



*Stratford,*

**New Hampshire**

**STRATFORD, NH  
250th  
Celebration 2023**

**2022 TOWN REPORT**

The year ending  
December 31, 2022

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# 2022 ELECTED OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, AND OTHER POSITIONS

<p><b>Board of Selectmen</b>                  2023 Charles Goulet, Chairman                  2024 Harry Juergens                  2025 Clayton Macdonald</p>
<p><b>Cemetery Trustees</b>                  2024 Ronald Connary                  2023 Charles Goulet                  2025 Rose Connary</p>
<p><b>Emergency Management</b>                  2024 Charles Stinson, III                  2022 Suzanne Goulet</p>
<p><b>Fire Department</b>                  2024 Charles Stinson, III, Chief                  Robert Blodgett, Assistant Chief</p> <p><b>Forest Fire Warden</b>                  Jim Lee, Warden                  Charles Stinson, III, Deputy Warden</p>
<p><b>Health Officer</b>                  2024 Jim Lee                  Deputy, Vacancy</p>
<p><b>Inspectors of Election</b>                  2024 Lorraine Goulet (D)                  2024 Lorraine Bacon (R)                  2024 Rae Davenport (D)                  2024 Vicki DeLalla (R)                  2024 Gini Routhier (D) Alternate</p>
<p><b>Library Trustees</b>                  2024 Dawn Hall                  2023 Wayne Hall                  2025 Dana Cassell                  Thomas McCorkhill, Librarian                  Cynthia Juergens, Assist. Librarian</p>
<p><b>Planning Board</b>                  2023 Carlos Cavazos, Chairman                  2024 Harry Juergens                  2023 Rachel O'Meara                  2023 Vacancy                  2025 Vicki DeLalla                  2024 Vacancy, Alternate                  2025 Bruce Blodgett, Alternate                  Clayton Macdonald, PB Secretary</p>
<p><b>State Police</b> 846-3333, 911 or 787-6911 (Grafton County Dispatch)</p>
<p><b>Road Service (Contracted)</b>                  2023 Lynch, LLC (winter)</p>
<p><b>Select Board Office</b>                  Suzanne Goulet, Administrative Assistant                  Jennifer Caron, Secretary</p>
<p><b>Conservation Commission</b>                  2024 Rachel O'Meara                  2023 Chris Caron, Chairman                  2024 Jenny Caron, Alternate                  2025 Chelsea Petereit, Alternate                  2022 Vacancy</p>
<p><b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b>                  2026 Jessica Bowen                  2023 Carlos Cavazos                  2028 Lynette Emerson</p>
<p><b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>                  2023 Kitty Kerner                  Marie Snedeker, Deputy</p>

<p><b>Town Moderator</b>                  2024 James R. C. Sayen</p>
<p><b>Treasurer</b>                  2025 Wendy McMann, Treasurer                  Josiah Barnes, Deputy</p>
<p><b>Trustee of Trust Funds</b>                  2024 Dawn Hall                  2023 Sharon Corbeil, Treasurer                  2025 Kathy Labatte</p>
<p><b>Water/Sewer Department</b>                  Erik Lynch, Manager</p>
<p><b>Welfare Administrator</b>                  Suzanne Goulet</p>
<p><b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>                  2024 Wendy McMann                  2023 Bona Ladd                  2025 Charles Goulet                  2025 Michael Lynch</p>
<p><b>Recycle/Transfer Station</b>                  Charles Goulet, Level 3 Manager                  James Chappell, Attendant                  Michael Tetreault, Attendant                  Ian, Shannon, Attendant                  J T., Sargent, Attendant</p>
<p><b>Helen Brown Fund</b>                  2024 Peggy Deyette                  2023 Sandra Theberge                  2022 Vacancy</p>
<p><b>Connecticut River Joint Commission</b>                  Jennifer Caron</p>
<p><b>Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee</b>                  James R. C. Sayen</p>
<p><b>Transportation Action Committee</b>                  Harry Juergens</p>
<p><b>North Country Council</b>                  Vicki DeLalla                  Charles Goulet</p>
<p><b>Safety Committee</b>                  Charles Stinson, III                  Suzanne Goulet                  Robert Blodgett                  James Lee</p>

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE TOWN OF  
STRATFORD  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF STRATFORD  
2023 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 the Fuller Town Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 10 a.m. to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be by official ballot and the polls shall be open for balloting from 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

You are hereby notified, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 39:2, to meet at the Fuller Town Hall on Saturday March 18, 2023, at 10 a.m., to consider Articles 3 through 16.

**Article 1:** To choose by non-partisan ballot the following officers: 1 Selectboard Member (3 Year Term); 1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 Year Term); 1 Cemetery Trustee (3 Year Term); 1 Library Trustee (3 Year Term); 1 Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Year term); 1 Supervisor of the Checklist (1 Year Term).

**Article 2.** Are you in favor of adoption of the amendment to the Town of Stratford, New Hampshire Land Use Ordinance, as proposed by the Stratford Select Board? (Planning Board recommends)

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$938,365** for the operating budget. This article does not include the cost of any other warrant article.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,000** 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 **\$25,000** to be added to the previously established Highway and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund. (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, with the full amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Board Recommends)

**Article 8.** Shall the town readopt the optional veteran's credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$100? (Majority vote required)

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** 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 raise and appropriate **\$1,000** to be added to the previously established Municipal Solar Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to be added to the previously established Recreation Revolving Fund. These funds will be specific to upgrading/replacing park equipment. (Board Recommends)

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to be added to the previously established Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Stratford, in accordance with RSA 72:39-b, based on assessed values, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$25,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$40,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or, if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$35,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority Vote)

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250 for the Cohos Historical Society in showing support of the Town in helping to match the current LCHIP Grant for the restoration of the Marion Blodgett Museum in Stratford Hollow.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,755 in donations to the following groups: \$500, North Country Home Health & Hospice; \$500, Northern Human Services; \$1,655, Tri-County CAP; \$500, Colebrook Food Pantry; \$500, Helping Hands; \$500, Backpack Program; \$200, CASA; \$200, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital; \$200, Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.

**Article 16** 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 13th day of February in the year 2023.

A True Copy of Warrant Attest:

Charles V. Goulet  
Charles V. Goulet, Chairman

Clayton Macdonald  
Clayton Macdonald

HARRY JUERGENS  
Harry R. Juergens  
Board of Selectmen, Stratford, NH

Signed:

Charles V. Goulet  
Charles V. Goulet, Chairman

Clayton Macdonald  
Clayton Macdonald

Harry R. Juergens  
Harry R. Juergens  
Board of Selectmen, Stratford, NH



**New Hampshire**  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

**2023**  
**MS-636**

**Proposed Budget**  
**Stratford**

For the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023  
Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 13, 2023

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

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

Name	Position	Signature
Charles Goulet	Select board	<i>Charles Goulet</i>
HARRY J. VERGEE	SELECT BOARD	<i>Harry Vergée</i>
Clayton Macdonald	Select Board	<i>Clayton Macdonald</i>

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

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



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>						
4130-4139	Executive	03	\$80,374	\$80,927	\$88,725	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$45,715	\$49,911	\$51,196	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	03	\$54,774	\$58,500	\$58,600	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$2,810	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	03	\$47,457	\$53,000	\$54,000	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	03	\$232	\$2,130	\$3,550	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$76,109	\$70,800	\$76,800	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$15,151	\$15,200	\$15,975	\$0
4196	Insurance	03	\$15,557	\$18,500	\$19,600	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	03	\$4,707	\$4,789	\$5,700	\$0
4199	Other General Government	03	\$6,940	\$7,000	\$4,000	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$349,826</b>	<b>\$375,757</b>	<b>\$392,146</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210-4214	Police	03	\$672	\$7,200	\$4,000	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	03	\$16,550	\$16,550	\$27,475	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	03	\$41,329	\$42,465	\$44,465	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	03	\$1,720	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$60,271</b>	<b>\$68,215</b>	<b>\$77,940</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>						
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$153,542	\$137,500	\$150,100	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$2,914	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$156,456</b>	<b>\$141,500</b>	<b>\$154,100</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Sanitation</b>						
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	03	\$78,211	\$78,200	\$91,200	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	03	\$2,400	\$4,100	\$5,500	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal	03	\$79,381	\$78,050	\$79,050	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$159,992</b>	<b>\$160,350</b>	<b>\$175,750</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	03	\$39,888	\$39,600	\$39,600	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$39,888</b>	<b>\$39,600</b>	<b>\$39,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>						
4411	Administration	03	\$1,847	\$2,100	\$4,000	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,847</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	03	\$5,001	\$6,000	\$12,500	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$5,001</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	03	\$29,062	\$29,300	\$30,500	\$0
4550-4559	Library	03	\$17,333	\$18,530	\$19,750	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	03	\$1,552	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$47,947</b>	<b>\$49,330</b>	<b>\$52,050</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Conservation and Development</b>						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	03	\$903	\$4,978	\$2,279	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$903</b>	<b>\$4,978</b>	<b>\$2,279</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	03	\$26,120	\$25,000	\$24,000	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	03	\$2,222	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	03	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$28,342</b>	<b>\$29,500</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>						
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
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>					<b>\$938,365</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Special Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
49140	To Proprietary Fund - Other	11 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to Recreation Revolving Fund</i>	\$20,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05 <i>Purpose: Highway and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$25,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06 <i>Purpose: Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$10,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07 <i>Purpose: Recycling Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$3,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10 <i>Purpose: Municipal Solar Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12 <i>Purpose: Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$2,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	04 <i>Purpose: Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund</i>	\$4,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	09 <i>Purpose: Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust</i>	\$10,000	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Individual Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	15	\$4,755	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Donations</i>			
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	14	\$250	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Donation Cohos Historical Society</i>			
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$5,005</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	03	\$9,300	\$10,000	\$8,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	03	\$20,283	\$12,000	\$12,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	03	\$134	\$100	\$100
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	03	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$29,717</b>	<b>\$42,100</b>	<b>\$40,100</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	\$142,560	\$135,000	\$142,000
3230	Building Permits		\$2,333	\$0	\$0
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	03	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$144,893</b>	<b>\$137,000</b>	<b>\$144,000</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	\$58,988	\$58,988	\$38,855
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	\$21,602	\$21,686	\$21,600
3354	Water Pollution Grant	03	\$6,940	\$6,940	\$6,940
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	03	\$7,222	\$7,222	\$8,568
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	03	\$9,970	\$8,994	\$10,946
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$104,722</b>	<b>\$103,830</b>	<b>\$86,909</b>
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	03	\$124,983	\$117,650	\$118,650
3409	Other Charges	03	\$4,000	\$4,400	\$4,000
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$128,983</b>	<b>\$122,050</b>	<b>\$122,650</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	03	\$1,142	\$2,000	\$3,000
3503-3509	Other	03	\$675	\$500	\$500
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,817</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
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)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$23,545	\$23,545	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$23,545</b>	<b>\$23,545</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	07, 04	\$0	\$0	\$7,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	03	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$107,000</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$433,677</b>	<b>\$431,025</b>	<b>\$504,159</b>



**Budget Summary**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Period ending 12/31/2023</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$938,365
Special Warrant Articles	\$75,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$5,005
Total Appropriations	\$1,018,370
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$504,159
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$514,211</b>

TOWN OF STRATFORD – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
12 MARCH 2022

The Town's Annual Business Meeting to consider Articles 3 through 20 was moved from the second Tuesday in March to Saturday, March 12, 2022 to ensure safe social distancing for both the Town Elections and Town Meeting. The meeting took place at the Stratford Public School and was called to order at 10:00 AM by Moderator Jamie Sayen. There were approximately 45 residents in attendance.

**\*Article 1.** To choose by non-partisan ballot the following officers: 1 Selectman (3 Year Term); 1 Cemetery Trustee (3 Year Term); 1 Library Trustee (3 Year Term); 1 Trustee of Trust Funds (3 year term); 1 Treasurer (3 Year Term); 1 Moderator (2 Year Term); 1 Supervisor of the Checklist (6 Year Term).

**Ballot vote – took place on Tuesday, March 08, 2022.**

**Election results:**

Select Board Member: Greg Ruch 30; write-ins: Clayton Macdonald 31

(a recount was requested on 3/9/2022 and held on 3/17/2022. See separate recount minutes.)

Town Moderator: James Sayen 63

Town Treasurer: Wendy McMann 66

Supervisor of Elections: Lynette Emerson 66

Cemetery Trustee: Rose Connary 65

Library Trustee: Dana Cassell 67

Trustee of Trust Funds: Kathy Labatte 64

**\*Article 2.** To choose by non-partisan ballot: Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the selectmen, for transaction of other business? (Insert as Petition)

**Ballot vote – took place on Tuesday, March 08, 2022.**

**Election results:**

Yes: 47

No: 22

**Article 2 passed as written**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$877,330** for the operating budget. This article does not include the cost of any other warrant article.

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Wayne Hall

**Seconded by:** Clayton Macdonald

No discussion

**Article 3 passed as read by voice vote.**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$8,298** 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)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Charlie Goulet

**Seconded by:** Rene Routhier

No discussion

**Article 4 passed as read by voice vote.**

**Article 5.** 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)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Harry Juergens

**Seconded by:** Charlie Goulet

No discussion

**Article 5 passed as read by voice vote.**

**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)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Charlie Goulet

**Seconded by:** Rene Routhier

No discussion

**Article 6 passed as read by voice vote.**

**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, with the full amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Board Recommends)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Charlie Goulet

**Seconded by:** Wayne Hall

**Discussion:** The question was raised if there were any plans to recycle glass again in the future? Charlie Goulet, Recycling Manager, said the market for recycled glass is still depressed but hoped that would change. The crushed glass on hand could possibly be used in local road maintenance.

**Article 7 passed as read by voice vote.**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** to be added to the previously established 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to be held in 2023. (Board Recommends)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Harry Juergens

**Seconded by:** Charlie Goulet

**Discussion:** James Kennett reported on behalf of the Celebration Planning Committee about its activities. Current fund balance is \$6,187. Additional fund raising events are planned for this summer. Residents are welcome to bring their ideas to the committee.

**Article 8 passed as read by voice vote.**

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to be added to the previously established Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. (Board Recommends)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Clayton Macdonald

**Seconded by:** Wayne Hall

**Discussion:** Selectboard members Clayton Macdonald and Charlie Goulet reported on the use of the fund. The current fund balance is \$56,149. In 2021, \$8,472 was spent on the Stratford Grange renovation; the project is still ongoing. Additional upgrades to Town buildings in 2021 included installation of spray foam in the Stratford Hollow Fire Station and Fuller Town Hall. For 2022, the Town Garage is in need of renovation in order to make the building more useable again.

**Article 9 passed as read by voice vote.**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** to be added to the previously established Municipal Solar Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Clayton Macdonald

**Seconded by:** Charlie Goulet

**Discussion:** Selectboard Member Clayton Macdonald reported that the current fund balance is \$29,591. The solar array mounted on the roof of Fuller Town Hall was completed in the fall of 2021. The long-term goal is to add a larger ground-mounted solar array by the salt shed to cover all the Town's electrical needs. The cost estimate for this second stage is about \$120,000. USDA grants would cover up to 75% of that amount. Other grants may be available as well. The anticipated amortization period for the Town's portion of this investment is 5-6 years, as the Town's annual electric bill currently runs about \$12,000. Discussion also touched on the typical lifespan of such a system and expected maintenance cost.

**Article 10 passed as read by voice vote.**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to be added to the previously established Recreation Revolving Fund. These funds will be specific to upgrading/replacing park equipment. (Board Recommends)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Wayne Hall

**Seconded by:** Clayton Macdonald

**Discussion:** The playground at the ballfield is in need of upgrade and repair to ensure safety. Residents are reporting that both the Village park playground as well as the one by the Stratford Hollow pavilion are regularly used by families with children. While the appropriated amount is not enough to fund all upgrades at once, it is sufficient to get started in repairing and/or replacing equipment where it's needed most.

**Article 11 passed as read by voice vote.**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to restrict the discharge of permissible (consumer) fireworks under RSA 160-B and RSA 160-C by accepting the Fire Works Use Ordinance as proposed in the 2021 Town Report.

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Harry Juergens

**Seconded by:** Charlie Goulet

**Discussion:** A lively discussion ensued over enforcement of the ordinance. Without a police force in town, residents would have to request assistance from State Police to answer a complaint. The Fire Department can only respond when there is either actual damage involved or a resident might fear potential damage. The issue of liability and legality of the ordinance was questioned. Suzanne Goulet responded that this same basic ordinance was used by many towns throughout the State of NH. The ordinance clearly states that if damage occurs, the individual is liable. Selectboard member Clayton Macdonald summed up: even if enforcement may not be effective, such an ordinance would set a standard for what is acceptable in the Town and encourage people to get a permit for their fireworks. Discussion also revolved around who should permit fireworks outside of the prescribed dates, suggesting such permission should come from the Fire Department, not the Selectboard.

**Molly Carr made a motion to pass over the Warrant article,** so that the ordinance could be clarified. The motion was seconded by Otto Whelan.

**Article 12 was passed over after a show of hands: 31 in favor, 9 against.**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** to be added to the previously established Cemetery Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Wayne Hall

**Seconded by:** Harry Juergens

No discussion

**Article 13 passed as read by voice vote.**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize 100% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2022, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by future vote of the town meeting. (Majority Vote Required)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Chris Caron

**Seconded by:** Jenny Caron

**Discussion:** Residents wanted to know where the funds went in the past. Currently, the funds generated from the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) are assigned to the general fund. That amount used to be around \$7-8,000 annually, but a notable increase in subdivisions lately has brought annual LUCT revenue to around \$20,000. Chris Caron, Chair of the Conservation Commission, explained the RSA's intent for LUCT is the preservation of open spaces (forest and farmland). By passing this article, the funds generated by LUCT are assigned as intended. For example, funds can help the Committee work on the Natural Resources Inventory for the Town.

**Wayne Hall called to move the vote:** A show of hands resulted in 17 yes and 22 no votes.

**Discussion continued:** Voters asked for more clarification on what the Conservation Commission does. Chris Caron and other commission members outlined current activities (clean-up week, educational role). The LUCT funds would allow the Commission to fund the Natural Resources Inventory, used as a basis for conservation-based decision making. The Commission's main purpose is an advisory role to the Town to ensure conservation interests are kept in mind and RSAs enforced.

**Article 14 passed as read by voice vote.**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded.

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Clayton Macdonald

**Seconded by:** Chris Caron

**Discussion:** Michael Brauer voiced concern that the Warrant Article did not disclose the full extent of what the RSA in question would allow the Selectboard to do, namely, that it includes "disposal and demolition". The full text of the warrant article was available as a handout. The purpose of adopting the RSA was clarified in a subsequent discussion.

**Michael Brauer made a motion to amend the article** to read as follows: *To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; **and to demolish or otherwise dispose of buildings**, provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition, sale, **demolition, or disposal** to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded.* (added language in bold)

**Seconded by:** Chris Caron

**The amendment passed** by show of hands: 26 yes, 7 no

After brief further discussion the amended article was put to a vote.

**Article 15 passed as amended, by voice vote.**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Stratford, in accordance with RSA 72:39-b, based on assessed values, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$25,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$40,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or, if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$25,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority Vote)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Wayne Hall

**Seconded by:** Harry Juergens

**Discussion:** Discussion about qualifications, eligibility, and whether the proposed dollar amounts represent a sufficient increase. No alternative suggestions were made.

