

Stratford, New Hampshire



2023 TOWN REPORT
The year ending
December 31, 2023

STRATFORD, NH
250th
Celebration 2023

Dear Valued Community Partner,

Your support of the Stratford 250th Celebration was an integral part of making the event a huge success, and we are grateful to you. As a result of the support of sponsors like you, we were able to raise over \$30,000 to fund the events that took place! Additionally, the support of community members who donated countless hours of human effort, time, and materials was tremendous and demonstrated the true spirit of the town of Stratford and the supportiveness of the rest of our North Country Partners.

Because of the generosity of everyone involved, we were able to welcome community members to a variety of events and create some long-lasting memories and artifacts to commemorate the town's birthday. The parade that kicked off the festivities stretched nearly a mile and included a variety of floats celebrating all things Stratford, from generations of family pride, to the log drives, to our oldest resident, to local businesses and fire departments. The Groveton VFW provided the color guard, and the Sheriff's Department was able to contain the Route 3 traffic flawlessly. The crowds on the sides of the road were a fun group! We were honored to have the support of our local elected officials, and the food trucks, vendors, kids area, and first band rounded out a fun afternoon of activities. Despite the rain, many people remarked that the last time they had seen this many people in the town of Stratford was at the time of the train wreck. We are humbled and grateful that this time, it was for a celebration instead.

Our evening entertainment was hampered by the rain, but the band kept playing under the Pavilion and the fireworks, generously sponsored by Don Noyes Chevrolet, were some of the best seen in the North Country in years! The placement of the fireworks behind the Stratford School was phenomenal, and we're glad the town, school, and fire department worked together to allow this to take place. It certainly was a moment of Stratford Pride to see the columns lit.

The festivities continued into Sunday, with a well-attended car show at the Stratford Hollow Pavilion, a pancake breakfast presented by the Cohos Historical Society, and the ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the re-opening of the renovated Grange Hall.

Without your support, none of this would have been possible. Your donation (money, time, equipment, etc) allowed us to bring the community together to celebrate the long history of the town, and remaining funds will continue to support townwide celebrations in the future. We were humbled to watch how this event brought not only the town of Stratford together, but also brought our neighbors (Groveton, Columbia, Bloomfield, Brunswick, and Colebrook) together as well. We truly are a small community and we are grateful for the connections that allowed this event to take place.

**With Sincere Gratitude,
The Stratford 250th Committee
Sarah Kennett
James & Renee Kennett
Nicole King
Patrick & Molly Carr**

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2023 Elected Officers, Appointees, and Other Positions

<p>Board of Selectmen 2024 Harry Juergens, Chairman 2026 Charles Goulet 2025 Clayton Macdonald</p>
<p>Cemetery Trustees 2024 Ronald Connary 2026 Charles Goulet 2025 Rose Connary</p>
<p>Emergency Management 2024 Charles Stinson, III 2025 Suzanne Goulet</p>
<p>Fire Department 2024 Charles Stinson, III, Chief Robert Blodgett, Assistant Chief</p> <p>Forest Fire Warden Jim Lee, Warden Charles Stinson, III, Deputy Warden</p>
<p>Health Officer 2023 Jim Lee Deputy, Vacancy</p>
<p>Inspectors of Election 2024 Lorraine Goulet (D) 2024 Cathy Lee (R) 2024 Rae Davenport (D) 2024 Vicki DeLalla (R) 2024 Lynette Emerson (R) 2024 Katrin Kerner (D) 2024 Gini Routhier (D) Alternate</p>
<p>Library Trustees 2024 Dawn Hall 2026 Wayne Hall 2025 Dana Cassell Thomas McCorkhill, Librarian Paul Raffenello, Assist. Librarian</p>
<p>Planning Board 2025 Bill Noons, Chairman 2024 Harry Juergens 2026 Natalie Keller 2026 Ronald Scott Jr. 2024 Michael Brauer, Alternate 2025 Bruce Blodgett Clayton Macdonald, PB Secretary</p>
<p>State Police 846-3333, 911 or 787-6911 (Grafton County Dispatch)</p>
<p>Winter Road Service (Contracted) Lynch, LLC</p>
<p>Select Board Office Suzanne Goulet, Town Administrator Jennifer Caron, Secretary</p>
<p>Conservation Commission 2024 Rachel O'Meara 2026 Chris Caron, Chairman 2024 Jenny Caron, Alternate 2025 Chelsea Petereit, Alternate 2022 Vacancy</p>
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<p>Town Clerk/Tax Collector 2024 Maryann Lister Vacant , Deputy</p>
<p>Town Moderator 2024 James R. C. Sayen</p>
<p>Treasurer 2025 Wendy McMann, Treasurer Rhiannon Frizzell, Deputy</p>
<p>Trustee of Trust Funds 2024 Dawn Hall 2023 Sharon Corbeil, Treasurer 2025 Kathy Labatte</p>
<p>Water/Sewer Department Erik Lynch, Manager</p>
<p>Welfare Administrator Suzanne Goulet</p>
<p>Zoning Board of Adjustment 2024 Wendy McMann 2025 Charles Goulet 2025 Michael Lynch</p>
<p>Recycle/Transfer Station Charles Goulet, Level 3 Manager James Chapple, Attendant Michael Tetreault, Attendant Ian Shannon, Attendant</p>
<p>Helen Brown Fund 2024 Peggy Deyette 2023 Sandra Theberge 2022 Vacancy</p>
<p>Connecticut River Joint Commission Jennifer Caron</p>
<p>Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee James R. C. Sayen</p>
<p>Transportation Action Committee Harry Juergens</p>
<p>North Country Council Vicki DeLalla Charles Goulet</p>
<p>Safety Committee 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, 2023

