</p>
<p>Health Officer 2016 Claire Schooner 2016 Carlton Harris, Deputy</p>
<p>Inspectors of Election 2016 Lorraine Goulet (D) 2016 Margaret Frizzell (R) 2016 Rae Davenport (D) 2016 Vicki DeLalla (R) 2016 Rita Koch (D-Alternate) 2016 Beverly Kettle (R-Alternate)</p>
<p>Library Trustees 2016 Dana Cassell 2017 Robin Scott 2018 Dawn Hall Thomas McCorkhill, Librarian Martin Lomansey, Assist. Librarian</p>
<p>Planning Board 2016 Vicki DeLalla 2016 Mike Martin 2017 Charles Goulet, Chairman 2018 Rachel O'Meara 2018 Denis Corbeil 2018 Ron Scott 2018 Clayton MacDonald 2018 Vacancy Nadine Loundsbury, PB Secretary</p>
<p>Police Department 2016 Wayne Hall, Chief of Police Lloyd Tippitt, Officer</p>

<p>Town Auditor 2016 Vacancy</p>
<p>Road Service (Contracted) 2016 Michael Lynch</p>
<p>Selectmen's Office Suzanne Goulet, Administrative Assistant Bona Ladd, Clerk to AA</p>
<p>Sewer Department Chester G. Smart, Manager Carlton Harris, Backup</p>
<p>Supervisors of the Checklist 2016 Peggy Deyette 2018 Claire Martineau 2020 Lynette Emerson</p>
<p>Town Clerk/Tax Collector 2017 Dawn Frost Nadine Lounsbury, Deputy</p>
<p>Town Moderator 2016 James R. C. Sayen</p>
<p>Treasurer 2016 Wendy McMann, Treasurer Christine Whiting, Deputy</p>
<p>Trustee of Trust Funds 2016 Wilson McMann 2016 Sharon Corbiel, Treasurer 2017 Cathy Burns</p>
<p>Water Department Carlton Harris, Manager Chester G. Smart, Backup</p>
<p>Welfare Administrator Nadine Lounsbury</p>
<p>Zoning Board of Adjustment 2017 Clayton Macdonald 2017 Charles Goulet 2016 Cynthia Place 2016 Mike Lynch 2013 Vacant</p>
<p>Recycle/Transfer Station Charles Goulet, Level 3 Manager James Chapple, Level 3 Operator Chester Smart, Level 3 Operator</p>
<p>Helen Brown Fund 2016 Sandra Theberge 2016 Cynthia Place 2016 Vacancy</p>

2016 Town Meeting Warrants

State of New Hampshire

Town of Stratford

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stratford in the County of Coos qualified to vote in Town affairs: you are hereby notified to meet at Fuller Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 10 a.m. to act on Articles 1 through 13. Polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Article 1. To choose by non-partisan ballot the following Officers: 1 Selectman (3 years); 1 Library Trustee (3 years); 1 Library Trustee (1 year); 1 Cemetery Trustee (3 years); Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years); Supervisor of the Checklist (4 years); 1 Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years); 1 Trustee of Trust Funds (2 years); 1 Town Moderator (2 years); 1 Treasurer (3 years) and 1 Town Auditor (1 year).

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$725,973** for the operating budget. This article does not include the cost of any other warrant article.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,325** for ambulance services to be provided to the municipality by the Town of Northumberland; further to include this service in the operating budget in subsequent years.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$6,200** to be added to the previously established Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund, with the full amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Board Recommends)

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$35,000** to be added to the previously established Highway and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund.; \$25,000 to be raised by taxation; \$10,000 to come from unassigned fund balance. (Board Recommends)

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to be added to the previously established Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** to be added to the previously established Recycling Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a baler and compactor. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Board Recommends)

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** to be added to the previously established 250th Celebration Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding the 250th anniversary celebration to be held in 2023. (Board Recommends)

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** to be added to the previously established Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund to also include the construction of town buildings; further name the selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (2/3 vote required). (Board Recommends)

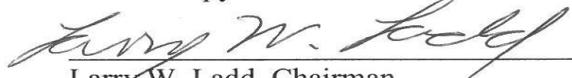
Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be added to the previously established Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,300 in donations to the following groups: \$100, Northwoods Home Health & Hospice; \$100, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital; \$100, Northern Human Services; \$1,600, Tri-County CAP (fuel assistance); \$2,900, Tri-County CAP Senior Meals (meals on wheels); \$100, Tri-County CAP North Country Transit (bus service); \$100, Child Advocacy Center of Coos County; \$100, CASA; \$100, North Country Chamber of Commerce; \$100, Backpack Program.

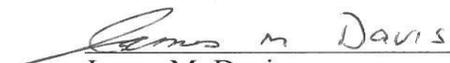
Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and to hear reports from any agents or committees heretofore chosen.

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February in the year 2016.

A True Copy of Warrant Attest:



Larry W. Ladd, Chairman



James M. Davis



Clayton Macdonald
Board of Selectmen, Stratford, NH

Signed:



Larry W. Ladd, Chairman



James M. Davis



Clayton Macdonald
Board of Selectmen, Stratford, NH



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2016
MS-636

Budget of the Town of Stratford
Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 8, 2016

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5090
Fax: (603) 230-5947
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

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.

Governing Body Certifications		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Larry W. Ladd	Chairman	<i>Larry W. Ladd</i>
James M. Davis	Selectmen	<i>James M. Davis</i>
Clayton Macdonald	Selectmen	<i>Clayton Macdonald</i>

A hard-copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	02	\$94,796	\$87,855	\$94,796	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$6,154	\$6,074	\$6,619	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	02	\$56,350	\$56,383	\$57,350	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$8,500	\$12,008	\$11,500	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	02	\$23,500	\$23,603	\$23,500	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	02	\$1,000	\$931	\$1,750	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$47,150	\$39,725	\$46,750	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$19,878	\$19,681	\$19,276	\$0
4196	Insurance	02	\$20,000	\$16,930	\$25,500	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	02	\$882	\$730	\$882	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	02	\$39,825	\$24,548	\$38,475	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	02	\$37,025	\$32,640	\$37,025	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	02	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$137,000	\$122,120	\$137,000	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$8,500	\$8,167	\$6,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$45,400	\$42,718	\$45,400	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	02	\$2,800	\$2,412	\$1,900	\$0

4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal	02	\$79,714	\$77,091	\$76,400	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Water Distribution and Treatment

4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	02	\$32,000	\$25,063	\$32,000	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Health

4411	Administration	02	\$1,800	\$1,208	\$1,800	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Welfare

4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	02	\$6,000	\$2,530	\$6,000	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Culture and Recreation

4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	02	\$6,845	\$6,473	\$7,595	\$0
4550-4559	Library	02	\$15,074	\$15,074	\$16,255	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$1,200	\$1,239	\$1,200	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$350	\$0	\$0	\$0

Conservation and Development

4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	02	\$1,000	\$861	\$1,000	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Debt Service

4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	02	\$19,000	\$18,637	\$19,000	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	02	\$8,000	\$7,808	\$8,000	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	02	\$1,000	\$505	\$1,000	\$0

4790-4799	Other Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay					
4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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
Total Proposed Appropriations		\$722,743	\$654,514	\$725,973	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$0
	Purpose: Highway and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
	Purpose: Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$0
	Purpose: Recycling Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$9,325	\$9,325	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: Appropriate to Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	04	\$5,012	\$5,012	\$6,200	\$0
	Purpose: Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	10	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: appropriate to ETF					
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	08	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
	Purpose: 250th Celebration Expendable Trust Fund					
Special Articles Recommended			\$80,337	\$80,337	\$64,700	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	03	\$20,000	\$6,325	\$9,325	\$0
	Purpose: Ambulance Service					
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	12	\$6,200	\$6,200	\$5,300	\$0
	Purpose: Donations					
Individual Articles Recommended			\$26,200	\$12,525	\$14,625	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	02	\$4,000	\$3,924	\$4,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$100	\$108	\$100
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$30,000	\$24,545	\$30,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$75,000	\$90,110	\$80,000
3230	Building Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$2,000	\$1,883	\$2,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$35,922	\$35,922	\$35,922
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$20,730	\$20,909	\$20,730
3354	Water Pollution Grant	02	\$3,467	\$3,467	\$3,468
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	02	\$6,815	\$6,815	\$6,815
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	02	\$11,920	\$11,598	\$11,920
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	02	\$3,500	\$4,955	\$3,500
3409	Other Charges	02	\$6,000	\$6,200	\$4,200
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	02	\$600	\$565	\$5,000
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$100	\$138	\$100
3503-3509	Other	02	\$400	\$675	\$400
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
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)	02	\$76,247	\$76,247	\$76,400
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	02	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$9,325	\$3,000	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	07, 05, 04	\$0	\$35,512	\$19,200
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	02	\$0	\$89,000	\$100,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$338,126	\$467,573	\$435,755

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$722,743	\$725,973
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$80,337	\$64,700
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$26,200	\$14,625
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$829,280	\$805,298
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$473,013	\$435,755
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$356,267	\$369,543

State of New Hampshire
Town of Stratford
2015 Town Meeting Warrants

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stratford in the County of Coos qualified to vote in Town affairs: you are hereby notified to meet at Fuller Town Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 10 a.m. to act on Articles 1 through 15. Polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Moderator opened meeting at 10 a.m. This is the 100th anniversary of river drives. Thanked people who helped setting up the election: Selectmen, the Selectmen's office, Supervisors, Town Clerk and Ballot Clerks.

Moderator presented rules: 1) when moderator calls, you are only allowed to speak about article or amendment on floor, 2) anyone who has already spoken on an article or amendment will speak after everyone else has a chance, 3) no personal comments or attacks, 4) please stand and announce yourself.

Moderator showed the two ballot boxes and locked them.

One resident wanted to vote on Article 3 by ballot (she had an appointment). Moderator asked for motion to allow.

V DeLalla made motion to allow the vote, R Rheume, seconds.

R Rheume: We are submitting a Request for Secret Ballot to have a secret ballot vote.

All in favor say, "Aye." Ayes have it. The resident was allowed to vote on Article 3.

Article 1. To choose by non-partisan ballot the following Officers: 1 Selectman (3 years); 1 Library Trustee (3 years); 1 Cemetery Trustee (3 years); 1 Cemetery Trustee (2 years); 1 Cemetery Trustee (1 year); 1 Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years); and 1 Town Auditor (1 year).

L Ladd motions to accept article as written, R Rheume seconds.

Article passes as written. The following officers were elected:

Selectman, 3-Yr: Jamie Davis 67 votes, Mike Miller 25 votes. Jamie Davis having plurality of votes was elected Selectman.

Town Auditor, 1-Yr: Reba Nadeau 3 votes, Linda Renaud 1 vote, James Chapple 1 vote, Robin Rheume 1 vote, Steve LaFrance 1 vote, Karen Lynch 1 vote, Darlene Curley 1 vote. Reba Nadeau having the plurality of votes was elected Town Auditor.

Library Trustee, 3-Yr: Dawn Hall 87 votes. Dawn Hall having plurality of votes was elected Library Trustee.

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3-Yrs: Paul Haynes 2 votes, Linda Renaud 1 vote, Michael Brauer 1 vote, Cathy Burns 1 vote, Jenni Hakey 1 vote, Sharon Corbeil 1 vote, Mark McCulloch 1 vote. Paul Haynes having plurality of votes was elected Trustee of Trust Funds.

Cemetery Trustee, 3-Yr: Ron Connary 9 votes, Terry Place 2 votes, Linda Renaud 1 vote, Steve LaFrance 1 vote, Sonya Zanes 1 vote, Joe Hakey 1 vote, Chuck Stinson 1 vote, Lynette Emerson 1 vote, Wayne Hall 1 vote. Ron Connary having plurality of votes was elected Cemetery Trustee.

Cemetery Trustee, 2-Yr: Charles Goulet 85 votes. Charles Goulet having plurality of votes was elected Cemetery Trustee.Cemetery Trustee, 1-Yr: Terry Place 5 votes, Ron Connary 2 votes, Cathy Burns 1 vote, Paul Haynes 1 vote, Lynette Emerson 1 vote, Jim Flanders 1 vote. Terry Place having plurality of votes was elected Cemetery Trustee.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$722,743** for the operating budget and, if not, to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to defray Town expenses for the ensuing year. This article does not include the cost of any other warrant article.

R Rheume motions to accept article as written, L Ladd seconds.
Article passes as written.

Article 3. To see how the Town wants to go forward regarding the Police Department. This is advisory only to determine the will of the people; is not necessarily binding upon the selectmen.

R Rheume makes motion to accept article as written, L Ladd seconds.

V DeLalla—If D passes, then how will it decrease the budget if we already voted in article Brooks: the \$9,000 has already been paid out, that's why the full amount won't be reduced.

R Davenport: in C, who takes care of the animal and civil matters?

Rheume: No one.

J Arsenault—what would happen in B or C once that money is used? Who covers us once the budget is spent?

R Rheume: Northumberland has submitted a memorandum of agreement, things they will and won't do most of which is what our police force does now, they will cover animals, civil. They're allocating 17 hours per week of coverage then go back to on-call. So, what happens, the state is called.

Brooks: if the money is used up, then once the line item is up, then we won't have police service until the end of the year 'cause we can't go over the amount listed. The state would respond if there is a dire circumstance. The state would respond for a dire circumstance.

Brooks: For 2 years running, people have aired their discontent, so when Chief Walling retired, we decided that this was an opportunity to see which direction we should go. We had the same concerns brought up over and over again. If the town decides to keep the police department, then the board will be in charge of the police department. It will have a different job description. The job description before basically said that the Chief was in charge and we had no say in the department.

D Smith: a question for T Brooks, will there be an emphasis for patrolling Town roads, items at the school, camps, and businesses?

Brooks: Absolutely. We would want the representative of the PD to patrol the Town and not just Route 3. We'll make it clear as to what we want. Then we'll present it to whoever takes charge of the department. We would then be posting the job.

M Lynch: When traffic is flying through on RT 3 by the school at 65 mph, there should be patrolling.

Brooks: when we create a contract then we shall make it more balanced.

W Hall: we have up to 25 hours. In regard to patrolling RT 3, that is part of Stratford.

I agree that camps need more patrolling. RT 3 may not be patrolled as much, but I want to mention that officer discretion cannot be taken away from the officer, that is a state mandate. RT 3 should be patrolled to a degree because it is part of Stratford, maybe not as much, but it should be patrolled.

C Martineau: does the Town see any revenue from any stops you ticket or are there no benefits to our Town?

Hall: the only revenue the Town gets is from 4-wheelers or snowmobiles. Four-wheelers and snowmobiles are 33% of what we get. I would like to do more 4-wheeler patrol if I'm allowed to stay. I have a grant from Fish & Game that would allow patrol.

C Goulet: Are you going to be able to do the job with this budget? How many hours are you going to be able to dedicate to this job? Plus, what are you anticipating for costs to the cruiser and police department?

Hall: The budget: We are now paying a fee split between the fire and police departments for dispatcher—this is about \$2,600 that's knocked right off the budget right off; \$39,000 will cut it close. Can I make it work, yes. Next year, will it go up—probably. The equipment we have is fine. I have a couple issues with the cruiser that needs to be taken care of. It has about 63,000 miles on it; it's a 2009. We no longer have a cruiser fund for maintenance.

C. Goulet: How many hours a week?

Hall: I do have a full-time job, I can cover up to 25 hours per week myself to stay within my 1300 hours per year. I have a second part-time officer, Lloyd Tippitt, is a retired officer. He can only work up to 32 hours per week as part of the stipulation for being retired. Between him and me, we can cover up to 25 - 30 hours per week. Some weeks will have more, some weeks less.

B Blodgett: Are you certified for pistol? Who certified you and when?

Hall: I'm a certified NH firearms training officer, certified through the state and standards and training. I have tazer training.

R Serven: Do we know how much an hour it would be to have a PD compared to the \$70 an hour of the state?

Brooks: Our officers receive \$14 per hour.

M Brauer: In the event that the article passes with the Police Department continuing. What degree would the posting be for the job?

Rheume: Board hasn't discussed exactly how they'll post this job; most likely it'll be to the state.

Hall: If the town decides to keep the Police Department, what is the timeframe for hiring a Chief or Officer in Charge for the town? If we do continue since my position ends at midnight, what happens until someone is hired?

Brooks: we would probably extend that until someone is hired?

Hall: How long would it take to choose the Chief or Officer in Charge?

Brooks: I'm not going to give a deadline. Depending on how the town votes today, it would be a priority to move on this. The board wants to be clear that we find it very important to look outside and share resources that's in the best interest to the Town and the taxpayer. That we don't necessarily keep things within our border.

Hall: it says majority vote, but also says Selectmen's option; it is a big difference...are you saying if it's really close?

Rheume: if the town is pretty evenly divided then the Selectmen can make the decision whether it was a majority or not.

Moderator: The vote will be open for at least 1 hour. We will keep the Town Meeting open for at least one hour. After we've finished Article 14, then we will count the vote for

Article 3, then we will do Article 15. It is 10:50 now.

R Davenport: Everyone needs a photo ID

A. To see if the Town will vote to continue with part-time police department with the current proposed budget of \$39,825. (Majority ballot vote)

56 YES Votes

B. To see if the Town will vote to disband town part-time police department and contract with Northumberland for police services. Contract amount for first year \$41,600. The operating budget will increase by \$1,775 if article 3 B passes. (Majority ballot vote)

6 YES Votes

C. To see if the Town will vote to disband town part-time police department and rely on State Police services as needed for criminal calls (doesn't include civil matters or animals) the rate of \$70 per hour, costs not to exceed current proposed budget of \$39,825. (Majority ballot vote)

4 YES Votes

D. To see if the Town will vote to disband town part-time police department entirely. The operating budget will be decreased by \$30,000 if article 3 D passes. (Majority ballot vote)

4 YES Votes

Option A passes by 56 votes [secret ballot vote].

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,325 for ambulance services to be provided to the municipality by the Town of Northumberland and to authorize the withdrawal of \$3,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund; \$6,325 to be raised by taxation and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract with the Town of Northumberland for such services. (Board Recommends)

Brooks makes motion to accept article as written, L Ladd seconds.

Brooks: we said last year that we were going to have to raise money to cover the ambulance service. This \$3,000 is what's left in the reserve. Northumberland serves us well and last year they lowered their cost since lost population.

Article passes as written.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve created in 1993. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Ladd motion to accept article as written, Brooks seconds.

C Goulet: We're going to continue funding the ambulance? Where we going to get the money from? Wouldn't it be a good idea to keep the capital reserve fund?

Brooks: This year we're raising the \$6,325 to cover this. Next year we'll raise the full amount. We can have it as a single line item or keep it as a capital reserve fund. I feel comfortable having it in the general fund.

Article passes as written.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,512** to be added to the previously established Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund, with the full amount to come from the undesignated fund balance. (Board Recommends)

Ladd makes motion to accept article as written, Brooks seconds.

Article passes as written.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** to be added to the previously established Highway and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

Ladd motions to accept article as written, Brooks seconds.

Ladd: There's \$15,000 in there now and this money would be used if there's a problem.

C Goulet: We're talking about putting in a new driveway. Would the money for that come out of this?

Brooks: we've talked about having an egress coming out on the tiny side road for safety. The money would come out of the highway budget money, Mike (Lynch) as it did with the recycling center?

Lynch: Capital Reserve money isn't just for emergencies, it's also for larger projects. No, we don't want to pull money from capital reserve for this project. But, the board can say, yes, and pull the money from the capital reserve. It's up to the present board at the time.

Brooks: we talked about that road, we talked about it coming out of Highway budget not capital reserve; I believe the reserve is for hot items that can't be covered.

Article passes as written

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to be added to the previously established Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund and to further see if the town will vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Board Recommends)

Ladd makes motion to accept article as written, Brooks seconds.

Ladd: we ask for this every year. Allows for purchase of special equipment and helps off-set a large expenditure. It accumulates money until we need it.

Article passes as written.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** to be added to the previously established Recycling Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a baler and compactor, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised by taxation. (Board Recommends)

Hall motioned to accept, C Goulet seconds.

Article passes as written.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** to be added to the previously established 250th Celebration Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding the 250th anniversary celebration to be held in 2023 and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Board Recommends)

Brooks makes motion to accept article as written; Ladd seconds.

Brooks: we've been adding the \$500 for 3 years now.

Article passes as written.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to establish a Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the maintenance and upkeep of town buildings, with \$30,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance. The funds represent the amount of monies collected from the sale of tax deeded and town properties sold; further name the selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (Board Recommends)

Brooks makes motion to accept article as written; Ladd seconds.

Brooks: Last year we took the money collected through the timber tax to put in the town offices so this wasn't an additional tax burden to tax payers. We wanted to apply the same principle here. We've taken tax deeded property and sold town properties to get them back on the tax roll. So we've raised about \$30,000. Now we want to take that money and apply it to the maintenance of Town Buildings. This way we can do this without having to raise taxes.

Sayen: I forgot to ask if nonresidents can speak.

Brooks makes motion to allow nonresidents to speak; Ladd seconds.

Motion passes by voice vote.

Rob Maxwell of News and Sentinel: Can you tell me again where the \$30,000 came from?