**Article 16 passed as read by voice vote.**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$47,090** to be used towards the purchase of new extrication tools, also known as ‘jaws of life’, with \$23,545 to come from the Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund and \$23,545 to be raised by taxation. (Board Recommends)

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Charlie Goulet

**Seconded by:** Otto Whelan

**Discussion:** Fire Chief Chuck Stinson explained the current tool is 29 years old and spare parts are impossible to get. Examples of the tool were on display.

**Article 17 passed as read by voice vote.**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$250** for the Cohos Historical Society in showing support of the Town in helping to match the current LCHIP Grant for the restoration of the Marion Blodgett Museum in Stratford Hollow.

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Wayne Hall

**Seconded by:** Charlie Goulet

**Discussion:** Tim Brooks proposed an amendment to raise the donation to \$500. Wayne Hall seconded. **The amendment passed by voice vote.**

The amended article was then voted on. It reads as follows: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** for the Cohos Historical Society in showing support of the Town in helping to match the current LCHIP Grant for the restoration of the Marion Blodgett Museum in Stratford Hollow.* (change in bold)

**Article 18 passed as amended by voice vote.**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,200** in donations to the following groups: \$500, North Country Home Health & Hospice; \$200, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital; \$200, Northern Human Services; \$2,500, Tri-County CAP; \$500, Colebrook Food Pantry; \$200, Helping Hands; \$500, Backpack Program; \$200, CASA; \$200, Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.; \$200, American Red Cross.

**Motion made to accept article as read:** Wayne Hall

**Seconded by:** Harry Juergens

**Discussion:** Several amendments were introduced, the final amended article will appear at the end:

- Wayne Hall proposed an amendment to raise the donation to the Backpack Program to \$1000. Jenny Caron seconded. **The amendment passed by voice vote.**

- Mark McCulloch proposed an amendment to add a donation to UNICEF to support humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine. He suggested one (1) dollar for each Stratford resident, which would total \$662. Chelsea Petereit seconded. **The amendment passed by voice vote.**

The twice amended article reads as follows: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$6,362** in donations to the following groups: \$500, North Country Home Health & Hospice; \$200, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital; \$200, Northern Human Services; \$2,500, Tri-County CAP; \$500, Colebrook Food Pantry; \$200, Helping Hands; **\$1,000, Backpack Program;** \$200, CASA; \$200, Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.; \$200, American Red Cross; **\$662 (= \$1 for every resident of Stratford, NH) to be donated to UNICEF, the United Nations Children’s Fund, toward humanitarian relief for the children of Ukraine and their families.***

(changes in bold)

**Article 19 passed as amended by voice vote**

**Article 20.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and to hear reports from any agents or committees heretofore chosen.

**Discussion:**

- The Town's new employee, Ryan Yakis, was commended for his outstanding efforts in keeping the Town's grounds and buildings in order.
- The 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee asked for fundraising ideas using the old siding from the Stratford Grange.
- The question was raised what to do with waste oil, old anti-freeze, paint and other hazardous waste materials. Ted Burns will accept old, clean oil to burn – but a town-wide process for all such materials is lacking. The Conservation Committee reported it is looking into options. Other towns offer Haz-Mat Days, which presently cost about \$6,000. Possibly cooperate with neighboring towns to lower costs?
- The Selectboard noted there will be an increase in the bi-annual Town water base rate from \$60 to \$80. The cost for sewer service will remain the same.

**Motion to adjourn was made by:** Wayne Hall

**Seconded by:** Rene Routhier

**The business meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM by Moderator Jamie Sayen on 3/12/2022.**

Respectfully submitted



Katrin Kerner  
Stratford Town Clerk

March 28, 2022

**RECOUNT FOR STRATFORD SELECT BOARD MEMBER**  
**March 17, 2022**

A recount was requested by Greg Ruch on March 09, 2022.

The recount for Stratford Select Board Member was conducted on March 17, 2022 at 11:00 am at the Fuller Town Hall, 1956 US Route 3 in Stratford.

The Board of Recount (per RSA 669:32) consisted of the Moderator Jamie Sayen, Town Clerk Kitty Kerner, Selectboard Members Charlie Goulet and Harry Juergens. Alta Chase was appointed and sworn in as Selectboard Member pro-tem to replace Clayton Macdonald, who was subject of this recount. Also present were Greg Ruch, Otto Whelan (as his observer), Clayton Macdonald, Gini Routhier and Wendy McMann (as ballot counters).

Upon starting the recount procedure, Greg Ruch asked the Town Clerk and Moderator to recuse themselves from the Board of Recount, due to their close ties to Clayton Macdonald. While they did not step down from their procedural roles during the session, they both offered to abstain from any votes taken by the Board, which rules on all protested ballots. 5 ballots in total were protested and ruled upon.

The results of the hand recount were as follows:

Greg Ruch: 30  
Clayton Macdonald: 31 write-in votes  
(additional write-in votes: 6; undervotes: 4)

Clayton Macdonald was declared the winner and accepted the office.

**The moderator requested the minutes additionally reflect:**

- During the recount process, Mr. Ruch did not formally challenge the decision to award to the same individual write-in votes for James Lee and Jim Lee. However, Mr. Ruch formally challenged three write-in votes for “Clay Macdonald.” The Board of Recount overruled those challenges and awarded those three votes to Clayton “Clay” Macdonald.
- Following the announcement that Mr. Macdonald had been re-elected Selectman, Mr. Ruch made several *ad hominem* attacks upon the integrity of the Moderator and Mr. Macdonald. When admonished that these comments were out of order, he left the room before ballots were resealed and the proceedings of the Stratford Board of Recount had adjourned. His observer, Otto Whelan, remained until adjournment, and he witnessed the re-sealing of the ballots that had been subject of the recount.

The session adjourned at 12:20 pm.



Kitty Kerner  
Stratford Town Clerk

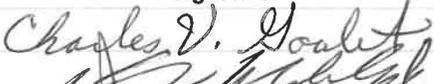
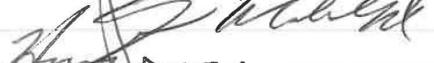
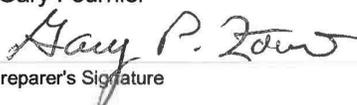


**Stratford**  
**Summary Inventory of Valuation**

**Reports Required:** RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

**Note:** The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7.

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

Assessor		
Gary Fournier (Brett Purvis & Associates)		
Municipal Officials		
Name	Position	Signature
Charles V. Goulet	Selectman, Chair	
Clayton Macdonald	Selectman	
Harry R. Juergens	Selectman	
Preparer		
Name	Phone	Email
Gary Fournier	922-5533	stratfordnh@gmail.com
		
Preparer's Signature		



Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	35,686.97	\$1,668,722	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0	
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.33	\$5,800	
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0	
1F	Residential Land	1,470.46	\$10,786,100	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	106.84	\$722,500	
<b>1H</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>37,264.60</b>	<b>\$13,183,122</b>	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	13,373.44	\$9,903,500	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$44,215,200	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$3,057,700	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$4,485,000	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	1	\$53,100	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
<b>2F</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Buildings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$51,811,000</b>	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$3,624,300	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$40,604,400	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
<b>5</b>	<b>Valuation before Exemption</b>		<b>\$105,598,522</b>	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0	
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0	
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0	
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0	
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
<b>11</b>	<b>Modified Assessed Value of All Properties</b>		<b>\$105,598,522</b>	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	3	\$45,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	8	\$277,600
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	0	\$0
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0
<b>20</b>	<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>			<b>\$322,600</b>
21A	Net Valuation			\$105,275,922
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$105,275,922
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$105,275,922
22	Less Utilities			\$40,604,400
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$64,671,522
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$64,671,522



**Utility Value Appraisers**

Brett Purvis & Associates

George E. Sansoucy, PE

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

<b>Electric Company Name</b>	<b>Distr.</b>	<b>Distr. (Other)</b>	<b>Gen.</b>	<b>Trans.</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$5,012,100	\$51,200	\$0	\$0	\$5,063,300
	<b>\$5,012,100</b>	<b>\$51,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,063,300</b>

<b>Gas Company Name</b>	<b>Distr.</b>	<b>Distr. (Other)</b>	<b>Gen.</b>	<b>Trans.</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
PORTLAND NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,541,100	\$35,541,100
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$35,541,100</b>	<b>\$35,541,100</b>



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$100	38	\$3,800
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$700	0	\$0
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$700	5	\$3,500
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$0	0	\$0
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		<b>43</b>	<b>\$7,300</b>

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report			
<b>Deaf Income Limits</b>		<b>Deaf Asset Limits</b>	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0
<b>Disabled Income Limits</b>		<b>Disabled Asset Limits</b>	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0

Elderly Exemption Report						
First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year		Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted				
<b>Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Total</b>
65-74	0	65-74	1	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
75-79	0	75-79	0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
80+	0	80+	7	\$40,000	\$280,000	\$262,600
			8		\$295,000	\$277,600
<b>Income Limits</b>		<b>Asset Limits</b>				
Single	\$20,000	Single	\$40,000			
Married	\$25,000	Married	\$40,000			

<b>Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Electric Energy Systems? (RSA 72:85)</b>		<b>Properties:</b>
Granted/Adopted?	No	
<b>Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility &amp; Electric Energy Storage? (RSA 72:87)</b>		<b>Properties:</b>
Granted/Adopted?	No	
<b>Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)</b>		<b>Structures: 1</b>
Granted/Adopted?	Yes	
<b>Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)</b>		<b>Properties:</b>
Granted/Adopted?	No	
<b>Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)</b>		<b>Properties:</b>
Granted/Adopted?	No	
<b>Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)</b>		<b>Properties:</b>
Granted/Adopted?	No	
<b>Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:</b>		
<b>Total Exemption Granted:</b>		
<b>Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)</b>		<b>Properties:</b>
Granted/Adopted?	No	
<b>Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a:</b>		
<b>Current Assessed Value:</b>		



<b>Current Use RSA 79-A</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
Farm Land	1,115.53	\$277,674
Forest Land	11,242.26	\$550,849
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	21,429.93	\$805,178
Unproductive Land	1,539.90	\$28,378
Wet Land	359.35	\$6,643
	<b>35,686.97</b>	<b>\$1,668,722</b>

**Other Current Use Statistics**

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	<b>Acres:</b>	32,479.68
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	<b>Acres:</b>	15.93
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	<b>Owners:</b>	171
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	<b>Parcels:</b>	270

**Land Use Change Tax**

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year		\$26,436
Conservation Allocation	<b>Percentage:</b> 0.00%	<b>Dollar Amount:</b> \$0
Monies to Conservation Fund		\$0
Monies to General Fund		\$26,436

**Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B**

	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
Farm Land	0.00	\$0
Forest Land	0.00	\$0
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	0.00	\$0
Unproductive Land	0.00	\$0
Wet Land	0.00	\$0
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics**

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	<b>Acres:</b>	0.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	<b>Acres:</b>	
Owners in Conservation Restriction	<b>Owners:</b>	0
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	<b>Parcels:</b>	0



<b>Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Owners</b>	<b>Assessed Valuation</b>
	0.00	0	\$0

<b>Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F</b>				
	<b>Number Granted</b>	<b>Structures</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Land Valuation</b>
	0	0	0.00	\$0
				<b>Structure Valuation</b>
				\$0

<b>Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D</b>				
	<b>Owners</b>	<b>Structures</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Land Valuation</b>
	1	1	0.33	\$5,800
				<b>Structure Valuation</b>
				\$53,100

<b>Map</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Description</b>
102	017		75	Barn

<b>Tax Increment Financing District</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Unretained</b>	<b>Retained</b>	<b>Current</b>
<i>This municipality has no TIF districts.</i>					

<b>Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Acres</b>
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357	\$7,222.00	12,486.90
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186		0.00

<b>Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.</i>	

<b>Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>This municipality has no additional sources of PILTs.</i>	

**Notes**



## Tax Rate Breakdown Stratford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$593,886	\$105,275,922	<b>\$5.64</b>
County	\$345,243	\$105,275,922	<b>\$3.28</b>
Local Education	\$979,219	\$105,275,922	<b>\$9.30</b>
State Education	\$60,570	\$64,671,522	<b>\$0.94</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,978,918</b>		<b>\$19.16</b>

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

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$1,978,918
War Service Credits	(\$7,300)
Village District Tax Effort	
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$1,971,618</b>

*Sam Greene*

Sam Greene  
Director of Municipal and Property Division  
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

11/9/2022

## Appropriations and Revenues

### Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$1,028,580	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$438,977)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$11,298)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$50,000)
War Service Credits	\$7,300	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$58,281	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$593,886</b>	

### County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$345,243	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$345,243</b>	

### Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$1,954,207	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations		
Net Education Grant		(\$914,418)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$60,570)
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$979,219</b>	
State Education Tax	\$60,570	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$60,570</b>	

## Valuation

### Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$105,275,922	\$101,105,922
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$64,671,522	\$62,944,122
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$105,275,922	\$101,105,922

### Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
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## Fund Balance Retention

<b>Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>General Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,413,612</b>
<b>Final Overlay</b>	<b>\$58,281</b>

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.  
 [2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.  
 [3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2022 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Stratford	
Description	Amount
<b>Current Amount Retained (13.08%)</b>	<b>\$315,714</b>
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$410,314
10% Retained	\$241,361
8% Retained	\$193,089
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$120,681

# Exempt Properties Owned by Town

<b>Map/Lot</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Other</b>
101-01	Town Garage	10 Town Common Rd.	.44 acres
101-05	Strip Between Road/RR	US Route 3	1.3 acres
101-18	Town Hall Parking Area	US Route 3	.22 acres
101-19	Fuller Town Hall	1956 US Route 3	.83 acres
101-21	Town Common/Monuments	US Route 3	1.01 acres
101-22	Train Station/Library/Pavilion	74 Main St.	.78 acres
101-24	Parking Area	Bridge St.	.17 acres
101-32	Island in Conn. River	Town Common Rd.	3.3 acres
102-05	Stratford School Dist./Play Area	US Route 3	4.8 acres
102-14	Ball Fields, Sewer	23 Cross St.	11.9 acres
208-11-BGO-1	Water Department	8 Baldwin St.	0 acres
211-01	Sewer Department	US Route 3	3.7 acres
211-10-BGO-0	Water Department	140 Reservoir Rd.	0 acres
211-41	Land between Lower MH/RR	US Route 3	.45 acres
211-43	Isl. Kimball Brook/ River	US Route 3	19 acres
211-44	Vacant Land	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
213-61	Baldwin Cemetery	US Route 3	13.51 acres
224-11	Haynes Cemetery	McMann Rd.	.13 acres
225-11	*Lot by Tax Deed (2010)	653 Bog Rd.	.07 acres
225-27	Vacant Land	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 Building	845 US Route 3	.26 acres
231-03	Watershed Area	Percy Rd.	5.7 acres
232-01	Lot by tax Deed (2021)	561 Bog Rd.	1.0 acres
233-09	Town Forrest	Christie Rd.	104 acres
237-14	Lot by Tax Deed (2016)	US Route 3	.24 acres
239-22	Hollow Fire Station	40 Hollow Rd.	.34 acres
239-68	Pavilion	18 Hollow Rd.	1.03 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 period beginning  and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

**Instructions**

**Cover Page**

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

**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/>

**ENTITY'S INFORMATION**

Municipality:  County:  Report Year:

**PREPARER'S INFORMATION**

First Name  Last Name   
Street No.  Street Name  Phone Number   
Email (optional)



Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2021	Year: 2020	Year: 2019	
Property Taxes	3110		\$160,841.26	\$81.00		
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$2,000.00			
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189		\$15,204.67			
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$1,074.78)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2021	Prior Levies		
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,971,655.00				
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$9,924.00				
Yield Taxes	3185	\$20,282.65				
Excavation Tax	3187	\$133.70				
Other Taxes	3189	\$121,728.55	\$199.57			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2021	Prior Levies		
			2021	2020	2019	
Property Taxes	3110	\$3,030.20				
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$1,770.46	\$8,361.45			
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190					
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$2,127,449.78</b>	<b>\$186,606.95</b>	<b>\$81.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>



<b>Credits</b>				
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Prior Levies</b>	
			<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Property Taxes	\$1,829,461.53	\$101,225.08	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Resident Taxes	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Land Use Change Taxes	\$8,574.00	\$2,000.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Yield Taxes	\$20,282.65	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$1,755.46	\$5,863.95	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Penalties	\$15.00	\$2,497.50	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Excavation Tax	\$133.70	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other Taxes	\$107,813.80	\$12,864.18	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)	<input type="text"/>	\$59,647.24	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Discounts Allowed	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

<b>Abatements Made</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Prior Levies</b>	
			<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Property Taxes	\$1,376.00	\$2,295.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Resident Taxes	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Land Use Change Taxes	\$1,350.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Yield Taxes	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Excavation Tax	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other Taxes	\$3,788.60	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current Levy Deeded	\$349.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$144,220.76	\$214.00	\$81.00	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$10,126.15			
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$1,796.87)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$2,127,449.78</b>	<b>\$186,606.95</b>	<b>\$81.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$152,845.04</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	



**Lien Summary**

**Summary of Debits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2021	Year: 2020	Year: 2019
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$40,678.44	\$36,482.40
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$64,488.88		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$1,871.72	\$2,946.54	\$8,550.20
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$66,360.60</b>	<b>\$43,624.98</b>	<b>\$45,032.60</b>

**Summary of Credits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Redemptions		\$32,081.87	\$13,891.36	\$31,424.62
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$1,871.72	\$2,946.54	\$8,550.20
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$770.99	\$719.37	\$2,674.66
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$31,636.02	\$26,067.71	\$2,383.12
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$66,360.60</b>	<b>\$43,624.98</b>	<b>\$45,032.60</b>

**For DRA Use Only**

Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	<b>\$60,086.85</b>



STRATFORD (429)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Katrin

Kerner

JAN 19, 2023

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

PREPARER'S 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.