State of New Hampshire
Town of Stratford
2024 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 12, 2024, at 10 a.m. to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting on Article 1 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 16, 2024, at 10 a.m., to consider Articles 2 through 21.

Article 1: To choose by non-partisan ballot the following officers: 1 Selectboard Member (3 Year Term); 1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector (2 Year Term); 1 Cemetery Trustee (3 Year Term); 1 Library Trustee (3 Year Term); 1 Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Year term); 2 Supervisor of the Checklist (4 Year Term)(6 Year Term); 1 Moderator (2 Year Term).

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$962,352** for the operating budget. This article does not include the cost of any other warrant article.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$6,000** 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 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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 7. To see if the town will vote to establish a Land Purchase/ Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purchases and new construction and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund. (Board Recommends) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** to be added to the previously established Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 9. 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 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** to be added to the previously established Recreation Revolving Fund. These funds will be specific to upgrading recreational parks. (Board Recommends)

Article 11. 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 12. To see if the town will vote to close the existing 250th Celebration Trust Fund and transfer the funds to the Recreation Revolving Fund. (Board Recommends) (2/3 vote required)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the 1977 vote which states “To see if the town will vote to accept a Curfew Ordinance, whereby a youngster 16 year of age or younger must be off the streets by 9:00 P.M. unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, effective April 1, 1977.” (Board Recommends)

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the 1977 vote which states “To see if the town will vote to impose a penalty of \$5.00 on the parent or legal guardian for first offence and \$10.00 for second offence if a youngster is found in violation of the Curfew Ordinance, effective April 1, 1977.” (Board Recommends)

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the 1977 vote which states “To see if the town wishes to take reference to a “Dog Ordinance.” (Board Recommends)

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to adopt a “Dog Ordinance.” (Board Recommends)

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$17,919** to be used for the purchase of a new battery powered combi-tool, “Jaws of Life.”

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Stratford Community Power plan, to authorize the Selectboard to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. (Board Recommends)

Article 19. 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 grants for the restoration of the Marion Blodgett Museum in Stratford Hollow.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$6,239** in donations to the following groups: \$1,500, North Country Home Health & Hospice; \$1,000, Northern Human Services; \$1,655, Tri-County CAP; \$1,000, Helping Hands; \$634, Backpack Program; \$250, CASA; \$200, Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.

Article 21. 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 12th day of February in the year 2024.

A True Copy of Warrant Attest:

HARRY JUERGENS
Harry R. Juergens, Chairman

Clayton Macdonald
Clayton Macdonald

Charles V. Goulet
Charles V. Goulet
Board of Selectmen, Stratford, NH

Signed:

Harry R. Juergens
Harry R. Juergens, Chairman

Clayton Macdonald
Clayton Macdonald

Charles V. Goulet
Charles V. Goulet
Board of Selectmen, Stratford, NH



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive	02	\$89,066	\$88,725	\$93,625	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$48,659	\$51,196	\$51,672	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	02	\$61,925	\$58,600	\$64,200	\$0
4152	Property Assessment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$13,814	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	02	\$53,141	\$54,000	\$56,000	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	02	\$1,900	\$3,550	\$5,150	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$84,110	\$76,800	\$81,000	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$15,965	\$15,975	\$16,575	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	02	\$18,738	\$19,600	\$22,400	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	02	\$5,674	\$5,700	\$5,750	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	02	\$3,882	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$396,874	\$392,146	\$414,372	\$0
Public Safety						
4210	Police	02	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
4215	Ambulances	02	\$27,475	\$27,475	\$31,475	\$0
4220	Fire	02	\$41,813	\$44,465	\$48,465	\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	02	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$70,788	\$77,940	\$85,940	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Highway Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$164,389	\$150,100	\$155,100	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$3,103	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$167,492	\$154,100	\$158,600	\$0



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					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$79,107	\$91,200	\$91,200	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	02	\$2,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal	02	\$78,903	\$79,050	\$79,050	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$160,510	\$175,750	\$175,750	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	02	\$38,582	\$39,600	\$39,600	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$38,582	\$39,600	\$39,600	\$0
Electric						
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	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
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Health Administration	02	\$1,545	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$1,545	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Welfare						
4441	Welfare Administration	02	\$9,618	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$9,618	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0