Brooks: yes, we sold the old fire station and sold four properties taken by tax deed, for approximately \$30,000. The thought is to put that money into a fund and have that money to maintain town properties. Examples of projects that need to be done: downstairs, the swinging doors—the Fire Marshall informed us that they are not to code. If you go down to Article 13, the roof over at the old

town offices is leaking and the doors need fixing—we're going to apply for a grant; if we receive the grant, our part of the money would come from this pool of money.

Article passes as written.

Article 12. The annual March Town Meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 AM for several years. Some Stratford voters feel that Town Meeting should be returned to 7:00 PM, which is comparable to several other towns in the area. Many Stratford voters are unable to attend Town Meeting held during the day due to work obligations. This change in time would allow more Stratford voters the opportunity to attend Town Meeting, voice their opinions, and vote on issues that affect the community's wellbeing. In order to advance this petition as a warrant article at this year's Town Meeting, at least 10 registered voters of the Town of Stratford must sign it. Please sign below to help Stratford voters who have been excluded have a voice at future Town Meetings. (Insert as petition)

Ladd makes motion to accept as written, C Goulet seconds.

Hall makes motion to amend from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm; M McCulloch seconds.

All in favor of the amended language? The amended language passes.

D Smith: I have another suggestion, to have this meeting on Saturday and contacting the school board and getting warrant articles to have both meetings on Saturday. School meeting in morning, this in the afternoon.

Lynch: I'd like to make a suggestion, let's see what the interest is here and then next year's school board would know. Then next year we could put in a warrant article

D Smith: I'll make a motion to see if the town will move its town meeting to a Saturday at a time recognized by the state and to approach the school board.

Rheume seconds motion.

Moderator: all in favor of the amended article: The proposed amended article: to see if the town will move its town meeting to a Saturday at a time recognized by the state and to approach the school board, say "Aye," opposed say, "No."

The article as amended is defeated.

Moderator: we are back to the article written in the book with the amendment of 6:00.

Lynch: lets move to vote,

D Smith: Seconds.

Moderator: all in favor of moving to vote say, "Aye." Ayes have it.

Moderator: re-read article 12 with 6:00 p.m. amendment.

All in favor say, "Aye," opposed say, "No."

Article 12 is defeated.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$20,000** to repair the Town Garage. \$15,000 to come from a grant if received; \$5,000 to be raised by taxation.

Ladd makes motion to accept, Rheume seconds.

Brooks: make motion to amend this article. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to repair the Town Garage. \$15,000 to come from a grant if received; \$5,000 to come from the newly established Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

Hall: Seconds

Moderator: All in favor of the amended language, say, "Aye," opposed say, "No."

Amended language has been adopted.

R Maxwell: is that building for sale?

Brooks: No

Article 13 passes as amended.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,200 in donations to the following groups: \$100, Northwoods Home Health & Hospice; \$100, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital; \$100, Northern Human Services; \$1,600, Tri-County CAP (fuel assistance); \$2,900, Tri-County CAP Senior Meals (meals on wheels); \$100, Tri-County CAP North Country Transit (bus service); \$100, Child Advocacy Center of Coos County; \$100, CASA; \$100, Lancaster Community Cupboard; \$1,000, Helping Hands.

Hall motions to accept, Ladd seconds.

Article passes as written.

Moderator: We will be recessing the meeting to count the ballots for Article 3. I am closing the polls on Article 3 after the people in line have a chance to vote on it. It is 12:30. [Results of Article 3 count is under Article 3].

Article 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and to hear reports from any agents or committees heretofore chosen.

Ladd makes motion to accept article as written, Brooks seconds.

Brooks: your property tax inventory is due. You cannot legally abate your taxes without signing and sending this in. Daisy Bruno, Gladys and Bob Lovering, and David Nelson are in Genesis in Lancaster. Linda Renaud has been the Trust Funds treasurer for a long while and she won't be doing it anymore. Robin Rheume is leaving the board.

The question I'd like to ask is, what do you want us to do with some of the Town properties?

M Brauer: my opinion is that tax sales should be for at least what the property is owed in back taxes.

Hall: I think the selectboard should have the authority to do what is needed to get the properties back on the tax rolls. So I disagree with Mr. Brauer.

Brooks: Any thoughts on the old fire station?

Lynch: I think we should keep it. If any businesses come here, then we don't have to build another fire department. Should lease it or something.

Labatte: it only needs a roof? The walls are cracked?

Brooks: the walls are settling. Some of the struts aren't sitting on the wall. I don't want you to be under the impression that it's just a building that we can just patch the roof. The building continues to settle. There is no bedrock there. That's why I lean toward disposing that building and putting up a new

structure for town equipment. Perhaps we should look into what it would cost to build a shelter and compare the cost of building a structure compared to fixing this building. Perhaps we need a cost analysis.

Lynch: I think we should put it on a warrant article for next year.

R Maxwell: please clarify dispose, do you want to sell it or raze it?

Brooks: I think we need to investigate what we need to do with that building.

Lynch: Because of the capital reserve (Highway), we'd like to leave it at \$50,000 and if we have some extra money in the roads budget, then perhaps save it and put it in the capital reserve and try to get that fund where it should be. I'd like to put a vote to it. The goal of this is to get the capital reserve back to what it should be in case there is an emergency.

Moderator: Lynch, please pose your question to an informational yes/no vote.

Moderator: this is a nonbinding vote. The Yes's have it.

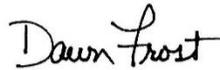
M Brauer: just a quick question about the legality of what we just did.

Brooks: it would be legal next year if we put it in as a warrant article and it passes.

Brooks makes motion to adjourn; R Davenport seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Frost".

Dawn Frost, Stratford Town Clerk

2015 Taxes Assessed and Tax Rate

Purpose of Appropriation (MS-2)

Administration	
4130 Executive	\$ 94,796
4140 Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$ 6,154
4150 Financial Administration	\$ 56,350
4153 Legal Expense	\$ 8,500
4155 Personnel Administration	\$ 23,500
4191 Planning and Zoning	\$ 1,000
4194 General Government Buildings	\$ 47,150
4195 Cemeteries	\$ 19,878
4196 Insurance	\$ 20,000
4199 Other General Government	\$ 882
Public Safety	
4210 Police	\$ 39,825
4220 Fire	\$ 37,025
4290 Emergency Management	\$ 2,000
4312 Highways and Streets	\$ 137,000
4316 Street Lighting	\$ 8,500
Sanitation	
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 45,400
4325 Solid Waste Clean-Up	\$ 2,800
4326 Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$ 79,714
Water Distribution and Treatment	
4332 Water Services	\$ 32,000
Health	
4411 Administration	\$ 1,800
4415 Health Agencies	
<i>Article 3. Northwoods Home Health</i>	\$ 100
<i>Article 3. Northern Human Services</i>	\$ 100
<i>Article 3. UCV Hospital</i>	\$ 100
<i>Article 3. Tri-County CAP (fuel assistance)</i>	\$ 1,600
<i>Article 3. Tri-County CAP NC Elderly Program, Senior Meals</i>	\$ 2,900
<i>Article 3. Tri-County Cap Transport</i>	\$ 100
<i>Article 3. CASA</i>	\$ 100
<i>Article 3. Child Advocacy Center of Coos County</i>	\$ 100
<i>Article 3: Lancaster Community Cupboard</i>	\$ 100
<i>Article 3: Helping Hands</i>	\$ 1,000
<i>Article 4. From CRF Ambulance for Groveton Ambulance</i>	\$ 9,325
Welfare	
4441 Administration and Direct Assistance	\$ 6,000
Culture and Recreation	
4520 Parks and Recreation	\$ 6,845

4550 Libraries	\$ 15,074
4583 Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,200
4589 Other Culture and Recreation	\$ 350
Conservation	
4619 Other Conservation	\$ 1,000
Debt Service	
4711 Principal - Long-Term Bonds and Notes	\$ 19,000
4721 Interest - Long-Term Bonds and Notes	\$ 8,000
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,000
<i>Article 5. To expendable Trust Funds/Fire</i>	\$ 4,512
<i>Article 6. To Capital Reserve Fund/Highway</i>	\$ 25,000
<i>Article 7. To Capital Reserve Fund/Fire</i>	\$ 10,000
<i>Article 8. To Capital Reserve Fund/Recycle</i>	\$ 1,000
<i>Article 9. To Trust Fund/250th</i>	\$ 500
<i>Article 11. Govt. Buldings Maintenance Expend. Trust Fund</i>	\$ 30,000
<i>Article 15. Town Garage</i>	\$ 20,000
Total Voted Appropriations	\$ 829,280
Revenues (revised MS-4)	
From Taxes	
3185 Timber Tax	\$ 4,000
3190 Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ 30,000
3187 Excavation Activity Tax	\$ 100
From Fees	
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 75,000
3290 Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$ 2,000
From Federal Government	
From State	
3351 Shared Revenues	\$ -
3352 Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$ 35,922
3353 Highway Block Grant	\$ 20,730
3354 Water Pollution Grant	\$ 3,467
3356 State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$ 6,815
3359 Railroad Tax and Other	\$ 11,920
Charges for Services	
3401 Income from Departments	\$ 3,500
3409 Other Charges	\$ 6,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 600
3502 Investments	\$ 100
3503 Other	\$ 400
Interfund Operating Transfers In	
3914 From Enterprise Funds	
Sewer Rents (offset)	\$ 76,247
Water Rents (offset)	\$ 32,000

3915 From Capital Reserves	\$ 9,325
3916 From Trust & Fiduciary Funds	\$ 5,000
Subtotal of Revenues	\$ 338,126
Voted from Fund Balance	\$ 35,512
From Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$ 89,000
Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 392,960
Requested Overlay RSA76:6 \$20,000	
Valuation (MS-1)	
Lands	\$ 9,776,612
Current Use (35819.18 acres)	\$ 1,333,212
Residential	\$ 7,850,200
Commercial	\$ 593,200
Buildings	\$ 31,296,900
Residential	\$ 25,509,300
Manufactured Housing	\$ 2,086,300
Commercial	\$ 3,701,300
Public Utilities	\$ 31,329,900
Electric	\$ 3,448,800
Gas Pipeline	\$ 27,881,100
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$ 72,403,412
Less: Blind Exemptions (2)	\$ 30,000
Elderly Exemptions (14)	\$ 287,900
Net Valuation on Which Local Tax Rate is Computed	\$ 72,085,512
Net Valuation w/o Utilities on Which State Education Tax Rate Is Computed	\$ 40,755,612



Tax Rate Breakdown Stratford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$392,960	\$72,085,512	\$5.45
County	\$304,820	\$72,085,512	\$4.23
Local Education	\$883,808	\$72,085,512	\$12.26
State Education	\$95,336	\$40,755,612	\$2.34
Total	\$1,676,924		\$24.28

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$1,676,924
War Service Credits	(\$6,250)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$1,670,674

 Stephan Hamilton Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	10/15/2015
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Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$829,280	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$338,126)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$35,512)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$89,000)
War Service Credits	\$6,250	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$20,068	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$392,960	

County Apportionment		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$304,820	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$304,820	

Education		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$1,819,709	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations		
Net Education Grant		(\$840,565)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$95,336)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$883,808	
State Education Tax	\$95,336	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$95,336	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$72,085,512	\$70,137,762
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$40,755,612	\$40,851,762
Village (MS-1V)		
Description	Current Year	

Exempt Properties Owned by Town

Map/Lot	Description	Location	Other
101-01	Town Garage	10 Town Common Rd.	.44 acres
101-18	Town Hall Parking Area	US Route 3	.22 acres
101-19	Fuller Town Hall	1956 US Route 3	.29 acres
101-21	Town Common	US Route 3	1.01 acres; monuments
101-22	Train Station	74 Main St.	.78 acres; siding/station
101-24	Parking Area	Bridge St.	.17 acres
102-05	Stratford School District	US Route 3	4.8 acres; play area
102-09	Lot by Tax Deed (2015)	60 Baldwin St.	.39 acres
102-14	Ball Fields, Sewer	23 Cross St.	11.9 acres
208-11-BG-1	Water Department	8 Baldwin St.	0 acres
211-01	Sewer Department	US Route 3	3.7 acres
211-10-BG-0	Water Department	Reservoir Rd.	0 acres
211-44	Backland	US Route 3	.3 acres
213-48	Vacant Land	US Route 3	.35 acres
213-52	Recycle/Transfer & Salt Shed	1405/1427 US Route 3	36 acres
213-53	Old Landfill	Pleasant Valley Rd.	27 acres
213-54-MH-57A	Taken by Tax Deed (2015)	46 Pleasant Valley Rd.	0 acres
219-17	Lot by Tax Deed (2015)	1153 US Rt. 3	7 acres
224-11	Haynes Cemetery	McMann Rd.	.13 acres
225-11	*Lot by Tax Deed (2010)	653 Bog Rd.	.07 acres
225-27	Vacant (former Stone Prop.)	Bordeau Rd.	15 acres
225-30	Lot by Tax Deed (1980)	Bog Rd.	.28 acres
227-24	Center Cemetery	US Route 3	3.5 acres
227-27	Grange	845 US Route 3	.26 acres
231-03	Watershed Area	Percy Rd.	5.7 acres
233-09	Town Forrest	Christie Rd.	104 acres
239-22	Hollow Fire Station	40 Hollow Rd.	.34 acres
239-68	Pavilion, Ball Field, Sewer	Hollow Rd.	1.1 acres
239-80	*Lot (former dump)	Bog Rd.	.4 acres
239-86	Burnside Cemetery	US Route 3	.6 acres
242-30	Lot by Maidstone Bridge	Maidstone Rd.	4.2 acres

*Undevelopable

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Stratford Year Ending Dec 2015

		DEBITS					
UNCOLLECTED TAXES-		Levy for Year 2015 of this Report	2014	PRIOR LEVIES			
BEG. OF YEAR*				(PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)			
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$ 189,881.67				
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx					
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx					
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	\$ 395.13				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx					
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	\$ 22,713.66				
Prior Year Utility Credit Balance**							
New Credits**							
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR				FOR DRA USE ONLY			
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 1,674,989.00	\$ 12,960.75				
Resident Taxes	#3180						
Land Use Change	#3120	\$ 80.00					
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 42,261.97					
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 129.38					
Utility Charges -- WATER	#3189	\$ 35,413.49					
Utility Charges -- SEWER		\$ 81,435.00					
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS							
Credits Refunded	#3110	\$ 1,043.95					
Credits APPLIED at billing	#3180						
Land Use Change	#3120						
Yield Taxes [interest]	#3185	\$ 0.83	\$ 81.74				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187						
Interest Property		\$ 1,879.62	\$ 4,678.10				
Lien Interest Property			\$ 11,506.52				
Interest Water	#3190	\$ 2.44	\$ 118.87				
Lien Interest Water			\$ 212.41				
Interest Sewer	#3190	\$ 85.44	\$ 593.98				
Lien Interest Sewer			\$ 480.50				
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 1,837,321.12	\$ 243,623.33	\$ -	\$ -		

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of Stratford Year Ending Dec 2015**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year 2015	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2014		
Property Taxes	\$ 1,459,544.79	\$ 92,450.77		
Land Use Change	\$ 80.00			
Yield Taxes	\$ 42,261.97	\$ 395.13		
Interest PROPERTY	\$ 1,879.62	\$ 4,678.10		
INTEREST -- WATER	\$ 2.44	\$ 118.87		
INTEREST -- SEWER	\$ 85.44	\$ 593.98		
Lien Interest/Penalties Prop/Water/Sewer		\$ 12,199.43		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 111.60			
Utility Charges--SEWER	\$ 58,413.08	\$ 8,612.00		
Utility Charges -- WATER	\$ 22,308.46	\$ 5,434.16		
Timber Interest	\$ 0.83	\$ 81.74		
Conversion to Lien (principal only) SEWER		\$ 4,919.20		
Conversion to Lien (principal only) Water		\$ 3,748.30		
Conversion to Lien (principal only) Property		\$ 109,495.65		

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes		\$ 896.00		
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges Sewer	\$ 610.00			
Utility Charges Water	\$ 131.99			
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 1,501.50			

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 215,175.57			
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 17.78			
Utility Charges	\$ 35,196.05			
Other Tax Property Credit Balance**				
Other Tax Water Credit Balance**			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1,837,321.12	\$ 243,623.33	\$ -	\$ -

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of Stratford Year Ending Dec 2015**DEBITS**

	Last Year's Levy 2014	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2013	2012	2011+
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		\$ 87,854.15	\$ 38,605.13	\$ 7,958.46
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 130,362.58			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	\$ 1,740.17	\$ 5,327.38	\$ 10,747.45	\$ 15.13
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 132,102.75	\$ 93,181.53	\$ 49,352.58	\$ 7,973.59

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy 2014	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
			2013	2012	2011+
Redemptions		\$ 16,187.83	\$ 27,076.89	\$ 32,448.55	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	\$ 1,740.17	\$ 5,327.38	\$ 10,747.45	\$ 15.13
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens					
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 3,847.19	\$ 3,824.59	\$ 3,586.88	
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	\$ 110,327.56	\$ 56,952.67	\$ 2,569.70	\$ 7,958.46
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 132,102.75	\$ 93,181.53	\$ 49,352.58	\$ 7,973.59

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.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE

Dawn Frost

DATE

2015 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

REVENUE COLLECTED

<i>Category</i>	<i>Collected</i>
<i>Motor Vehicle</i>	90,085.00
<i>Dog Licenses Issued</i>	651.50
<i>Town History/Pictorial Sales</i>	320.00
<i>Vital Records</i>	210.00
<i>Other/Misc.</i>	737.50
TOTAL COLLECTED	\$92,004.00

DEATHS

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE	PLACE	FATHER/PARENT	MOTHER/PARENT
<i>Osgood, George</i>	1/07/2015	Stratford	Osgood, George	Lawton, Maude
<i>Bruno, Daisy</i>	4/28/2015	Lancaster	Ascoli, Corrado	Costa, Lea
<i>Hansen, Krysten</i>	6/20/2015	Stratford	Mead, Richard	Barclay, Annamarie
<i>Christie, Franklin</i>	7/13/2015	Lancaster	Christie, Robert	Hardy, Isabella
<i>Covey, Anita</i>	9/07/2015	Concord	Bergeron, Napoleon	Dykens, Mabel
<i>Connary, Lena</i>	9/14/2015	Lancaster	Carrier, Evangelist	Bergeron, Olivine

Total Deaths: 6

MARRIAGES

Names	DATE	PLACE
<i>Erin Call & Benjamin Blodgett</i>	8/01/2015	Groveton

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Frost

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Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Granite Bank Accounts (Treasurer Monthly Report)

General Fund - Checking

Beginning Balance	\$ 159,163.41
Total Receipts	\$2,787,218.43
Interest	\$ 86.73
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$2,802,628.46
Ending Balance	\$ 143,840.11

Wastewater Treatment Facilities - Checking

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,439.69
Total Receipts	\$ 75,648.50
Interest	\$ 3.35
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 74,075.00
Ending Balance	\$ 3,016.54

Water Facilities - Checking

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,863.90
Total Receipts	\$ 31,824.64
Interest	\$ 2.60
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 32,210.59
Ending Balance	\$ 1,480.55

Certificates of Deposit for Water

System Replacement

Beginning Balance	\$ 195,962.94
Total Interest	\$ 1,622.95
Ending Balance	\$ 197,585.89

Wendy McMann
Treasurer

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP Summary Statement)

General Fund (0001)

Beginning Balance	\$ 175,785.53
Total Deposits	\$ 500,051.11
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 475,500.00
Interest Earned	\$ 51.11
Ending Balance	\$ 200,336.64

Water Department (0002) Reserve Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 34,807.02
Total Deposits	\$ 47,715.82
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid*	\$ 61,598.13
Interest Earned	\$ 15.82
Ending Balance	\$ 20,924.71

Wastewater Treatment (0003) Reserve Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 79,588.03
Total Deposits	\$ 74,057.53
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 77,090.72
Interest Earned	\$ 52.38
Ending Balance	\$ 76,554.84

Revolving Funds

Recycling (0007)

Beginning Balance	\$ 26,619.53
Total Deposits	\$ 1,076.24
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$
Interest	\$ 20.10
Ending Balance	\$ 27,695.77

Recreation (0008)

Beginning Balance	\$ 870.00
Total Deposits	\$ 0.58
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$
Interest Earned	\$ 0.58
Ending Balance	\$ 870.58