TOWN CLERK + TAX COLLECTOR

Preparer's Signature and Title

# 2022 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## REVENUE COLLECTED AND REMITTED TO THE TREASURER

Category	Collected
Motor Vehicle & Boat Registrations	\$198,874.82
Dog Licenses	\$691.00
Town Pictorial sales	\$80.00
Vital Records & Marriage Licenses	
State Fees	\$339.00
Town Fees	\$216.00
Other/Misc.	\$483.00
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$200,683.82</b>

## MARRIAGES

Person A / Person B	Date	Place of Marriage	Town of Issuance
McGillicuddy, Patrick H Goodness, Jodi L	06/11/2022	Stratford	Stratford
Moore, Austin M Stocker, Lillyana M	07/02/2022	Stratford	Stratford
Smith, Keysha M Way, Christopher T	07/23/2022	Pittsburg	Lancaster

## BIRTHS

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partners Name	Mother's Name
Humphrey, Emma Evelyn	06/12/2022	Littleton	Woodbury, Robert James	Humphrey, Samantha Jean

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## 2022 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT, CONTINUED

### DEATHS

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Vet
Brower, Eric Paul	01/24/2022	Columbia	Brower Jr, George	Haggood, Joanne	No
Paradis, Milton B	01/28/2022	Stratford	Paradis, Joseph	Blodgett, Elva	Yes
Dissler, Lisa	01/31/2022	Stratford	Stevens, Charles	Unkown, Virginia	No
South, George A	02/07/2022	Stratford	South, Edward	Louise, Lillian	No
Smith, Roger P	02/20/2022	Stratford	Smith, Walter	Brown, Thelma	No
Skillen, Sandra L	03/05/2022	Stratford	Donovan, Edward	Catell, Marjo	No
Fogg, Maurice M	03/09/2022	Whitefield	Fogg, Alton	Peabody, Dorothy	Yes
Menard, Michael R	05/02/2022	Stratford	Adams, Michael	Menard, Bonnie	No
Canton, Cecile A	05/05/2022	Lebanon	Marier, Roger	Bissonnette, Beatrice	No
Paquette, Ronald G	05/14/2022	Stratford	Paquette, Ronald	Bleile, Jeannette	No
Schooner, Claire L	05/17/2022	Colebrook	Carrier, Norman	Mills, Marjorie	No
Brauer, Elizabeth M	06/11/2022	Stratford	Leavitt Jr, George	Lahiff, Jean	No
Duval, Kendra D	09/24/2022	Stratford	Curless, Robert	McCormick, Myra	No
Duddy, George W	10/04/2022	Epsom	Duddy, Henry	Saunders, Margaret	Yes
Shallow, Aline T	10/21/2022	Lebanon	Marier, Roger	Bissonnette, Beatrice	No
Stinson, Brenda L	11/08/2022	Stratford	Robinson, Frederick	Gardner, Alice	No
Miller, Michael E	11/18/2022	Stratford	Miller, Eugene	Unkown, Katherine	No

Respectfully submitted,



Kitty Kerner, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

**Annual Treasurer's Report**

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

**Mascoma Bank Accounts**

**General Fund - Checking**

Beginning Balance	\$ 588,053.27
Total Receipts	\$ 3,152,649.25
Interest (Included in Total Receipts)	\$ 1,574.43
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 3,220,926.51
Ending Balance	\$ 519,776.01

**Conservation Fund - Checking**

Beginning Balance	\$ 12,279.68
Total Receipts	\$ 5,167.11
Interest (Included in Total Receipts)	\$ 47.61
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 17,446.79

**Certificates of Deposit for Water System Replacement**

Beginning Balance	\$ 215,369.68
Total Interest	\$ 1,538.06
Ending Balance	\$ 216,907.74

Wendy McMann  
Treasurer



# TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND REPORT FOR 2022

Name of Fund	Beginning Balance Principal & Income	Appropriations & Interest	Expended	Ending Balance
<b>Cemetery Trust Funds</b>				
Stratford Center Cemetery	64,552.35	1,075.88		65,628.23
Baldwin Cemetery	6,042.40	100.70		6,143.10
Catholic Cemetery	425.37	7.09		432.46
<b>Financial Aid Trust Funds</b>				
Baldwin, Rollin Fund	4,378.67	72.98		4,451.65
Brown, Helen Fund	13,446.29	224.11		13,670.40
Hutchins, John Fund	1,051.08	14.19	200.00	865.27
Morrison Athletic Award	657.00	10.12	50.00	617.12
Stevens, Irene Carrier Scholarship	4,672.88	73.72	250.00	4,496.60
Nugent, Bernard Scholarship	4,909.92	81.83		4,991.75
Mason, Grant Scholarship	1,075.08	17.94		1,093.02
Allin, Lewis Scholarship	51.51	0.86		52.37
Whitaker, Gerald Scholarship	1,693.22	24.89	200.00	1,518.11
Davis, Brandon Scholarship	1,533.23	25.55		1,558.78
<b>Capital Reserve Trust Funds</b>				
No. Stratford Memorial CR	4,965.70	82.76		5,048.46
Stratford Hollow Memorial CR	17,580.17	293.02		17,873.19
School District CR	53,148.77	885.83		54,034.60
Fire Department CR	112,712.86	11,758.71	27,447.00	97,024.57
Highway & Bridges CR	204,686.27	28,323.90	28,876.89	204,133.28
Special Education CR	91,476.55	76,919.15		168,395.70
Digital Maps CR	2,550.02	42.48		2,592.50
Municipal Solar CR	29,591.78	25,483.88	10,940.00	44,135.66
Lawn Tractor CR	784.76	13.07		797.83
High School Tuition	53,191.96	18,857.81		72,049.77
Recycle CR	21,627.94	3,367.32		24,995.26
Technology Trust Fund - School Dept	6,628.63	30,554.74		37,183.37
Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund	5,000.05	5,094.76		10,094.81
<b>Expendable Trust Funds</b>				
250th Celebration	6,187.23	1,105.40		7,292.63
Fire Department	33,587.55	8,733.92	23,545.00	18,776.47
School Maintenance	299,422.23	30,360.66		329,782.89
Government Buildings Maintenance	56,149.45	10,714.79	40,205.00	26,659.24
	<b>\$1,103,780.92</b>	<b>\$254,322.06</b>	<b>\$131,713.89</b>	<b>\$1,226,389.09</b>
<b>Sharon Corbeil, Treasurer for the Trustee of Trust Funds</b>				



## ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Stratford:

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Town of Stratford, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2021, and the related statements of revenue and expenditures for the year then ended, included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535 nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535.

The financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535 are intended to comply 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.

*Cohos Advisors PLLC*

April 22, 2022

## SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES 2022

<b>4130-4139 Executive</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<b>Total Executive Payroll</b>	<b>70,395.38</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
Amazon	175.97
Colebrook Copy Center	305.00
Coos County Registry of Deeds	379.31
Debanville's Store	47.94
Fearless Computing, Inc.	380.00
Flowers by Sandra	46.80
Goulet, Suzanne	65.00
Intuit, Inc.	650.00
Jordan Associates ( <i>The Colebrook Chronicle</i> )	172.50
Mathew Bender & Co., Inc.	833.86
NH Criminal Records	25.00
NH Association of Assessing Officials	20.00
NH Department of Revenue Administration	20.00
NH Government Finance Officers Associations	35.00
NHMA Dues	1,214.00
NH Municipal Management Association	55.00
Petty Cash	424.77
Porter Office Machines Corp.	369.97
Postmaster	595.00
Quill Corporation	1,646.79
Riff Flower Shop	70.00
Safeguard Business Systems	359.46
Salmon Press	540.00
Smith & Town Printers	1,088.00
State of New Hampshire – DMV/Treasury	16.00
The News & Sentinel	170.50
Weebly	99.00
Repayment & Refunds to Town	174.08
<b>Total Executive Expenses</b>	<b>9,978.95</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>80,374.33</b>
<b>4140-4149 Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<b>Total Town Clerk/Tax Collector Payroll</b>	<b>39,805.19</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	243.75
Colebrook Copy Center	275.00
Coos County Register of Deeds	114.89
Corelogic	237.00
Fearless Computing, Inc.	100.00

Invoice Cloud	135.00
Jordan Associates	126.50
Kerner, Kitty	1,187.33
NH City & Town Clerks Association	95.00
NH Criminal Records	50.00
NH Tax Collectors Association	70.00
National Band & Tag Co.	128.69
Overnight Prints	26.74
Petty Cash	182.68
Postmaster	1,238.40
Quill Corporation	255.49
Snedeker, Marie	489.68
The News and Sentinel	206.25
Treasury State of NH	75.00
Vital Records	323.00
White Mountain Spring Regional	75.00
Reimbursement/Travel/Other	274.66
<b>Total Town Clerk/Tax Collector Expenses</b>	<b>5,910.06</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>45,715.25</b>
<b>4150-4151 Financial Administration</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. (software)	9,329.00
Brett Purvis & Associates (assessing)	28,680.00
Cartographic Associates, Inc. (digital mapping)	5235.00
Cohos Advisors	5,500.00
George E. Sansoucy (utility assessing)	5,500.00
Other Expenses	530.76
<b>Total Financial Administration Expenses</b>	<b>54,774.76</b>
<b>4153 Legal Expenses</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Mae Williams	800.00
Waystack Frizzell, Trial Lawyers	2010.00
<b>Total Legal Expenses</b>	<b>2,810.00</b>
<b>4155-4159 Personnel Administration</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Group Insurance	8,569.53
Payroll Taxes	16,584.76
State Retirement (town portion for 2 employees)	22,302.59
<b>Total Personnel Administration Expenses</b>	<b>47,456.88</b>
<b>4191-4193 Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	<b>375.00</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
Coos Registry of Deeds	8.00
Jordan Associates	23.00
Juergens, Harry	65.64
Macdonald, Clayton (Reimbursements & Travel)	655.42

North Country Council	80.00
The News & Sentinel	75.00
Planning Board Fees	(1,050.00)
<b>Total Planning Board Expenses</b>	<b>(142.94)</b>
<b>Total Zoning Board Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>232.06</b>
<b>4194 Town Buildings</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<b>Total Town Buildings Payroll</b>	<b>10,477.40</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
Arsenault Repair	100.00
Consolidated Communications	4,583.19
Colebrook Feeds	251.75
Eversource	15,237.75
Fibercast	1,828.60
Goulet, Charles	443.66
Gempler's	80.99
Grainger	540.27
Lufkin Security Systems	1,720.60
Lynch, LLC	655.50
Northwoods Trading Post	444.34
Nugent, John	1,600.00
Owl Stamp	660.00
P. A. Hicks & Sons, Inc.	1481.85
Perras Ace, Inc.	2,731.07
LaFrance, Stephen	101.88
Petty Cash	40.49
Pennock, Stephen	276.65
Quill Corporation	646.30
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc.	22,364.54
Tardif Heating & Mechanical	832.14
Town of Stratford (utilities)	2,433.16
Travel	1,056.28
Treasury, State of NH, fuel	92.18
UniFirst Corporation	3,784.65
Wintergreens Landscaping	225.00
Yakis, Ryan	75.00
Repayments & Grants/Other	1,344.07
<b>Total Town Buildings Expenses</b>	<b>65,631.91</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>76,109.31</b>
<b>4195 Cemeteries – Cemetery Trustees</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Cemeteries Payroll</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
Amazon	62.97
Boire Property Maintenance	8,237.54

Clark Jeffers	350.00
Connary, Ron	578.70
Connary, Rose	400.00
Dirty Stone Cleaner	4,602.08
Goulet, Charles	500.00
Jordan Associates ( <i>The Colebrook Chronicle</i> )	46.00
Nugent, John	340.00
Perras Ace	8.59
The News and Sentinel	25.00
Reimbursements/Donation	(100.00)
<b>Total Cemetery Expenses</b>	<b>15,050.80</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15,050.80</b>
<b>4196 Insurance</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company (flood)	2,323.00
Primex (worker comp. & unemployment comp.) Liability	13,233.74
<b>Total Insurance Expenses</b>	<b>15,556.74</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15,556.74</b>
<b>4197 Advertising and Regional Associations</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<b>Total Advertising and Regional Associations Payroll</b>	<b>1,001.68</b>
ESSC NH	2,500.00
Meadow Leasing	505.28
North Country Council Dues	700.00
<b>Total Advertising Expenses</b>	<b>3,705.28</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,706.96</b>
<b>4199 Other General Government</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Ainsworth	5,100.00
DTM	419.99
EESC NH	768.45
Goulet, Charles	651.76
<b>Total Other General Government</b>	<b>6,940.20</b>
<b>4210-4214 Police Department</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<b>Total Police Payroll</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
NH Dept. of State Police	672.00
<b>Total Police Expenses</b>	<b>672.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>672.00</b>
<b>4215 Ambulance</b>	<b>16,550.00</b>
<b>4220-4229 Fire Department</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<b>Total Fire Payroll</b>	<b>14,083.20</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	

Advantage Truck Group	377.37
Alert-All Corp.	316.45
Basket of Stitches, LLC	854.50
Coos Auto Supply, Inc.	149.74
Feld Fire	1,693.98
Fortin, Chris	206.60
Gonyer, Hayden	70.79
Grafton County Sheriff's Dept.	2,500.00
Harrison Shrader	922.73
Impact Fire Services, LLC	568.00
Industrial Service Protection, LLC	9,645.76
Jay Witcomb	156.69
Jordan Associates	23.00
Kimtek Corporation	3,600.00
Lee, James	422.87
Lufkin Security System	240.00
McDevitt Trucks, Inc.	108.72
Mid Atlantic Rescue Systems	71.16
MOMs North Country Power Sports	39,423.15
NCFMAD	250.00
New England Marine and Industrial	1,592.00
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	26.70
Penguin Management, Inc.	960.00
Perras Ace, Inc.	630.99
Petty Cash	7.38
Sanel Auto Parts	203.48
State of NH - Criminal Records	50.00
Stinson III, Charles	491.17
The News and Sentinel	62.50
The Trailer Outlet	12,500.00
Town of Lancaster	250.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	811.88
Wildland Warehouse	842.74
<b>Total Fire Department Expenses</b>	<b>80,030.35</b>
<b>Grants &amp; CR Reimbursement</b>	<b>52,784.69</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>41,328.86</b>
<b>4290A-4298 Emergency Management</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	1,500.00
Groveton Ambulance	220.40
<b>Total Emergency Management Expenses</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,720.40</b>
<b>4312 Highways and Streets – Contracted Road Agent</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
<i>Payroll</i>	<b>4,443.20</b>
Arrow Central	28,876.89
Build-A-Sign	128.10

Central Asphalt Paving	5,003.00
Champlain Valley Equipment	6,040.54
Clark Jeffers, Jr.	9,762.50
Cloutier Sand & Gravel	7,862.50
David White Trucking	7,460.00
DTM Small Engines	677.48
Grainger	241.08
Ideal Auto Supply	254.96
Jordan Associates	46.00
Lynch, LLC	50,145.44
Lynch, Michael A.	54,483.63
Morton Salt	2,504.64
Northwoods Trading Post	116.81
Nugent, John	24,674.00
Perras Ace, Inc.	218.84
Road Traffic Signs	37.47
Smart Signs	59.77
The News and Sentinel	37.50
Grant Money & Capital Reserve	(49,532.52)
<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>	<b>149,098.63</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>153,541.83</b>
<b>4316 Street Lighting</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Eversource	2,914.43
<b>Total Street Lighting Expenses</b>	<b>2,914.43</b>
<b>4324 Solid Waste Disposal – Transfer Station/Recycling Center</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<b>Total Solid Waste Disposal Payroll</b>	<b>25,888.43</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
AVRRDD Mount Carberry Landfill, LLC	18,791.00
Burns Truck Stop	1,100.00
Caron, Jennifer	146.25
Clark Jeffers, Jr.	350.00
Champlain Valley Equipment	6,040.54
Goulet, Charles	997.46
Hook, Dan	1,560.00
Ideal Auto Supply, Inc.	513.74
Jordan Associates	69.00
NH The Beautiful	162.50
Normandeau Trucking, Inc.	21,926.25
North Country Medical	126.00
Northeast Resource Recovery Association	3113.00
Northern Tire	832.00
Northwoods Trading Post	749.23
Occupational Health Centers	108.00
Perras Ace, Inc.	1,868.41

Riley Excavation	150.00
Town of Lancaster	782.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	225.00
The News & Sentinel	50.00
Worth's Seamless Rain Gutters	401.00
Refund from Recycle Revenue Re: Budget	(7,738.94)
<b>Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses</b>	<b>52,322.44</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>78,210.87</b>
<b>4325 Landfill Clean-Up</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Horizons Engineering, PLLC	2,400.00
<b>Total Landfill Expenses</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>
<b>4326-4329 Sewage Collection and Disposal – Sewer Department</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<b>Total Sewer Payroll</b>	<b>3,100.64</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
Aquionics, Inc.	1,280.80
Colebrook Copy Center	54.00
Eastern Analytical, Inc.	7,085.00
Everette J. Prescott, Inc.	1,034.24
Granit State Rural	102.00
Hach Company	596.30
IDEXX Distribution, Inc.	1,630.92
Ideal Auto Supply	616.32
Jordan Associates ( <i>The Colebrook Chronicle</i> )	46.00
Lynch, Erik	94.24
Lynch, Michael A.	60,417.14
Poulin Grain Inc.	658.00
QualCal Services, Inc.	300.00
Quill Corporation	68.34
Rymes	325.13
The News and Sentinel	12.50
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	357.60
USA Blue Book	444.57
UV Superstore, Inc.	1,157.49
<b>Total Sewer Expenses</b>	<b>76,280.59</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>79,381.23</b>
<b>4332 Water Distribution – Water Department</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<b>Total Water Payroll</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
Cummings & Sales	2,157.29
Eastern Analytical, Inc.	2,277.00
Everett J. Prescott, Inc.	1,359.28
Gempler's	40.05
Granite State Rural Water Association	15.00

Hach Company	232.95
Impact Fire Services, LLC	336.00
Laviolette Controls	3,130.000
Lufkin Security System	320.00
Lynch, Erik	46.76
Lynch, Michael A.	19,539.62
Monson Companies	1,966.68
Quill	22.78
Ross Valve Manufacturing Co.	5,681.47
Treasurer, State of NH	50.00
USA Blue Book	3,827.10
Refunds	(1,114.24)
<b>Total Water Expenses</b>	<b>39,887.74</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>39,887.74</b>
<b>4411 Health Department</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
<i>Payroll</i>	1,800.00
Postmaster, North Stratford	46.69
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,846.69</b>
<b>4441-4442 Welfare Administration &amp; Direct Assistance</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	<b>2,100.04</b>
Salary, Welfare Officer	
<i>Expenses</i>	
<b>Total Welfare Expenses</b>	<b>2,901.37</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,001.41</b>
<b>4520-4529 Parks and Recreation</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,857.75</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
Amazon	63.08
C. D. S. Portable Toilets	300.00
Colebrook Feeds	174.60
COHOS Historical Society	60.00
Grainger	75.19
Goulet, Suzanne	68.45
Kohl Enterprises	8,300.00
Lion Cubs 4-H Club	176.00
North Woods Trading Post	711.34
Perras Ace, Inc.	189.55
The Northern Gardens	2,766.50
Weirs Bros & Sons, LLC	320.00
<b>Total Parks Expenses</b>	<b>13,204.71</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29,062.46</b>
<b>4550-4559 Libraries – Library Trustees</b>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
<b>Total Library Payroll</b>	<b>12,901.68</b>

<i>Expenses</i>	
	4,430.91
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17,332.59</b>
<b>4583 Patriotic Purposes</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
American Legion	88.80
Carrot Top Industries	1,463.35
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,552.15</b>
<b>4611 Conservation (forester)</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Jordan Associates	57.50
McMann, Bryan	270.00
NH Association of Conservation	500.00
News & Sentinel	75.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>902.50</b>
<b>4711 Long-Term Notes and Bonds - Principal</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,120.02</b>
Sewer Northway Bank	7,445.26
Water Bangor Savings	18,674.76
<b>4721 Interest on Long-Term Notes and Bonds</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,222.44</b>
Sewer Northway Bank	1,373.20
Water Bangor Savings	849.24
<b>4723 Tax Anticipation Note Interest Paid</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Special Warrant Articles: Capital Reserve Funds/Expendable Trust</b>	
Article 4: Fire Expendable Trust (from Fund Balance)	8,298.00
Article 5: CRF Highways and Bridges	25,000.00
Article 6: CRF Fire Department	10,000.00
Article 7: CRF Recycle (from Fund Balance)	3,000.00
Article 8: 250th Celebration Expendable Trust	1,000.00
Article 9: Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust (from Fund Balance)	10,000.00
Article 12: CRF Cemetery	5,000.00
Article 16: CRF Municipal Solar	25,000.00
<b>Total Voted</b>	<b>87,298.00</b>
<b>Individual Warrant Articles: Town Donations</b>	
Article 15: North Country Home Health & Hospice	500.00
Article 15: UCVH Hospital	200.00
Article 15: Northern Human Services	200.00
Article 15: Tri-County CAP Fuel Assistance/Senior Meals/NC Transit	2,500.00
Article 15: Colebrook Food Pantry	500.00
Article 15: Helping Hands	200.00
Article 15: Backpack Program	1,000.00
Article 15: CASA	200.00
Article 15: COHOS Historical Society	500.00
Article 15: American Red Cross	200.00