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					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Culture and Recreation						
4520	Parks and Recreation	02	\$30,449	\$30,500	\$34,500	\$0
4550	Library	02	\$19,265	\$19,750	\$21,811	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$1,880	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$51,594	\$52,050	\$59,311	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611	Conservation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	02	\$573	\$2,279	\$2,279	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$573	\$2,279	\$2,279	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	02	\$27,398	\$24,000	\$8,000	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	02	\$926	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	02	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal		\$28,324	\$28,000	\$10,000	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Operating Transfers Out						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$962,352	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4911	To Revolving Funds	10 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to Recreation Revolving Fund</i>	\$25,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	04 <i>Purpose: Highway and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$25,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	05 <i>Purpose: Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$10,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	06 <i>Purpose: Recycling Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$3,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	07 <i>Purpose: Establish a Land Purchase CRF</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	09 <i>Purpose: Municipal Solar Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	11 <i>Purpose: Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$2,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	03 <i>Purpose: Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund</i>	\$6,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	08 <i>Purpose: Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust</i>	\$5,000	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$82,000	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	20 <i>Purpose: Donations</i>	\$6,239	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	19 <i>Purpose: Donation Cohos Historical Society</i>	\$250	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	17 <i>Purpose: Purchase a Combi-tool "Jaws of Life"</i>	\$17,919	\$0
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$24,408	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	02	\$32,300	\$8,000	\$8,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	02	\$0	\$2,000	\$12,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$107	\$100	\$100
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$13,658	\$15,000	\$15,000
Taxes Subtotal			\$46,065	\$25,100	\$35,100
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$152,104	\$142,000	\$150,000
3230	Building Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$2,321	\$2,000	\$2,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$154,425	\$144,000	\$152,000
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
From Federal Government Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$62,863	\$62,863	\$38,855
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$26,801	\$21,039	\$21,600
3354	Water Pollution Grant	02	\$6,941	\$6,941	\$6,940
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	02	\$6,854	\$6,854	\$8,568
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	02	\$6,232	\$10,137	\$10,946
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$109,691	\$107,834	\$86,909



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	02	\$124,779	\$118,650	\$118,650
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges	02	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$130,779	\$124,650	\$124,650
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$6,773	\$3,000	\$4,000
3503	Other	02	\$0	\$0	\$500
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	02	\$825	\$775	\$500
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$7,598	\$3,775	\$5,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	03, 06	\$0	\$0	\$9,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	02	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$84,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$448,558	\$405,359	\$487,659



Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2024
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$962,352
Special Warrant Articles	\$82,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$24,408
Total Appropriations	\$1,068,760
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$487,659
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$581,101

Town of Stratford – Annual Town Meeting **18 March 2023**

The Town’s Annual Business Meeting to consider Articles 3 through 16 was held on Saturday, March 18, 2023. The meeting took place at Fuller Town Hall and was called to order at 10:00 AM by Moderator Jamie Sayen. There were approximately 32 residents in attendance.

***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).

Ballot vote – took place on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

Election results:

Select Board Member: Greg Ruch 21 ; Charles Goulet 127
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Katrin “Kitty” Kerner 143
Supervisor of Elections: Carlos Cavazos 140
Cemetery Trustee: Charles Goulet 141
Library Trustee: Wayne Hall 132
Trustee of Trust Funds: Sharon Corbeil 141

***Article 2.** To choose by non-partisan ballot: 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)

Ballot vote – took place on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

Election results:

Yes: 121
No: 25

Article 2 passed as written

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.

Motion made to accept article as read: Clayton Macdonald

Seconded by: Wayne Hall

Discussion: Jim Lee asked why there was a \$60,000 increase in the budget. The select board explained there was an increase in costs, especially the ambulance service, highway repairs, and transfer station costs. There was also discussion about the towns solar array.

Article 3 passed as read by voice vote.

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)

Motion made to accept article as read: James Kennett

Seconded by: Wayne Hall

Discussion: Charles Goulet, selectman, explained there was \$ 18,776 in the fund currently

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: Jenny Caron

Discussion: Vicki DeLalla felt the amount should be increased; it hasn't changed in years.

Motion made to amend the article as follows by: Vicki DeLalla. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$26,000** to be added to the previously established Highway and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund.

Seconded by: Wendy McMann

Discussion: Jim Lee wondered if even more funds are needed. Selectman Clayton Macdonald said the board felt \$25,00 was the bare minimum, but it was up to the town. Harry Juergens, selectman, said there is currently \$204,133 in the capital reserve fund. Dan Smith wondered if 4 -wheelers increase road repair costs. Select board answered yes, on class V roads. Rene Routhier thought more consideration should be given in future to the extra expense to roads incurred by 4 wheelers.

The amendment passed by voice vote.

Dan Smith called to move the vote.