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND REPORT FOR 2015

	Beginning Balance	Appropriations		Ending
<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Principal & Income</u>	<u>& Interest</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Cemetery Trust Funds				
Stratford Center Cemetery	60,317.53	44.95	-	60,362.48
Baldwin Cemetery	5,682.49	3.83	-	5,686.32
Catholic Cemetery	400.00	0.27	-	400.27
Financial Aid Trust Funds				
Baldwin, Rollin Fund	10,925.94	5.02	5,587.26	5,343.70
Brown, Helen Fund	12,645.28	8.55	-	12,653.83
Hutchins, John Fund	1,434.66	0.83	250.00	1,185.49
Morrison Athletic Award	715.33	0.48	-	715.81
Stevens, Irene Carrier Scholarship	4,881.79	3.29	-	4,885.08
Nugent, Bernard Scholarship	5,007.20	3.38	-	5,010.58
Mason, Grant Scholarship	1,400.78	0.94	-	1,401.72
Allin, Lewis Scholarship	100.00	48.49	100.00	48.49
Whitaker, Gerald Scholarship	2,383.29	201.53	300.00	2,284.82
Davis, Brandon Scholarship	1,923.69	1.29	-	1,924.98
Capital Reserve Trust Funds				
No. Stratford Memorial CR	4,474.99	3.03	-	4,478.02
Stratford Hollow Memorial CR	16,532.90	11.18	25.00	16,519.08
School District CR	49,980.56	35.90	-	50,016.46
Fire Department CR	38,200.74	10,030.54	-	48,231.28
Highway & Bridges CR	13,053.44	25,015.33	-	38,068.77
Special Education CR	86,023.07	62.36	-	86,085.43
Ambulance CR	3,002.24	-	3,000.00	2.24
Railroad Station CR	10,014.67	5.63	2,415.97	7,604.33
Digital Maps CR	2,398.12	1.61	-	2,399.73
Police Department CR	25.73	0.01	-	25.74
Lawn Tractor CR	6,036.65	0.80	5,298.90	738.55
High School Tuition	50,021.20	35.93	-	50,057.13
Recycle CR	2,000.00	1,001.60	-	3,001.60
Exendable Trust Funds				
250th Celebration	1,000.00	500.80	-	1,500.80
Fire Department	19,634.40	4,525.83	15,180.00	8,980.23
School Maintenance	176,083.17	129.49	-	176,212.66
Government Buildings Maintenance	-	30,006.92	5,000.00	25,006.92
	\$586,299.86	\$71,689.81	\$37,157.13	\$620,832.54
Sharon Corbeil, Treasurer for the Trustee of Trust Funds				



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ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

We have compiled the balance sheet of Town of Stratford as of December 31, 2013, and the related statement of revenues, expenditures and fund balance for the year then ended, included in the accompanying form MS-5. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements included in the accompanying form MS-5 and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the form prescribed by New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Management of the Town of Stratford is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the MS-5 in accordance with requirements prescribed by New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the MS-5.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The financial statements included in the accompanying MS-5 are presented in accordance with the requirements of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of Town of Stratford and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

Crane & Bell, PLLC

February 25, 2014

Summary of Departmental Expenses (2015)	
4130-4139 Executive - Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Trust Funds Trustee, and Safety Chairman	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Brooks, W. Timothy (selectman stipend)	1,125.00
Corbeil, Sharon (treasurer, trustee of trust funds)	900.00
Davis, James (selectman stipend)	1,125.00
Kerner, Kitty (deputy town clerk/tax collector)	1,877.50
Frost, Dawn A. (town clerk/tax collector salary)	17,999.80
Goulet, Suzanne L. (administrative assistant salary)	35,581.00
Ladd, Bona (assist. to admin. assist.)	11,914.17
Ladd, Larry (selectman stipend)	1,500.00
Lounsbury, Nadine (deputy town clerk/tax collector)	87.50
Macdonald, Clayton (selectman stipend)	375.00
McMann, Wendy (town treasurer)	2,000.00
Rheaume, Robin Kimball (selectmen stipend)	375.00
Stinson, Charles III (safety committee)	40.00
Whiting, Christine (deputy treasurer stipend)	300.00
Total Executive Payroll	75,199.97
<i>Expenses</i>	
Avitar Associates	131.77
Colebrook Copy Center	635.04
Coos County Registry of Deeds	380.47
Emedco	140.88
Fearless Computing	2,499.58
Host My Site	14.95
Intuit, Inc.	553.99
Jordan Associates (<i>The Colebrook Chronicle</i>)	218.00
Lion Cubs 4-H Club	12.00
LexisNexis Mathew Bender	432.31
Margarat Ann Bartlett	135.00
McMann, Wendy (travel reimbursement)	778.54
NH Association of Assessing Officials	20.00
NH Government Finance Officers Association	25.00
NH Management Association	50.00
NH Municipal Association	950.00
NH Tax Collectors Association	20.00
Perras Ace, Inc.	74.03
Petty Cash	125.70
Porter Office Machines, Corp.	250.97

Postmaster, North Stratford	2,490.30
Quill Corporation	1,144.49
Smith & Town Printers	924.50
State of New Hampshire	75.00
The Caledonian Record	54.00
The News and Sentinel	137.50
W. B. Mason, Inc.	646.60
Weebly	99.00
Repayment & Refunds to Town	(364.86)
Total Executive Expenses	12,654.76
Grand Total	87,854.73
4140-4149 Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	
Payroll	
Davenport, Rae	78.75
DeLalla, Vicki	82.50
Deyette, Peggy	184.06
Frizzell, Margaret	80.63
Goulet, Lorraine	80.63
Nadeau, Rebecca	145.31
Martineau, Claire	203.44
Sayen, Jamie R. C.	125.00
Total Election Payroll	980.32
Expenses	
Avitar	928.00
Colebrook Copy Center	96.66
Frost, Dawn (reimbursement)	735.28
Fearless Computing, Inc.	1,067.92
Jordan Associates (The Colebrook Chronicle)	72.00
Kerne, Kitty	639.15
National Band & Tag Company	58.00
NH City & Town Clerks Association	40.00
NH Municipal Association	40.00
Owlstamp Visual Solutions	19.90
Petty Cash	20.73
Postmaster, North Stratford	226.14
Quill Corporation	454.33
The News and Sentinel	133.50
Travel	134.40
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	428.50
Total Election Expenses	5,094.51
Grand Total	6,074.83

4150-4151 Financial Administration	
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. (software)	3,663.65
Brett Purvis & Associates (assessing)	28,680.00
Cartographic Associates, Inc. (digital mapping)	4,170.50
Crane & Bell (auditing)	4,350.00
Direct Deposit Fees	281.60
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC	3,461.84
George E. Sansoucy (utility assessing)	11,751.41
	56,359.00
4153 Legal Expenses	
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC	8,736.51
Waystack, Frizzell, Trial Lawyers	3,271.24
Total Legal Expenses	12,007.75
4155-4159 Personnel Administration	
Payroll Taxes	15,525.12
State Retirement (town portion for 2 employees)	8,077.40
Total Personnel Administration Expenses	23,602.52
4191-4193 Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Planning Board	
Payroll	
Lounsbury, Nadine	350.00
Expenses	
Ducrets Sporting Goods, LLC	7.50
Goulet, Charles V. (travel/training reimbursement)	47.04
Haynes/Lamm (Reimbursement)	(211.41)
Lounsbury, Nadine (reimburse.-travel, postage, rec. fees)	360.79
North Country Council	186.00
The News & Sentinel	175.00
Quill Corporation	16.19
Total Planning Board Expenses	
Total Zoning Board Expenses	0
Grand Total	931.11
4194 Town Buildings	
Payroll	
Goulet, Charles (electrician)	70.00
Covill, Shawn (handyman)	3,774.90
Smart, Chester G. (handyman)	2,321.64
Total Town Buildings Payroll	6,166.54
Expenses	
Agera	1,267.62
Colebrook Plumbing & Heating, Co.	100.00

Coos Auto Supplies, Inc.	78.91
Covill, Shawn (travel reimbursement)	61.49
Ducrets Sporting Goods, Inc.	898.92
Emedco	181.19
Eversource	1,601.92
Fairpoint Communications, Inc.	2,185.04
Fearless Computing, Inc.	40.00
Jordan Associates	50.00
Kipp Alarm	30.00
Larry Royal Building Contractor, Inc.	533.89
Lufkin Security Systems	954.00
Northern Human Services	2,036.25
P.A. Hicks & Sons, Inc.	1,419.68
Perras Ace, Inc.	650.81
Petty Cash	55.49
Quill Corporation	652.63
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc.	12,862.42
Salmon Press	57.00
Smart, Chester G. (travel reimbursement)	510.59
State of NH	50.00
Tardif Heating & Mechanical	275.97
The News and Sentinel	50.37
Town of Stratford (utilities)	4,378.19
Tri State Fire Protection, LLC	411.40
UniFirst Corporation	1,307.25
Zizza Lock & Safe, Inc.	872.50
Reimbursements	(14.66)
Total Town Buildings Expenses	33,558.87
Grand Total	39,725.41
4195 Cemeteries – Cemetery Trustees	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Boire Property Maintenance	6,021.00
Clark Jeffers, Jr.	2,200.00
Connary, Ron (reimbursement for computer ink)	34.97
Jordan Associates (<i>The Colebrook Chronicle</i>)	22.00
Normandeau Trucking, Inc.	11,700.00
Postmaster, North Stratford	7.56
Poulin, Edward	500.00
Quill Corporation	70.77

The News and Sentinel	25.00
Overpayment of Work on Cemetery	(900.00)
Total Cemetery Expenses	19,681.30
Grand Total	19,681.30
4196 Insurance	
LGC Property-Liability Insurance Trust, Inc.	14,096.51
Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company (flood)	1,750.00
Primex (worker comp. & unemployment comp.)	1,083.00
Total Insurance Expenses	16,929.51
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	
Expenses	
North Country Council	730.03
Total Advertising Expenses	730.03
4210-4214 Police Department	
Payroll	
Audit, Mario (officer)	52.00
Charbonneau, Timothy (officer)	90.00
Hall, Wayne E. (chief)	11,770.50
Tippitt, Lloyd (officer)	2,138.50
Walling, Stewart A.	618.00
Total Police Payroll	14,669.00
Expenses	
2-Way Communications, Inc.	120.00
Agera	39.00
Arsenault Repair Services	1,136.68
Atlantic Tactical	856.99
Blue Book	33.95
Burns Truck Stop	29.95
Colebrook Carpet Center	54.00
Ducrets Sporting Goods, LLC	284.98
Eagle Point Gun	1,170.00
Eversource	96.08
Fairpoint Communications, Inc.	898.64
Gall's, LLC	333.55
Hall, Wayne (training & travel)	108.02
Lancaster Fire Department	2,092.50
Lazerworks Radio Shack	95.98
Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender	87.08
NH Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.	238.00
NH-DMV	12.00
North Conway Grand Hotel	188.00
Ossipee Maintain Electronics	88.00

Petty Cash	1.00
Postage & PO Box	50.00
Quill Corporation	58.72
St. Cyr, Christopher	125.00
Tac-z Communications	199.95
The News and Sentinel	100.38
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire (fuel)	1,540.46
Reimbursement for Pistol Permits	(160.00)
Total Police Expenses	9,878.91
Grand Total	24,547.91
4220-4229 Fire Department	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Adair, Benjamin	93.50
Arsenault, Jamie R.	28.50
Blodgett, Robert L. (\$100 Stipend 1/2 yr. + \$15 payroll)	689.13
Fogg, Dakota J.	153.00
Hooker, Wayne R. Jr.	66.50
LaFontaine, Michelle	19.00
Miller, Michael E.	72.25
Milligan, Daniel R.	289.75
Milligan, Deborah	8.50
Oaks, Samuel J.	161.50
Stinson III, Charles P. (\$2,500 administrative stipend for chief)	3,134.51
Walker, Jr., Thomas H.	318.75
Woodard, Bradley. D.	123.50
Zanes, Sonya	352.75
Zanes, William B. (\$200 administrative stipend for assistant chief)	850.38
Total Fire Payroll	6,361.52
<i>Expenses</i>	
Agera	880.93
Basket of Stitches. LLC	270.00
Bergeron Protective Clothing, LLC	6,227.16
Coös Auto Supply, Inc.	12.24
Empire SCBA	15,180.00
Eversource	1,356.95
Fairpint Communications, Inc.	1,246.11
Fire Safety USA, Inc.	2,100.75
Harrison Shrader	2,284.23
Industrial Protection Services, LLC	522.00
Jordan Associates	22.00

Lafontaine, Michelle	13.15
Lancaster Fire Department	2,092.50
Lewis & Woodard, Inc.	408.00
Lufkin Security System	109.50
Minuteman Trucks, Inc.	2,210.18
McDevitt Trucks, Inc.	555.81
National Fire Fighter Wildland	349.95
NNHFMAD	500.00
Normandeau Trucking	453.50
Northern NH Fire Mutual Aid Pact	80.00
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	591.65
Perras Ace, Inc.	456.73
Postmaster, North Stratford	7.56
Sanel Auto Parts	919.34
Stinson III, Charles P. (reimbursement for supplies)	310.49
The News and Sentinel	25.00
Town of Lancaster	375.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	944.26
Tri State Fire Protection, LLC	1,086.85
Zanes, William (supplies)	27.89
Reimbursement	(161.05)
From Capital Reserve	(15,180.00)
Total	26,278.68
Grand Total	32,640.20
4290-4298 Emergency Management	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Stinson III, Charles P.	1,500.00
Total Expenses	1,500.00
4312 Highways and Streets – Contracted Road Agent	
Agera	10.27
Burns Truck Stop	743.75
Cargill Incorporated	2627.00
Lynch, Michael A.	(2,627.00)
Cloutier Sand & Gravel	3,222.50
Colebrook Feeds	122.50
David White Trucking	4,600.00
Econo Sign & Barricade	162.65
Eversource	234.59
Horizons Engineering, PLLC	847.32
Lynch, Michael A. (contract pay)	109,604.35
P. A. Hicks & Sons, Inc.	134.05

Pike Industries, Inc.	2,430.90
Postmaster, North Stratford	7.56
Grants	
Total Highway Expenses	122,120.44
4316 Street Lighting	
Agera	1,785.40
Eversource	6,381.98
Total Street Lighting Expenses	8,167.38
4324 Solid Waste Disposal – Transfer Station/Recycling Center	
Payroll	
Chapple, James (operator)	8,604.89
Goulet, Charles V. (Manager)	3,654.00
Smart, Chester (backup manager/operator)	225.00
Total Solid Waste Disposal Payroll	12,483.89
Expenses	
Agera	476.77
AVRRDD Mount Carberry Landfill, LLC	10,093.32
Burns Truck Stop	680.90
Chapple, James (boots reimbursement)	85.49
Compactors, Inc.	3,378.00
Corbeil Construction	200.00
Eversource	608.35
Fairpoint Communications, Inc.	912.01
Fortin, Joseph	50.00
Goulet, Charles (travel, materials & boots reimbursement)	1,434.53
Ideal Auto Supply, Inc.	106.98
Lazerworks Radio Shack	89.70
Lynch, Michael A.	220.50
Normandeau Trucking, Inc.	9,217.50
Northeast Resource Recovery Association	610.50
Perras Ace, Inc.	211.61
Postmaster, North Stratford	7.55
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc.	187.20
Smart, Chester G. (travel)	14.56
Smith Mobil Repair	225.00
Town of Littleton	1,129.54
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	150.00
Zanes, William	144.59
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses	30,234.60
Grand Total	42,718.49
4325 Landfill Clean-Up	

Eastern Analytical, Inc.	812.00
Horizons Engineering, PLLC	1,600.00
Total Landfill Expenses	2,412.00
4326-4329 Sewage Collection and Disposal – Sewer Department	
Payroll	
Covill, Shawn	660.00
Chester G. Smart (system operator & sewer truck driver/operator)	33,621.75
Hakey, Joseph	1,749.34
Zanes, William	60.00
Total Sewer Payroll	36,091.09
Expenses	
Agera	3,813.38
Aquionics, Inc.	137.90
Arsenault Repair Service	30.00
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	384.00
Belknap Electric, LLC	100.00
Blue Mountain Variety	26.25
Bolens Septic & Portable Toilets	112.50
Bond Auto Parts, Inc.	332.69
Brad Bradford At Your Service	1,007.49
Colebrook Copy Center	49.50
Colebrook Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	32.00
Coos Auto Supply, Inc.	419.66
Ducrets Sporting Goods, LLC	99.99
Eastern Analytical, Inc.	6,229.50
Easy Start Engine Repair	24.72
Eversource	2,695.05
F. B. Spaulding	4,962.04
Fairpoint Communications, Inc.	2,442.22
Fortin, Joseph	600.00
Gempler's	182.45
Grainger	185.74
Green Mountain Electric Supply	31.56
Hakey, Joseph (reimbursement travel & supplies)	122.59
Harbor Freight Tools	501.81
Ideal Auto Supply, Inc.	83.97
IDEXX Distribution, Inc.	606.75
Jordan Associates (<i>The Colebrook Chronicle</i>)	22.00
Ladd, Larry (reimbursement travel)	22.96
Laviolette Controls	3,625.00

Lazerworks Radio Shack	279.38
Metevier's Electric Motor	930.00
NH-DMV	8.00
NHWPCA	130.00
NHPWMAP	25.00
Northern Tire	15.00
Northern Tools	599.99
P. A. Hicks & Sons, Inc.	37.80
Perras Ace, Inc.	438.73
Petty Cash	81.46
Postmaster, North Stratford	32.55
Q. C. Services, Inc.	345.00
Quill Corporation	165.91
R. S. Fernandes, LLC	2,040.00
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc.	218.31
Smart, Chester G. (travel & supply reimbursement)	2,593.67
The Blake Group	797.40
The News and Sentinel	37.50
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	727.87
USA Blue Book	644.51
Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles	75.00
Virginia Rubber, Corporation	506.84
Walling Engines	1,386.00
Total Sewer Expenses	40,999.64
Grand Total	77,090.72
4332 Water Distribution – Water Department	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Harris, Carlton L. (system operator)	6,044.57
Smart, Chester G. (backup operator)	84.50
Total Water Payroll	6,129.07
<i>Expenses</i>	
Agera	1,498.56
Avitar Associates of New England	384.00
Eastern Analytical, Inc.	328.00
Everett J. Prescott, Inc.	7,033.65
Eversource	2,666.08
Fairpoint Communications, Inc.	929.53
NH PDIP	(21,690.00)
Granite State Rural Water Association	165.00
Harris, Carlton (postage reimbursement)	57.17
Larry Royer Building Contractor, Inc.	2,023.82

Mason Companies, Inc.	1,747.50
NH Water Works Associations	310.00
Norms Heating and Refrigeration	22,608.74
Postmaster, North Stratford	32.56
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc.	1,847.62
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	175.00
Tri State Fire Protection, LLC	79.85
Farm Family Ins.(Reimbursement for Hydrant)	(1,263.63)
Total Water Expenses	18,933.45
Grand Total	25,062.52
4411 Health Department	
Schooner, Claire (health officer, salary)	1,200.00
Postmaster, North Stratford	7.56
Grand Total	1,207.56
4441-4442 Welfare Administration & Direct Assistance	
Payroll	
Lounsbury, Nadine	1,650.00
Expenses	
Armstrong-Charron Funeral Home	850.00
NHLWAA	30.00
Grand Total	2,530.00
4520-4529 Parks and Recreation	
Payroll	
Covill, Shawn	1,190.00
Hakey, Joseph	1,787.33
Total	2,977.33
Expenses	
Agera	9.21
Blue Mountain Variety	26.25
Burn's Truck Stop	467.40
C.D.S. Portable Toilets	1,249.04
Covill, Shawn	30.24
Easy Start Engine Repair	24.73
Eversource	362.88
F. B. Spaulding	4,938.86
Groveton Chem Free	500.00
Goulet, Charles	74.85
Hakey, Joseph	86.40
Ideal Auto Supply, Inc.	7.98
Kiwanis Club of Colebrook	150.00

Ladd, Larry (travel)	22.96
Lions Cubs 4-H Club(wreathe & flower reimbursement)	318.00
Marcott Thomas (trailer)	50.00
Petty Cash	72.30
Perras Ace, Inc.	181.05
Smart, Chester	77.28
The News and Sentinel	25.00
Walling Engines	50.00
Weir Brothers & Sons, Inc.	70.00
Lawn Mower Capital Reserve	(5,298.90)
Total Parks Expenses	3,495.53
Grand Total	6,472.86
4550-4559 Libraries – Library Trustees	
Payroll	
McCorkhill, Thomas J.	7,762.40
Lomansey, Martin	712.00
Total Library Payroll	8,474.40
Expenses	6,599.60
Grand Total	15,074.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	
American Legion	63.80
Newport Rental Center	500.00
US Veterans Network	675.50
Grand Total	1,239.30
4611 Conservation (forester)	
Ainsworth Land Management	861.00
Grand Total	861.00
4711 Long-Term Notes and Bonds - Principal	
Rural Development (water and sewer loans)	16,980.39
Sewer	15,350.34
Water	1,630.05
4721 Interest on Long-Term Notes and Bonds	
Rural Development (water and Sewer loans)	6,004.61
Sewer	4,173.66
Water	1,830.95
4723 Tax Anticipation Note Interest Paid(Refund for Previous Year)	504.86
Special Warrant Articles: Capital Reserve Funds/Expendable Trust	
Article 4: CRF Ambulance	9,325.00
Article 7: CRF Roads/Bridges	25,000.00
Article 8: CRF Fire Department	10,000.00
Article 9: CRF Recycle (from Fund Balance)	1,000.00