Article 15: Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.	200.00
Article 15: UNICEF	662.00
<b>Total Voted</b>	<b>6,862.00</b>
<b>Stratford School District</b>	
Remittances (January 1 to December 31, 2021)	<b>1,138,251.06</b>
<b>County Tax</b>	
Treasurer, Coös County	<b>345,243.00</b>
<b>Amount Encumbered</b>	<b>19,000.00</b>

## VENDOR PAYMENTS FOR 2022

Vendor	Amount Paid
Advantage Truck Group	\$377.37
Ainsworth Land Management	\$5,100.00
Alert-All Corp.	\$316.45
Amazon	\$175.97
American Commerce Insurance Company	\$2,323.00
American Red Cross	\$200.00
Androscoggin Valley Regional	\$18,791.00
Aquionics, Inc.	\$1,280.80
Arrow Central	\$28,876.89
Arsenault Repair Service	\$100.00
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	\$9,572.75
Backpack Program	\$1,000.00
Basket of Stitches, LLC	\$854.50
Boire Property Maintenance	\$8,237.54
Brett S. Purvis & Assoc., Inc.	\$28,680.00
Bryan McMann	\$270.00
BuildASign	\$128.10
Burns Truck Stop	\$1,100.00
C Bean Transport, Inc.	\$805.48
C.D.S. Portable Toilets	\$300.00
CAI Technologies/Cartographic Associates	\$5,235.00
Carrot-Top Industries, Inc.	\$1,463.35
CASA	\$200.00
Cash	\$655.32
Central Asphalt Paving, Co., LLC	\$6,700.00
Cersosimo Lumber Company	310.25
Champlain Valley Equipment	\$12,081.08
Charles Goulet	\$18,681.62
Charles Stinson III	\$491.17
Chris Fortin	\$206.60
Christopher Plante	\$71.00
Clark Jeffers, Jr.	\$10,812.50
Clayton Macdonald	\$8,068.63
Cloutier Sand & Gravel	\$7,862.50
Cohen Closing & Title Co.	\$31.00
Cohos Advisors	\$5,500.00
COHOS Historical Society	\$560.00
Colebrook Area Food Pantry	\$500.00
Colebrook Copy Center	\$634.00
Colebrook Feeds	\$426.35
Commonwealth Construction, LLC	\$59,650.00
Consolidated Communications	\$23,151.19

Coos Auto Supply, Inc.	\$149.74
Coos County Registry of Deeds	\$502.20
Coos County Treasurer	\$345,243.00
Cummins Sales and Service	\$2,157.29
Daniel D. Hook	\$1,560.00
David White Trucking	\$7,460.00
Dirty Rock Stone Cleaner	\$4,602.00
Douglas E. McMann Trustee	\$647.45
DTM Small Engines	\$1,097.47
Eastern Analytical, Inc.	\$9,362.00
ESSC NH – Eversource	\$3,268.45
Everett J. Prescott, Inc.	\$2,393.52
Eversource	\$17,652.18
Eversource Energy	\$500.00
Eversource Tax Department	\$38,262.00
Fearless Computing, Inc.	\$1,240.00
Feld Fire	\$1,693.98
FiberCast	\$1,828.60
Flowers By Sandra	\$65.00
Freedom Spray Foam, LLC	\$800.00
Gempler's	\$121.04
George E. Sansoucy, PE, LLC	\$5,500.00
Grafton County Sheriff's Department	\$2,500.00
Grainger	\$856.54
Granite State Rural Water Association	\$117.00
Groveton Ambulance	\$16,770.40
Hach Company	\$829.25
Harrison Shrader Enterprises	\$922.73
Hayden Gonyer	\$70.79
Health Trust	\$10,807.13
Horizons Engineering, PLLC	\$2,400.00
Ideal Auto Supply, Inc.	\$1,385.02
IDEXX Distribution Inc.	\$1,630.92
Impact Fire Services, LLC	\$904.00
Industrial Protection Services, LLC	\$105,833.76
Inocencio Villareal	\$22.23
Invoice Cloud	\$135.00
James Lee	\$460.59
Jay Whitcom	\$156.69
Jeff Mackay Mechanical	\$2,395.72
Jennifer Caron	\$146.25
Jessica Bowen	\$16.97
John Nugent	\$43,917.00
Jordan Associates	\$609.50

Just Sheds	\$1,508.00
Kasha Ramirez	\$100.00
Kimtek Corporation	\$3,600.00
Kitty Kerner	\$627.33
Kohl Enterprises	\$8,300.00
Laviolette Controls	\$3,130.00
Lion Cubs 4-H Club	\$176.00
Lufkin Security System	\$2,280.60
Lynch, LLC	\$53,300.94
Lynette Emerson	\$4.08
Mae Williams	\$800.00
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	\$833.86
McDevitt Trucks Inc.	\$108.72
Meadow Leasing	\$505.28
Michael A. Lynch	\$134,440.39
Mid Atlantic Rescue Systems, Inc.	\$71.16
Mom's North Country Power Sports	\$39,423.15
Monson Companies, Inc.	\$1,966.68
Morton Salt	\$2,504.64
Municipal Management Association of NH	\$95.00
National Band and Tag Co.	\$128.69
NCFMAD	\$250.00
New England Marine and Industrial	\$1,592.00
NH Association of Assessing Officials	\$20.00
NH City & Town Clerks Association	\$95.00
NH Department of Revenue Administration	\$20.00
NH Department of Safety	\$672.00
NH DMV	\$8.00
NH Government Finance Officers Association	\$35.00
NH Municipal Association	\$1269.00
NH Municipal Management Association	\$55.00
NH Retirement System	\$17,104.23
NH Tax Collectors' Association	\$70.00
NH the Beautiful	\$162.50
NHLWAA	\$30.00
NHPDIP Client Service Group	\$87,298.00
Normandeau Trucking, Inc.	\$21,926.25
North Country Council	\$780.00
North Country Home Health & Hospice	\$500.00
North Country Medical and Wellness, LLC	\$126.00
North Stratford Library	\$4,430.91
Northeast Resource Recovery Association	\$3,113.00
Northern Comfort Motel	\$309.24
Northern Human Services	\$200.00

Northern Tire	\$832.00
Northwoods Trading Post	\$1,368.30
Northwoods Truck Stop	\$653.42
Occupational Health Centers	\$108.00
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	\$26.70
Overnight Prints	\$26.74
Owl Stamp Visual Solutions	\$660.00
P. A. Hicks and Sons, Inc.	\$1,481.85
Penguin Management, Inc.	\$960.00
Perras Ace, Inc.	\$5,739.20
Porter Office Machines Corp.	\$392.49
Postmaster, N.S.	\$1,923.40
Poulin Grain, Inc.	\$658.00
PRIMEX	\$13,233.74
QualCal Services, LLC	\$300.00
Quality Inn & Suites	\$795.21
Quill Corporation	\$2,639.70
Riff Flower Shop	\$70.00
Riley Excavation	\$150.00
Road Traffic Signs	\$37.47
Roger Couture	\$300.00
Romik Developers, LLC	\$52,370.00
Ron Connary	\$578.70
Rose Connary	\$400.00
Ross Valve Manufacturing Co.	\$5,681.47
Ryan Yakis	\$75.00
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc.	\$13,449.92
RymesPropane and Oil	\$9,239.75
Safeguard Business Systems	\$359.46
Salmon Press	\$540.00
Sanel Auto Parts #38	\$203.48
Smart Energy of New England	\$30,150.00
Smart Signs	\$59.77
Smith & Town Printers	\$1,088.00
State of NH – Criminal Records	\$150.00
State of NH-DMV	\$8.00
Stephen LaFrance	\$50.94
Stephen R. Pennock	276.65
Steve Lefrance	\$50.94
Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.	\$200.00
Stratford School District	\$1,138,251.00
SunnValley LLC	\$3,214.20
Suzanne Goulet	\$150.20
Tardif Heating & Mechanical	\$832.14

The News & Sentinel	\$714.25
The Northern Garden	\$2,766.50
The Trailer Outlet	\$12,500.00
Town of Lancaster	\$250.00
Town of Lancaster Transfer Station	\$782.00
Town of Stratford	\$6,623.60
Town of Stratford Conservation Fund	\$5,119.50
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$982.97
Treasurer, State of NH	-\$4,635.52
Tri-County CAP	\$2,500.00
Underwater Solutions, Inc.	\$15,260.00
UNICEF	\$662.00
UniFirst Corporation	\$3,784.65
United States Treasury	\$38,272.44
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	\$200.00
USA BlueBook	\$4,271.67
UV Superstore, Inc.	\$1,157.49
Vital Record Division	\$344.00
Waystack Frizzell, Trial Lawyers	\$2,010.00
Weebly	\$99.00
Weir Bros. & Son, LLC	\$320.00
White Mountain Regional/NHCTCA	\$75.00
Wildland Warehouse	\$842.74
Wintergreen Landscaping	\$225.00
Worth's Seamless Rain Gutters Inc.	\$401.00
Yves Marquis	\$306.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,690,315.93</b>

## EMPLOYEE WAGES, TAXES AND ADJUSTMENTS 2021

<b>Total Gross Pay</b>	204,963.54
State Retirement--Employee	-5,723.57
Health Insurance--Employee	-2,142.44
<b>Adjusted Gross Pay</b>	197,097.53
<b>Taxes Withheld</b>	
Federal Withholding	-8,267.00
Medicare Employee	-2,903.38
Social Security Employee	-12,414.44
<b>Total Taxes Withheld</b>	-23,584.82
<b>Total Additions to Net Pay</b>	1,056.28
<b>Net Pay</b>	174,568.99
<b>Employer Taxes and Contributions</b>	
Federal Unemployment	594.37
Medicare Company	2,903.38
Social Security Company	12,414.44
Health Ins. Deduction Town	8,569.53
State Retirement--Town	11,495.46
<b>Total Employer Taxes and Contributions</b>	35,977.18

# REFLECTING ON 2022

To the Residents of Stratford,

Summer 2023 will be the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration! We look forward to reaching this milestone, and we also look back in wonder at how much the world has changed since Stratford became an organized township. Vastly increased worldwide population size, vastly increased complexity and use of technology, and vastly increased international interconnections have created increasing change in and around our very small Town. Changes that present us with many confusing challenges and can, at times, seem overwhelming. They certainly intensify the knowledge and skill sets demanded of all the Town's employees, volunteers, and residents to whom the Select Board gives deep thanks. Selfless cooperation is our greatest strength!

On that note, 2022 saw a number of satisfying developments. One of the more visible improvements has been the renovation of our Grange building. A great deal of work went into the process of raising funds, getting grants, planning, and resolving problems. In the end, we moved the building a few feet farther from Route 3 where it will be safer from salt and water, and where it will be safer for people to visit. The exterior and interior restoration work, along with a new, stronger foundation, have stabilized one of the Town's oldest buildings. A few years will be needed to make the grounds around the Grange as beautiful as the building, but we can now look forward to enjoying it for well into the future.

Speaking of renovation work, much has been done to make the old Town Office and Fire Station building in North Stratford village more usable again. Now called the Public Works Building, we have upgraded its insulation and cleared out years of accumulated detritus so it can be more effectively and safely used by the Maintenance and the Water and Sewer Departments. The grants that helped achieve these improvements will also be used to renew the heating system with cleaner and more efficient gas burners and heat pumps. And plans are in the works to once again have some of the Fire Department's active equipment housed there.

After much debate, we also installed a solar powered mixing unit in the Town's water tank, again through grants, to help combat stagnant water and ice build-up. Retention of water in the tank for too long tends to encourage unwanted micro-organisms, and ice damages the interior wall leading to expensive repairs. Time will tell, but initial results have exceeded our expectations. We are hopeful that the quality of the water we provide will be even better, and costs will be kept down.

Further developments have included the installation of new (expensive!) culverts on Christie Road to replace a collapsing and dangerously narrow point in the road. A start was made on Phase 2 of the Town's solar energy project by doing the ground preparation and the electrical work necessary for installing the ground mount solar panels during the coming summer. Plus, after many hours of work, mapping of both the Town's cemeteries and our Class V roads has been completed.

There are, of course, so many other upgrades, improvements, projects, activities, and just plain everyday jobs that get done and yet remain more or less unseen. But there's one job that we hope everyone will soon notice: in 2022 we acquired a much more secure – and appropriate – .gov domain name for the Town's website and have worked hard to get a new website built that will be clearer, more user friendly, and kept more up-to-date. If the new website hasn't launched by Town Meeting, it will soon. Be sure to see it at <https://stratfordnh.gov> and let us know how it can be made even better!

**Clayton Macdonald**

**Charles V. Goulet**

**Harry R. Juergens**



# Report of the State Police

## Town of Stratford

### 2022



I would like to take this opportunity to provide a report to the residents of Stratford regarding the calls for service that the State Police have responded to in your community during the last year. This will hopefully provide you with a good baseline and understanding of the present law enforcement needs that currently exist within the community, as well as serving as a guide to determine what level of law enforcement resources the community desires, based upon the current trends and expectations of the residents as they look forward to the future.

Currently, the State Police respond to calls as requested as part of our regular patrol duties, as well as providing troopers to conduct law enforcement patrols specifically dedicated to your community if requested by the town.

During calendar year 2022, the State Police responded to and investigated the following calls for service in the town of Stratford:

911 HANGUP CALL	2
ABANDONED VEHICLE	3
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT HANDS AND FEET	1
AGGRESSIVE DOMESTIC ANIMAL	1
BURGLAR ALARM	16
ANIMAL ABUSE / NEGLECT	1
ANIMAL BITES	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	2
ASSAULT / SIMPLE	3
ASSIST CITIZEN	6
ASSISTING OTHER AGENCY (DCYF)	5
ASSISTING OTHER POLICE AGENCY	3
ASSISTING FIRE DEPARTMENT	3
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	3
BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION	1
BUILDING CHECK	1
BURGLARY	2
CHECKUP	7
CIVIL MATTER	31
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	4
DEAD ANIMAL	1
DIRECTED ENFORCEMENT PATROL	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1
DISPUTE	6
DISTURBANCE	2
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	4
FAMILY OFFENSE – CHILD ABUSE	1
FAMILY OFFENSE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	6
FIRES (ALL WORKING FIRES)	1
FRAUD ALL OTHERS	3
HARASSMENT	2
HAZARDOUS OPERATOR	18
INSPECTION AUDIT	1
JUVENILE MATTER	1

LOST ARTICLES	1
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	7
MOTOR CARRIER INSPECTION	3
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3
MOTORIST ASSIST	4
MV CRASH NO INJURIES	23
MV CRASH WITH INJURY	5
NOISE COMPLAINT	2
WELFARE CHECK	18
OVERDOSE	2
PEDESTRIAN CONTACT	2
POLICE INFORMATION	4
PUBLIC RELATIONS REQUEST	1
REPOSSESSION	1
RESTRAINING ORDER SERVICE	13
SERVE SUBPOENA	3
SEX OFFENDER ADDRESS VERIFICATION	12
SHOTS FIRED – REPORTS	5
SPECIAL DETAIL ASSIGNMENT	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	6
SUSPICIOUS AUTO	2
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	7
THEFT ALL OTHERS	9
THREATS	6
THREATS ONLINE	3
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	75
TRAFFIC HAZARD	7
TRESSPASSING	5
UNATTENDED DEATHS	2
VEHICLE OFF THE ROADWAY	2
VIN VERIFICATION	4
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER	1
WARRANTS	3

***Grand TOTAL: 386***

In closing, it has been our pleasure to serve the residents of Stratford during the past year and we look forward to assisting you with your law enforcement requests in 2023.

*Christopher E Ladd*

Staff Sergeant Christopher Ladd  
Assistant Troop Commander  
Troop F

# 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 was a bit higher this year than past years. Preparation still remains 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 call outs, 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 for whatever we are called to.

The department has continued to apply for grants. We received a grant from USDA to purchase our new side by side ATV. Which is equipped to transport patients from remote location to waiting ambulance. The department also received money to purchase 5 new air paks and cylinders. At last year's town meeting we got the approval to order new battery powered extrication tools. The tools are in and are in service. The fire department is still looking for new members due to the majority of the fire department work and live out of town. So, this makes it tough to have an adequate crew when the calls come in. We as a community would welcome additional first responders. The fire department would strongly encourage additional candidates from our towns people. The fire department will properly equip and train personnel as needed.

The department did 62 fire calls from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

## **Type and Number of Call Outs for each as follows:**

Forest Fire-7	Smoke Investigation-1
Grass Fire-1	Lightning Strike-1
Structure Fire-2	Oil Spill-1
Mutual Aid Structure Fire-3	Station Coverage-1
Telephone Pole Fire-1	Trees on Lines-11
Transformer Fire-1	Motor Vehicle Accidents-12
Sparking Wires-1	ATV Accidents-3
Fire Alarms W/Smoke in Building-1	Tractor Trailer Off Road-1
Fire Alarms-1	Traffic Control Request-1
Furnace Malfunction-1	Assist Ambulance-9
ATV Fire-1	Assist State Police-1
Furniture Fire-1	

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. We meet the first and third Tuesday of the month.

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

## 2022

In 2022 the library welcomed a number of new patrons, including a few families that have moved to town. Library activity saw 626 patron visits and 1136 circulated items. Throughout the year there were a few large donations of movies on DVD from library patrons and donations from other libraries, increasing our movie titles substantially to more than 1000 titles.

**Tillotson Grant** — We were pleased to receive a \$20,000 grant from the Tillotson Foundation to renovate the meeting room to give our patrons a larger children's area. We will have a brightly painted room with more seating, shelving for all the children's and young adult books and more space for future activities.

**Online Catalog** — New and donated books added to the collection were also entered into our online catalog hosted on the TinyCat library catalog platform. All of the adult fiction and young adult collections, total more than 5000 titles, are in the system, which residents can access at <https://www.librariacat.org/lib/Stratfordpublic>.

**Downloadable Books** — Any patron with a library card can also access thousands of e-books and audiobooks online via New Hampshire Downloadable books. These can be read on home computers, smartphones and other devices at: <https://nh.overdrive.com/>.

**Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest** — We renewed our online subscriptions to these two popular genealogy databases. Patrons can also access these websites from the computers at the library. Contact the library for more information.