Article 5 passed as amended 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: Charles Goulet

Seconded by: Rene Routhier

Discussion: Charles Goulet, selectman: there is \$97,025 in the fund

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: Rene Routhier

Seconded by: Dan Smith

Discussion: Charles Goulet, selectman: there is \$24,995 in the fund. A new baler is needed which will cost between \$21,000 and \$24,000

Article 7 passed as read by voice vote.

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)

Motion made to accept article as read: Clayton Macdonald

Seconded by: Vicki DeLalla

Discussion: There was discussion on the difference between ‘optional’ and “all” veteran versions of the law.

Motion made to amend the article as follows by: Wayne Hall. Shall the town **adopt** the **all** veterans’ credit in accordance with **RSA 72:28-b** for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$100? (Majority vote required)

Seconded by: Dan Smith

The amendment passed by voice vote.

Wendy McMann called to move the vote .

Article 8 passed as amended 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: Harry Juergens

Seconded by: Dan Smith

Discussion: Harry Juergens, selectman: there is \$26, 669 in the fund.

Article 9 passed as read by voice vote.

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)

Motion made to accept article as read: Dan Smith

Seconded by: Clayton Macdonald

Discussion: per select board, there is \$44,135 in the fund.

Article 10 passed as read by voice vote.

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)

Motion made to accept article as read: Dan Smith

Seconded by: Chris Caron

Discussion:

Article 11 passed as read by voice vote.

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)

Motion made to accept article as read: Harry Juergens

Seconded by: Wayne Hall

Discussion: re: erosion at Baldwin Cemetery. Chris Caron felt more funds should be allocated.

Motion made to amend the article as follows by: Chris Caron: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** to be added to the previously established Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

Seconded by: Dan Smith

Discussion:

The Amendment passed by voice vote.

Article 12 passed as amended by voice vote.

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)

Motion made to accept article as read: Dan Smith

Seconded by: Jenny Caron

Discussion: Wayne Hall asked when this law was enacted, and if it has been adjusted for cost-of-living increases. Suzanne Goulet indicated that it came into effect in 2007 and the current figures represent an adjustment. Michael Brauer asked about requirements that establish net worth; Suzanne indicated there is a protocol.

Article 13 passed as read by voice 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.

Motion made to accept article as read: Harry Juergens

Seconded by: Charles Goulet

Discussion:

Motion made to amend the article as follows by: Vicki DeLalla: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$250 and any unexpended remaining monies from the town's 250th anniversary celebration fund** 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.

Seconded by: Rene Routhier

Discussion: James Kennett pointed out some problems with this possibly impacting the funding for the 250th celebration. Ginny Routhier pointed out that any unexpended funds from the 250th celebration would go back into the capital reserve fund, and perhaps this could be addressed next year.

Motion to amend the article withdrawn by: Vicki Delalla

Seconded withdrawn by: Rene Routhier

Motion to amend the article as follows by: Rae Davenport: 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.

Seconded by: Marie Snedeker

Discussion:

The amendment passed by voice vote.
Wayne Hall called to move the vote.
Article 14 passed as amended by voice vote.

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.

Motion made to accept article as read: Dan Smith

Seconded by: Rene Routhier

Discussion: Wayne Hall would like to increase appropriation to the backpack program.

Motion to amend the article as follows by: Wayne Hall: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,005** 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; **\$750**, Backpack Program; \$200, CASA; \$200, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital; \$200, Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.

Seconded by: Jenny Caron

The amendment passed by voice vote.

Dan Smith called to move the vote.

Article 15 passed as amended by voice vote.

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.

Motion made to accept article as read: Dan Smith

Seconded by: Rene Routhier

Discussion: Wayne Hall would like to bring back a \$1,000 yearly appropriation for the town's 275th anniversary celebration. Also, as a Library Trustee, he would like to share that the library received a \$20,000 grant from the Tillotson Foundation for the children's area and programming, and invites citizens to visit the library.

Dan Smith noted he had suggested combining the school and town meetings, when he was at the school meeting earlier this week.

Ginny Routhier thanked the 250th anniversary committee for their work.

Michael Brauer questioned why article 2 was voted on before it could be discussed at town meeting. Selectman Clayton MacDonald explained the law, and why it was important that citizens attend public hearings.

Vicki DeLalla noted there will be a ribbon cutting, lunch, and vendors on June 25th at the Grange. Homesteading events will be hosted throughout the year.

Charles Goulet thanked voters and asked that we recognize Suzanne Goulet, the select board's administrative assistant for her work for the town.

Clayton MacDonald discussed the new Town Website.

Jenny Caron mentioned clean up week this year is April 30-May 6., and that the Conservation Committee has adopted RT 3 from Old Mill Rd north to the Town Line for clean up.

Jim Lee appealed for more volunteer firefighters: six of nine firemen are from out of town at present.

Article 16 passed as read by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by: Dan Smith

Seconded by: Rene Routhier

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM by Moderator Jamie Sayen on 3/18/2023.