Article 6: Fire Expendable Trust (from Fund Balance)	6,190.00
Article 10: 250th Celebration Expendable Trust	500.00
Article 11: Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust (from Fund Balance)	30,000.00
Total Voted	80,337.00
Total Voted/Added to Capital Reserve Funds	52,015.00
Individual Warrant Articles: Capital Reserves/Expendable Trust	
Bill Sanville Garage Doors (garage doors)	5,195.00
Bill Sanville Garage Doors (paint)	2,100.00
Larry Royal Building (garage roof)	12,705.00
Article 13: Buildings	20,000.00
USDA Grant	(15,000.00)
Total Expended	5,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles: Town Donations	
Article 12: Northwoods Home Health & Hospice	100.00
Article 12: UCVH Hospital	100.00
Article 12: Northern Human Services	100.00
Article 12: Tri-County CAP Fuel Assistance	1,625.00
Article 12: Tri-County CAP Senior Meals (meal on wheels)	2,900.00
Article 12: Tri-County CAP North Country Transit (bus service)	100.00
Article 12: Child Advocacy Center	100.00
Article 12: CASA	100.00
Article 12: Lancaster Community Cupboard	100.00
Article 12: Helping Hands	1,000.00
Total Voted	6,225.00
Total Expended	6,225.00
Stratford School District	
Remittances (January 1 to December 31, 2015)	933,930.00
County Tax	
Treasurer, Coös County	304,820.00
Amount Encumbered LED Lighting	15,002.00

Vendor Payments for 2015

Vendor	Amount Paid
2-Way Communications Service, Inc.	\$120.00
Agera Energy	\$9,781.14
Ainsworth Land Management	\$861.00
American Legion Emblem Sales	\$63.80
Androscoggin Valley Regional	\$9,593.00
Aquionics, Inc.	\$137.90
Armstrong-Charron Funeral Home	\$850.00
Arsenault Repair Service	\$1,166.68
Atlantic Tactical	\$856.99
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	\$5,491.42
AVRRDD Mt. Carberry Landfill	\$500.32
Basket of Stitches, LLC	\$270.00
Belknap Electric, LLC	\$100.00
Bergeron Protective Clothing, LLC	\$6,227.16
Bill Sanville Garage Door & Painting, Co.	\$7,295.00
Blue Book	\$33.95
Blue Mountain Variety	\$52.50
Boire Property Maintenance	\$6,021.00
Bolens Septic & Portable Toilets	\$112.50
Bond Auto Parts, Inc.	\$332.69
Brad Bradford At Your Service	\$1,007.49
Brett S. Purvis & Assoc., Inc.	\$28,680.00
Burns Truck Stop	\$1,922.00
C.D.S. Portable Toilets	\$1,249.04
CAI Technologies/Cartographic Associates	\$4,170.50
Cargill, Incorporated	\$2,627.07
CASA	\$100.00
Cash	\$356.68
Charles Goulet	\$151.88
Child Advocacy Center of Coos County	\$100.00
Christopher St. Cyr	\$125.00
Clark Jeffers, Jr.	\$2,200.00
Clayton Macdonald	\$194.36
Cloutier Sand & Gravel	\$3,222.50
Colebrook Carpet Center	\$54.00
Colebrook Copy Center	\$781.20
Colebrook Feeds	\$122.50

Colebrook Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$132.00
Compactors Inc.	\$3,378.00
Coos Auto Supply, Inc.	\$510.81
Coos County Registry of Deeds	\$380.47
Coos County Treasurer	\$304,820.00
Corbeil Construction	\$200.00
Crane & Bell	\$4,350.00
David White Trucking	\$4,600.00
Dick Blick Art Materials	\$110.66
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC	\$12,198.35
Ducrets Sporting Goods, LLC	\$1,291.39
Eagle Point Gun/T J Morris & Son	\$1,170.00
Eastern Analytical, Inc.	\$7,369.50
Easy-Start Engine Repair	\$49.45
Econo Signs LLC	\$162.65
Edward Poulin	\$500.00
Emedco	\$322.07
Empire SCBA & Supplies Inc.	\$15,180.00
Everett J. Prescott, Inc.	\$7,033.65
Eversource	\$16,003.88
F. B. Spaulding	\$9,900.90
Fairpoint Communications Inc.	\$8,613.55
Fearless Computing, Inc.	\$3,607.50
Fire Safety USA, Inc.	\$2,100.75
Florabelle Cavanaugh	\$3.33
Forrest Hicks	\$214.43
Galls	\$333.55
Gary Puleo	\$1,302.56
Gempler's	\$182.45
George E. Sansoucy	\$11,751.41
Grainger	\$185.74
Granite Bank	\$140,266.86
Granite State Rural Water Association	\$165.00
Green Mountain Electric Supply	\$31.56
Groveton Ambulance	\$9,325.00
Groveton Chem Free	\$500.00
Harbor Freight Tools	\$242.91
Harrison Shrader Enterprises	\$2,284.23
Home Depot	\$487.90

Horizons Engineering, PLLC	\$2,447.32
Host My Site	\$14.95
Ideal Auto Supply, Inc.	\$198.93
IDEXX Distribution Inc.	\$606.75
Industrial Protection Services, LLC	\$522.00
Intuit, Inc.	\$553.99
Jamie Sayen	\$134.40
Jordan Associates	\$406.00
Joseph Fortin	\$650.00
Kipp Alarm Services	\$30.00
Kiwanis Club of Colebrook	\$150.00
Lancaster Community Cupboard	\$100.00
Lancaster Fire Department	\$4,185.00
Larry Royal Building Contractor, Inc.	\$15,262.71
Lavolette Controls	\$3,625.00
Lazerworks Radio Shack	\$465.06
Lewis & Woodard, Inc.	\$408.00
LexisNexis Matthew Bender	\$519.39
Lion Cubs 4-H Club	\$330.00
Lufkin Security System	\$1,063.50
Mapping and Planning Solutions	\$3,000.00
Margaret Ann Bartlett	\$135.00
Mary Bilodeau	\$761.00
McDevitt Trucks Inc.	\$555.81
Metevier's Electric Motor	\$930.00
Michael A. Lynch	\$109,824.85
Middlesex Mutual Assur. Co-Middletown, CT	\$1,750.00
Minuteman Trucks, Inc.	\$2,210.18
Monson Companies, Inc.	\$1,747.50
NH Association of Assessing Officials	\$20.00
National Band and Tag Co.	\$58.00
National Fire Fighter Wildland	\$349.95
New Hampshire Water Works Association	\$260.00
Newport Rental Center, Inc.	\$500.00
NH-DMV	\$20.00
NH Assoc. of Chiefs of Police	\$238.00
NH City & Town Clerks Association	\$40.00
NH Government Finance Officers Association	\$25.00
NH Municipal Association	\$990.00

NH Municipal Management Association	\$50.00
NH Retirement System	\$13,403.71
NH Tax Collector's Association	\$20.00
NH Water Works Association	\$50.00
NHLWAA	\$30.00
NHPDIP	\$71,060.46
NHPWMAP	\$25.00
NHWPCA	\$130.00
NNHFMAP	\$500.00
Normandeau Trucking, Inc.	\$21,371.00
Norms Heating and Refrigeration	\$22,608.74
North Conway Grand Hotel	\$188.00
North Country Council	\$916.03
North Stratford Library	\$6,599.60
Northeast Resource Recovery Association	\$610.50
Northern Human Services	\$2,136.25
Northern NH Fire Mutual Aid District	\$80.00
Northern Tire	\$15.00
Northern Tool & Equipment	\$599.99
Northwoods Home Health & Hospice	\$100.00
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	\$679.65
Owl Stamp Visual Solutions	\$19.90
P. A. Hicks and Sons, Inc.	\$1,591.53
Perras Ace, Inc.	\$2,012.96
Pike Industries, Inc.	\$2,430.90
Porter Office Machines Corp.	\$250.97
Postmaster, N.S.	\$2,781.50
PRIMEX-Unemployment Comp.	\$1,083.00
Property-Liability Trust, Inc.	\$14,096.51
Q. C. Services, Inc.	\$345.00
Quill Corporation	\$2,563.04
R. S. Fernandes, LLC	\$2,040.00
Ron Connary	\$34.97
Ronald Lacasse	\$54.60
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc.	\$15,115.55
Salmon Press	\$57.00
Sanel Auto Parts #38	\$919.34
Smith & Town Printers	\$924.50
Smith Mobile Repair	\$225.00

State of NH – Criminal Records	\$25.00
Stratford School District	\$933,930.00
Summit Supply Corporation of Colorado	\$398.35
TAC-2 Communications	\$199.95
Tardif Heating & Mechanical	\$275.97
The Blake Group	\$797.40
The Caledonian-Record	\$54.00
The News & Sentinel	\$709.25
Thomas Marcotte	\$50.00
Town of Lancaster	\$375.00
Town of Littleton	\$1,129.54
Town of Stratford	\$34,511.46
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$3,064.05
Treasurer, State of NH	\$907.04
Tri-County CAP	\$1,700.00
Tri-County Community Action Program	\$2,900.00
Tri State Fire Protection LLC	\$1,578.10
UniFirst Corporation	\$1,307.26
United States Treasury	\$43,200.08
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	\$100.00
US Veterans Network	\$675.50
USA BlueBook	\$644.51
USDA, Rural Development	\$3,461.00
Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles	\$75.00
Vermont Department of Taxes	\$1,164.97
Virginia Rubber Corporation	\$506.84
W. B. Mason Co., Inc.	\$646.60
Walling Engines	\$1,436.00
Waystack Frizzell, Trial Lawyers	\$3,271.24
Weeks Medical Center	\$114.50
Weir Bros. & Son, LLC	\$70.00
Zizza Lock & Safe, Inc.	\$872.50
Total Vendor Payments	\$ 2,051,153.38

Employee Wages, Taxes, and Adjustments 2015

Total Gross Pay	176,236.73
State Retirement--Employee	(5,154.69)
Adjusted Gross Pay	171,082.04
Taxes Withheld	
Federal Withholding	(12,630.00)
Medicare Employee	(2,541.21)
Social Security Employee	(10,865.91)
Vermont Withholding	(1,216.15)
Total Taxes Withheld	(27,253.77)
Net Pay	143,828.27
Employer Taxes and Contributions	
Medicare Company	2,541.21
Social Security Company	10,865.91
State Retirement--Town	8,077.40
Total Employer Taxes and Contributions	21,484.52

February 1, 2015

Residents of the town of Stratford,

As you know, much of the Town's work each year consists of making sure that all the seemingly endless details are taken care of, with every 't' crossed and every 'i' dotted. Meeting the needs of our community and satisfying all the technical requirements that must be exactly met can sometimes make it seem as if, despite all the running, we can just barely keep up.

Nevertheless, we can look back this year on some good accomplishments that were more than just taking care of the minimum:

Two grants were approved this year. One was \$15,000 from the USDA to be used for maintenance and repairs to the Town Garage. With it, a new metal roof was installed, the garage doors and an entry door were replaced, and needed painting was completed.

The second grant was from TransCanada/PNGTS, and provided \$4,000 to make repairs and improvements on the Grange Building.

One of the more visible changes this year will follow the Town's unanimous decision to install LED street lighting. This project will not only update our street lights to modern fixtures that are designed to focus light directly where it's needed, it will also create a system that has been expertly audited to retain or add just the lights that will be most useful. The frosting on the cake is that the energy used by the system will be greatly reduced and, along with the predicted long life of the fixtures, will eventually allow the Town to realize projected average annual savings of \$4,674.

We also can welcome the reduced heating costs allowed by moving the town offices into the Fuller Town Hall. So far, it appears those saving will amount to \$10-11,000 per year.

There were also two important additions to our economic community this year. The village store re-opened in North Stratford as the Riverside Market & Deli, bringing life to the Town Common area and providing a needed addition to local dining and grocery shopping opportunities. Along with the store, the apartments in the building are again occupied.

The other addition that most have probably already noticed is the new cell tower on the hill behind North Stratford Village. Its location should give it good reach north and south along the Connecticut River Valley as well as northwest along the Nulhegan. T-Mobile has already had equipment installed on the tower and its owner, Green Mountain Communications, hopes that other carriers will soon follow suit to satisfy loud customer demand for better service.

This year we also welcome two new members to the select board. They fill vacancies arising only nine months apart, one coming at the end of a normal elected term and the most recent due to Tim Brooks' resignation. Both new members have remarked on the steep learning curve and the amount of time and work a selectman's job involves, but continue to have great enthusiasm for the Town's prospects.

The Board also deeply appreciates the dedication and hard work that is provided by the Town's many volunteers, employees, officers, and contractors who continue to give more than is expected. It is they who provide the legs that allow the town to keep running. We give them our heartfelt thanks.

In particular, we thank recent board member Robin Reaume for contributing her time to building and maintaining the Town's website. This is the sort of tedious, back-office activity that can be so easily taken for granted, but is so critical to keeping the Town functioning in the modern world.

And very special thanks are due Tim Brooks, who resigned his position as selectman this past summer after fourteen long years of service to the Town. His dedicated advocacy for making improvements and for the well-being of our community has been given while also maintaining an otherwise extremely busy life. His skills, knowledge, and caring will be sorely missed.

Respectfully, Board of Selectmen


Larry W. Ladd, Chairman


James M. Davis, Selectmen


Clayton Macdonald, Selectmen



STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
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603-922-3821
Wayne E. Hall Sr.
Chief

Citizens of Stratford:

I would like to start off by thanking the community for their support and the opportunity of serving this town and department this year from January 1 to August of this year as Officer in charge while the Select board was making a decision as to who they would make Chief of Stratford. In August I was giving that appointment as the Chief of Stratford.

The list below shows activity that was handled by this department and State Police for the year 2015. There were a total of 277 complaints or calls to service.

To name a few there were 30 911 hang ups, 15 domestic situations, 40 accidents, 11 thefts, 18 criminal mischief, 14 sex offender registry's, 9 criminal threats. And other calls as well.

State police this year have been very supportive of this department when they receive calls they check with this department to see if we are able to cover the call. They have stated it's our area and we receive first option to cover calls. We are a part time department as everyone knows and we are not always able to cover the calls. We as a department have tried to cover as many calls as possible but it is not always possible. The officers at this department have other jobs and cannot always be available.

I would like to send out a get well soon and hope for a fast recovery for Officer Lloyd Tippitt. He has been an officer for this community for a few years now and this year had to take a medical leave and hopefully will be returning to this department soon. The department has been a one man operation since his leave.

We would like to thank the citizens of Stratford for their support and look forward to serving you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Wayne E. Hall Sr.

Stratford Hollow Fire Department

Charles Stinson III
Chief

40 Hollow Road
Stratford, NH 03590

Office & Fax 636-2375
Home: 636-6207

To the Citizens of Stratford:

The department’s fire call volume has remained about the same over the past several years. Preparation is an important part of firefighting, resulting in behind-the-scenes work when the scanner is quiet and the trucks are at the stations. In addition to callouts, the crew keeps ready by servicing the equipment to keep it well maintained, doing training exercises, and checking dry hydrants for usability—all this is unpaid hours. We also meet regularly to share new techniques and keep our firefighting knowledge up-to-date. I would like to express my appreciation to the crew for the volunteer time they put into keeping the equipment up and running so that we are ready when a call comes in.

The department has continued to apply for grants, but with little success to date. We will apply again this year in an attempt to obtain funds for needed equipment without added expense to the town. The fire department is looking to acquire new recruits due to the majority of the department members having to work out of town. So this makes it tough to have an adequate crew during the daytime when the calls come in.

The department responded to 35 calls in town and in surrounding towns. Calls by category from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015:

Type	Callouts
Lost Hikers	1
Unpermitted Burn	1
Lift Assists	1
Fire Alarms	1
Brush Fire	2
Service Calls	3
Carbon Monoxide Call	1
ATV Accidents	3

Type	Callouts
Motor Vehicle Accidents	14
Mutual Aid Structure Fire	2
Structure Fires	1
Station Coverage	1
Trees on Lines	2
Snow Machine Accidents	2

On behalf of all the firefighters, thank you for your support. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the department, we’d love to bring you on board—call or stop in at the station to discuss what is involved in being a firefighter and in the hiring process. There is a job for everyone.

Town meeting day is a good time to check your batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors; they do save lives.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Stinson III

Stratford Public Library 2015

The library had a successful year with over 1400 patrons and other visitors coming by, plus with more than 800 items circulated. Use of the wireless internet connection and the public computers continues to be strong with over 400 computer user sessions this year.

Summer Events — This year we switched our open hours on Fridays so the library would be open during Fantastic Fridays in the summer. This was a great success with many visitors and town's people visiting the library in addition to enjoying the activities outside. The library co-sponsored singer and artist Emma Dean and the library obtained a Kids, Books and Arts grant to pay for a program with storyteller Simon Brooks.

Maker Play Toys — During the summer, Legos were available *every* Friday for children to play with and in the fall, the library borrowed two Ozobots from the State Library. These little robots could follow lines drawn by markers and read simple commands in the form of colored dots. Not only were they fun, they also taught the children the fundamentals of computer programming. We plan on getting more maker play kits in 2016 as part of the State Library's Maker Play program.

New Staff — Robin Scott joined as a trustee in May and brings her background and experience as school librarian to the board.

DVDs & Audio Books — We started to grow the DVDs and Audio Book collection that now numbers more than 100 titles. Many of the titles were donated by patrons, and we plan to purchase newer titles in 2016 to keep the collection current.

Inter-Library Loans — We are now part of the State Inter-Library Loan program. This is a great benefit for we can now borrow from any New Hampshire Library and requested materials are delivered weekly via the State's Van Delivery Service.

NHUPac — The collection is now being entered in to the New Hampshire Union Public Access Catalog or NHUPac. Not only will this allow patrons to search online to find what the library has in its holdings but other libraries can do the same and request materials via inter-library loan.

Book Return & Deck Painting — An outdoor book drop was purchased this year and is a great convenience to patrons who can now return materials anytime and no longer have to wait until the library is open.

The deck received some much needed repairs and coat of paint in the summer.

Newspaper & Facebook Updates — This year saw the start of regular library news updates to the local papers on events, new titles and other topics of note. Events, photos, news and updates continued to be posted to the Facebook page, which can be found at www.facebook.com/StratfordPublicLibraryNH

Library hours:

Monday: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Thursday: 9:00m to 5:00pm

Friday: 9:00 to 2:00pm

Phone: 603-922-9016

Website: www.stratfordnhlibraries.com

Email: library03590@gmail.com

Sincerely,



Tom McCorkhill – Librarian



Marty Lomasney – Librarian



Dana Cassell – Trustee



Dawn Hall – Trustee



Robin Scott - Trustee

STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY (2015)			
Checking Account			
Opening balance as of 1/1/2015			\$1,279.44
DEPOSITS			
Town Appropriation for 2014, received 2015	\$3,667.58		
Town Appropriation 2015	\$4,800.68		
Town Approp. 2015, not deposited until 1/5/2016: \$1,798.92			
State of NH Grant, Kids Books & Arts	\$195.00		
Interest Earned	\$0.35		
Jefferson Public Library	\$70.00		
Town of Bloomfield	\$200.00		
Twin Mountain Library, not deposited until 1/5/16: \$15.00			
Cash on hand 12/31/14, deposited 1/5/2015	\$60.98		
Copies	\$30.15		
Faxes	\$19.00		
Book sales	\$36.95		
Printouts	\$43.15		
Fines	\$14.46		
Donations	\$16.20		
Miscellaneous	\$7.25		
Bank error 1/22/15 put \$500 in acct from savings	\$500.00		
EXPENSES			
Correction of bank error		\$500.00	
Transfer to savings		\$500.00	
Held from cash receipts deposits for making change		\$20.66	
Expenditures		\$6,662.48	
Balance as of December 31, 2015			\$3,258.05

Savings Account			
Opening Balance as of 1/1/2015			\$1,835.82
Bank Error to Checking		\$500.00	
Bank Error Correction from Checking	\$500.00		
Transfer from Checking	\$500.00		
Interest Earned	\$0.23		
Ending balance as of 12/31/2015			\$2,336.05
INVESTMENTS - Wells Fargo			
Opening balance as of 1/1/2015			\$16,602.39
Annual Fee		\$90.00	
Change in Value	\$287.79		
Ending balance as of 12/31/2015			\$16,800.18
Prepared and submitted by Dana K. Cassell			

Stratford Recycle Center

1407 US Rte3
 North Stratford, NH 03590
 603-922-9063

Manager: Charles Goulet

Attendant: James Chapple
 Chester Smart

Amount Recycled in 2015

Planet Aid	
Clothes	2,167 lbs.
NRRA *Environmental Impact	
Aluminum Cans	2,015 lbs.
* Conserved enough energy to run a television for 205,453 hours!	
Paper	15.49 tons
* Saved 503 trees!	
Plastics	8.715 tons
* Conserved 11,922.75 gallons of gasoline!	
Steel Cans	2.3 tons
Tires	4.4 tons
* Conserved enough energy to run 60 watt bulb for 148,460 hours	
AVRRDD	
Municipal Waste (MSW)	115.56 tons

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

I would like to thank the citizens of Stratford for their support and a special thanks to Jim Chapple for his outstanding work and Chester Smart for being our dedicated fill-in attendant, at the Recycle Center.

We had a good recycling year. Unfortunately the market was low because of the economy.