**Facebook Updates** — New book and DVD titles, photos, news and updates continued to be posted to the Facebook page, which can be found at [www.facebook.com/StratfordPublicLibraryNH](http://www.facebook.com/StratfordPublicLibraryNH)

### **Librarian:**

Tom McCorkhill

### **Library Trustees:**

Dawn Hall

Dana Cassell

Wayne Hall

### **Library hours:**

Monday: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Thursday: 9:00m to 5:00pm

Friday: 9:00 to 5:00pm

Phone: 603-922-9016

Website: [www.stratfordnhlibraries.com](http://www.stratfordnhlibraries.com)

Email: [library03590@gmail.com](mailto:library03590@gmail.com)

STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 2022			
<b>Checking Account</b>			
Opening balance as of 1/1/2022			\$6,700.23
<b>INCOME/DEPOSITS</b>			
Interest Earned 2022	\$0.58		
2021 Petty Cash income, deposited 2022	\$77.00		
Town of Bloomfield contribution	\$200.00		
NH Charitable Foundation Grant	\$20,000.00		
Town Approp. 2022, not deposited 'til Jan 2023: \$4,430.91			
Donation: Leslie E. Oliver, rec'd 12/22, dep. 01/23: \$100.00			
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Expenditures		\$4,430.91	
Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2021			\$22,546.90
<b>Opening Petty Cash balance on January 1, 2022</b>			\$85.00
Deposited in checking account May 2022: \$77.00			
Copies	\$9.00		
Faxes	\$16.00		
Used book sales	\$21.00		
Printouts	\$40.00		
Fines	\$24.00		
Cash donations	\$9.00		
Miscellaneous	\$18.00		
Petty Cash on Hand December 31, 2022			\$145.00
<b>Savings Account</b>			
Opening Balance as of 1/1/2022			\$2,337.45
Interest Earned	\$0.23		
Ending balance as of 12/31/2021			\$2,337.68

<b>INVESTMENTS - Edward Jones</b>			
Opening value as of 1/1/2022			\$33,781.32
Change in Value	-\$7,874.24		
Closing value as of 12/31/2022			\$25,907.08
Prepared and submitted by Dana K. Cassell			

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

## STRATFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission held seven meetings in 2022, meeting on the second Saturday of every month at 8 a.m. at the Fuller Town Hall, lower level., until September when the time and date were changed to the first Thursday of every other month at 5 p.m., with location remaining the same. Accomplishments of the group in 2022 include the following:

### Members:

Christopher Caron,  
Chairperson  
Rachel O'Meara, Secretary  
Chelsea Petereit, Treasurer  
Jennifer Caron, Alternate

- \* Brought forth RSA 79-A:25. II for vote at Town Meeting, in which the town voted to adopt.
- \* Brought forth RSA 41:14-A for vote at the Town Meeting, in which the town voted to adopt.
- \* Plans to begin to develop a Natural Resource Inventory in spring. Plans include developing a local work group to help in the process.
- \* Annual Clean-Up Week yielded about 100 bags.
  - Stratford Public School volunteered SPS staff and students for a day of clean-up efforts within the town.
  - Instructed citizens to clean-up at their convenience during the week and to both pick up and drop off blue bags during normal Transfer Station hours.
  - Scheduled Free Day at the Transfer Station for the Saturday during that week.
  - Conservation Commission members cleaned up various areas through the town generating many blue bags. Citizen generated bags were not counted not as many as years past would love to see more community involvement.
- \* We adopted a section of Rte. 3 as "Friends of Stratford" from Williams Rd to the Southern Portion of Old Mill Rd. Plans are to look for volunteers to clean this section during clean up week as well as a time to be posted at a later date, stay tuned!
- \* We reviewed several DES documents from major projects within Stratford, including but not limited to;
  - The Gore Branch Stream Restoration Project per Trout Unlimited
  - On-going Dam Removal-Kimball Brook
  - Reviewed wetland permits

**Clean up week this year will be the week of April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> with free day on Saturday May 6, 2023. Let's get out and all get involved in keeping our town clean!**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christopher Caron

# STRATFORD RECYCLE CENTER

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

**Manager:** Charles Goulet

## Amount Recycled in 2022

NRRA	*Environmental Impact
Electronics	2,427 lbs.
*You conserved enough energy to fire up about 52.54 propane BBQ grills!	
Plastics	11,669 lbs.
* Saved about 235.13 trash bags from the landfill!	
Tires	15,850 lbs.
*Conserved the equivalent of about 3,328.50 pounds of coal being burned!	
AVRRDD	
Municipal Waste (MSW)	124.28 tons
Building Debris (C&D)	127.48 tons

### Avoided Emissions:

Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, we have avoided about **20, 648.08 lbs.** of carbon dioxide emissions. This is the equivalent of removing **2.04** passenger cars from the road for an entire year.

## Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

I would like to thank the citizens of Stratford for their support in Recycling, also Michael Tetreault, Jimmy Chapple, Harry Juergens, Ryan Yakis and our new attendants Ian Shannon and J.T. Sargent.

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

We had a lot of properties changing hands this year, which caused a lot of clean up and demolition going into C&D containers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Goulet,  
Transfer Station Manager

# STRATFORD PLANNING BOARD TOWN REPORT 2022

In 2022, the Planning Board accepted three subdivision proposals, one lot-line adjustment and one driveway application.

We began the year working on the Site Plan Regulations in an effort to help the Town realize the goals of the Master Plan. The initial draft was prepared by a subcommittee composed of four Board members. In addition, work on Planning Board Procedures was also undertaken.

On a sad note, the Board lost its Chairman late last year with the passing of Denis Corbeil.

Interested in becoming a member of the Planning Board? We have an opening for an alternate member.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Cavazos, Chairman

Town of Northumberland, New Hampshire – Groveton EMS  
10 Station Square, Suite 2

Groveton, New Hampshire 03582

Business Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Telephone: (603) 636-1057

Facsimile: (603) 636-1357

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*James R. Gibson, Jr.*  
EMS Chief

01/06/2023

To the Select board and Residents of Stratford,

We at Groveton Ambulance would like to thank the residents of Stratford for allowing us to provide Emergency medical care to your community in 2022.

At the time of the writing of this letter, our service has covered 100 calls in 2022. The calls were for medical emergencies, fire standbys and patient assists.

We have recently changed our formula for calculating contract fees. The old method of per capita did not work as population fluctuated down but calls were rising in all our covered towns.

The Town Administrator, selectboard and I believe we have come up with a formula that is fair to all parties. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Town Administrator or myself.

Once again Groveton Ambulance would like to thank you for your support and look forward to being able to provide you with Emergency Medical services in the upcoming 2023-2024 year.

Sincerely,

**James Gibson Jr.**  
**Ambulance Administrator/EMS Chief**

- **THE CONTRACT FEE FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:**  
**\$27,475.00**

*Established 1970*

*Serving the towns of:*

*Northumberland – Stark – Stratford, New Hampshire | Bloomfield – Brunswick – Maidstone, Vermont*

# THE COHOS HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2022

Town of Stratford  
Office of the Selectman  
P O Box 366  
Stratford, NH 03590

The Cohos Historical Society had a very successful year with our annual BBQ and Cornhole Tournament and Christmas on the Common. This could not be achieved without the help of other individuals and groups in the community. **Thank You All!!**

We were able to finish repairing and replacing the roof on the Marion Blodgett Museum. The next phase of our restoration efforts is to include structural repair and moisture mitigation in the building basement. Grants from the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation and from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation have enabled us to move forward. These grants are helping us to achieve our goal of matching the \$56,750 LCHIP (Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) grant.

The members of the Cohos Historical Society once again "Thank" the Town of Stratford and our fellow community members for your continued support.

Thank You,  
Cohos Historical Society  
38 Bog Road, P O Box 262  
North Stratford, NH 03590

[www.cohohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cohohistoricalsociety.org)



# North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency

## 2022 Annual Report - Town of Stratford

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides quality services that include Hospice, Home Health, Palliative, and Long-term care. Within these services we also provide nursing, rehabilitation, activities of daily living support, social services, and homemaking in 51 towns. Our territory spans all of Coos County and Grafton County as we now provide services to residents in Plymouth, NH and surrounding towns. **In 2022, for the Town of Stratford, we provided 255 Home Health visits, 606 visits for Hospice care and 54 visits for Long Term Care.**

Hospice Care focuses on quality of life and provides support to the patient and their caregivers in achieving their goals and wishes. Our compassionate team, made up of physicians, advanced nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, home health aides, spiritual counselors, therapists and volunteers, work with the patient to achieve their goal. Services provided to the patient and their caregivers include management of pain and symptoms, assisting patients with the emotional, spiritual and psychosocial aspects of dying, and provides needed medications, medical equipment and medical supplies. Also included is family/ caregiver education on the provision of care and short-term inpatient treatment for management of symptoms that cannot be managed in the home environment or is needed for caregiver respite. Bereavement counseling for surviving family members and friends is also provided. An individual electing hospice care is not giving up on living, rather, making the decision to focus on quality of life. Hospice care provides a high level of quality medical care with a different focus from the traditional medical model.

Home Health Care is critical to serving the growing health care needs of this community. Our skilled clinical team can monitor health problems and provide disease management within the comfort of the home setting, which helps prevent more costly health care such as hospitalization and long-term institutional care.

Long-Term Care provides home health aide, homemaking and companion services to those who are unable to perform essential activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation and household tasks independently. The primary reason for these services is to support individuals who have physical, medical, or mental limitations and cannot perform these basic needs any longer on their own. These services play a critical role in assisting the elderly and disabled to remain in their own homes and to avoid re-admissions to the hospital and to prevent long-term institutionalization.

Our Palliative Care Program is a new program that started as a pilot in 2019. The program started with 5 patients and has grown to now include **110** active patients. Our Palliative Care program is primarily home based; meaning, that our APRN/Nurses and Social Workers visit patients in their homes to discuss their serious illness, advanced care planning, goals and wishes and most of all- what is important to them. The target patient is anyone with a serious illness, it does not have to be terminal like Hospice requires. The scope of patients is broad and we have found that Palliative Care services are much needed, especially in our service territories. NCHHHA provides Home Health services to patients that are recovering from an illness and are expected to get better and we provide Hospice services to patients with a terminal illness; but there is a gap in between these two programs and Palliative Care provides a bridge for the patients that have a serious illness, but are not ready for Hospice services yet.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency and our Board of Directors are extremely grateful to the **Town of Stratford** for its continued support of our agency. This allows us to fulfill our mission to provide services to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay. North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency is committed to providing services in **Town of Stratford** to support clients and their families to remain in the comfort of their homes, in a safe and supportive environment, and to improve overall health outcomes in the community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tiffany Haynes', is written over a horizontal line.

Tiffany Haynes, President & CEO

October 20, 2022

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 2023 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 at any time if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. We 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,



Stacey Smith  
Director of Behavioral Health  
NHS Mental Health Center 237-4955



Lynn Johnson  
Director of Developmental Services  
NHS Vershire Center 237-5721



December 1, 2022  
Fuller Town Hall  
1956 US Route 3  
Stratford, NH 03590

Dear Selectmen,

On behalf of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. (TCCAP), I would like to respectfully request funding in the amount of \$1,655.00 to support the Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., that include Fuel and Electrical Assistance, Weatherization, Transportation, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Guardianship, RSVP, Disaster Relief, Senior Meals and Service Link.

Tri County CAP is a Family of Programs, serving families in Coos, Carroll, and Grafton Counties. We are dedicated to improving the lives and well-being of New Hampshire's individuals, families, and communities. We provide opportunities to strengthen communities by improving the lives of low to moderate income families and individuals. Ensuring individuals and families are empowered to create vibrant communities and foster self-sufficiency.

Annually we serve more than 20,000 individuals that reside over 4,455 sq. miles of Northern New Hampshire. TCCAP and our 16 service programs provide services to all residents of Coos, Carroll, and Grafton County's requesting and needing support.

Tri County Community Action Program thanks all communities and counties that we serve for their financial support of the programs, so that we may be able to continue to provide services to our community families in need.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the funding request, I am available at the contact information listed below.

Respectfully,

Amy A. Goyette, NCRI  
Strategic Initiatives and Projects Director  
Tri County Community Action Program  
30 Exchange St. Berlin, NH 03570  
603-752-7001  
[agoyette@tccap.org](mailto:agoyette@tccap.org)

30 Exchange Street, Berlin NH 03570 | P: 603-752-7001 | [www.tccap.org](http://www.tccap.org)

*Tri-County Community Action Program provides opportunities to strengthen communities by improving the lives of low to moderate income families and individuals.*



**Colebrook Area Food Pantry**

**55 Pleasant Street**

**Colebrook, NH 03576**

**(603) 237-8030**

January 25, 2023

Select Board Members  
Town of Stratford  
1956 US Rte 3  
P.O.Box 366  
N. Stratford, NH 03590

Dear Select Board Members:

We at the Colebrook food pantry are pleased to serve the citizens of Stratford and surrounding towns by providing emergency food assistance to those most in need. During an average month, we serve 37 households with 80 individuals from Stratford. Each household is served twice a month, doubling those statistics.

In 2022 we distributed 65 Easter baskets, 94 Thanksgivings baskets and 100 Christmas baskets.

With help from USDA and the NH Food Bank, we serve citizens of your town and 8 other towns in this part of Coos County. Due to our experienced ongoing demand for food assistance, we are requesting \$500.00 donation for the support of the Colebrook Food Pantry. We thank you for the support you gave us in previous years.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Cindy Grassi, Director, Colebrook Food Pantry

Rev. Craig Cheney, President, Colebrook Food Pantry



96 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH 03576  
Phone: 603-237-5891  
E-mail: [helpinghandsnorthinc@gmail.com](mailto:helpinghandsnorthinc@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.helpinghandsnorthinc.vpweb.com](http://www.helpinghandsnorthinc.vpweb.com)

October 15, 2022

Town of Stratford  
Office of Selectmen  
North Stratford, NH 03590

Dear Selectmen:

We would like to request a \$1000.00 contribution to our organization for the year of 2023 to help defray the costs of providing emergency clothing and feeding of those in need in our community.

The nature of the operation and the reason for the request is outlined below:

**Helping Hands North, Inc.** is a not for profit organization that helps feed and clothe people in our community and surrounding communities. Our mission is a coordinated community effort to provide immediate relief to reduce the level of distress for families in our great community. In NH we serve Colebrook, Clarksville, Errol, Pittsburg, Stewartstown, Stratford, Columbia and Groveton.

With your support we will be able to continue our mission of helping as many individuals and families as we can. We thank you for sharing in our very important endeavor.

Please feel free to contact me at (603) 237-5891 with any questions you may have.

Regards,

Frances Sytek, President  
Helping Hands North, Inc.

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Helping Hands North, Inc. has been determined to be an organization described in section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as a publicly supported charity. Contributions are tax deductible under section 170 (b) (1) (A) (vi). Helping Hands North, Inc. is also qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
North Country Weekend Backpack Program  
113 Main Street  
Lancaster, NH 03584  
603-788-4654  
timstpaulslancasternh@gmail.com

Board of Selectmen

Town of Stratford

As you prepare the town budget for presentation at your annual Town Meeting, we come to you again seeking support for the North Country Weekend Backpack Program which you have generously supported in the past. The success of this program is largely due to the wide support we receive from the communities we serve as well as area businesses, churches, organizations, and individual donations from both parishioners and residents of the area. We have also been fortunate to obtain a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation/Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund and The Lillian A Luksis Charitable Giving Fund. This support has enabled us to meet all the requests for weekend and vacation food backpack in North Stratford, Groveton, Stark, Lancaster, and Whitefield. During the current academic year, our projection is that we will serve 235 students weekly.

In your community we currently serve 24 children weekly.

The budget for the coming year is \$51,570.00. The cost per child is \$6.27 which is an increase from last year. During the fourth quarter of 2022 the Backpack Program has seen a 20% increase in the number of children served, food costs increased 84.1%, and the weekly food costs per child increased 53.5%. Combine that with a major reduction in food availability from the New Hampshire Food Bank. Our hope is that you will continue to fund the program in the amount of \$634.00 which represents 10% of the projected costs. We ask that you include this amount as a warrant article on the 2023 Stratford Town Warrant.

As we may not be able to attend your Town Meeting to support this request, we would be glad to meet with the board at your convenience.

For additional program information or to answer any questions you might have please contact Rich Carlson at rplcarls@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Richard Carlson

October 24, 2022

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

Dear Selectmen,



The children of **Stratford** need your help, now more than ever.

**I am writing today to ask the Town of Stratford to consider an appropriation of \$500 during your next funding cycle to advocate for Stratford's most vulnerable children.** With this support, CASA of New Hampshire will be able to recruit, train and support additional CASA volunteer advocates to provide a voice for the children of Stratford who have experienced abuse or neglect. Last year, CASA of New Hampshire advocated for more than 1,500 children throughout the state. Unfortunately, due to the unavailability of trained CASA volunteer advocates, 93 children did not have the benefit of a CASA by their side, 20 children came from Coos County. This year, please help us reach our goal of having trained advocates available for 100% of the children who need them most.

**Our children are in crisis.**

Each year, one million American children are confirmed victims of abuse and neglect and more than half a million are in foster care.

In New Hampshire, hundreds of these children come to the attention of the courts every year. Our children need someone to tell their stories, to be a strong advocate, to get to know them and make their voices heard in a complex, confusing and often overburdened child protection system.

Founded in 1989, Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire is the only nonprofit organization in the state that protects the rights of our state's abused and neglected children to live, learn and grow in the embrace of a loving family. Our trained volunteer advocates speak for our children's best interests in the New Hampshire Family court system. In recent years, the need for our services has increased dramatically.

The ongoing substance misuse crisis and now the ever changing COVID-19 pandemic have led to a scarcity of resources available to support children in need. Without someone to focus on these children and ensure that their needs and best interests are being met, the futures of many abused and neglected children are threatened by a lack of help, stability, and support. Parents are facing increased stress regarding care for their child while working, confronting economic instability and job loss, and feeling even more food and housing-insecure.

While we are still anticipating an increase in cases due to the long-reaching effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have begun to see an increase in the severity of the cases being brought to our attention. We are seeing some of the most severe neglect of children ever witnessed. Children and families have clearly struggled during these seemingly endless months of isolation.

However, the bright light during this challenging time is that CASA of NH has an incredibly strong team of staff, board of directors, and more than 600 volunteer advocates completely committed to this difficult but life changing work. Support from the Town of Stratford will help us to further this mission by

providing neglected and abused children in your community with a caring and compassionate advocate to help see them through their most difficult days.

In addition to all of the good work they do for our children, our CASA volunteers also save the state more than \$3.5M in legal fees – fees that would otherwise be paid for by state tax dollars. If CASA of NH cannot provide a volunteer, the state will then hire a paid GAL (Guardian ad Litem) at \$60 per hour plus travel costs.

Below are our most recent fiscal-year-end statistics specific to your county and the state:

	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>In Coos County</u>
<b>FY 2022</b> <b>BY THE NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Children Served</b>	1,552	68*
<b>Volunteers</b>	642	36
<b>Miles Traveled</b>	518,368	29,572
<b>Hours of Volunteer Time</b>	89,866	3,431
<b>Value of Volunteer Advocacy</b>	\$3.5M	

*\*This number includes children use your towns' schools and resources and live with foster parents or extended family members in your community.*

New Hampshire's abused and neglected children are a part of every community within our state and range in age from birth to 21. National studies show that children with a CASA volunteer benefit in countless ways -- they are more likely to be placed in safe, permanent homes, likely to receive better mental, emotional and physical health services, and more likely to have fewer placement changes than children without a focused advocate. With the support of a CASA advocate, neglected and abused children have access to a brighter future.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this request for your next funding cycle. Should you require additional materials to support this letter, please contact Tarah Bergeron, Development Associate at (603) 626-4600 x2113 or by emailing [tbergeron@casanh.org](mailto:tbergeron@casanh.org).