Respectfully submitted

Rachel O'Meara
Stratford Town Clerk pro tem

March 18, 2023



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
Clayton MacDonald	Selectman, Board Chair	<i>Clayton MacDonald</i>
Harry Juergens	Selectman	
Charles V Goulet	Selectman	<i>Charles V. Goulet</i>

Preparer		
Name	Phone	Email
Gary Fournier	603-922-5533	town@stratfordnh.gov

Preparer's Signature



Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	35,788.77	\$1,335,919	
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	1,478.07	\$10,876,700	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	106.84	\$722,500	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	37,374.01	\$12,940,919	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	13,374.34	\$9,927,600	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$52,474,700	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$3,127,300	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$4,431,900	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	1	\$1,179	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$60,035,079	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$3,682,000	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$33,314,900	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$106,290,898	
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	
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$106,290,898	
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	5	\$200,000
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
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$245,000
21A	Net Valuation			\$106,045,898
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$106,045,898
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$106,045,898
22	Less Utilities			\$33,314,900
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$72,730,998
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$72,730,998



Utility Value Appraisers

Brett s. Purvis & Associates

George E. Sansoucy, PE

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

Electric Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$3,529,300	\$51,200	\$0	\$0	\$3,580,500
	\$3,529,300	\$51,200	\$0	\$0	\$3,580,500
Gas Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
PORTLAND NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,734,400	\$29,734,400
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,734,400	\$29,734,400



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$100	33	\$3,300
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$700	0	\$0
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$700	6	\$4,200
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$0	0	\$0
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		39	\$7,500

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report			
Deaf Income Limits		Deaf Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0
Disabled Income Limits		Disabled Asset Limits	
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				
Age	Number	Age	Number	Amount	Maximum	Total
65-74	0	65-74	0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
75-79	0	75-79	0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
80+	1	80+	5	\$40,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
			5		\$200,000	\$200,000
Income Limits		Asset Limits				
Single	\$25,000	Single		\$70,000		
Married	\$35,000	Married		\$70,000		

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



Current Use RSA 79-A	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	1,115.53	\$219,806
Forest Land	11,351.93	\$441,544
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	21,422.06	\$646,837
Unproductive Land	1,539.90	\$22,470
Wet Land	359.35	\$5,262
	35,788.77	\$1,335,919

Other Current Use Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	32,582.48
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	Acres:	6.87
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	Owners:	172
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	Parcels:	279

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year		\$9,924
Conservation Allocation	Percentage: 100.00 %	Dollar Amount: \$0
Monies to Conservation Fund		\$9,924
Monies to General Fund		\$0

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B

	Acres	Valuation
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
	0.00	\$0

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

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



Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
	0.00	0	\$0

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

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D					
	Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
	1	1	0.33	\$5,800	\$1,179

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
102	017		75	Barn

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

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax			Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357			\$6,854.00	12,486.90
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186				0.00

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

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

Notes



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue
Administration


2023
\$19.11

Tax Rate Breakdown Stratford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$560,090	\$106,045,898	\$5.29
County	\$426,683	\$106,045,898	\$4.02
Local Education	\$900,504	\$106,045,898	\$8.49
State Education	\$95,619	\$72,730,998	\$1.31
Total	\$1,982,896		\$19.11

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$1,982,896
War Service Credits	(\$7,500)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$1,975,396

 Sam Greene Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	11/9/2023
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Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$1,020,870	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$405,359)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$7,000)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$75,000)
War Service Credits	\$7,500	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$19,079	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$560,090	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$426,683	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$426,683	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$1,922,257	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations		
Net Education Grant		(\$926,134)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$95,619)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$900,504	
State Education Tax	\$95,619	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$95,619	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$106,045,898	\$105,275,922
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$72,730,998	\$64,671,522
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$106,045,898	\$105,275,922

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
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Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$0
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$2,443,676
Final Overlay	\$19,079

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*.

2023 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Stratford	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (11.60%)	\$283,418
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$415,425
10% Retained	\$244,368
8% Retained	\$195,494
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$122,184

Exempt Properties Owned by Town

Map/Lot	Description	Location	Other
101-01	Town Garage	10 Town Common Rd.	.44 acres
101-05	Strip Between Road/RR	US Route 3	1.3 acres
101-19	Fuller Town Hall	1956 US Route 3	.57 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.	11.6 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: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020	
Property Taxes	3110		\$144,220.76	\$214.00	\$81.00	
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189		\$10,126.15			
Property Tax Credit Balance ?		(\$1,796.87)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,976,014.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$25,830.00	\$6,500.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$1,049.61	\$946.89		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$61.00			
Other Taxes	3189	\$115,389.85			
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Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,704.05			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
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Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$1,289.91	\$7,725.00		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits	\$2,119,541.55	\$169,518.80	\$214.00	\$81.00
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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$1,825,845.25	\$83,955.57		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$21,830.00	\$6,500.00		
Yield Taxes	\$5.00	\$946.89		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$1,239.91	\$4,927.00		
Penalties	\$50.00	\$2,798.00		
Excavation Tax	\$61.00			
Other Taxes	\$103,882.98	\$6,183.77		
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$63,277.18		
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$1,163.00	\$930.39	\$104.00	\$81.00
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$107.68			
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Current Levy Deeded				