Respectfully submitted,
 Charles Goulet,
 Transfer Station Manager

TOWN OF STRATFORD
Ambulance Service Contract
Schedule of Fees For 2016

Contract Fee: @746 residents, at \$12.50 per capita \$ 9,325.00

Medicare Billing Rates:

-Mileage (per loaded mile)	\$	10.97
-Specialty Care Trans.	\$	768.93
-BLS Non-Emergency	\$	236.59
-BLS Emergency	\$	378.55
-ALS Emergency Level 2	\$	650.63
-ALS Emergency Level 1	\$	449.53
-ALS Non-Emergency	\$	283.91

***These rates reflect charges approved and covered by Medicare and are not the actual rates charged by Town of Northumberland/Groveton Ambulance (COMSTAR Billing).**



November 18, 2015

Dear Stratford Select Board,

For your consideration, Northwoods Home Health & Hospice is once again requesting financial support for home care and hospice services which we proudly provide to the residents of Stratford in the amount of \$743. As you know, town funding is critically important and is used to assist individuals who are unable to pay for home health and hospice services and to support care where funding does not cover the agency's direct cost. I think it is important for you to know, that our recent national recognition as one of the top 500 home care agencies in the United States of America – is a testament to our fiscal stewardship. We take great care, conservancy and management of our financial resources that we receive from all of the towns throughout Coos County.

Although our expenses (and yours) have increased over the years, the dollars that we are requesting from the town of Stratford has remained the same since 2010. The following is a breakdown of the three distinct continuum of care models that we proudly provide to your community: (1) medical skilled care professionals licensed by either the New Hampshire Board of Medicine, Nursing or New Hampshire Office of Allied Health, (2) specially training hospice professionals focusing on end of life care and (3) long term care professionals who provide supportive services to community members to help keep patients living independently in their communities for as long as possible. All medically necessary services are provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Northwoods Home Health & Hospice is the only Medicare certified hospice agency in the county and we are the only home health agency in Northern New Hampshire to have recently received both the HHCAHPS Patient Satisfaction Award of Distinction and achieved national recognition for being in the Top 500 of home health agencies in the United States. You and your residents can depend on us to always strive to provide the highest level of care possible in the comfort of your residents' home.

Enclosed is an *Annual Report* to the residents of Stratford. If you would include the *Annual Report* in your Town Report, it would be greatly appreciated. Northwoods Home Health & Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Stratford and would greatly appreciate your continued support and confidence. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call on me at (603) 788-5020.

Sincerely,

Gail Tattan-Giampaolo
Executive Director



November 20, 2015

Town of Stratford
Office of Selectmen
10 Common Road
North Stratford, NH 03590

Dear Selectmen:

UCVH has attached an article which we request be placed on your town meeting warrant. The request is on behalf of UCVH Emergency Services. The nature of the operation and the reason for the request is outlined below:

UCVH Emergency Services

The Emergency Department (ED) at UCVH is open 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. There is either an ED Physician or ED Physician Assistant assigned daily to the duties of the ED and Urgent Care Clinic.

The department is equipped with expensive life-saving equipment and staffed by well-trained patient care personnel. During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, the department cared for 3,611 ED patients and saw an additional 601 urgent care patients, which is a slight increase in patient volumes compared to the previous year. This department annually operates at a deficit, but because of its essential nature, it is a service the hospital must provide. Each year the hospital requests that area communities help support the continuance of this vital service. This request is for the time period of January 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital appreciates the support and assistance given to these important services. Your efforts help make the North Country a healthier, safer place to live.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you should you wish to discuss these items. Please feel free to contact me at (603) 388-4299.

Regards,

Greg Placy
Board Chairman

gp:pe
Enclosure

November 3, 2015

Board of Selectmen
Town of Stratford
PO Box 366
North Stratford, NH 03590

Dear Selectmen:

We are asking the Town of Stratford for continued local support in the amount of \$1,000.00. Would you please place the following article on the 2016 Town Warrant?

- "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$775.00 for the support and services of Northern Human Services, The Mental Health Center and \$225.00 for the support and services of the Vershire Center."

Please feel free to call me at any time if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. I would be happy to come and discuss our programs with you prior to Town Meeting, if that would be helpful.

We greatly appreciate the financial support Stratford has given us over the years to help Northern Human Services to provide a quality, locally based array of services. Your support helps us maintain our policy of not letting an inability to pay prevent someone from obtaining the services they need.

Sincerely,



Steven Arnold
Director of Behavioral Health
NHS 237-4955



**TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION
PROGRAM Inc.**

Serving Carroll, Coos & Grafton Counties

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October 17, 2015

Board of Selectmen Town of Stratford
PO Box 366
Stratford, NH 03590

Dear Selectmen:

Tri-County Community Action/Coos County is requesting **\$1600.00 in funding from the Town of Stratford at your 2016 Town Meeting** to help support its Community Contact programs. Community Contact is the field services arm of the Tri-County CAP. Our purpose is to assist low-income, elderly and disabled persons to solve problems and meet their physical and financial needs. We accomplish this by providing information, counseling, referrals, budget counseling, guidance and organizational assistance and by effectively linking households with CAP assistance programs and using community resources.

Below is the breakdown of assistance that the Coos County Community Contact office provided to the **195** residents of **Stratford** who have been served over the last year from July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Households</u>	<u>Dollar Amounts</u>
Fuel Assistance	104	\$92,220.00
Weatherization	5	\$16,282.00
Electric Assistance	51	\$ 18,973.98
Total:		\$ 127,475.98

Tri-County Community Action provides necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in our communities, who would otherwise have to seek help from the town. We are depending upon funding from your town and neighboring communities countywide. The local funds are used to make available local intake and support for federal and state programs including Fuel Assistance, Electric Assistance, Homeless Prevention, Weatherization, and electric utility conservation programs. We are also the conduit through which the USDA Surplus food is distributed to the food pantries throughout Coos County.

We greatly appreciate the support and look forward to continued cooperation and partnership with your towns' residents, elected officials and staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 888-842-3835 x103.

Sincerely, Lisa Hinckley
Community Contact

North Country Elder Programs

Senior Meals / Meals-On-Wheels - ServiceLink Resource Center

Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc



November 2, 2015

Town of Stratford
Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 366
North Stratford, NH 03590

Dear Board of Selectmen:

On behalf of North Country Elder Programs, I would like to respectfully request funding in the amount of \$2,900.00 for the Senior Meals Program to be included in the upcoming Town of Stratford budget process.

During the time period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 (Fiscal Year 2015) we served Stratford area residents 256 congregate meals and 4,827 home delivered meals to 36 residents. The Senior Meals Program in Fiscal Year 2015 prepared and served 130,305 meals county-wide to senior citizens in need of nutritional assistance.

The current need in the Stratford area is evident and is likely to continue on the same trend as the population continues to age and require nutritional assistance. The many benefits received by the residents of the Stratford area is one of socialization and personal growth as participants at the congregate site receive not only a hot, nutritious meal, but opportunities to interact with their peers through volunteering, social activities and one on one contact. On the other hand, homebound individuals receive nutritious meals delivered directly to their home by the Meals on Wheels delivery team, and oftentimes, it is the participants only contact with the community. It is, therefore, vital that the needs of this frail population be met with support from their local friends and neighbors.

Each year towns throughout Coos County contribute financial support to help defray costs that directly impact the preparation and delivery of senior meals to local residents. However, the rising costs of food and consumables have made this commitment especially challenging. The Town of Stratford's past support for this community-based program has been greatly appreciated and I welcome your questions and comments pertaining to this request for funding. Please call our administrative offices at 752-3010, Monday through Friday, and I'd be glad to speak with you.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Angela Johnson, Programs Administrator
North Country Elder Programs



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December 3, 2015
Stratford Board of Selectmen
Town of Stratford
PO Box 366
Stratford, NH 03590

Dear Board of Selectmen;

On behalf of Tri-County CAP, Inc., Tri County Cap Transit, a program providing transportation to the residents of Stratford. I would like to respectfully request funding in the amount of \$ 200.00 to be included in the upcoming Town of Stratford budget process.

Tri County Transit offers safe, reliable, Door to Door transportation provided by highly trained professional drivers and volunteers to area residents needing rides to medical appointments, grocery shopping, hairdressers, social events, senior meals and employment. Residents utilizing this service are afforded the opportunity to be mobile and independent thus increasing their sense of worth and value which in turn contributes to the community as a whole.

Stratford is part of Tri County Cap Transit's service area. Providing trips to all residents, with priority being given to the elderly and disabled. Residents sixty and older and those determined disabled are not required to pay a fare but instead are given the opportunity to make a donation if they would like and are able. General public are asked to pay an affordable fare that varies depending on the distance of the trip.

Last year Tri County Cap Transit, provided 75 trips to area residence, 23 were medical appointments, 7 for nutrition, 29 legal appointments, 7 for employment and 9 for shopping.

Your past support of this community-based program has been greatly appreciated We welcome your questions and comments pertaining to this request for funding. Please call the administrative offices at 752-1741, Monday through Friday, and we'd be glad to speak with you. Again, thank you for your consideration and past support.

Respectfully,

Beverly Raymond, CCTM
Transportation Director



Child Advocacy Center of Coos County

3 State Street Suite 1 Groveton NH 03582
Telephone: (603) 636-1999 Fax: (603)636-1999
Email: COOSCAC@gmail.com

November 9, 2015

Dear Board Members,

The purpose of this letter is to request your consideration of the Child Advocacy Center of Coos County (CAC-CC) to become a Warrant Article in your town budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 in the amount of **\$942.00. Changes in the amount requested are based on a Per Capita charge of \$1.00 per citizen of each town to ensure the budget of the CAC is fairly divided amongst towns.**

National statistics report that 1 in every 4 girls and 1 in every 6 boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday; and only 1 in 10 children come forward, if ever with disclosures of sexual abuse. The CAC-CC has partnered effectively with the Carroll Police Department and the Division for Children Youth and Families to serve child victims of crime living in the Town of Stratford. **Throughout this past two years the CAC-CC served 5 child victims from the Town of Stratford but our mission is through education and outreach to reach all of children that could possibly be a victim of child abuse.** A nationwide study entitled *The Economic Impact of Child Maltreatment* found that **communities using the child advocacy center model results in an average savings of \$1,500 per case for taxpayers.**

The CAC-CC is a not-for profit community partnership dedicated to the investigation, prosecution and treatment of child victims of crime. We believe that all children deserve a childhood free from sexual and/or physical violence. When this does not happen and a child within our county becomes a victim the CAC-CC is here, bringing together all pieces of a multi-disciplinary team to one child friendly neutral location so everyone is working together from day one of the investigation.

The CAC-CC provides services *free* of charge to all children living in Coos County ages 3 to 17 who are alleging child sexual abuse, felony level physical abuse or who are witnesses to violent crimes such as homicide or domestic violence. To date, more than 95% of the children interviewed at the CAC-CC have been victims of sexual abuse. In addition, the CAC-CC provides support to the non-offending caregivers and empowers them to protect and support their children.

The CAC-CC first opened its doors in October 2009, giving families in Coos County access to our services. The CAC-CC is based on the nationally recognized model of the National Children's Alliance as well as the New Hampshire Attorney General's Child Abuse Protocols.

In a traditional child abuse investigation, a child would be subject to eight or more interviews in a variety of locations and with a variety of professionals. This system recreated trauma for the child every

time they told their story, increased their stress level and resulted in inconsistent stories over time. In addition, non-offending caregivers were forced to navigate the multiple systems alone, often not knowing how to support or protect their children.

The CAC-CC facilitates a multidisciplinary approach to child abuse investigations. The professionals responsible for the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases work together to support the victim and seek justice from the offender. When an allegation of child sexual abuse or felony level physical abuse is reported to the police or the Division for Children Youth and Families (DCYF) a referral is made to the CAC-CC. The multidisciplinary team is quickly activated and assembles at the CAC-CC office. The multidisciplinary team includes law enforcement, DCYF, Coos County Attorney's Office and a victim advocate from RESPONSE.

Upon entering the CAC-CC the child and their caregiver are greeted by a crisis service advocate and the Executive Director and welcomed into a child friendly environment. The child is engaged in a game or reads a book with the victim advocate while the caregiver(s) meets with the multidisciplinary team. The team is introduced to the caregiver and explains the process of the interview. The team recognizes that the caregiver is also experiencing stress as a result of their child's disclosure and as much support as they need is given to them.

The caregiver is escorted back into the waiting room and is kept company by a victim advocate. The child sits in our interview room with our highly trained forensic interviewer. The multidisciplinary team sits in an observation room where they watch the interview on a closed circuit television monitor. Communication between the team and the forensic interviewer takes place with the use of microphones and earpieces. The interview is video and audio taped for documentation. Every professional involved with the case has the chance to ask questions, but the child only has to tell their story to one interviewer.

The National Children's Alliance reports that in municipalities where a Child Advocacy Center is utilized there is a 40% increase in successful prosecution of these cases, more support for families and less trauma to child victims.

Coos County suffers from the lowest per capita in the state of New Hampshire, as well as higher than average unemployment levels and welfare and housing assistance. These factors contribute to the fact that child abuse touches the homes of many Coos County families. With the current economic climate along with our increased outreach efforts and visibility in our communities, our case load expectations for 2015 is expected to continue to show the same pattern as 2013-2014 concluding in a growth of cases exceeding that of 2014. Because of this, our funding sources are stretched and limited. Community funding and support is a large portion of our operating budget, and without the support of our local communities we are not able to continue with our mission.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to make a formal presentation to your board if you would like to learn more about the CAC-CC.

Sincerely,
Christine Gadwah, BA
Executive Director



August 26, 2015

Town of Stratford
10 Common Rd
Stratford, NH 03590-0366

Dear Board of Selectmen,

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire strives to protect the rights of our state's most vulnerable children to live, learn and grow in the embrace of a loving family. Our trained Volunteer Advocates speak on behalf of the best interests of abused children who come to the attention of New Hampshire's family courts through no fault of their own.

As you may know, CASA of NH is the only nonprofit organization in the state to recruit, screen and train volunteers to advocate for victimized children. There is never an end-point to our mandate, but rather a steady stream of children in jeopardy, particularly an increased number who have come into the court system due to the tragic drug epidemic in our state. Parental substance abuse often has a negative impact on the physical and emotional well-being of children because home environments become chaotic and unpredictable, leading to child mistreatment. We, as a society, have a major interest in how child protection systems respond to children who are the victims of this dire epidemic as well as child abuse and neglect on the whole.

When children are thrust into the confusion of the court and foster care systems, our Volunteer Advocates ensure the child's interests are considered. They paint a clear picture of their needs so judges can make informed decisions for the child's future.

On behalf of CASA of New Hampshire, I respectfully request inclusion in your 2016 budget. The children that we serve come from every corner of the state, and are part of your very community. The same holds true for our volunteers as is evidenced below.

FY 2015
BY THE NUMBERS

In Coos County alone:

53*
13
28652
3325

Children served
Volunteers
Miles traveled
Hours of volunteer time

Statewide:

1,086
443
558,825
56,190

Value of volunteer advocacy provided

\$3.5M

** This number includes children who use your towns' schools and resources and live with foster parents or extended family members in your community. (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015)*

CASA believes that when appropriate intervention happens at a critical time in an abused child's life, the cycle of violence can be broken and their life can take a path towards becoming healthy, productive adults contributing to our communities. For that reason, we respectfully request your consideration for funding of \$500.00 in your next budget cycle.

Please know that your funding makes a huge impact in the life of an abused or neglected child. For additional information, please call 626-4600 or visit our website at casanh.org.

Sincerely,

Marcia R. Sink
President and CEO



Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce Report for Stratford 2015

The Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce continues to strengthen and grow the diversity of members from all 12 towns that we represent. This past year, 2015, the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce continued to work with our local businesses, NH Grand, and communities.

During 2015 the Chamber has worked to help expand the ATV trails to increase tourism to the town. We voiced the opinions of our chamber members at a school board meeting, helping to maintain the original school calendar, as the proposed earlier school start calendar would have negatively impacted our local businesses, as well as the Lancaster Fair. The Fair and many local businesses employ students, teachers and cafeteria workers over the summers.

The Chamber is a member of the Tourism Development Team with NH Grand to build exposure for Stratford. The Chamber is helping to facilitate infrastructure to help lure businesses to the area and sustain them.

The Chamber is dedicated to support the town of Stratford. This past year we have grown the Chamber's membership, participated in numerous ribbon cutting events, worked with local newspapers and social media to spread the word on business after hour events, and advertised business workshops. Our weekly newsletter informs our members on local programs to expand their businesses. This includes grant opportunities, free advertising, helpful accounting workshops, social media and tips to increase productivity of ones employees, as well as advertisements for community and fund-raising events to strengthen the whole community.

The towns of Lancaster, Jefferson, Whitefield, Groveton, Dalton, Northumberland, Stark, Stratford, and Randolph, New Hampshire and Gilman, Guildhall, and Lunenburg, Vermont are well represented by the Board of Directors and committee members.

Our funding comes from membership dues, fund-raising activities, and town appropriations. Continued support through these resources ensures that we are able to market and therefore grow our local businesses and communities.

As always we thank the towns, local businesses and residents for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Board members:

Julie Aldrich, Erik Becker, Brian Bresnahan, Timothy Boudreau, Diane C. Daley,
Linda Hutchins, John Jaworowski, Cindy Normandeau, Toni Pierce, Nicole Samson,
Amanda Simino, Lisa Tetreault.

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Serving the Communities of:

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January 12, 2016

Town of Stratford
PO Box 366
North Stratford, NH 03590

Dear Board of Selectman & Budget Committee Members:

We respectfully request your consideration in funding the budget line item for the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce. As you know, we are a regional chamber covering 10 towns and two townships.

The Division of Travel and Tourism Development has told us that their job is to get people to the state, which means our job is to get them to our particular area. For the past several years, we have been doing precisely that through a wide variety of efforts, including (*but not limited to*):

- The Gateway Guide
- New and enhanced website linked with VisitNH.gov and NHGrand.com
- Internet, Social Media and print advertising
- Educational Workshops and Business Growth information
- Networking and Professional Development opportunities
- Business exposure through local and county-wide events
- Facilitating Ride the Wilds Coalition
- Grand Prix
- Advertising local events to build a stronger community

Everyone in our region benefits from these efforts—business owners and residents alike; however, while our numbers continue to grow, membership dues alone do not cover the costs incurred. Therefore, we request that the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce be funded in the 2016 town budgets at a rate of .50 per capita or \$373.

We thank you for your consideration, and appreciate your support.

Regards,

Tim Boudreau
President



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
113 Main Street
Lancaster, NH 03584

The Rev. W. Timothy Brooks
Priest-in-Charge
office: 603-788-4654
email: stpaulslancasternh@gmail.com

January 18, 2016

Board of Selectmen
Fuller Town Hall
1956 US Route 3,
Stratford, NH 03590

Dear Sirs,

As you are aware, many of your local families and families throughout the North Country qualify for free and reduced lunches at their schools. These children typically receive both breakfast and lunch through the school program. However, there are no provisions for feeding them on weekends and when school is not in session.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church has stepped into this void by sponsoring a food "backpack" program which provides many of these children with weekend meals and snacks. This program is the primary outreach mission of our church.

As we prepare for implementation of this program for the current school year, we set our goal at serving 100 students in our area elementary schools and established a budget that would allow us to meet this goal. But, as we started enrolling students in the program we found that the need was greater than anticipated and our program enrollment quickly exceeded 130 children.

Although our congregation has been extremely generous in supporting this program, and we have received substantial support from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund, we still have a budget shortfall. For this reason we are asking the towns that we are serving to fund 10% of the cost of the program as it applies to their community. We ask that you include this request as a Warrant Article for your upcoming Town Meeting. The program cost is based on a 40 week school year with an average cost of \$8.00 per child each week. This cost not only includes the food provided but also includes a voucher to supplement the purchase of milk each week at a local market. As we are currently serving 25 students at Stratford School and the annual cost of the program is \$8,000 we are asking for \$800 so that we can continue this program through the remainder of the school year.

For additional program information or to answer any questions you might have, please contact Mr. Bruce Hicks at 586-7845.

Sincerely,

The Rev. W. Timothy Brooks
Priest-in-Charge



2016 Town Report Report from Your North Country Senator Jeff Woodburn

Dear Constituent,

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator representing District 1, which includes 58-rural, northern communities, encompassing 27 percent of the state's landmass. It is a region larger than two states and 17 foreign countries and containing fewer than twenty people per square mile.

The North Country, including the White Mountains region, has a uniquely different culture, landscape, economy and history than the rest of the state. It is my focus to ensure that State government understands this and doesn't forget us. Our needs, challenges and opportunities are different. At the top of my priority list is stabilizing our fragile economy while improving the quality of life for all our people. First and foremost, this means advocating for policies and projects that expand business and entrepreneurial opportunities that will raise stagnant wages. I'm proud to have been the prime sponsor of the law that extends the same economic development opportunities available to all communities to our unincorporated towns. The so-called Balsams bill is an essential part of the redevelopment of the former grand resort in Dixville.

We've made important bipartisan investments that disproportionately benefited our region in the previous sessions and I will fight efforts to repeal them. I support our continued efforts to expand access to health care, reduce the burden of uncompensated care at local hospitals, invest in local road and broadband infrastructure and build a budget that reflects the needs of rural areas.