I look forward to updating you with our progress and the impact that your support will have on New Hampshire's victimized children.

All my best,



Marcia R. Sink

President & CEO



November 15, 2022

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

Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital (UCVH) continues to provide critical services to the citizens of Northern Coös County, including those in Stratford.

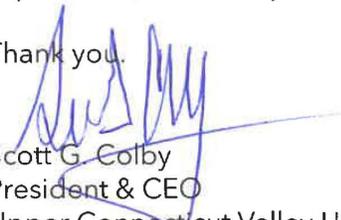
- Stratford citizens count on us to share public health information about ongoing COVID-19 and variant strain concerns through advertising in local newspapers and necessary Facebook posts.
- We continue to provide COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters regularly. Between January 1 and November 8, 2022, we administered 848 vaccinations (710 were boosters).

Within the past 12 months we have established programs addressing serious public health issues prevalent in this region:

- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT). We are part of a collaborative partnership that created a NEMT service for patients' medical and dental appointments among all providers in our service area - including our two local pharmacies. The partnership continues to meet to refine the service and plan for future growth.
- In partnership with the Foundation for Healthy Communities we started a program addressing the challenges related to treating patients with substance use disorder. The first step of the program is to provide SUD Stigma training to all UCVH employees and to community members.

We continue to pursue projects that support the delivery of high-quality care locally, including an upgrade to our in-patient HVAC system to allow for positive and negative room-by-room pressure capabilities, and an expansion of our PACU.

Thank you.

  
Scott G. Colby  
President & CEO  
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital

STRATFORD OLD HOME DAY, INC.  
25 THEBERGE RD.  
STRATFORD, NH 03590

Town of Stratford  
Office of the Selectmen  
PO Box 366  
Stratford, NH 03590

Dear Selectmen,

I am writing this letter for Old Home Day, Inc. I am requesting any help you may give us as this year was another bad year for COVID, flu & RSV.

Even though we didn't have the event we still had to pay for the electricity and insurance on the building, and \$75.00 to the attorney general, etc.

We did take a vote and it was voted not to open Kimball Hall for its buffets until Spring. Hopefully the three viruses will disappear and we will be back to normal.

Thank you ever so much,  
Sincerely,  
Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.  
Sandra Theberge



## **NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL**

North Country Council Regional Planning Commission and Economic Development District is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire established by RSA 36:46. The Commission's region consists of serving 50 communities and 25 unincorporated places in the northern third of New Hampshire. The Council serves in an advisory role to local governments in order to promote coordinated planning, orderly growth, efficient land use, transportation access, and environmental protection. The Council's professional staff provides transportation, land use, economic development, community, and environmental planning services; geographic information services (GIS); data collection and analysis; grant writing; grant administration; facilitation; and project management.

In 2022 North Country Council undertook the following activities in the region:

Coordinated the regional Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and held five (5) meetings to discuss regional transportation issues and identify priority projects for funding opportunities.

Represented the region's transportation needs in the Ten-Year Plan process, including managing the project solicitation process, providing technical assistance to applicants, scoring and prioritizing projects, and promoting public input opportunities to the region's communities.

Secured an on-call engineering firm to support submitting projects for the Ten-Year Plan process and for other regional projects needing conceptual design.

Continued efforts to update the Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies the important transportation corridors in the region and presents the needs, opportunities, and recommendations to improve the region's system.

Supported the work of two (2) Regional Coordinating Councils (Carroll County and Grafton-Coos) to promote the coordination of transportation services for the region's residents and institutions, including facilitating fourteen (14) meetings, updated bylaws, assisted with the submittal of applications to the CDC COVID Disparity grant program, and worked closely with the new regional mobility managers to improve coordination and services.

Supported the work of the North Country Scenic Byways Council (NCSBC) to steward and promote the region's scenic and cultural byways, including facilitation NCSBC meetings and submitted an application for Federal funding of a regional byways project.

Participated in statewide efforts such as the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Alternative Transportation Planning, and the Complete Streets Advisory Committee and provided input about major statewide processes that benefit our regional communities.

Conducted over 150 traffic counts throughout the region for the New Hampshire DOT and local communities through the regional Transportation Data Collection Program.

Worked to develop the Surface Management System (RSMS) data collection and forecasting program to inventory the condition of local roadways and forecast infrastructure budgeting needs for municipalities over the medium and long term.

Community Profile Map Viewer was created to explore the region through demographic data. Each community profile provides information on population, housing, income, workforce, transportation, and more for every municipality in the region.

Coordinated six (6) North Country Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee meetings (CEDS) for the Economic Development District. The meetings focused on connecting resources in the region, learning about innovative strategies for improved economic prosperity, and sharing regional information. The Committee reviewed and placed 3 projects on the CEDS Project Priority List.

Completed the North Country Rising Plan and Business Resource Roadmap with feedback from businesses and employers throughout the region, which provides goals, strategies, and solutions for a collaborative approach to economic and community resilience.

Facilitated collaborative sessions with the food and agriculture industry in an effort to host the first North Country Food and Agriculture Summit, bringing together industry leaders from around the region to discuss food equity, access, training for the next generation of farmers, and the opportunity to develop a North Country Food Council.

Continued to implement the Regional Brownfields Program through funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Continued to assist the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) & State of NH Bureau of Economic Affairs (BEA) in providing development assistance to potential and awarded grantees. In 2022 the Council provided pre-project development coaching to over 45 NBRC grantees and potential grantees.

Provided mapping and data services to communities throughout the region in support of project development and funding opportunities.

Responded to multiple requests for reviews of Development of Regional Impact, prepared comments corresponded with state and local officials.

Provided technical support to communities relating to municipal land use regulations, best practices, planning opportunities, and changes to state land use statutes.

Supported four (4) small working groups of employers and housing professionals in identifying and exploring opportunities for employer-assisted housing solutions in the region.

Partnered with NH Office of Planning and Development and all NH Regional Planning Commissions to complete simultaneous Regional Housing Needs Assessments, which document current conditions and forecast housing needs across communities and the region over the coming 20 years.

Continued to assist Coos County with the Coos County Broadband Committee, as well as providing technical support to the Carroll County Broadband Committee

Collaborated with other Regional Planning Commissions through the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions and Director meetings in Concord.

Supported efforts and attended the NH Planners Conference and NH Municipal Association Conference.

Bulk ordered and distributed New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books to local land use boards (estimated savings of \$75.00 per book).



NH State Senator  
Carrie Gendreau  
District One  
New Hampshire State Senate  
107 North Main Street Room 107  
Concord, NH 03301-4951

To the Hard-Working and Awesome Folks of Stratford:

First of all, a big thank you for having faith in me and electing me as your next State Senator. I am honored and humbled. Senator Hennessey did an amazing job serving and I look forward to carrying the baton and offering my support and assistance in any way I can be helpful.

Secondly, we, in the North Country, have different challenges, needs, and opportunities that do not necessarily exist “south of the notch”. I want to listen to those needs that you have as a community, individually, business owner, family, etc. I want to be a resource for you. I look forward to serving you and advocating on your behalf.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email. I am willing to meet with you in person. And as always, you are welcome to visit me at the State House---I would LOVE to give you a tour.

Sincerely,

*Carrie Gendreau*

Senator Carrie Gendreau  
603-443-2570

# Headwaters Local River Subcommittee

## of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

New Hampshire – Pittsburg, Clarksville, Stewartstown, Colebrook, Columbia, Stratford, Northumberland  
Vermont – Canaan (Beecher Falls), Lemington, Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone



### **Connecticut River – Headwaters Local River Subcommittee – Annual Report 2022**

The Headwaters Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets quarterly and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by riverfront municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Throughout 2022, the Subcommittee has maintained a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of participating municipalities is required to be present in person. Current members of Vermont are Tom Caron from Canaan, with openings in Lemington, Bloomfield, Brunswick, and Maidstone. Current members of New Hampshire are Kevin McKinnon from Colebrook, Kenneth Hastings from Columbia, Ed Mellett and Dale Covey from Northumberland, Clayton Macdonald from Stratford, and openings in Pittsburg, Clarksville, and Stewartstown. Those with only one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. During 2022, Ed Mellett served as chair. Meetings and events are open to the public.

Headwaters is one of the five subcommittees a part of the CRJC since 1989. The Subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality and wildlife habitat. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on river-related topics to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. Feedback covers comments on proposed permits and plans, and maintaining a bi-state corridor management plan.

During 2022, Headwaters engaged on several issues. Permits that were reviewed include those for residential development, pesticide use, emergency railroad maintenance over Cone Brook, and transmission line maintenance. Headwaters is also following repairs at the 2nd Connecticut Lake dam, Wyoming dam removal, and wild and scenic designation for Paul Stream and Nulhegan River.

Headwaters supported outreach efforts in service of the Connecticut River, including a virtual speaker series (see [www.crjc.org/riverwide](http://www.crjc.org/riverwide)) that delved into conversations on the local river recreation economy, stormwater retrofits, native american history & current experiences, and human & beaver dams. Further, Headwaters supported water quality monitoring efforts at 2 sites along the Connecticut River.

In 2023, Headwaters will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Headwaters welcomes local participation in permit reviews, educational events, watershed planning, and water quality monitoring. If you are interested to learn more, please contact us at [info@crjc.org](mailto:info@crjc.org).



Connecticut River Joint Commissions  
<https://www.crjc.org/>



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
Executive Council

**JOSEPH D. KENNEY**  
EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR  
DISTRICT ONE



STATE HOUSE ROOM 207  
107 NORTH MAIN STREET  
CONCORD, NH 03301  
(603) 271-3632

The year of 2022 brought forward a strong economy and a transition back to normalcy from the previous COVID-19 years. State government, as in the private sector, has noticed a strong demand for workforce, housing, and childcare. Additionally, there have been strong trends in the state with the growth of Airbnb to support a growing travel and tourism industry. Furthermore, the state has witnessed a growing homelessness population.

During and after the pandemic, the state of New Hampshire received millions of dollars from the federal government in the form of CARES Act and ARPA funding. In response to this, the State of New Hampshire Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) was created to distribute funds under various programs: Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program; County Emergency Equipment Program; NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program; Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program; County Nursing Home Infrastructure Program; and the NH Homeowners Assistance Fund.

Other initiatives included federal and state funding for broadband in underserved or not served areas of the state. The initial award of \$50 million went to NH Electric Cooperative to build out broadband in the rural areas of NH. A second round will be awarded in 2023. The Governor's office put forward a \$20 million initiative to create grants for community center projects around the state which will be administered through the Community Development Finance Authority. The Department of Environmental Services received over \$200 million in ARPA funding to support water and sewage projects around the state in the form of grants and low interest loans.

Additionally, the GOFERR team put forward a \$100 million InvestNH Capital Grant Program to assist in gap funding for workforce and affordable housing projects and to assist local municipalities with local grants to support zoning and planning board technical assistance. Through the efforts of GOFERR and federal funding, the state was able to purchase the Hampstead Hospital as a children's inpatient psychiatric facility, a critical need in our state. Lastly, through GOFERR, the state was able to negotiate a contract with Easterseals NH for \$23 million to build a veteran's campus in Franklin to support veterans with mental health, substance misuse treatment and respite beds for short term stays.

Between January to December 2022, the Executive Council conducted 10 separate public hearings concerning the nominations of five Circuit Court judges, one Superior Court judge and four state Commissioners. The Council approved a new Banking Commissioner; new Commissioner of Transportation; new Acting Commissioner of Health and Human Services; and a previous Commissioner of Agriculture. The Council approved the confirmation of a new Director of Motor Vehicle for the Department of Safety; new Director of the Division of Aeronautics under the Department of Transportation; new Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management under the Department of Safety; and new Director of the Child Advocate Office. Three other state Commissioners were reappointed and confirmed at the Departments of Labor, Environmental Services and Natural and Cultural Resources.

The total contract items approved were approximately 2,669 to include late items during 23 meetings. Of the 322 confirmations to serve on board and commissions, 62 were from District 1. On September 7<sup>th</sup>, the District 1 on the road meeting was held on top of Mount Washington inside the Sherman Adams building.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) had completed its work in 2021, and the NH Legislature and Governor approved of its findings in 2022. GACIT directed \$242 million in additional new federal funds for bridges (\$22 million total/\$45 million per year) and electric vehicles charging (\$17 million) as part of the IJA. Fifteen percent (\$6.75 million annually) of the bridge funds will be allocated to the municipal bridge program, and the remainder, to existing bridge projects to free up funds that have greater spending flexibility. Contact William Watson at NHDOT for any additional details at (603)-271-3344.

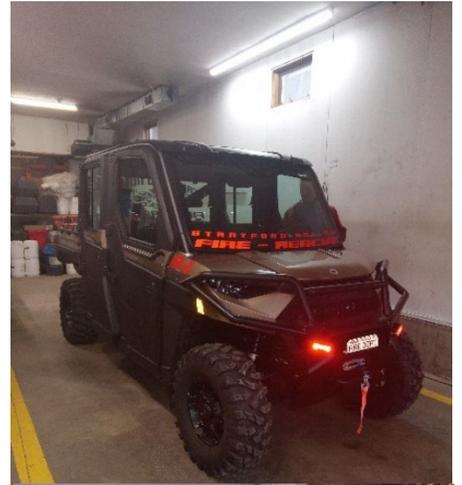
As stated in the past, I have made economic development my top priority along with mental health and drug prevention, treatment, and recovery programs. In 2022, the state sold the Route 25 Rest Stop to the Town of Rumney, it continues to work on the transfer of 7 acres to the City Lebanon at Westboro Yard for recreational purposes, it acquired \$55 million of federal funding to upgrade the state's fish hatcheries, and as always, the state continues work on retention and recruitment of old and new businesses.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of state boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Chris Sununu, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Deanna Juris, Director of Appointments/Liaison or call at (603) 271-2121. A complete list of all state boards and commissions are available at the NH Secretary of State website: [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm)

My office is open to receive state constitutions, council maps, etc. I periodically email my weekly schedule and Wrap Up Newsletter. If you would like to be included on this list, contact me at [joseph.d.kenney@nh.gov](mailto:joseph.d.kenney@nh.gov). I also have an internship program for college students. My office number is (603) 271-3632. As a reminder, due to redistricting my District has taken me out of Sullivan County and most of Grafton County and pushed me to northern Strafford County. Nonetheless, I am always available to old friends. Please stay in touch.

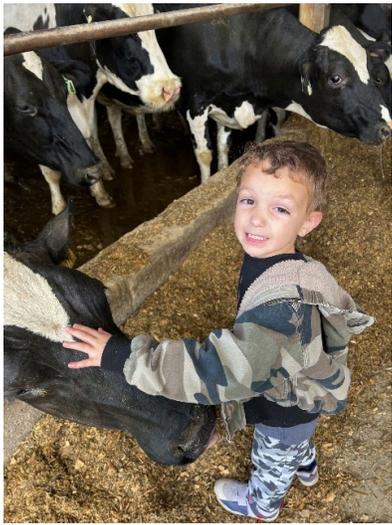
Serving you,

Executive Councilor  
Joe Kenney  
District 1



TOWN OF STRATFORD  
MEMORIES  
2022





# SCHOOL MEMORIES 2022



**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF THE TOWN OF  
STRATFORD, NEW  
HAMPSHIRE**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2022**

# ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD, NH

## ORGANIZATION/ADMINISTRATION

James Kennett  
Chairperson

### School Board

Nicole King  
Vice Chair

Timothy Brooks

### Superintendent of Schools

Ronna HasBrouck, D.A., Superintendent – Tel. 636-1437  
Heather McMann, Business Administrator  
Michelle Mason, Student Services Administrator  
Lisa McCarthy, Student Services Administrative Assistant  
Jason Jensen, Director of Technology  
Jo Robinson, Administrative Assistant  
Constance McKearney, Payroll & Human Resource  
Tiffany Griffin, Accounts Payable/Grants

### Principal

Michael “Bridger” DeWitt

### Treasurer

Wendy McMann

### Moderator

James Sayen

### Clerk

Darlene Curley

**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2022**

	GENERAL	FOOD SERVICE	ALL OTHER	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST FUNDS
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current Assets					
CASH	201,814.94				602,521.45
INVESTMENTS					
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE					
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE	7,800.12				
INTERGOV'T RECEIVABLE					
OTHER RECEIVABLES	165.83	16,313.16	61,686.96		
BOND PROCEEDS RECEIVABLE					
PREPAID EXPENSES					
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS					
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>209,780.89</b>	<b>16,313.16</b>	<b>61,686.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>602,521.45</b>
<b>LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>					
Current Liabilities					
INTERFUND PAYABLES		16,313.16	61,686.96		
INTERGOV'T PAYABLES					
OTHER PAYABLES					
CONTRACTS PAYABLE					
LOAN & INTEREST PAYABLE					
ACCRUED EXPENSES					
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1,206.76				
DEFERRED REVENUES	6,412.43				
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES					
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>7,619.19</b>	<b>16,313.16</b>	<b>61,686.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>					
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE RETAINED	50,658.80				
RESERVE FOR PREPAID EXPENSES					
RESERVE FOR AMOUNTS VOTED	50,000.00				
RESERVE FOR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS					602,521.45
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	171,703.00				
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>272,361.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>602,521.45</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>279,980.99</b>	<b>16,313.16</b>	<b>61,686.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>602,521.45</b>

<b>STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>							
<b>GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES</b>							
<b>FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022</b>							
<b>Instruction</b>	<b>SALARIES</b>	<b>BENEFITS</b>	<b>PURCHASED</b>	<b>SUPPLIES</b>	<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
REGULAR PROGRAMS	320,950.69	153,148.97	394,794.61	9,123.70	1,014.54	70.00	879,102.51
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	86,316.70	22,610.64	167,747.04	615.25			277,289.63
VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS							0.00
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	895.00	221.82		506.47	99.95	100.00	1,823.24
<b>Support Services</b>							0.00
STUDENT	35,997.39	18,425.51	71,480.35	998.62		119.00	127,020.87
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF	19,399.89	13,980.20	11,198.46			366.00	44,944.55
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	4,055.00	398.13	168,459.42	2,540.00		2,937.26	178,389.81
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	86,022.31	39,607.49	32,866.13	9,761.61		3,912.30	172,169.84
OPERATION/MAINTENANCE	54,767.69	26,207.31	83,203.23	55,862.79			220,041.02
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION			75,343.72				75,343.72
<b>District Expenditures</b>							
FACILITIES ACQUISITION & CONST.							0.00
<b>Fund Transfers</b>							0.00
TRANSFER TO TRUST FUNDS						97,709.00	97,709.00
TRANSFER TO FOOD SERVICE						355.61	355.61
CHARTER SCHOOLS						0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>608,404.67</b>	<b>274,600.07</b>	<b>1,005,092.96</b>	<b>79,408.44</b>	<b>1,114.49</b>	<b>105,569.17</b>	<b>2,074,189.80</b>