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$150,140.61		\$110.00	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$4,000.00			
Yield Taxes	\$1,044.61			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$11,399.19			
Property Tax Credit Balance ?	(\$1,227.68)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
Total Credits	\$2,119,541.55	\$169,518.80	\$214.00	\$81.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$165,466.73
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$68,778.97



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$31,636.02	\$28,450.83
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$68,312.53		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$1,014.34	\$1,297.66	\$7,533.10
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Add Line				
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$69,326.87	\$32,933.68	\$35,983.93

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Redemptions		\$27,342.42	\$6,898.09	\$25,261.19
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Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$1,014.34	\$1,297.66	\$7,533.10
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Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				\$118.71
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$40,970.11	\$24,737.93	\$3,070.93
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$69,326.87	\$32,933.68	\$35,983.93

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$165,466.73
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	\$68,778.97



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

Maryann

Lister

Jan 2, 2024

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.


Preparer's Signature and Title

Town Clerk + Tax Collector

2023 Town Clerk's Report

REVENUE COLLECTED AND REMITTED TO THE TREASURER

Category	Collected
Motor Vehicle & Boat Registrations	205,389.01
Dog Licenses	652.50
Town Pictorial sales	60.00
Vital Records & Marriage Licenses	
State Fees	111.00
Town Fees	99.00
Other/Misc.	738.70
Total Collected	\$207,050.21

MARRIAGES

Person A / Person B	Date	Place of Marriage	Town of Issuance
Kennett, Bethany Ann/ Blais, Mark Leo	02/26/2023	Stratford	Northumberland
Arsenault, Jamie Ray/Howe, Mindy Sue	08/26/2023	Lancaster	Northumberland

BIRTHS

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partners Name	Mother's Name
Mank, Lakelynn Grey	07/13/2023	Lebanon	Mank, Charles Thomas	Stevens, Brianne McCrea

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2023 Town Clerk's Report, continued

DEATHS

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Vet
Corbeil, Denis E	01/14/2023	N.Stratford	Corbeil, Charles	East, Gloria	N
Murdock, Douglas Brian	01/16/2023	Stratford	Murdock, Carroll	Young, Shirley	N
McMilleon, Francis Charles	01/27/2023	N.Stratford	McMilleon, Lawrence	LaFleur, Corrine	N
Wright, Beverly Mildred	02/21/2023	Stratford	Boudle, Irving	Masters, Lilla	N
Naisbitt III, Roy William	04/11/2023	N.Stratford	Naisbitt Jr, Roy	Mongiovi, Susan	N
Bennett, Josephine Alice	05/29/2023	Lancaster	Goodale, Roy	Hand, Balanche	N
Twitchell, Becky Joy	06/08/2023	Stratford	Twitchell, Kenneth	Bedell, Heidi	N
Yacco, Louis James	06/20/2023	N.Stratford	Yacco, Louis	Edkins, Eleanor	N
Potter, Deborah Ann	08/03/2023	Manchester	Clark, Roydon	Hill, Ruby	N
Hurley, William Alton	08/12/2023	Lancaster	Hurley, Alton	Weatherstone, Grace	N
Chapman Jr, Donald M	09/21/2023	Stratford	Chapman Sr, Donald	Sturtevant, Betty	N
Brewer, Lynn Marie	12/07/2023	N.Stratford	Paradise, O'Neil	Leduc, Loraine	N
Cavanaugh, John Richard	12/27/2023	N.Stratford	Cavanaugh, Peter	Kierce, Anna	Y

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Lister

Maryann Lister, Town Clerk & Tax
Collector

Annual Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Mascoma Bank Accounts

General Fund - Checking

Beginning Balance	\$ 519,418.81
Total Receipts	\$ 3,033,430.18
Interest (Included in Total Receipts)	\$ 6,773.14
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 3,235,191.13
Ending Balance	\$ 317,657.86

Conservation Fund - Checking

Beginning Balance	\$ 17,446.79
Total Receipts	\$ 32,598.98
Interest (Included in Total Receipts)	\$ 268.98
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 50,045.77

Certificates of Deposit for Water System Replacement

Beginning Balance	\$ 216,907.74
Total Interest	\$ 2,783.13
Ending Balance	\$ 219,690.87