In the Senate, my goal has been to be practical and to work with everyone to get results for our region. But voting is only a part of my work, I have been accessible and available to my constituents, holding town hall meetings, office hours and tours for state leaders. I have tried when possible and appropriate to bend state government to meet the needs of rural people and rural communities. Over the course of my time in office, I have assisted thousands of individuals with issues large and small. I consider it a great compliment when someone feels comfortable enough to contact me and trust that I will intercede on their behalf when they are in a time of need. I love being the voice for the North Country and am constantly inspired by our people and places that make our beloved home so special.

Be in touch, if I can be of assistance to you or your community.

Regards,
Jeff Woodburn
North Country Senator
30 King Square, Whitefield NH 03598
Jeff.Woodburn@leg.state.nh.us
603.271.3207



ANNUAL REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR JOSEPH KENNEY, DISTRICT ONE

January 2016

As I start my 3rd year of service to you and the State of New Hampshire in Council District 1, I am grateful and honored to serve you.

I continue to work with the Governor, Council and Legislature on the important issues impacting the State. The Heroin and Opioid epidemic has been the number one issue. The Governor and Council called for a Special Legislative Session on November 18th to address the statewide heroin and opioid crisis. A Joint Legislative Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Epidemic was formed and will make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature in the upcoming session.

Economic development is still my top priority for the Northern most Council District and I will work with community and business leaders to assist in the creation of jobs and economic opportunity. I am committed to the Balsams project in Dixville Notch and I will continue to work with the various public and private partners to move this project forward. Additionally, I continue to work with the county and regional economic development councils and executive directors on present and future economic opportunities to grow businesses in the District.

I join with the NH Congressional Delegation - Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Kelly Ayotte, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Congressman Frank Guinta in working with other New England states and our northern Canadian friends to seek economic opportunities and relationships.

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan process working with the Department of Transportation and the Regional Planning Commissions has been completed. The Executive Council approved the final draft and submitted it to the Governor on December 16th. The plan focuses on preservation, maintenance and safety of existing pavement and bridge infrastructure throughout the State. The US Congress passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which provides increased federal funding to the State of New Hampshire over the next five years. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for any additional details at 271-3344 or bwatson@dot.state.nh.us.

The 2016 session of the NH House and Senate will address legislation that deals with the heroin and opioid crisis, Medicaid expansion, and maintaining a good business climate. Again, be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs on to the county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Maggie Hassan, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-2121. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm.

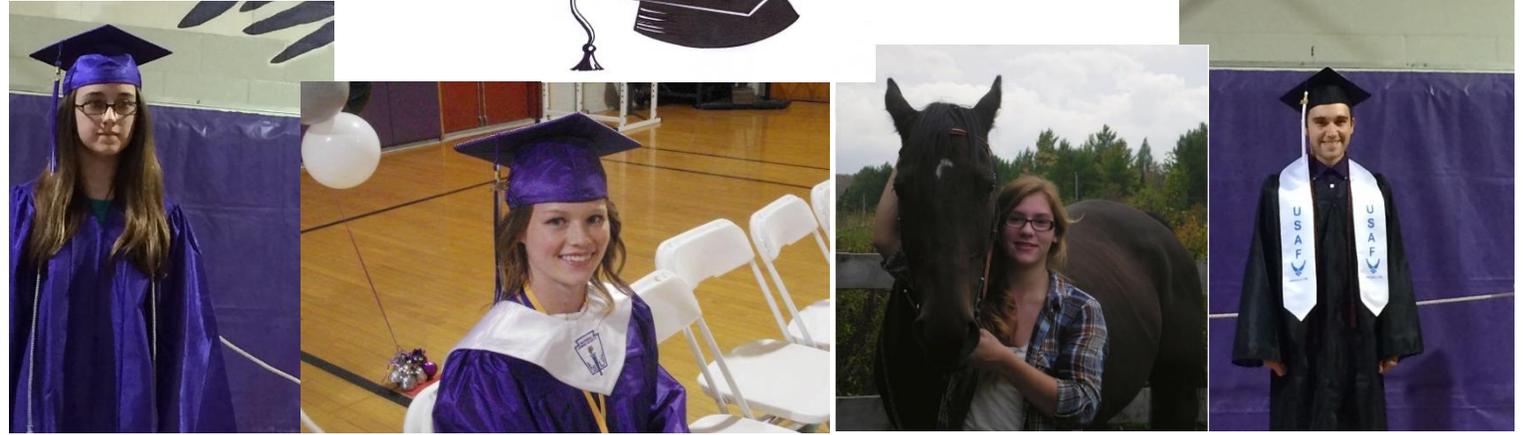
My office has available informational items: NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically send, via email, a list of my schedule for the week. Send me your email address if you'd like to added to the list at Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov.

Contact my office any time I can be of assistance to you.

Serving you,

Joe

STRATFORD SCHOOL MEMORIES 2015



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

OF THE TOWN OF

STRATFORD
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2015

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD, NH

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Chairperson

School Board
Nadine Lounsbury

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Patricia Brown, Business Administrator
Carrie Irving, Secretary
Diane Kenney, Payroll & Human Resource
Jaycie Whiting, Accounts Payable/Grants

Principal
Sandra Adams

Treasurer
Wendy McMann

Moderator

Clerk
Darlene Curley

Auditor
Plodzik & Sanderson
Concord, NH

**SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stratford, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Stratford Town Hall in said District on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the reception of your ballots under the non-partisan ballot system.

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

Given under our hands at Stratford this 8th day of February, 2016.

A True Copy of Warrant – Attest:

SCHOOL
BOARD


Michael Lynch, Chairperson


Nadine Lounsbury


Wayne Hall

**SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stratford qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Stratford Public School Gymnasium in said District on **Monday, March 7, 2016**, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned.

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

2. To set the salaries of school district officials:

School Board Chairman		\$450.00
School Board Members	2 @ \$400.00 each	\$800.00
Treasurer		\$850.00
Clerk		\$ 55.00
Moderator		\$ 55.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	3 @ \$25.00 each	\$ 75.00
Board Secretary	\$50.00/meeting	\$500.00

(Recommended by the School Board)

3. Shall the school district adopt a 1-year extension to the Northumberland and Stratford Tuition Agreement set forth in the Northumberland and Stratford Amended Tuition Agreement as proposed by the Northumberland and Stratford School Boards and on file with the district clerk? (Recommended by the School Board)

4. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,184,188.00 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 district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (This amount does not include any other warrant articles) (Recommended by the School board)

5. Shall the voters of the Stratford School District within School Administration Unit number 58 adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meetings? (Simple majority vote required) (Inserted by Petition)

6. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

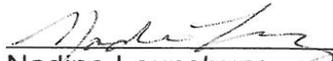
Given under our hands at Stratford this 8th day of February 2016.

We certify and attest that on or before February 21, 2016, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Stratford Town Hall bulletin board, and delivered the original to the Stratford Selectboard.

SCHOOL
BOARD



Michael Lynch, Chairperson



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STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT					
BALANCE SHEET					
JUNE 30, 2015					
ASSETS	GENERAL	FOOD SERVICE	ALL OTHER	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST FUNDS
Current Assets					
CASH	110,525.57				362,124.42
INVESTMENTS					
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE					
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE	21,738.26				
INTERGOVT RECEIVABLE					
OTHER RECEIVABLES	277.36	1,663.33	20,074.93		
BOND PROCEEDS RECEIVABLE					
PREPAID EXPENSES					
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS					
Total Current Assets	132,541.19	1,663.33	20,074.93	0.00	362,124.42
LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY					
Current Liabilities					
INTERFUND PAYABLES		1,663.33	20,074.93		
INTERGOVT PAYABLES					
OTHER PAYABLES					
CONTRACTS PAYABLE					
LOAN & INTEREST PAYABLE					
ACCRUED EXPENSES					
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS					
DEFERRED REVENUES					
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Total Liabilities	0.00	1,663.33	20,074.93	0.00	0.00
FUND EQUITY					
RESERVE FOR INVENTORIES					
RESERVE FOR PREPAID EXPENSES					
RESERVE FOR AMOUNTS VOTED					
RESERVE FOR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS	23,973.00				362,124.42
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	108,568.19				
Total Fund Equity	132,541.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	362,124.42
TOTAL LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY	132,541.19	1,663.33	20,074.93	0.00	362,124.42

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT							
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES							
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015							
Instruction	SALARIES	BENEFITS	PURCHASED	SUPPLIES	PROPERTY	OTHER	TOTAL
REGULAR PROGRAMS	350,712.22	146,402.09	428,106.93	14,204.67	8,911.13	175.00	948,512.04
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	52,720.00	19,759.83	62,627.47				135,107.30
VOCA TIONAL PROGRAMS							0.00
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	2,315.00	463.74		557.72	118.76	361.00	3,816.22
Support Services							0.00
STUDENT	16,858.06	1,620.51	60,823.59	134.73			79,436.89
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF	37,183.75	20,210.49	1,855.87	3,641.88	94.46	320.00	63,306.45
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	2,785.00	213.09	131,774.91			2,957.26	137,730.26
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	96,049.19	34,875.57	28,622.20	10,021.49		2,439.90	172,008.35
OPERATION/MAINTENANCE	51,334.15	26,549.75	81,535.14	74,083.06	12,246.03		245,748.13
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION			102,175.15				102,175.15
District Expenditures							
FACILITIES ACQUISITION & CONST.							0.00
Fund Transfers							0.00
TRANSFER TO TRUST FUNDS							0.00
TRANSFER TO FOOD SERVICE						14,477.82	14,477.82
CHARTER SCHOOLS						28,795.00	28,795.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	609,957.37	250,095.07	897,521.26	102,643.55	21,370.38	49,525.98	1,931,113.61

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT				
STATEMENT OF REVENUES				
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015				
DESCRIPTION	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>	<u>ALL OTHER</u>	<u>TRUST</u>
LOCAL REVENUE:				
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	856,219.00			
TUITION, LEA WITHIN NH				
TUITION, LEA OUTSIDE NH	47,250.31			
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	618.73			34.27
FOOD SERVICE SALES		8,774.77		
OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	26,672.40			
TOTAL LOCAL	930,760.44	8,774.77	0.00	34.27
STATE REVENUE:				
ADEQUACY AID (GRANT)	844,929.02			
ADEQUACY AID (STATE TAX)	102,711.00			
ADEQUACY AID (EDJOBS)				
OTHER STATE AID-ARRA				
SCHOOL BUILDING AID				
CHILD NUTRITION		553.80		
OTHER RESTRICTED STATE AID				
TOTAL STATE	947,640.02	553.80	0.00	0.00
FEDERAL REVENUE:				
TITLE I			97,155.19	
OTHER REST. FED. AID THRU STATE			34,148.53	
ADULT EDUCATION				
CHILD NUTRITION		28,702.86		
DISABILITIES PROGRAMS			32,383.31	
MEDICAID DISTRIBUTIONS	6,633.49			
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS				
FEDERAL FOREST LAND				
TOTAL FEDERAL	6,633.49	28,702.86	163,687.03	0.00
INTERFUND TRANSFER				
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND		14,477.82		
TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS				
FROM OTHER EXPENDABLE TRUSTS				
TOTAL REVENUE	1,885,033.95	52,509.25	163,687.03	34.27

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT			
ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION			
PROGRAMS & SERVICES			
	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>
EXPENDITURES: 1200, 1210, 2160, 2420, 2722	238,807.20	211,739.43	215,070.97
REVENUES:			
Individuals with Disabilities Act (94-142):	36,207.89	33,013.00	34,148.53
Medicaid Funds:	7,011.60	10,271.01	6,633.49
Adequacy Allocation:	20,509.00	24,446.92	27,890.94
TOTAL REVENUES:	63,728.49	67,730.93	68,672.96
NET SPECIAL EDUCATION COST:	175,078.71	144,008.50	146,398.01

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	
Vendor History	
Vendor	Purchases
149 - NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	645,364.26
181 - SAU #58	166,157.62
91 - HEALTH TRUST	164,565.21
16 - WW BERRY'S TRANSPORTATION INC	136,282.34
28 - C.N. BROWN COMPANY	90,317.52
220 - UNDERWOOD CATERING, INC.	87,322.87
224 - UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL	79,460.62
127 - NCES North Country Education Services, INC.	75,243.95
999210 - CENTIMARK CORPORATION	38,442.00
144 - NORTH COUNTRY CHARTER ACADEMY	35,404.60
168 - PRIMEX	34,059.00
191 - SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC.	31,018.35
169 - EVERSOURCE	22,033.60
215 - TREASURER, STATE OF NH	20,440.93
01050 - VERMONT RECREATIONAL SURFACING & FENCING, INC.	19,688.24
212 - TOWN OF STRATFORD SEWER RENTS	18,745.00
59 - EASTER SEALS OF NH	18,528.56
80 - GOVCONNECTION, INC.	18,294.55
01083 - LIONEL CLOUTIER	14,700.00
97 - HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT	12,095.62
217 - TRI STATE FIRE PROTECTION, LLC	10,971.74
9 - AMAZON.COM, INC.	10,267.48
163 - PLODZIK & SANDERSON, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION	10,131.00
78 - GOULET COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	9,819.40
01006 - SDB SPECIALTY NETWORKING, INC	7,856.01
119 - MICHAEL LYNCH	6,678.45
213 - TOWN OF STRATFORD WATER RENTS	6,493.77
57 - DUNSTAN PEDIATRIC SERVICES	6,364.80
105 - J K LYNCH DISPOSAL, INC.	6,144.00
01025 - APPLE	6,087.35
68 - FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS	5,466.62
164 - PORTER OFFICE MACHINES	3,853.70
116 - LINCOLN FINANCIAL	3,841.61

01023 - A+ ATHLETIC PRODUCTS, INC.	3,594.00
01022 - CAMERON SEALCOATING LLC	3,390.00
20 - CRAIG BOIRE	3,375.00
113 - LEGO EDUCATION	3,271.73
197 - STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT	3,265.00
01072 - RENAISSANCE LEARNING	3,192.70
37 - CLEAN-O-RAMA	3,065.65
137 - NH School Boards Association (NHSBA)	2,957.26
94 - HOBART CORPORATION	2,864.16
999277 - TREASURER, ST OF N.H.	2,790.00
132 - NEWS & SENTINEL	2,710.00
180 - SALMON PRESS	2,674.83
210 - THE HOME DEPOT	2,528.50
9991269 - UNITED STATES TREASURY	2,500.00
228 - W B MASON CO., INC.	2,310.06
108 - JORDAN ASSOCIATES	2,290.03
158 - PERRAS ACE, INC.	2,231.52
999354 - KAREN CONROY	2,132.17
42 - COMPUTER RESOURCES, LLC	2,109.87
01065 - MAKERBOT	1,977.35
69 - FIRST CARD	1,924.27
8 - AL'S PLUMBING AND HEATING	1,887.85
117 - LOWES	1,835.02
193 - SMITH & TOWN PRINTERS LLC	1,772.00
86 - JOSEPH HAKEY	1,726.60
01052 - CANDACE LAMOTHE	1,678.08
93 - HILLYARD	1,663.26
150 - NWEA	1,650.00
01056 - REDFEATHER SNOWSHOE	1,610.70
118 - LUFKIN SECURITY SYSTEMS	1,560.54
53 - DESTEK	1,514.24
186 - SCHOOL SPECIALTY	1,500.90
01047 - PAUL ROTH	1,354.77
30 - CENTRAL PAPER PRODUCTS CO	1,345.38
139 - NHASEA	1,340.00
1000 - BAKER & TAYLOR	1,318.81
56 - DISCOVERY EDUCATION-SILVER SPRING	1,300.00
183 - SCHOLASTIC INC.	1,220.00
174 - REALLY GOOD STUFF	1,187.81

01003 - MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL	1,070.00
01001 - DATA MEMORY SYSTEM, INC	1,038.74
77 - GOPHER	965.89
176 - RELIABLE CORP.	922.59
01063 - MY LEARNING PLAN, INC	900.00
18 - BLICK ART MATERIALS	888.84
35 - CLASSROOM DIRECT	883.92
24 - LISA BURBACH	882.73
204 - SWISH MAINTENANCE, LTD.	859.80
208 - TEACHER'S DISCOVERY	825.27
175 - REINHART FOOD SERVICE BURLINGTON DIV.	796.50
01073 - THE LEARNING INTERNET, INC.	785.00
9991005 - ROSEN PUBLISHING	774.50
9991165 - DAWN HALL	734.39
01012 - BRAINPOP	730.00
60 - EDLINE, LLC d/b/a BLACKBOARD ENGAGE	719.35
167 - PREMIER AGENDA INC	705.00
41 - COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES, LLC	698.07
01075 - POULIN SALES	679.00
219 - DAVID J TUTTLE	677.39
87 - MAREN HALLADAY	677.39
52 - DEMCO	666.22
114 - LIBERTY FLAG	657.15
201 - STRATFORD ACTIVITIES FUND	652.00
01042 - KENNETH GRIMES	603.86
01043 - MARY GRIMES	603.86
01044 - MARY JANE CUNNINGHAM	603.86
01046 - PAUL HOFFMAN	603.86
01048 - SANDRA HOFFMAN	603.86
01049 - SYLVIA GOODRUM	603.86
195 - STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICE	601.65
9992022 - COLIBRI SYSTEMS NORTH AMERICA	600.00
187 - SCHOOL SPECIALTY ABILITATIONS	593.81
01040 - BEVERLY KETTLE	583.00
01041 - GAYLE LECLAIR	583.00
190 - SETON	578.22
205 - TANNER HILL MILLING & CONSTRUCTION	567.40
82 - SARA K GRAY	543.32
140 - NHASP	515.00

58 - E-FOLLETT-TIDLEWAVE	508.14
01080 - JACOB COLBY	500.00
122 - MCINTIRE BUSINESS PRODUCT	499.52
171 - JOHN E. BROOKS	478.04
165 - PORTLAND GLASS	474.05
3 - SANDRA ADAMS	471.43
7 - AIREX FILTER CORP	442.40
01035 - RESOURCE MATE	416.25
01058 - BLUE SEAL FEEDS	401.55
01011 - GYNZY INC	396.00
129 - NCS PEARSON	396.00
01019 - CALLOWAY HOUSE, INC,	393.88
46 - CPI (CRISIS PREVENTION. COM)	373.45
9991452 - NSTA	370.00
9991992 - Standard Chair of Gardner, Inc.	370.00
01070 - ETA HAND2MIND	352.95
157 - PERMA-BOUND	352.44
142 - NHSAA	347.00
200 - STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE- CRIMINAL RECORDS	309.00
01004 - L & R INC	299.90
110 - LAKESHORE LEARNING	277.46
161 - PINE TREE CALIBRATIONS	270.00
01068 - WHITE MOUNTAIN SCIENCE, INC.	269.77
01071 - ELLEN D TORREY	269.10
145 - NORTH COUNTRY TITLE I CONFERENCE	250.00
01017 - EVAN-MOORE	245.19
01034 - CARRIE GLOVER	236.49
01037 - THE LIBRARY STORE	236.28
12 - ASCD	234.00
01021 - PLAYSRIPTS, INC	223.38
01074 - SHIFFLER EQUIPMENT SALES INC.	222.33
01061 - SOFTWARE DEPOT ONLINE	219.90
01082 - PLANBOOKEDU LLC	208.00
01066 - FREY SCIENTIFIC	201.97
01014 - GROVETON AMBULANCE	200.00
01062 - MICHAEL A. BENNETT	200.00
123 - MSB	200.00
214 - TREASURER, STATE OF N.H.	200.00
999171 - POSITIVE PROMOTIONS	199.85

01053 - DIGITAL WISH	195.00
01010 - GLOGSTER EC, INC	193.50
170 - QUILL CORPORATION	190.56
22 - JAY C. BOYNTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW	180.00
01030 - CRICKET MEDIA	175.60
01020 - NORCASTCO	158.44
138 - NH STATE LIBRARY	150.00
9991527 - NHSTA	145.00
01081 - JAMIE FRIZZELL	127.35
141 - NHEE	120.00
240 - ZIZZA LOCK & SAFE	118.00
111 - LAPERLE'S IGA	116.92
225 - UPSTART	104.70
136 - NH RETIREMENT SYSTEM	101.23
71 - FOLLETT PUBLISHING CO	99.29
01054 - MOBYMAX.COM	99.00
01076 - DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY	95.00
19 - BMI EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	91.17
01031 - UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF NH/KSC	82.00
01038 - SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL	79.99
01045 - PATRICIA DUGAN-HENRIKSON	73.75
9991457 - HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT/ HM RECEIVABLES	72.40
01008 - STARFALL EDUCATION	70.00
01005 - ACORN NATURALISTS	68.90
01013 - STORYBIRD, INC	68.00
26 - LORI BURT	66.60
01028 - ARIC MOODY	63.62
115 - LIBRARY SPARKS	59.95
229 - WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER	59.50
01069 - EMC PUBLISHING LLC	51.90
61 - EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE	50.00
01055 - OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & WELLNESS MANAGEMENT, LLC	50.00
88 - TINA M HAMELIN	49.62
01057 - SOULE, LESLIE, KIDDER, SAYWARD & LOUGHMAN P.L.L.C	43.00
01018 - CARSON-DELLOSA PUBLISHING CO, INC.	42.17
01039 - AED SUPERSTORE	38.94
207 - TEACHER DIRECT	38.26
01059 - AMERICAN GIRL	37.00
01007 - EAI EDUCATION	36.95