**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES  
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>	<b><u>FOOD SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>ALL OTHER</u></b>	<b><u>TRUST</u></b>
<b>LOCAL REVENUE:</b>				
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	925,405.00			
TUITION, LEA WITHIN NH				
TUITION, LEA OUTSIDE NH	154,692.00			
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	686.66			997.70
FOOD SERVICE SALES		185.55		
OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	290.00	7,906.22		
<b>TOTAL LOCAL</b>	<b>1,081,073.66</b>	<b>8,091.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>997.70</b>
<b>STATE REVENUE:</b>				
ADEQUACY AID (GRANT)	874,873.50			
ADEQUACY AID (STATE TAX)	87,771.00			
ADEQUACY AID (EDJOBS)				
OTHER STATE AID	1,181.56			
SPECIAL EDUCATION AID	55,187.60			
CHILD NUTRITION		893.06		
OTHER RESTRICTED STATE AID				
<b>TOTAL STATE</b>	<b>1,019,013.66</b>	<b>893.06</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>FEDERAL REVENUE:</b>				
TITLE I			19,336.38	
OTHER REST. FED. AID THRU STATE ADULT EDUCATION			16,842.20	
CHILD NUTRITION		62,720.94		
DISABILITIES PROGRAMS			31,412.29	
MEDICAID DISTRIBUTIONS	31.40			
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS			152,875.50	
OTHER			3,733.62	
FEDERAL FOREST LAND	7,038.29			
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>	<b>7,069.69</b>	<b>62,720.94</b>	<b>224,199.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>INTERFUND TRANSFER</b>				
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND		355.61		97,709.00
TRANSFER FROM SPEC REV FUND		1,728.98		
<b>TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS</b>				
FROM OTHER EXPENDABLE TRUSTS				
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,107,157.01</b>	<b>73,790.36</b>	<b>224,199.99</b>	<b>98,706.70</b>

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

	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
EXPENDITURES: 1200, 1210, 2160, 2420, 2722	352,586.47	566,957.05	412,469.29
REVENUES:			
Individuals with Disabilities Act (94-142):	6,557.37	31,532.25	31,412.29
Medicaid Funds:	4,544.00	571.94	31.40
Adequacy Allocation:	46,140.23	50,511.14	56,703.98
TOTAL REVENUES:	57,241.60	82,615.33	88,147.67
<b>NET SPECIAL EDUCATION COST:</b>	<b>295,344.87</b>	<b>484,341.72</b>	<b>324,321.62</b>

**Stratford School District  
Trust Fund Reconciliation  
6/30/2022**

	<b>Beg Bal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>End Balance</b>
<b>Maintenance Trust Fund</b>					
	\$299,390.70	\$591.50	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$324,982.20
Total Maintenance					<u>\$324,982.20</u>
<b>Special Education Fund</b>					
	\$91,466.92	\$181.32	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$116,648.24
	\$53,143.17	\$104.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53,248.00
	\$144,610.09	\$286.15			
Total Special Education					<u>\$169,896.24</u>
<b>HS Tuition Trust Fund</b>					
	\$53,186.36	\$105.56	\$17,709.00	\$0.00	\$71,000.92
Total Tuition					<u>\$71,000.92</u>
<b>Technology Trust Fund</b>					
	\$10,001.00	\$14.49	\$30,000.00	\$3,373.40	\$36,642.09
Total Tuition					<u>\$36,642.09</u>
	<u>\$507,188.15</u>	<u>\$997.70</u>	<u>\$72,709.00</u>	<u>\$3,373.40</u>	<u>\$602,521.45</u>

**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 7, 2022**

Moderator Sayen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Moderator Sayen reminded us all of the polling times for tomorrow, Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 10 am until 7 pm and that Town Meeting will be held at the Stratford Public School on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 10 am.

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

Moderator Sayen asked for a motion. No motion. No discussion on the article. Article passed over.

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

School Board Members	3 @ \$800.00 each	\$ 2,400.00
Treasurer		\$ 850.00
Clerk		\$ 55.00
Moderator		\$ 55.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	3 @ \$25.00 each	\$ 75.00
Board Secretary	\$60.00/meeting	\$ 720.00
(Recommended by the School Board)		

Motion to move the article as written made by Kyle Haley. Seconded by Nicole King. Timothy Brooks stated this isn't enough money for all that you do and the amounts are too low. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,412,002.00 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 3-0)

Motion to move the article as written made by Nicole King. Seconded by Kyle Haley. No discussion on the article. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the School Board 3-0)

Motion to move the article as written made by Kyle Haley. Seconded by Nicole King. No discussion on the article. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Article 5: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Motion to move the article as written made by Nicole King. Seconded by Kyle Haley. Tim Brooks thanked Joe Hakey on the facilities and said it's great to see the kids sledding. Superintendent Cadarette thanked Kyle Haley for his service to the School Board as he isn't running for another term. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Moderator Sayen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Timothy Brooks. Seconded by Jennifer Caron. No discussion. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darlene A. Curley

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, SAU 58**  
**NORTHUMBERLAND, STARK, AND STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICTS**  
Annual Report 2022-2023  
Dr. Ronna HasBrouck

The theme for SAU 58 in the 2022-2023 school year has been *The Future is Now*. As educators we rely on our mission and vision statements and how our decisions impact the future of our students every day. Over the past four school years, we have continually made adjustments to our practices and have had to consider the implications of a pandemic and the aftermath on a daily basis, all while juggling the effects of an opioid epidemic. The needs of our students are not the same as they were a decade ago, or even four years ago. There are daily manifestations of trauma and social emotional impacts that must be considered when planning and implementing instructional practices. Meeting the physical and academic needs of our students is our primary responsibility. However, in these times we cannot turn a blind eye to the social and emotional needs of our students as well. To accomplish this, our very best tools are the skills of our trained and consistent professionals. It is the people that make a difference for our children. It is the human factor that determines the success of our schools and the care our students receive. They must be prepared to be positive contributors to the 21st century to enter the workforce, armed forces, and institutions of higher learning as productive citizens. What resources our students receive is dependent on federal, state, and local resources and your support.

We continue to stress high standards of education and emphasize the importance of student achievement and engagement. Through grants we obtained 350 Chromebooks to put in the hands of students for individual learning and technology integration to further develop digital literacy skills that are vital in our current culture. The local school boards and administrators have prepared budgets as close to flatlined as we can, while taking into consideration factors that we are not able to control such as increases for supplies, insurance costs, fuel, and special education.

Talented staff will do more with less if they are prepared and receive adequate professional development. Competitive grants have been secured to provide training to assist staff with the knowledge and tools to best support all learners. Operational budgets have been supplemented considerably by grant opportunities whenever possible, however, pandemic funds are waning in 2024. Thoughtful planning has enabled us to make substantial upgrades to our facilities in each of the three towns, some with limited to no cost to the taxpayer. Textbook and curriculum updates have been secured to best support students. We have sought staff to support the social and emotional needs of students to address unfinished learning and have sought to supplement programs with summer school, enrichment offerings, and reduced class sizes whenever possible.

Our schools are the focal point and pride of the three towns in SAU 58. It is imperative that they are maintained to be physically safe and that the academic offerings are not compromised. We are experiencing the same challenges that are prevalent across our nation with teacher shortages, learning loss, and social and emotional deficits. However, quality schools and topnotch educators attract homebuyers and businesses. We have committed staff and administrators who do their best every day for our children by going above and beyond to build personal relationships and create an environment where students have trusted adults to support them, listen to their dreams, and provide them with the services to reach the stars. Our students want to be seen, heard and known. Help us achieve that end. The decisions that are being made by our community directly correlate for long-term impacts. I remain honored to lead our schools. Thank you for your efforts and support of the district's commitment to provide students with a quality education that prepares them for success as we continually strive for excellence in their future endeavors – *The Future is Now*.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ronna HasBrouck

Superintendent of Schools

## **Stratford Public School 2022-2023 Principal's Report**

Stratford Public School wants to thank the towns of Stratford, NH, Bloomfield, VT, and Brunswick, VT, for your continued support. We, as a school, continue to strive to offer an educational experience of the highest quality that the community's residents have come to expect. Our school has been educating generations of students for more than 100 years. The Staff leads by example and is proud of the town and community we serve. The school's mission is to have "Stratford students will be stewards of their community".

Families, Students, and Staff are all readjusting to the "new normal." I know we will never fully get back to what it used to be, but we are moving in the right direction. For example, during the 2022-2023 school year, we saw the return of the family end-of-year Barbeque and Field Day, Drama Productions, and the Holiday Sing-along.

The middle school paper, The Lion's Tale, has grown during its third year. A new program for the newspaper layout is being used to give the Lion's Tail a new updated look. Title I Family Nights have been growing in attendance. We have more planned for 2023. A big Thank you to Angela Hooker, an SPS Alum, and Forrest, the goat, for coming in and sharing such a great story of kindness and friendship. SPS hosted the Commissioner of Education in October during the All Kids Bike Rollout. The All Kids Bike Learn-to-Ride Kindergarten PE Program helps students develop physically and mentally, gives them greater confidence, reduces stress, and provides better focus.

The success of our Schools lies in the ability to teach kids the power of Positive Behavior. PBIS, positive behavioral interventions & supports, is a framework of principles that can be used in schools to increase the desired level of important social and learning outcomes. It uses data-based decision-making and problem-solving orientation. Studies have resulted in a significant improvement in student discipline, behavior, and even grades. The proactive strategies implemented promote not only a positive school climate but also a benefit to all students. Be Safe, Respectful, and Be Responsible = Lion Pride.

During the year, the students and Staff give back to the community by helping with roadside cleanup, participating in the Stratford Tree Lighting Ceremony hosted by the Cohos Historical Society, and honoring those who served in the armed forces during the Memorial Day Ceremonies. Larry Williams and Walter Noyes, whom both have over 20 years of service in the Army and retired with a rank of E8, kindly led the SPS students into town before the ceremony. We have great support from the community, from making cookies for bake sales or donating time and a helping hand whenever needed.

The Staff at Stratford Public School takes great pride in teaching and learning. SPS has moved to competency-based education, where the student's education is a journey in which everyone is involved. The Staff works collaboratively to do what is best for the students and how to help the students learn and grow.

Again, thank you for the continued community support of Stratford Public School and the continued involvement in the school. SPS strives to shine and be a sign of excellence for the community. We are proud and honored to be the school on the hill. Go Lions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. B. DeWitt, M.Ed.  
Principal



**STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL  
2022-2023 ENROLLMENT**

Michael B. DeWitt, Teaching

Principal

Lori Kennett, Admin

Assistant

<u>Grade</u>	<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Total</b>
Brianna Tibbetts	3	6									9
Bonnie Galasyn			7	7							14
Jessica Kennett					3	9					12
Kathryn Locke						1	7				8
Junior High								9	10	6	25
<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>68</b>

Laura Brooks, School Counselor (Part-Time)

Megan Littlehale - Art (Part-Time)

Heather Burkham - STEM

Michael B. DeWitt - Middle School Math

Vacant – Music

Jonathan Neske – Middle School English

Rebecca Oberti - Middle School Science

Stacie Roberts – Wellness (Part-time)

Phil Shaw - Middle School Social Studies

Patricia Smith - Special Education

Andrew Tobin - Instrumental

Julia Maximov – Paraeducator

Lee Dunn – Paraeducator

Joe Hakey – Custodian

Philip Hurley – Custodian (Part-Time)

## 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:

Ronna HasBrouck, D.A., Superintendent  
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 Local School

The inhabitants of the School District of Stratford Local School in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

Date: **Monday, March 13, 2023**  
Time: **6 pm**  
Location: **Stratford School Gymnasium**  
Details:

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)**

Date:  
Time:  
Location:  
Details:

#### GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2023, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Stratford Town Hall and that an original was delivered to the office of the Stratford Select Board.

Name	Position	Signature
James Kennett	School Board Member, Chair	
Nicole King	School Board Member, Vice Chair	
W. Timothy Brooks	School Board Member	



**Article 01 To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees**

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

**Article 02 To set the salaries of school district officials**

To set the salaries of School District officials:  
School Board Members 3 @ \$800.00 each \$2,400.00  
Treasurer \$850.00  
Clerk \$ 55.00  
Moderator \$ 55.00  
Supervisors of the Checklist 3 @ \$25.00 each \$ 75.00  
Board Secretary \$60.00/meeting \$720.00  
Recommended by the School Board:3-0

**Article 03 Operation Budget**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,457,142 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.  
Recommended by the School board: 3-0

**Article 04 Special Education Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required)  
Recommended by the School Board: 3-0

**Article 05 To transact any other business**

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

<b>STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>			
	<b>DETAIL BUDGET</b>		
	2022-2023	2023-2024	
	PROPOSED	PROPOSED	DIFF +/-
Description	BUDGET	BUDGET	
<b>REGULAR INSTRUCTION</b>			
SALARIES	\$ 295,160.00	\$ 342,550.00	\$ 47,390
SALARIES-SUBSTITUTES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 53,826.00	\$ 69,236.00	\$ 15,410
HEALTH INSURANCE BUYOUT	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ -
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 2,449.00	\$ 779
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ 1,742.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 238
FSA - HRA FEES	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 50
FICA	\$ 22,936.00	\$ 26,561.00	\$ 3,625
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT	\$ 61,969.00	\$ 65,637.00	\$ 3,668
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 800
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 1,109.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ (9)
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 1,649.00	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 336
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 19,867.00	\$ 19,574.00	\$ (293)
RENTAL COPIER	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
TUITION	\$ 421,272.00	\$ 463,125.00	\$ 41,853
TRAVEL POOL	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (500)
FOOD OPEN HOUSE	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 50
FOOD	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 150
TEXTBOOKS	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
SOFTWARE	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (1,499)
EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
DUES & FEES	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (1,000)
GRADE 1 SUPPLIES	\$ 525.00	\$ 537.00	\$ 12
GRADE 1 TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	\$ 85.00	\$ 80.00	\$ (5)
GRADE 2 SUPPLIES	\$ 986.00	\$ 992.00	\$ 6
GRADE 2-TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ -
GRADE 3 SUPPLIES	\$ 230.00	\$ 381.00	\$ 151
GRADE 3 TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	\$ 410.00	\$ 395.00	\$ (15)
GRADE 4 SUPPLIES	\$ 340.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 180
GRADE 4 TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	\$ 370.00	\$ 327.00	\$ (43)
GRADE 5 SUPPLIES	\$ 190.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 10
GRADE 5 TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	\$ 140.00	\$ 61.00	\$ (79)
KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES	\$ 550.00	\$ 808.00	\$ 258
KINDERGARTEN/BOOKS	\$ 900.00	\$ 678.00	\$ (222)
KINDERGARTEN EQUIPMENT	\$ 310.00	\$ 65.00	\$ (245)
ART SUPPLIES	\$ 960.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 30
ART TEXTBOOKS	\$ 100.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 10
ART DUES & FEES	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
ENGLISH-PRINTING	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
ENGLISH-SUPPLIES	\$ 90.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 20
ENGLISH-TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (50)
ENGLISH-SOFTWARE	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
ENGLISH-DUES & FEES	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
PHYSICAL EDUCATION-SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 125
PHYSICAL EDUCATION-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 30.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 160
MATH-SUPPLIES	\$ 90.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 10
MATH-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (1,499)

MUSIC-REPAIRS	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
MUSIC-SUPPLIES	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00	\$ -
MUSIC-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 375.00	\$ 50.00	\$ (325)
MUSIC-REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -
MUSIC-EQUIPMENT	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ -
MUSIC-DUES & FEES	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
SCIENCE-SUPPLIES	\$ 550.00	\$ 662.00	\$ 112
SCIENCE-TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 100.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 3
SCIENCE-SOFTWARE	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ (1)
SCIENCE-EQUIPMENT	\$ 270.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (269)
SCIENCE-DUES & FEES	\$ 120.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 130
SOCIAL STUDIES-SUPPLIES	\$ 248.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 82
SOCIAL STUDIES-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
SOCIAL STUDIES-SOFTWARE	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
COMPUTER ED.-REPAIRS/MAINT	\$ 1.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 499
COMPUTER ED.-SUPPLIES	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (1,499)
COMPUTER ED.-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ (1)
COMPUTER ED.-SOFTWARE	\$ 2,449.00	\$ -	\$ (2,449)
COMPUTER ED.-NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 450.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (449)
COMPUTER ED.-REPLACE EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 941,210.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,046,904.00</b>	<b>\$ 105,694</b>
<b>ALTERNATE EDUCATION</b>			
TUITION-PRIVATE SOURCE	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>			
SALARIES	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 1,500
SALARY-PARAPROFESSIONALS	\$ 60,681.00	\$ 39,596.00	\$ (21,085)
SALARY-TUTOR	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
SUMMER PROGRAM	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 1,440
HEALTH BUY OUT	\$ 3,315.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (3,314)
SALARY - SUBSTITUTE	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 19,890.00	\$ 22,949.00	\$ 3,059
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 371.00	\$ 377.00	\$ 6
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ 236.00	\$ 243.00	\$ 7
FICA	\$ 7,549.00	\$ 6,127.00	\$ (1,422)
TEACHER'S RETIREMENT	\$ 7,988.00	\$ 7,758.00	\$ (230)
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 800
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 616.00	\$ 431.00	\$ (185)
WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE	\$ 543.00	\$ 465.00	\$ (78)
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$ 940.00	\$ 750.00	\$ (190)
OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ -
TUITION/PRIVATE	\$ 152,322.00	\$ 62,753.00	\$ (89,569)
EXPENSE/TRAVEL	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 550.00	\$ 443.00	\$ (107)
TEXTBOOKS	\$ 267.00	\$ 267.00	\$ -
SOFTWARE	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 299,418.00</b>	<b>\$ 191,050.00</b>	<b>\$ (108,368)</b>
<b>C0-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS</b>			
SALARIES	\$ 1,916.00	\$ 2,016.00	\$ 100
FICA	\$ 148.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 8
RETIREMENT	\$ 285.00	\$ 369.00	\$ 84
WORKER'S COMP	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
DRAMA SUPPLIES	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -

DRAMA TEXTBOOKS	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
DRAMA EQUIPMENT	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
DRAMA-DUES/FEES	\$ 550.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 122
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,401.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,715.00</b>	<b>\$ 314</b>
<b>GUIDANCE</b>			
SALARY	\$ 25,833.00	\$ 18,400.00	\$ (7,433)
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ 8,263.00	\$ 8,263
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ 151.00	\$ 151
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ -	\$ 109.00	\$ 109
FICA	\$ 1,976.00	\$ 1,408.00	\$ (568)
TEACHER'S RETIREMENT	\$ -	\$ 3,614.00	\$ 3,614
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMB	\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ 640
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 154.00	\$ 56.00	\$ (98)
WORKER'S COMP	\$ 142.00	\$ 107.00	\$ (35)
INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 240.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 110
TEXTBOOKS	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ -
DUES & FEES	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 28,855.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,608.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,753</b>
<b>HEALTH</b>			
SALARY - SCHOOL NURSE	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 49,440.00	\$ 1,440
SUBSTITUTE	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 13,240.00	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 2,060
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 371.00	\$ 377.00	\$ 6
LIFE/DISABILITY INS	\$ 240.00	\$ 287.00	\$ 47
FICA	\$ 3,711.00	\$ 3,820.00	\$ 109
TEACHERS RETIREMENT	\$ 10,090.00	\$ 9,710.00	\$ (380)
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 160.00	\$ 145.00	\$ (15)
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$ 267.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 23
OTHER PROF-TECHNICAL	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ (1)
REPAIRS AND MAINT	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 50
DUES & FEES	\$ 230.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (80)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 78,910.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,169.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,259</b>
<b>PSYCH PROF SERVICES</b>			
PSYCH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
PSYCH PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ -
PYSCH SUPPLIES	\$ 304.00	\$ 183.00	\$ (121)
PSYCH TRAVEL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 430.00</b>	<b>\$ 309.00</b>	<b>\$ (121)</b>
<b>SPEECH PROF SERVICES</b>			
SPEECH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 37,175.00	\$ 31,224.00	\$ (5,951)
SPEECH PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$ 450.00	\$ 268.00	\$ (182)
SPEECH SUPPLIES	\$ 263.00	\$ 323.00	\$ 60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 37,888.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,815.00</b>	<b>\$ (6,073)</b>
<b>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>			
OT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 32,626.00	\$ 28,429.00	\$ (4,197)
OT PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$ 260.00	\$ 260.00	\$ -
OT SUPPLIES	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 32,991.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,794.00</b>	<b>\$ (4,197)</b>

<b>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>			
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -
BOOKS	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
TRAVEL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,150.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</b>			
SALARY	\$ 20,750.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 750
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 8,952.00	\$ 10,329.00	\$ 1,377
DENTAL	\$ 186.00	\$ 188.00	\$ 2
LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 120.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 7
FICA	\$ 1,588.00	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 57
TEACHER RETIREMENT	\$ 4,257.00	\$ 4,124.00	\$ (133)
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 77.00	\$ 70.00	\$ (7)
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 111.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 11
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
PRINTING/BINDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 408.00	\$ 372.00	\$ (36)
TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
DUES & FEES	\$ 340.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 30
REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 38,291.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,349.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,058</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY SERVICES</b>			
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$ 13,938.00	\$ 14,302.00	\$ 364
REPAIRS & MAINT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
REPLACE EQUIPMENT	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,440.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,804.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES</b>			
SALARIES	\$ 4,155.00	\$ 4,155.00	\$ -
FICA	\$ 318.00	\$ 318.00	\$ -
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	\$ 101.00	\$ 97.00	\$ (4)
TEACHER RETIREMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
OTHER PROF LEGAL	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
OTHER PROF AUDIT	\$ 8,625.00	\$ 12,020.00	\$ 3,395
ADVERTISING	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,900.00	\$ (1,100)
PRINTING & BINDING	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 100
SOFTWARE	\$ 1,270.00	\$ -	\$ (1,270)
DUES/FEES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,470.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,591.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,121</b>
<b>SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES</b>			
SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$ 154,860.00	\$ 157,139.00	\$ 2,279
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 154,860.00</b>	<b>\$ 157,139.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,279</b>
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>			
SALARIES	\$ 74,304.00	\$ 76,533.00	\$ 2,229
SALARY - PRINCIPAL SECRETARY	\$ 39,537.00	\$ 40,810.00	\$ 1,273
SALARY - SUBSTITUTE	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 200
UNUSED SICK TIME	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 31,164.00	\$ 28,308.00	\$ (2,856)
INSURANCE BUYOUT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DENTAL	\$ 742.00	\$ 753.00	\$ 11

LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ 637.00	\$ 653.00	\$ 16
FICA	\$ 8,732.00	\$ 9,015.00	\$ 283
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	\$ 5,559.00	\$ 5,522.00	\$ (37)
TEACHER RETIREMENT	\$ 15,619.00	\$ 15,031.00	\$ (588)
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 311.00	\$ 285.00	\$ (26)
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 628.00	\$ 683.00	\$ 55
POSTAGE/PETTY CASH	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (200)
PRINTING/BINDING	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
EXPENSE/TRAVEL	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
ADMIN SOFTWARE	\$ 13,470.00	\$ 11,960.00	\$ (1,510)
ADMIN EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
DUES/FEES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ (100)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 198,806.00</b>	<b>\$ 197,556.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,250)</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION</b>			
SPED ADM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 33,905.00	\$ 34,808.00	\$ 903
TRAVEL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 200
SUPPLIES	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 50
SOFTWARE	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
DUES & FEES	\$ 2,045.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,455
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 37,051.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,659.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,608</b>
<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</b>			
SALARIES	\$ 57,801.00	\$ 60,577.00	\$ 2,776
SALARIES - SUMMER	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
SALARY - SUBSTITUTE	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 17,904.00	\$ 15,300.00	\$ (2,604)
DENTAL INS	\$ 371.00	\$ 377.00	\$ 6
LIFE/DISABILITY INS	\$ 203.00	\$ 209.00	\$ 6
FICA	\$ 4,919.00	\$ 5,131.00	\$ 212
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	\$ 5,431.00	\$ 5,426.00	\$ (5)
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 380.00	\$ 346.00	\$ (34)
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 965.00	\$ 1,006.00	\$ 41
WATER/SEWER	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 18,375.00	\$ 875
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 200
PLOWING	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 600
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 5,500
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$ 5,865.00	\$ 6,452.00	\$ 587
TELEPHONES	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,750.00	\$ 1,250
ELECTRICITY	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 1,250
BOTTLED GAS	\$ 600.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 60
HEATING OIL	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 56,250.00	\$ 20,250
REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 222,541.00</b>	<b>\$ 253,511.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,970</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>			
TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT	\$ 108,212.00	\$ 110,377.00	\$ 2,165
SPECIAL ED. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ -
TRANSPORTATION SPORTS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
TRANSPORTATION FIELD TRIPS	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (1,850)
ALT ED TRANSPORTATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 115,065.00</b>	<b>\$ 115,380.00</b>	<b>\$ 315</b>

<b>CONSTRUCTION SERVICES</b>			
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 2,234,783.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,268,505.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,722</b>
<b>SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM</b>			
CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$ 76,117.00	\$ 87,535.00	\$ 11,418
FFVP - CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES/CAFETERIA	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT-CAFETERIA	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
DUES/FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 77,219.00</b>	<b>\$ 88,637.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,418</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL AND FOOD FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 2,312,002.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,357,142.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,140</b>
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
TITLE I	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -
TITLE II	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
IDEA	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
OTHER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL FED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL INCLUDING FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 2,412,002.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,457,142.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,140</b>
<b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b>			
NEGOTIATIONS - TEACHERS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARTICLES - TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARTICLES - TUITION TRUST FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARTICLES - SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ (50,000)
ARTICLES - MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL WARRANTS</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (50,000)</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,462,002.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,457,142.00</b>	<b>\$ (4,860)</b>

**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMPARATIVE BUDGET  
SUMMARY**

				2/16/2023	
	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024		
	ACTUAL	APPROVED	PROPOSED		
GENERAL FUND	SPENT	BUDGET	BUDGET	DIFF. =/-	
SALARIES	\$608,405	681,818	724,898	43,080	<b>A</b>
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$105,674	160,091	170,034	9,943	<b>B</b>
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$2,650	3,711	4,672	961	
LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$3,917	3,178	3,608	430	
FICA	\$46,260	51,878	54,181	2,303	<b>C</b>
NH RETIREMENT-EMPLOYEE	\$10,010	11,161	11,115	-46	<b>C</b>
NH RETIREMENT-TEACHER	\$91,890	100,140	106,174	6,034	<b>C</b>
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,280	5,001	5,001	0	
HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	\$9,508	15,200	17,440	2,240	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$0	2,808	2,434	(374)	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$2,411	4,306	4,659	353	
SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$142,645	154,860	157,139	2,279	
INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT	\$819	3,140	3,603	463	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-SPED	\$86,618	104,544	94,467	-10,077	<b>D</b>
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$54,739	33,809	33,875	66	
LEGAL	\$1,821	2,000	2,000	0	
AUDIT	\$8,625	8,625	12,020	3,395	
WATER/SEWER	\$19,462	17,500	18,375	875	
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$4,160	4,500	4,700	200	
PLOWING	\$6,000	6,000	6,600	600	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$46,503	26,652	32,152	5,500	
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE COMPUTERS	\$0	2	501	499	
COPIER RENTAL	\$2,570	2,500	2,500	0	
SPORTS TRIPS	\$0	500	500	0	
FIELD TRIPS	\$2,086	6,350	4,500	-1,850	
SPED TRANSPORTATION	\$15,706	3	3	0	
TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT	\$57,552	108,212	110,377	2,165	
INSURANCE	\$4,146	5,865	6,452	587	
TELEPHONES	\$3,134	3,500	3,500	0	
POSTAGE/PETTY CASH	\$0	400	200	-200	
ADVERTISING	\$14,280	7,000	5,900	-1,100	
PRINTING & BINDING	\$1,088	1,002	1,102	100	
TUITION-SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$164,888	152,322	62,753	(89,569)	<b>E</b>
OTHER TUITION	\$367,527	421,273	463,126	41,853	<b>F</b>
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$725	3,400	3,600	200	
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$16,989	26,719	26,972	253	
ELECTRICITY	\$18,382	17,000	18,250	1,250	
BOTTLED GAS	\$497	600	660	60	
HEATING OIL	\$29,159	36,000	56,250	20,250	<b>G</b>
FOOD	\$75	300	500	200	
TEXTBOOKS/WORKBOOKS	\$1,570	6,770	4,704	-2,066	
SOFTWARE	\$12,736	19,007	12,278	-6,729	
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$0	1	1	0	
NEW FURNITURE & FIXTURES	\$0	1	1	0	
NEW/REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$1,114	864	380	-484	
NEW/REPLACE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$0	982	503	-479	
DUES & FEES	\$7,505	13,288	13,844	556	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$1,976,126</b>	<b>2,234,783</b>	<b>2,268,505</b>	<b>33,722</b>	<b>1.51%</b>



**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ESTIMATED REVENUES/ASSESSMENT**

	(MS-24) CURRENT <u>2022-2023</u>	ESTIMATED <u>2023-2024</u>
<b><u>LOCAL REVENUES</u></b>		
Earnings on Investments	500	500
School Food Service Sales	0	0
Tuition	128,000	128,000
Other Local Revenue	0	0
<b><u>STATE REVENUES</u></b>		
Child Nutrition	500	500
Kindergarten Aid	0	0
Catastrophic Aid	0	0
<b><u>FEDERAL REVENUES</u></b>		
Child Nutrition	50,000	50,000
Federal Forest Funds	7,092	0
Other Federal Sources	0	0
<b>LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL REV.</b>	186,092	179,000
<b>FEDERAL PROGRAM GRANTS</b>	100,000	100,000
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
To Be Placed in Trust Fund	50,000	0
Unreserved to Reduce Taxes	171,703	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE BEFORE GRANT</b>	507,795	279,000
<b>ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT</b>	914,418	890,514
<b>DISTRICT ASSESSMENT</b>		
State Education Tax	60,570	95,619
Local Education Tax	979,219	1,192,009
<b>TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENT</b>	1,039,789	1,287,628
<b>APPROPRIATION VOTED</b>	<b>2,462,002</b>	<b>2,457,142</b>

<b>Stratford Tax Rate</b>				<b>Feb-22</b>
	<b>School Portion Only</b>			
<b>ESTIMATE ONLY...</b>				
	As Presented in			
	March 2020	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	
	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>	Diff. +/-
Expenses:				
Appropriations Voted:				
General Fund	2,234,783	2,234,783	2,268,505	\$ 33,722
Lunch Program	77,219	77,219	88,637	\$ 11,418
Federal Program Grants	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$ -
Technology Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Tuition Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Special Education Trust Fund		0	0	\$ -
Maintenance Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>2,412,002</b>	<b>2,412,002</b>	<b>2,457,142</b>	<b>\$ 45,140</b>
Revenues:				
Money left from last year's Budget	0	171,703	0	\$ (171,703)
Tuition Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Special Education Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Maintenance Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
General Revenues	179,000	186,092	179,000	\$ (7,092)
Federal Revenues	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$ -
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>279,000</b>	<b>457,795</b>	<b>279,000</b>	<b>\$ (178,795)</b>
Amount before grant	2,133,002	1,954,207	2,178,142	\$ 223,935
State Education Grant	905,809	914,418	890,514	\$ (23,904)
<b>Amount to be raised by taxes</b>	<b>1,227,193</b>	<b>1,039,789</b>	<b>1,287,628</b>	<b>\$ 247,839</b>
State School Property Tax (raised locally)	60,570	60,570	95,619	\$ 35,049
<b>Local School Property Tax:</b>	<b>1,166,623</b>	<b>979,219</b>	<b>1,192,009</b>	<b>\$ 212,790</b>
School Property Tax	11.54	9.30	11.32	2.02
State School Property Tax Rate :	0.96	0.94	1.48	0.54
Total State & Local School Tax Rate:	<b>12.50</b>	<b>10.25</b>	<b>12.80</b>	<b>2.55</b>
	<b>Approved Budget 22-23 to Proposed 23-24</b>			0.30
*Based upon \$105,275,922 net assessed valuation and \$64,671,522 net assessment without utilities				
<b>School Tax Rates</b>	200,000.00	150,000.00	100,000.00	75,000.00
Current 22/23 <b>10.25</b>	2,049.61	1,537.20	1,024.80	768.60
Proposed 23/24 <b>12.80</b>	2,560.25	1,920.19	1,280.12	960.09
Estimated Increase	<b>\$ 510.64</b>	<b>\$ 382.98</b>	<b>\$ 255.32</b>	<b>\$ 191.49</b>



**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #58**

Northumberland-Stark-Stratford

Approved 2023-2024 BUDGET

December 7, 2022

<b><u>ESTIMATED REVENUES</u></b>							
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE REVENUE	(\$55,488.88 6/30/22 Fund Balance)					\$	-
ESTIMATED E-RATE REVENUE	(E-Rate Reflected as Credit)					\$	-
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>						<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</u></b>							
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT/SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES						\$	16,960.00
SAU # 58 MANAGEMENT						\$	257,298.00
OTHER EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICES (Includes Exp for E-Rate)						\$	53,316.00
FISCAL MANAGEMENT						\$	295,875.00
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES						\$	122,939.00
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE						\$	24,966.00
SALARY POOL							
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>						<b>\$</b>	<b>771,354.00</b>
<b>MINUS ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>						<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PROPOSED BUDGET LESS REVENUE</b>						<b>\$</b>	<b>771,354.00</b>
	6/30/21		ADM				
	EQUALIZED	VALUATION	2020-2021	PUPIL	COMBINED	TOTAL	
	VALUATION	PERCENT	PUPILS	PERCENT	PERCENT	DISTRICT SHARE	
<b>Northumberland</b>	\$214,341,652	52.12%	311.75	78.64%	65.38%	<b>\$504,309.05</b>	
						\$10,563.73	
<b>Stark</b>	\$90,353,644	21.97%	25.82	6.51%	14.24%	<b>\$109,855.63</b>	
						(\$12,738.46)	
<b>Stratford</b>	\$106,550,561	25.91%	58.86	14.85%	20.38%	<b>\$157,189.32</b>	
						\$2,329.74	
	\$411,245,857	100.00%	396.43	100.00%	100.00%	<b>\$771,354.00</b>	
						-100%	
						Incr/(Decr)	
						\$155.00	

## **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.

# NOTES

# HOW TO REACH US

<b>Dog Warden</b> Not active (Police Department)
<b>Fire Non-Emergency</b> 636-2375
<b>Health Officer</b> 315-5164
<b>Police Non-Emergency</b> Not active (Police Department)
<b>Recycle Center/Transfer Station</b> 922-9063 or 922-5535 12 pm – 4 pm Monday; 8 am-12 pm Tuesday; 3 pm – 7 pm Wednesday; and 8 am -12 pm Saturday
<b>Stratford Public Library</b> 922-9016 Monday 9 am - 2 pm, Thursday 9 pm - 5 pm, Friday 9 am - 5 pm <a href="http://www.stratfordnhlibraries.com">www.stratfordnhlibraries.com</a>
<b>Select Board</b> 922-5533, 922-3317/Fax Posted hours 9 am – 3:30 pm Monday-Thursday; <i>other hours by appointment</i> ; <a href="mailto:town@stratfordnh.gov">town@stratfordnh.gov</a>
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b> 922-5546 Monday 10 am - 1 pm; Tuesday 3 pm – 6 pm; Wednesday 9 am – 3:30 pm; <i>other hours by appointment</i> <a href="mailto:tctx@stratfordnh.town">tctx@stratfordnh.town</a>

<b>Stratford School K-8</b> 922-3387 7 am - 3:30 pm Monday through Friday
<b>Groveton High School 9-12</b> 636-1619 7 am - 3:30 pm Monday through Friday
<b>Water System (N. Stratford)</b> 922-3357 or 331-1419 Cell
<b>Sewer System (Millhouse &amp; Village)</b> 922-3357 or 331-1419 Cell
<b>SAU-58</b> 636-1437 8 am – 4 pm Monday through Friday
<b>Web Sites</b> School: <a href="http://www.edline.net/pages/Stratford_Public_School">www.edline.net/pages/Stratford_Public_School</a> Town: <a href="https://stratfordnh.gov">https://stratfordnh.gov</a> Mapping: <a href="http://www.caigisonline.com/StratfordNH/">www.caigisonline.com/StratfordNH/</a>
<b>Welfare Administration</b> 922-5533 Posted hours Monday-Thursday 9 am - 3:30 pm; <i>other hours by appointment.</i>
<b>State Police 846-3333, 911 or Grafton County Dispatch at 787-6911</b>

## SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meeting	Date	Place	Time
Annual School Meeting	Monday before Town Meeting	School Auditorium	6:00 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. & Sat. of March	Fuller Town Hall	10:00 a.m.
Board of Selectmen	Every other Monday	Fuller Town Hall	3:30 p.m.
Fire Meetings	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month	SHFD	6:00 p.m.
Library Trustees	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of month	Library	3:45 p.m.
Planning Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month	Fuller Town Hall	6:30 p.m.
Safety Committee	Quarterly (date varies) Thurs.	Selectmen's Office	6:30 p.m.
Stratford School Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month	Multipurpose Room	6:00 p.m.
Conservation Comm.	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of month	Fuller Town Hall	5:00 p.m.

# **Stratford's 250th**

## **Event Calendar**

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023**

**Main Street Stratford/Stratford Pavilion**

**10:00 AM**

**Parade - Route 3 from Burns Truck Stop to Main Street**

**11:30 AM**

**Executive Councilor Joe Kenny Speaking**

**NOON**

**Band "Smokey Haze" Playing on the Common**

**FOOD TRUCKS**

**Vendor Fair / Celebration on the Common  
History Booths**

**1:00 PM**

**Cornhole Tournament**

**2:00 PM**

**Magic Fred Performing for the Kids**

**6:00 PM**

**Band "Raised On Radio"  
Playing at Main Street Ballfield**

**10:00 PM**

**Fireworks**

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Breakfast at Hollow Pavilion**

**1:00 PM**

**Stratford Grange Ribbon Cutting in the  
Grange Welcome Center**

**MORE TO COME...**