Wendy McMann
Treasurer

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND REPORT FOR 2023

	Beginning Balance	Appropriations		Ending
<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Principal & Income</u>	<u>& Interest</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Cemetery Trust Funds				
Stratford Center Cemetery	65,628.23	3,434.57		69,062.80
Baldwin Cemetery	6,143.10	321.49		6,464.59
Catholic Cemetery	432.46	22.64		455.10
Financial Aid Trust Funds				
Baldwin, Rollin Fund	4,451.65	232.96		4,684.61
Brown, Helen Fund	13,670.40	715.44		14,385.84
Hutchins, John Fund	865.27	45.29		910.56
Morrison Athletic Award	617.12	32.29		649.41
Stevens, Irene Carrier Scholarship	4,496.60	235.31		4,731.91
Nugent, Bernard Scholarship	4,991.75	252.67	200.00	5,044.42
Mason, Grant Scholarship	1,093.02	57.18		1,150.20
Allin, Lewis Scholarship	52.37	2.74		55.11
Whitaker, Gerald Scholarship	1,518.11	79.45		1,597.56
Davis, Brandon Scholarship	1,558.78	73.00	200.00	1,431.78
Capital Reserve Trust Funds				
No. Stratford Memorial CR	5,048.46	264.21		5,312.67
Stratford Hollow Memorial CR	17,873.19	935.37		18,808.56
School District CR	54,034.60	2,827.86		56,862.46
Fire Department CR	97,024.57	15,095.66		112,120.23
Highway & Bridges CR	204,133.28	36,563.76	42,640.00	198,057.04
Special Education CR	168,395.70	8,812.89		177,208.59
Digital Maps CR	2,592.50	135.68		2,728.18
Municipal Solar CR	44,135.66	1,767.24	36,000.00	9,902.90
Lawn Tractor CR	797.83	41.77		839.60
High School Tuition	72,049.77	3,770.66		75,820.43
Recycle CR	24,995.26	4,313.49		29,308.75
Technology Trust Fund - School Dept	37,183.37	1,945.96		39,129.33
Cemetery Captial Reserve Fund	10,094.81	3,533.69		13,628.50
Expendable Trust Funds				
250th Celebration	7,292.63	381.65		7,674.28
Fire Department	18,776.47	4,989.85		23,766.32
School Maintenance	329,782.89	17,258.94		347,041.83
Government Buildings Maintenance	26,659.24	11,393.67	5,000.00	33,052.91
	\$1,226,389.09	\$119,537.38	\$84,040.00	\$1,261,886.47
Sharon Corbeil, Treasurer for the Trustee of Trust Funds				



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, 2022, 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

June 19, 2023

Summary of Departmental Expenses 2023

4130-4139 Executive	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Total Executive Payroll	86,201.41
<i>Expenses</i>	
Amazon	34.96
Caron, Jennifer	111.34
Coos County Registry of Deeds	87.29
Debanville's Store	125.78
Dunkin Donuts	24.94
Fearless Computing, Inc.	22.50
Goulet, Suzanne	111.35
Jordan Associates (<i>The Colebrook Chronicle</i>)	264.00
Macdonald, Clayton	174.23
McMann, Wendy	48.47
NH Association of Assessing Officials	20.00
NH Department of Revenue Administration	10.00
Owl Stamp	56.90
Petty Cash	169.57
Postmaster	617.00
Quill Corporation	588.76
Riff Flower Shop	100.00
Straight Talk	15.00
The News & Sentinel	350.00
Repayment & Refunds to Town	(-67.25)
Total Executive Expenses	2,864.84
Grand Total	89,066.25
4140-4149 Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Total Election Payroll	39,220.51
<i>Expenses</i>	
Amazon	140.72
Best Buy	357.97
Coos County Register of Deeds	297.90
IDS-Identification Source	109.18
Invoice Cloud	270.00
Kerner, Kitty	40.87
Lister, Maryann	852.21
NH City & Town Clerks Association	80.00
NH Criminal Records	50.00
NH Tax Collectors Association	1,545.34

Overnight Prints	119.90
Petty Cash	307.36
Postmaster	1,604.20
Quill Corporation	310.61
Schwaab, Inc	122.24
Snedeker, Marie	695.61
Tax Over payment	1,704.05
The News and Sentinel	112.50
Treasury State of NH	224.00
Vital Records	74.00
Reimbursement/Travel/Other	419.81
Total Election Expenses	9,438.47
Grand Total	48,658.98
4150-4151 Financial Administration	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Adobe	209.93
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. (software)	9,438.27
Brett Purvis & Associates (assessing)	28,680.00
Cartographic Associates, Inc. (digital mapping)	4,900.00
Cohos Advisors	7,350.00
Coos Registry of Deeds	51.29
George E. Sansoucy (utility assessing)	5,500.00
Intuit	650.00
Jordan Associates	96.00
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc	960.32
Namecheap	32.16
Owl Stamp	59.75
Porter Office Machines	415.74
Quill	221.93
Quick Books	1,263.50
Smith & Town Printers	1,121.00
State of NH Criminal Records	50.00
Straight Talk	60.00
Sunn Valley, LLC	101.83
The News & Sentinel	86.50
Treasurer State of NH	25.00
Other Expenses	651.63
Total Financial Administration Expenses	61,924.85
4153 Legal Expenses	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Coos Country Registry of Deeds	64.66
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC	441.10
Drummond Woodsum Attorney at Law	11,488.74
Waystack Frizzell, Trial Lawyers	1,819.00