15 - SANDRA BERGQUIST	35.98
178 - ROCKINGHAM ELECTRIC	32.90
83 - SUZANNE D GRAY	29.87
01033 - NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS	27.95
216 - Trend	27.93
01026 - LEMIEUX GARAGE	27.00
209 - TEACHING STRATEGIES, LLC	25.90
9991088 - BURNS TRUCK STOP	24.99
151 - JANICE OAKES	24.44
99 - STEVE HOYT	18.59
01067 - CARRIE IRVING	14.38
01060 - PAULINE JOHNSEY	12.00
	1,951,220.09

	STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT			
	EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND SUMMARY			
	For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015			
	Special Education	School Maintenance	H.S. Tuition	Total
Beg. Balance 7/01/14	\$ 135,997.46	\$ 176,073.61	\$ 50,019.08	\$ 362,090.15
Deposits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Earned	\$ 11.66	\$ 18.66	\$ 3.95	\$ 34.27
Withdrawals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ending Balance 6/30/15	\$ 136,009.12	\$ 176,092.27	\$ 50,023.03	\$ 362,124.42

**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPARATIVE BUDGET
SUMMARY**

	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017		
	ACTUAL	APPROVED	PROPOSED		
GENERAL FUND	SPENT	BUDGET	BUDGET	DIFF. +/-	
SALARIES	\$609,957	620,662	686,191	65,529	A
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$112,282	120,655	155,815	35,161	B
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$3,367	3,425	3,175	-250	
LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$2,645	2,822	2,885	63	
FICA	\$47,097	45,141	51,041	5,900	C
NH RETIREMENT-EMPLOYEE	\$6,259	6,691	6,891	200	
NH RETIREMENT-TEACHER	\$62,070	68,157	71,181	3,024	D
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	3,400	5,000	1,600	E
HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	1,750	2,750	1,000	F
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$10,525	9,028	9,588	560	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$0	3,676	4,143	467	
UNUSED SICK TIME	\$5,850	0	350	350	
SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$117,762	115,822	113,702	-2,120	G
INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT	\$2,446	3,550	3,151	-399	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-SPED	\$99,421	85,298	68,408	-16,891	H
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$33,108	73,108	18,240	-54,868	I
LEGAL	\$223	2,500	2,000	-500	
AUDIT	\$7,800	7,750	7,985	235	
WATER/SEWER	\$17,219	19,000	18,000	-1,000	J
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$3,750	5,000	4,000	-1,000	K
PLOWING	\$5,500	5,500	5,500	0	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$48,359	20,750	32,262	11,512	L
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE COMPUTERS	\$1,000	1,200	1,000	-200	
COPIER RENTAL	\$2,581	3,500	3,500	0	
SPORTS TRIPS	\$0	1,000	1,000	0	
FIELD TRIPS	\$4,020	5,000	5,000	0	
SPED TRANSPORTATION	\$2,680	5,000	6,000	1,000	M
TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT	\$95,476	97,516	98,978	1,462	N
INSURANCE	\$5,699	6,000	6,200	200	
TELEPHONES	\$1,514	3,000	2,000	-1,000	O
POSTAGE/PETTY CASH	\$200	650	400	-250	
ADVERTISING	\$5,066	6,000	6,000	0	
PRINTING & BINDING	\$925	1,801	1,801	0	
TUITION-SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$46,719	0	0	0	
OTHER TUITION	\$423,689	495,790	394,644	-101,146	P
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,162	2,550	2,575	25	
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$18,415	26,621	28,271	1,650	Q
ELECTRICITY	\$14,015	16,000	15,500	-500	
BOTTLED GAS	\$1,181	1,000	1,500	500	
HEATING OIL	\$52,293	49,725	55,132	5,407	R
FOOD	\$241	500	350	-150	
TEXTBOOKS/WORKBOOKS	\$6,695	7,105	6,527	-578	
SOFTWARE	\$9,804	9,904	15,320	5,416	S
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$22,642	1	1	0	
NEW FURNITURE & FIXTURES	\$0	0	0	0	
NEW COMPUTERS	\$3,596	4,200	0	-4,200	T
REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$1,163	2,001	2,001	0	
REPLACE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$4,821	5,000	6,200	1,200	U
EQUIPMENT	\$11,790	2,925	6,350	3,425	V
DUES & FEES	\$6,253	9,436	8,681	-755	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,939,278	1,987,110	1,947,188	-39,922	-2.01%

FOOD SERVICE					
OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL	\$49,167	62,288	66,315	4,027	W
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$3,342	1,000	1,000	0	
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	\$0	712	685	-27	
DUES/FEES	\$0	0	0	0	
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	\$52,509	64,000	68,000	4,000	
TOTAL GENERAL & FOOD FUNDS	1,991,787	2,051,110	2,015,188	-35,922	
SPECIAL FEDERAL FUNDS - Grants	\$163,687	169,000	169,000	0	
FOOD FUND TRANSFER	\$14,478				
TOTAL GENERAL, FOOD & FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,169,952	2,220,110	2,184,188	-35,922	-1.62%
SEPARATE WARRANT ARTICLES					
TEACHERS CONTRACT	\$0	0	0	0	
TUITION TRUST FUND	\$0	0	0	0	X
SPECIAL ED TRUST FUND	\$0	0	0	0	X
MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND	\$0	0	0	0	X
SUBTOTAL	\$0	0	0	-35,922	
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,169,952	2,220,110	2,184,188	-35,922	-1.62%

MAJOR VARIANCES

- A. Teacher's negotiated raises and support staff raises and Summer School. All nursing services are salaries now, not hired out.
- B. Health insurance based on NTE 12.1% rate increases. Employee health plan changes.
- C. FICA increases with salary increases 7.65%.
- D. NH Retirement is 15.67% for teachers, fixed unit June 30, 2017.
- E. Based on Teacher's contractual agreement.
- F. Based on history of health reimbursements.
- G. SAU Budget 2016/2017, percentage decreased (50% ADM/50% Valuation) in SAU calculations.
- H. Special Education professional services based on estimated days and NCES rates, all budget, no IDEA.
- I. One less paraprofessional hired at GHS and all nursing moved to salaries (Stratford Employee Now).
- J. Based on usage and costs.
- K. Based on usage and costs.
- L. Increase in project expenses and requests for maintenance (Circulator Pumps and Paving Parking lot).
- M. Slight increase in special education transportation.
- N. Increase to annual contract (2 buses).
- O. Based on E-Rate funding/revenue, based on past expenses.
- P. Decrease in ADM for GHS (8-11). 26 students budgeted, 10 less than last year.
- Q. Slight increase in general supplies.
- R. 3-Year average for usage @ \$3.50 a gallon. Last year's usage was higher than average, but with higher budget per gallon, it covered the winter.
- S. All per pupil software was moved from the SAU budget to individual districts to keep costs fair.
- T. No new (additional) computers requested.
- U. Replacement of old computers.
- V. Maintenance equipment requested.
- W. Increase based on estimated expenditures and estimated district subsidy.
- X. Maintenance TF \$176k, Special Education TF \$136k, Tuition TF \$50k

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT			
COMPARATIVE BUDGETS			
	2014/2015	2016/2017	
	APPROVED	PROPOSED	DIFF +/-
Description	BUDGET	BUDGET	
REGULAR INSTRUCTION			
SALARIES	\$ 342,075.00	\$ 345,165.00	\$ 3,090.00
SALARIES-SUBSTITUTES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 74,083.92	\$ 102,000.00	\$ 27,916.08
HEALTH INSURANCE BUYOUT	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ -
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 2,568.60	\$ 2,292.88	\$ (275.72)
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ 2,028.60	\$ 2,072.70	\$ 44.10
FICA	\$ 26,589.51	\$ 26,825.91	\$ 236.40
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT	\$ 49,348.77	\$ 49,724.87	\$ 376.10
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,600.00
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 5,040.72	\$ 5,058.55	\$ 17.83
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 2,023.51	\$ 1,924.16	\$ (99.35)
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 14,277.69	\$ 14,425.94	\$ 148.25
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (100.00)
EQUIPMENT	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
TUITION	\$ 484,272.00	\$ 336,726.00	\$ (147,546.00)
RENTAL COPIER	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
PRINTING & BINDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TRAVEL POOL	\$ 700.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (100.00)
SUPPLIES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
FOOD OPEN HOUSE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
FOOD	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (150.00)
TEXTBOOKS	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
DUES & FEES	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ (200.00)
SOFTWARE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
GRADE 1 SUPPLIES	\$ 750.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 150.00
GRADE 1 TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	\$ 150.00	\$ 70.00	\$ (80.00)
GRADE 2 SUPPLIES	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
GRADE 2-TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
GRADE 3 SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
GRADE 3 TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
GRADE 4 SUPPLIES	\$ 350.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (150.00)
GRADE 4 TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
GRADE 4 SOFTWARE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
KINDERGARTEN EQUIPMENT	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
KINDERGARTEN/BOOKS	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES-ART	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
ENGLISH-PRINTING	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
ENGLISH-SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
ENGLISH-TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (100.00)
ENGLISH-DUES & FEES	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
PHYSICAL EDUCATION-SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 50.00
MATH-SUPPLIES	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
MATH-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
MUSIC-REPAIRS	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
MUSIC-SUPPLIES	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00

MUSIC-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 50.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 30.00
MUSIC-SOFTWARE	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
MUSIC-REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
MUSIC-EQUIPMENT	\$ 400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (300.00)
MUSIC-DUES & FEES	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
SCIENCE-SUPPLIES	\$ 850.00	\$ 349.00	\$ (501.00)
SCIENCE-EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SCIENCE-TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 200.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (199.00)
SCIENCE-DUES & FEES	\$ 110.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 40.00
SCIENCE-SOFTWARE	\$ 40.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 160.00
SOCIAL STUDIES-SUPPLIES	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
SOCIAL STUDIES-TEXTBOOKS	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
SOCIAL STUDIES-SOFTWARE	\$ 2,244.00	\$ 750.00	\$ (1,494.00)
COMPUTER ED.-REPAIRS/MAINT	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ (200.00)
COMPUTER ED.-SUPPLIES	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -
COMPUTER ED.-SOFTWARE	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
COMPUTER ED.-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 30.00
COMPUTER ED.-NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COMPUTER ED.-REPLACE EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
READING SPECIALIST-DUES & FEES	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1,058,205.32	\$ 952,649.01	\$ (105,556.31)
ALTERNATE EDUCATION			
TUITION-PRIVATE SOURCE	\$ 11,518.00	\$ 11,918.00	\$ 400.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,518.00	\$ 11,918.00	\$ 400.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION			
SALARIES	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 40,750.00	\$ 1,250.00
SALARY-PARAPROFESSIONALS	\$ 16,672.50	\$ 17,005.95	\$ 333.45
SALARY-SUMMER PROGRAM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HEALTH BUY OUT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 7,123.44	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 376.56
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 342.48	\$ 352.75	\$ 10.27
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ 252.00	\$ 252.00	\$ -
FICA	\$ 4,297.20	\$ 4,418.34	\$ 121.14
TEACHER'S RETIREMENT	\$ 6,189.65	\$ 6,385.53	\$ 195.88
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 1,050.71	\$ 1,050.00	\$ (0.71)
WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE	\$ 302.63	\$ 317.66	\$ 15.03
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$ 400.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (399.00)
OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL	\$ 48,317.56	\$ 16,717.23	\$ (31,600.33)
TUITION/PRIVATE	\$ -	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00
EXPENSE/TRAVEL	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (299.00)
SOFTWARE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TEXTBOOKS	\$ 400.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (399.00)
TOTAL	\$ 125,598.17	\$ 141,202.46	\$ 15,604.29
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION			
TUITION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

C0-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS			
SALARIES	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 7,027.00	\$ 5,007.00
FICA	\$ 155.00	\$ 538.17	\$ 383.17
RETIREMENT	\$ 317.00	\$ 845.30	\$ 528.30
DRAMA EQUIPMENT	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
DRAMA SUPPLIES	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
DRAMA TEXTBOOKS	\$ 730.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (30.00)
DRAMA-DUES/FEES	\$ 195.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (95.00)
COOP DUES & FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 3,617.00	\$ 9,410.47	\$ 5,793.47
GUIDANCE			
SALARY	\$ 19,770.00	\$ 26,280.00	\$ 6,510.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FICA	\$ 1,512.41	\$ 2,010.42	\$ 498.01
TEACHER'S RETIREMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 314.85	\$ 315.00	\$ 0.15
WORKER'S COMP	\$ 108.74	\$ 144.54	\$ 35.80
INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE/TRAVEL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00	\$ -
TEXTBOOKS	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -
DUES & FEES	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 22,576.00	\$ 29,619.96	\$ 7,043.96
HEALTH			
SALARY	\$ -	\$ 45,382.35	\$ 45,382.35
SUBSTITUTE	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
FICA	\$ -	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 3,510.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ -	\$ 543.75	\$ 543.75
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$ -	\$ 252.35	\$ 252.35
OTHER PROF-TECHNICAL	\$ 48,503.00	\$ -	\$ (48,503.00)
SUPPLIES	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 48,753.00	\$ 50,438.45	\$ 1,685.45
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY			
OT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 8,655.00	\$ 18,175.50	\$ 9,520.50
SUPPLIES	\$ 151.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (150.00)
TRAVEL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 8,806.00	\$ 18,176.50	\$ 9,370.50
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION			
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
BOOKS	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
TRAVEL	\$ 600.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 125.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 125.00

EDUCATIONAL MEDIA			
SALARY	\$ 16,175.00	\$ 18,325.00	\$ 2,150.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 7,123.44	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 3,376.56
LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 113.40	\$ 119.70	\$ 6.30
FICA	\$ 1,237.39	\$ 1,401.86	\$ 164.47
TEACHER RETIREMENT	\$ 2,534.62	\$ 2,871.53	\$ 336.91
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 262.49	\$ 262.50	\$ 0.01
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 88.96	\$ 100.79	\$ 11.83
SEMINARS & CONFERENCES	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
DENTAL	\$ 171.24	\$ 176.38	\$ 5.14
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00
PRINTING/BINDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 700.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 150.00
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ (400.00)
FURNITURE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DUES & FEES	\$ 325.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (75.00)
REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 32,456.54	\$ 38,232.76	\$ 5,776.22
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES			
REPAIRS & MAINT	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 4,200.00	\$ -	\$ (4,200.00)
REPLACE EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$ 10,327.36	\$ 8,777.60	\$ (1,549.76)
TOTAL	\$ 20,527.36	\$ 9,777.60	\$ (10,749.76)
SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES			
SALARIES	\$ 3,135.00	\$ 3,135.00	\$ -
FICA	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ -
OTHER PROFESSIONAL/SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER PROF AUDIT	\$ 7,750.00	\$ 7,985.00	\$ 235.00
OTHER PROF LEGAL	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (500.00)
ADVERTISING	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
PRINTING & BINDING	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
SOFTWARE	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
DUES/FEES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 23,625.00	\$ 24,610.00	\$ 985.00
SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES			
SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$ 115,821.95	\$ 113,702.03	\$ (2,119.92)
TOTAL	\$ 115,821.95	\$ 113,702.03	\$ (2,119.92)

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION			
SALARIES	\$ 71,027.76	\$ 72,447.81	\$ 1,420.05
SALARY - PRINCIPAL SECRETARY	\$ 28,080.00	\$ 29,221.92	\$ 1,141.92
SALARY - SUBSTITUTE	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
UNUSED SICK TIME	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 13,754.88	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,245.12
INSURANCE BUYOUT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DENTAL	\$ 342.48	\$ 352.75	\$ 10.27
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ 428.40	\$ 441.00	\$ 12.60
FICA	\$ 7,604.66	\$ 7,800.69	\$ 196.03
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	\$ 3,136.54	\$ 3,264.09	\$ 127.55
TEACHER RETIREMENT	\$ 11,129.97	\$ 11,352.57	\$ 222.60
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 1,062.50	\$ 1,061.25	\$ (1.25)
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 546.74	\$ 560.83	\$ 14.09
POSTAGE/PETTY CASH	\$ 650.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (250.00)
PRINTING/BINDING	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
EXPENSE/TRAVEL	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
ADMIN SOFTWARE	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 4,000.00
ADMIN EQUIPMENT	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
DUES/FEES	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (500.00)
TOTAL	\$ 148,063.93	\$ 155,702.91	\$ 7,638.98
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION			
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SPED ADM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 28,325.73	\$ 28,551.78	\$ 226.05
TRAVEL	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
SOFTWARE	\$ 120.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 20.00
DUES & FEES	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 30,425.73	\$ 30,671.78	\$ 246.05
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT			
SALARIES	\$ 48,568.00	\$ 49,550.80	\$ 982.80
SALARIES - SUMMER	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ -
SALARY - SUBSTITUTE	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 18,569.04	\$ 20,815.22	\$ 2,246.18
FICA	\$ 4,220.36	\$ 4,295.53	\$ 75.17
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	\$ 3,554.74	\$ 3,626.76	\$ 72.02
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 1,297.04	\$ 1,297.50	\$ 0.46
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 764.82	\$ 842.26	\$ 77.44
WATER/SEWER	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
PLOWING	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 31,512.00	\$ 11,512.00
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 200.00
TELEPHONES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
SUPPLIES	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -
ELECTRICITY	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ (500.00)
BOTTLED GAS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
HEATING OIL	\$ 49,725.00	\$ 55,132.00	\$ 5,407.00
REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 3,800.00
TOTAL	\$ 225,299.00	\$ 246,672.07	\$ 21,373.07

TRANSPORTATION			
TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT	\$ 97,516.00	\$ 98,978.00	\$ 1,462.00
SPECIAL ED. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TRANSPORTATION SPORTS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
TRANSPORTATION FIELD TRIPS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
ALT ED TRANSPORTATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 108,516.00	\$ 110,978.00	\$ 2,462.00
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES			
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET EXPENSE	\$ 1,976,011.00	\$ 1,947,188.00	\$ (28,823.00)
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM			
OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL	\$ 62,288.00	\$ 66,315.00	\$ 4,027.00
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES/CAFETERIA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT-CAFETERIA	\$ 712.00	\$ 685.00	\$ (27.00)
DUES/FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL AND FOOD FUNDS	\$ 2,040,011.00	\$ 2,015,188.00	\$ (24,823.00)
FEDERAL FUNDS			
TITLE I	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ -
TITLE II	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
IDEA	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ -
OTHER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FED FUNDS	\$ 169,000.00	\$ 169,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL INCLUDING FEDERAL FUNDS	\$ 2,209,011.00	\$ 2,184,188.00	\$ (24,823.00)
WARRANT ARTICLES			
NEGOTIATIONS - TEACHERS	\$ 11,099.00	\$ -	\$ (11,099.00)
ARTICLES - TUITION TRUST FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARTICLES - SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARTICLES - MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL WARRANTS	\$ 11,099.00	\$ -	\$ (11,099.00)
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,220,110.00	\$ 2,184,188.00	\$ (35,922.00)

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT				
ESTIMATED REVENUES/ASSESSMENT				
		(MS-24)		
		CURRENT		ESTIMATED
		<u>2015/2016</u>		<u>2016/2017</u>
<u>LOCAL REVENUES</u>				
Earnings on Investments		500		500
School Food Service Sales		8,000		8,000
Tuition		50,000		45,000
Other Local Revenue-VT Bus & Health		26,000		20,000
<u>STATE REVENUES</u>				
Child Nutrition		500		500
<u>FEDERAL REVENUES</u>				
Child Nutrition		28,000		28,000
Medicaid		6,000		6,000
Disabilities IDEA		0		0.00
Other Federal Sources		3,833		3,000
LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL REV.		122,833		111,000
FEDERAL PROGRAM GRANTS		169,000		169,000
FUND BALANCE				
To Be Placed in Trust Fund		0		0.00
Unreserved to Reduce Taxes		108,568		0.00
TOTAL REVENUE BEFORE GRANT		400,401		280,000
ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT		840,565		748,596
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT				
State Education Tax		95,336		95,336
Local Education Tax		883,808		1,060,256
TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENT		979,144		1,155,592
APPROPRIATION VOTED		2,220,110		2,184,188

Stratford Tax Rate				
	<u>School Portion Only</u>			
ESTIMATE ONLY...				
	As Presented in			
	March 2015	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	
	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	Diff. +/-
Expenses:				
Appropriations Voted:				
General Fund	1,976,011	1,987,110	1,947,188	\$ (39,921.53)
Lunch Program	64,000	64,000	68,000	\$ 4,000.00
Federal Program Grants	169,000	169,000	169,000	\$ -
Negotiations - Teacher's	11,099	0	0	\$ -
Tuition Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Special Education Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Maintenance Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Total Appropriations	2,220,110	2,220,110	2,184,188	\$ (35,921.53)
Revenues:				
Money left from last year's Budget	0	108,568	0	\$ (108,568.00)
Tuition Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Special Education Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Maintenance Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
General Revenues	158,000	122,833	111,000	\$ (11,833.00)
Federal Revenues	169,000	169,000	169,000	\$ -
Total Revenues	327,000	400,401	280,000	\$ (120,401.00)
Amount before grant	1,893,110	1,819,709	1,904,188	\$ 84,479.47
State Education Grant	842,855	840,565	748,596	\$ (91,968.53)
Amount to be raised by taxes	1,050,255	979,144	1,155,592	\$ 176,448.00
State School Property Tax (raised locally)	102,711	95,336	95,336	\$ -
Local School Property Tax:	947,544	883,808	1,060,256	\$ 176,448.00
School Property Tax	13.35	12.26	14.71	2.45
Negotiations - Teacher's	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuition Trust Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Education Trust Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance Trust Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State School Property Tax Rate :	2.51	2.34	2.34	0.00
Total State & Local School Tax Rate:	16.02	14.60	17.05	2.45
*Based upon \$72,085,512 net assessed valuation and \$40,755,612 net assessment-no utilities				
School Tax Rates				
	200,000.00	100,000.00	75,000.00	50,000.00
Current 14/15	2,919.95	1,459.98	1,094.98	729.99
14.60				
Proposed 15/16	3,409.50	1,704.75	1,278.56	852.38
17.05				
Estimated Increase	\$ 489.55	\$ 244.78	\$ 183.58	\$ 122.39

SAU #58
COMPARATIVE BUDGET
SUMMARY

	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017		
	ACTUAL	APPROVED	PROPOSED		
GENERAL FUND	SPENT	BUDGET	BUDGET	DIFF. +/-	
SALARIES	\$320,497	328,190	331,106	2,916	A
HEALTH COMPENSATION	\$22,500	12,000	22,500	10,500	B
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$25,178	25,806	27,500	1,694	C
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$2,055	2,158	2,120	-38	
LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$1,689	1,739	1,739	0	
FSA ADMIN FEES	\$169	225	225	0	
FICA	\$25,804	26,026	27,052	1,026	D
NH RETIREMENT-EMPLOYEE	\$34,282	35,243	36,733	1,490	E
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,446	9,946	12,232	2,286	F
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	0	0	0	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$1,870	2,428	2,734	305	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$0	1,268	1,321	53	
SALARY POOL	\$0	8,830	0	-8,830	G
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$4,237	4,000	4,000	0	
AUDIT/LEGAL SERVICES	\$8,680	9,588	9,942	354	
STAFF TRAINING	\$1,700	1,700	1,700	0	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$19,483	24,260	24,760	500	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$914	850	1,000	150	
RENT	\$10,000	10,000	10,000	0	
COPIER RENTAL	\$1,038	1,500	1,500	0	
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$1,157	1,215	1,276	61	
TELEPHONES	\$1,238	1,000	1,500	500	
INTERNET SERVICES	\$49,820	46,320	55,180	8,860	H
BANK FEES	\$300	300	300	0	
POSTAGE	\$761	3,000	2,000	-1,000	I
ADVERTISING	\$2,212	2,000	2,500	500	
SOFTWARE	\$20,290	32,200	11,500	-20,700	J
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$8,404	8,500	8,500	0	
SUPPLIES	\$4,919	5,750	5,700	-50	
ELECTRICITY	\$1,286	1,518	2,118	600	
FUEL OIL	\$2,270	2,450	2,450	0	
EQUIPMENT	\$3,875	25,300	2,500	-22,800	K
DUES & FEES	\$7,107	7,400	7,700	300	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$586,180	642,710	621,387	-21,323	-3.32%
GRAND TOTAL	\$586,180	\$642,710	\$621,387	-21,323	-3.3%

MAJOR VARIANCES

- A. 2% Increases for salaries.
- B. Moved accurate buyout figure from salary line to health buyout line.
- C. Health insurance increase based on NTE 12.1%.
- D. FICA based on salary increases.
- E. NHRS rate of 11.17%.
- F. Tuition costs based on board approval.
- G. Nothing placed in salary pool this budget.
- H. Moved internet services/fees to Fairpoint w/more strength.
- I. Decrease in mailings and costs.
- J. Software moved back to schools, if based on ADM. More accurate and fair for expenses.
- K. Switches are now updated, no E-Rate projects projected for SAU.

**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
2015-2016**

I am honored to submit my eighth and final annual report to the community of Stratford. The SAU #58 School Board, comprised of Northumberland, Stark, and Stratford, established goals for the 2015-16 school year in September. Our overall emphasis is to ensure that all systemic decisions positively impact student achievement, and the goals listed below attempt to do that. These goal areas were developed by administration, staff, and board members working together and they provide the focus and direction for the use of our limited fiscal and human resources.

SAU #58 Goals:

1. To Improve Student Achievement

- a. All students will meet or exceed their individual growth targets as measured by the use of the STAR360 Assessment
- b. All principals and teachers will conduct monthly data team meetings to gather and analyze a minimum of three (3) points of student achievement data to effectively implement Response to Intervention
- c. All teachers will make appropriate use of differentiation, including adjusting content, process, product and learning environment as determined by assessment data and student need
- d. Develop one school-wide and one individual content based Student Learning Objective as measured by completed SLO template

2. To Improve Student Engagement

- a. All teachers will provide engaging classroom instruction as measured by school climate surveys, student behavior data, attendance data, student grades, and classroom walk-throughs.
- b. Continue to fully implement positive behavioral management systems in each building as measured by pre and post school climate surveys, student behavior data, and classroom walkthroughs
- c. Increase parent outreach through weekly teacher and administrator communication to parents

3. To Continue Implementation of College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS) through the Rigorous Curriculum Design Process

- a. Complete Authentic Performance Tasks for all ELA and Math Curricular Units
- b. Continue to implement ELA and Math Curricular Units in Grades K-12 as measured through analysis of unit Common Formative Assessments
- c. Complete the Science and Social Studies Units in Grades K-12 with the Common Formative Assessments and Authentic Performance Tasks
- d. Complete the integration of Literacy Standards from CCRS into Technical Subject Areas
- e. Use Early Release Days to review progress and examine student work
- f. Apply and explore the participation in the Performance Assessment for Competency Education (PACE) initiative.

4. To Provide Students with Opportunities to Apply Technology Effectively to Gain Knowledge, Develop Skills, and Create and Disseminate Artifacts That Reflect Their Understandings

- a. Teachers will identify and provide opportunities for students to create artifacts aligned with the ICT Standards.
- b. Students will create and maintain an electronic portfolio to demonstrate knowledge and skills from core content classes

- c. Administrators will provide technological and pedagogical support to ensure that all stakeholders can effectively access and use technology tools as measured by Help Desk Tickets, teachers surveys, and professional development opportunities

5. To Pass Fiscally & Educationally Responsible Budgets

- a. Continue to build fiscally responsible budgets that meet the educational needs of students and community
- b. Continue to increase public awareness of budget process
- c. Develop long-range strategic plan to help insure collaboration and sustainability SAU wide.

These have been ambitious goals and ones that the administration and staff have been working on throughout the school year, and will continue to work on. As always, the ultimate goal is to provide the best education possible for our students. We have worked very hard to focus our goals on improving student achievement through aligning curriculum, analyzing assessment data, and improving instructional practices within the classroom.

Our students completed the first year of the new Smarter Balanced Assessment, the new annual statewide assessment of student learning. In addition, to decrease the amount of time spent by students and staff on testing, we moved from the NWEA Measure of Academic Progress to the STAR360 assessment, which is a much quicker format and provides greater information for teachers to use in differentiating their instruction. I am very proud of the outstanding work done by the staff and administration to meet the 21st century challenges posed by globalization, the ESEA waiver, and the new *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*.

One of the most daunting challenges for the administrative team, central office staff, and the SAU Board has been the implementation of the superintendent transition process. As you may know, I accepted a position in the southern part of the state and submitted my resignation as the full-time superintendent effective July 1, 2015. As part of an overall transition plan approved by the SAU Board last spring, I agreed to stay on as the part-time interim superintendent for the 2015-2016 school year with the assistance of a Superintendent-Designee to oversee the daily operations of the central office and SAU in my absence, and an Assistant Superintendent to oversee curriculum, instruction, assessment, teacher licensure and professional development. Mike Kelley, principal of Groveton High School, was appointed Superintendent-Designee, and Karen Conroy, Director of Technology for the SAU, was appointed Assistant Superintendent. Both of these people have accepted the additional duties *on top* of all of their current responsibilities. They have each been paid a small stipend to acknowledge their efforts, resulting in a substantial savings to the SAU budget in salary and benefits.

We have completed our proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year, which is included in this town report. The administrators and central office staff spent hours scouring the budget for areas in which we could contain spending increases. If you review the areas in which the administration and teachers have direct control – supplies, equipment, books, and furniture – all those categories were decreased significantly or held relatively level. The administration, staff and school board have worked collaboratively to contain the ever-rising costs of health insurance, typically one of the largest growth areas of the operating budget.

The Board and administration feel that we need to continue to hold the line on spending but also to understand that certain costs rise every year and that we need to respond to the instructional and programmatic needs of the schools and our students if we are to continue to provide them with the educational experience they deserve and need in order to be successful.

It remains the desire of the administration and the Board to minimize the impact on student achievement, which is our primary mission as a school district. We believe that this budget, while too much for some and not enough for others, is a fiscally and educationally responsible budget that will continue to positively impact classroom instruction

and improve overall student achievement while acknowledging the present difficult economic situation of the community.

We know this is a difficult time for everyone. We are still facing a very sluggish local, state and national economy. There is much to cause us concern, but there is also much to be proud of and to hold on to. Our schools, which have been recognized nationally as some of the best in the nation, are practically the only asset we have left in our community. We need to hold on to the outstanding academic and co-curricular programs that have been so successful and that have prepared our children to go into the world either to further their education or join the work force or armed services.

We do need to face the economic and demographic realities of our region in the coming years, however. Our student enrollment has declined significantly since the paper mill closed in Northumberland and the Great Recession that began in 2008. As a result of declining enrollment, and other decisions made by the NH Legislature regarding Adequacy Aid, our districts are seeing a significant loss of state aid this year, which will continue for the foreseeable future. Given the challenges we face collectively, it is more important than ever that we continue to work together as an SAU to look to the future and to plan proactively so that we may meet the challenges of a 21st education for our students in the most economically responsible manner possible.

I would like to welcome Ms. Michelle Mason to our district as the new Director of Special Education & Student Services. Ms. Mason replaced Mrs. Lisa Burbach, who resigned to explore other opportunities. Mrs. Burbach was an exemplary administrator for our three districts and the SAU, and brought a wealth of experience to her role – she will be missed. Fortunately, we were able to hire an outstanding replacement. Ms. Mason was previously a Middle School Special Educator at Groveton High School and brings with her knowledge of special education law, curriculum and instruction at all grade levels that has been of great benefit to our schools and the SAU.

Finally, I would like to applaud the staff and students for their successes and accomplishments this past year. I want to thank Principal Sandi Adams and Michelle Mason, Director of Special Education, for their hard work and service. They have done a tremendous job under sometimes difficult conditions.

I would also like to thank both Karen Conroy, currently serving as the Assistant Superintendent, and Mike Kelley, currently serving as the Superintendent-Designee, for stepping up to take on additional responsibilities as part of the superintendent transition process. Mrs. Conroy has not only continued fulfilling her full-time responsibilities as the Director of Technology but has also taken on additional duties for the entire SAU in overseeing the Title II-A Professional Development Grants, curriculum review and oversight, professional development and teacher licensure, and overseeing the new statewide and district assessments. Mr. Kelley has continued his full-time responsibilities as the principal of Groveton High School while also overseeing the daily operations of the SAU in my absence. The time and effort they have put in has been above and beyond all expectations and I appreciate their diligence and incredible work ethic.

The central office staff has also worked tirelessly to provide detailed information for all the various committees and individuals who have requested information and I appreciate all the hours they have dedicated to supporting the administrative team, especially in their support of my role as the interim superintendent this year.

Please know that I am always available if you wish to discuss concerns or how we might make our schools better. Thank you for your continued support and I wish all the communities the very best in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl M. Ladd, Ed.D.

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Stratford School Mission Statement and Exit Outcomes

“The mission of Stratford School District is to enable every student to acquire and demonstrate the skills, knowledge, and attitudes essential to be a responsible world citizen through experiential, community-based, and self directed opportunities. In short, Stratford Students will be stewards of their community.”

When a student graduates from Stratford Public School, the student will be a team member who is:

- ◆ An effective communicator – someone who can express his or her ideas so other people can understand them. An effective communicator listens with an open mind to other people’s ideas;
- ◆ Respectful of differences – someone who is not prejudiced and respects the opinions of others even if they do not agree personally;
- ◆ A creative problem solver – someone who solves problems effectively and with creativity;
- ◆ An informed decision maker – someone who is decisive, but informed and clear about the decisions they are making and the consequences of the decision;
- ◆ Adaptable to change – someone who can make adjustments to better his or herself in a changing environment;
- ◆ A creative thinker – someone who can come up with creative ideas without having to rely on others;
- ◆ An inventor and producer – someone who creates original products and ideas and puts them into action;
- ◆ A responsible contributor to our school and community – someone who contributes to the school and community in a respectful, practical, and useful way;
- ◆ A self-directed learner able to access information – someone who is able to gain information for themselves and not need guidance from others;
- ◆ Someone who has acquired a life-long love of learning - someone who puts a lot of hard work into gaining knowledge throughout his or her life;
- ◆ Respectful of the natural environment – someone who values, appreciates, and cares for the natural environment.

Once again, the school year is passing quickly with many great opportunities for our students to thrive and grow. We continue the upward climb to make our school climate a happy and effective one for all. In addition to our 7 Habits of Happy Kids and 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens teachings, we have implemented a "Bucket Filling" philosophy with our students. The basic concepts involve students becoming "other-centered" instead of "self-centered", to better understand feelings and how that their comments and actions can hurt or help other people and themselves. We have a community of "Bucket Fillers" striving each day to **not** become "Bucket Dippers". This community belief helps to make our school days happier and helpful for all.

Our staff continues to work with other schools in the SAU on the Common Core Curriculum State Standards. Curriculum is a "living document" that will continue to be worked on throughout the years to come. The work will benefit our students and staff as we prepare our students to meet and have success with assessments of great rigor. We work with students in areas of math skills and language arts skills where they may need some extra intervention or enrichment. Time is scheduled into our daily routines for this help and assessments are given regularly to help design the interventions given to meet each student's individual need.

We continue with the great programs we have been offering: the Appalachian Mountain Club, our After School Program (4 days a week), Drama Productions and Concerts, Band Lessons, a Science Fair, Introduction to Spanish (grades 4-8), Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, the Kiwanis Washington, DC Trip, Track Team, Electives for our students of grades 4-8 each quarter (including Robotics, Cooking, Newspaper Club, Yearbook Club, Strength Training for Sporting Events, . . .), and Summer Program. Our staff works hard to allow students more opportunities to extend their learning and interests.

Our Parent Group, PAWS, (Pawsitively Proud Parents) have worked with our teachers and Student Council to offer activities to students. Their list of events include a middle school winter dance, a Father/Daughter Dinner Dance for the Valentine's Day holiday, a St. Patrick's Day celebration, a Semi-Formal for our students in grades 4-8, and other activities. One event we are working on is the celebration of the 100 years of the existence of Stratford School (*July 1916—July 2016*). Our kickoff event will take place this year as we promote our 8th graders in June.

We continue to work on the advancement of our students in preparation for the technological world they are being exposed to. Technology is being integrated into regular classroom subjects so students can make the connection between the digital world and the academic world. We are introducing STEAM projects to our students where Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics threads work together to make a whole product. This is a work in progress started, to be continued into the next year. Professional training in this area will help both teachers and students in their endeavor to make sure our students are ready for the 21st Century and beyond.

Once again, at this time of year as we approach our community to report on our school year in these hard economic times, I am very proud and honored to be a part of this working system. Our students and staff are working hard to meet the goals set before them. The rewards of their dedication to the cause will shine through. As a team, we continue to raise up our school and its constituents to be the best they can be. Thank you for your continued support to make dreams a reality for our youth.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Adams, Principal

STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL
2015-2016 ENROLLMENT
As of February 4, 2016

	<u>Pre-K</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Total</u>
S. Gray-Lemay	3	8									11
B. Galasyn			7	4							11
T. Hamelin					6						6
Junior High						5	10	6	5	9	<u>35</u>
											63

RIGHTS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

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

- * You have the right to have access to and examine all records relating to your child's education.
- * You have a right to receive prior written notice whenever the local education agency proposes to begin or change the special education referral, evaluation and/or education placement of your child. You also have a right to give your written consent before initial special education placement and before any individual evaluation of your child.
- * You have a right to question any matter, decision, or recommendation relating to your child's referral, evaluation or educational placement.
- * You have the right to request an independent educational evaluation obtained by the local education agency. If your request is accepted, the evaluation will be conducted by a certified or licensed professional examiner who is independent of the local education agency and will be performed at no cost to you. Should your request be denied, you have a right to appeal this decision as described below.
- * If you have any complaints regarding the referral, evaluation or educational placement of your child, you have a right to meet with the School Board. If any agreement is unable to be reached, you have the right to an impartial hearing conducted by a state-appointed due process hearing officer.
- * At this hearing, you have the right to be assisted by person(s) with special knowledge or training or by an attorney and the right to present evidence and confront, cross-examine and compel the attendance of witnesses.
- * After this hearing you have the right to a written or electronic verbatim recording of such hearing. You have the right to obtain written findings of fact and the decisions of the hearing at no cost.
- * If the decision of the impartial hearings at the local level is not acceptable to you, you have the right to appeal this decision to the State Board of Education or Civil Court.
- * During any of the hearing or appeal procedures, your child shall remain in the current education program, or if applying for initial admission to the public school, shall be placed in a regular program until all proceedings have been completed, unless you and the school officials agree otherwise.

TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972

PUBLIC LAW 92-318

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

Dr. Carl M. Ladd
Title IX Hearing Officer
SAU #58
15 Preble Street
Groveton, NH 03582
Tel. (603) 636-1437

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

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

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

Michelle Mason
Section 504 Coordinator
Stratford Public School
19 School Street
North Stratford, NH 03590
Tel. (603) 922-3387

**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2015**

Clerk Curley called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Chairman Smith made a motion to appoint Clayton McDonald as Moderator. Seconded by Wayne Hall. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes.

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stratford qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Stratford Public School Gymnasium in said District on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned.

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

Motion to move the article as written made by Dan Smith. Seconded by Gary Halladay. No discussion on the article. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Article 2: To set the salaries of school district officials:

School Board Chairman		\$450.00
School Board Members	2 @ \$400.00 each	\$800.00
Treasurer		\$850.00
Clerk		\$ 55.00
Moderator		\$ 55.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	3 @ \$25.00 each	\$ 75.00
Board Secretary	\$50.00/meeting	\$500.00
(Recommended by the School Board)		

Motion to move the article as written made by Dan Smith. Seconded by Nadine Lounsbury. No discussion on the article. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Article 3: To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Stratford School Board and the Stratford Teachers' Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2015-2016	\$11,099
2016-2017	\$12,209
2017-2018	\$13,319

and further to raise and appropriate \$11,099.00 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to move the article as written made by Tim Brooks. Seconded by Maren Halladay. Chairman Smith and Business Manger Patricia Brown explained the increase in step as compared to the base. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Article 4: Shall the school district adopt a 5-year extension to the Northumberland and Stratford Tuition Agreement set forth in the Northumberland and Stratford Amended Tuition Agreement as proposed by the Northumberland and Stratford School Boards and on file with the district clerk? (Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to move the article as written made by Dan Smith. Seconded by Maren Halladay.

A motion to amend article 4 as a 1 year extension made by Mike Lynch.

Article 4(amended): Shall the school district adopt a 1-year extension to the Northumberland and Stratford Tuition Agreement set forth in the Northumberland and Stratford Amended Tuition Agreement as proposed by the Northumberland and Stratford School Boards and on file with the district clerk?

Seconded by Dan Smith. Maren Halladay asked why. Dan explained that with Superintendent Ladd leaving that a one year extension would be good to see how it goes with the change. Mike Lynch felt it would be wise so that we weren't committed for the 5 years if something did happen. Reba Nadeau asked if there was an agreement in effect already and what that was. Patricia Brown explained that the cost per pupil changes each year and that this is only an extension in the length. Tim Brooks supports the amendment to be for one year. He talked of hopes that we would do more collaboration with the northern towns. Dan Smith did explain that Groveton's article would also need to be amended and that we have tried to work with SAU #7 in the past. Dan Smith asked for the motion to be voted on. Seconded by Tim Brooks. All in favor – Yes. Motion passes. Article 4 amended. Article 4 as amended. All in favor. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article as amended carries.

Article 5: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,209,011.00 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 district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (This amount does not include any other warrant articles) (Recommended by the School board)

Motion to move the article as written made by Dan Smith. Seconded by Nadine Lounsbury. Claire Martineau had a question on a line item and the number of students that it covered and the answer was 38 students. Tim Brooks thanked Danny Smith and Carl Ladd for their service. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

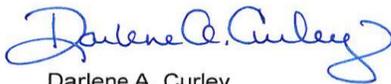
Article 6: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Motion to move the article as written made by Dan Smith. Seconded by Claire Martineau. No discussion on the article. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Moderator MacDonald asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Dan Smith. Seconded by Claire Martineau. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene A. Curley

Notes