Total Legal Expenses	13,813.50
4155-4159 Personnel Administration	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Group Insurance	9,600.27
Health Trust	9,970.80
NH Municipal	1,219.00
Payroll Taxes	18,492.84
State Retirement (town portion for 2 employees)	13,857.99
Total Personnel Administration Expenses	53,140.90
4191-4193 Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment	
<i>Payroll</i>	1,325.00
<i>Expenses</i>	
Coos Registry of Deeds	163.66
North Country Council	145.00
The News & Sentinel	75.00
Planning Board Fees	(500.00)
Postage	667.26
State of NH-Criminal Record	25.00
Total Planning Board Expenses	575.92
Total Zoning Board Expenses	(0)
Grand Total	1,900.92
4194 Town Buildings	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Total Town Buildings Payroll	13,191.24
<i>Expenses</i>	
AGTEC	257.95
Amazon	311.74
Consolidated Communications	3,877.84
Custom Tarps	1,754.00
Eversource	21,807.33
Fibercast	1,169.10
Goulet, Charles	9,136.45
Grainger	655.36
Ideal Auto Supply	40.99
Impact Fire Service	647.50
Jeffers, Clark	843.34
Lufkin Security Systems	2,716.00
Northwoods Trading Post	381.19
P. A. Hicks & Sons, Inc.	1,443.92
Perras Ace, Inc.	2,094.16
Petty Cash	102.79
Poulin Sales & Service	934.00
Quill Corporation	480.74
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc.	20,247.03

Tardif Heating & Mechanical	1,144.12
Town of Stratford (utilities)	2,563.86
Treasury, State of NH, fuel	50.00
UniFirst Corporation	3,626.09
Yakis, Ryan	310.00
Repayments & Grants/Other	(5,676.00)
Total Town Buildings Expenses	70,919.50
Grand Total	84,110.74
4195 Cemeteries – Cemetery Trustees	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Total Cemeteries Payroll	0.00
<i>Expenses</i>	
Amazon	47.06
Croteau’s Lawn Service	10,025.00
Connary, Ron & Rose	250.00
Dirty Stone Cleaner	5,478.00
Jordan Associates (<i>The Colebrook Chronicle</i>)	48.00
Northern Garden	91.50
The News and Sentinel	25.00
Total Cemetery Expenses	15,964.56
Grand Total	15,964.56
4196 Insurance	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company (flood)	2,689.00
Primex (worker comp. & unemployment comp.) Liability	16,048.98
Total Insurance Expenses	18,737.98
Grand Total	18,737.98
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	
<i>Expenses</i>	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Total Advertising and Regional Associations Payroll	2,582.67
North Country Council Dues	700.00
North Star Flag	2,390.90
Total Advertising Expenses	3,090.90
Grand Total	5,673.57
4199 Other General Government	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Advertising	196.85
Maguire, Dennis	1,000.00
Mosca Design	1,248.25
NHMA	1,137.00
Peterson Welding	50.00
Yakis, Matt	250.00
Total Other General Government	3,882.10

4210-4214 Police Department	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Total Police Payroll	0.00
<i>Expenses</i>	
Total Police Expenses	0.00
Grand Total	0.00
4215 Ambulance	27,475.00
4220-4229 Fire Department	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Total Fire Payroll	11,975.42
<i>Expenses</i>	
45 th Parallel EMS	120.00
Adair, Ben	292.00
Advantage Truck Group	212.27
Alert-All Corp.	1,065.75
Amazon	447.82
Basket of Stitches, LLC	406.00
Coos Auto Supply, Inc.	654.16
Fire Tech & Safety of New England	4,200.00
Fortin, Chris	852.00
Gonyer, Hayden	25.60
Grafton County Sheriff's Dept.	2,500.00
Impact Fire Services, LLC	1,108.89
Industrial Service Protection, LLC	5,083.00
Jay Witcomb	1,222.42
Jordan Associates	24.00
Lee, James	298.03
Lewis & Woodard, Inc.	357.00
MOMs North Country Power Sports	643.94
Motion Industries	48.84
NCFMAD	250.00
New England Marine and Industrial	159.85
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	7,275.11
P.A. Hicks	18.04
Penguin Management, Inc.	972.00
Perras Ace, Inc.	38.57
Sanel Auto Parts	49.46
Town of Lancaster	250.00
Town of Stratford	74.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	628.99
Wildland Warehouse	557.97
Other	1.38
Total Fire Department Expenses	29,837.09
Grand Total	41,812.51

4290A-4298 Emergency Management	
<i>Payroll</i>	1,500.00
Total Emergency Management Expenses	1,500.00
Grand Total	1,500.00
4312 Highways and Streets – Contracted Road Agent	
<i>Expenses</i>	
<i>Payroll</i>	4,353.17
Arrow Central	836.48
Central Asphalt Paving	42,640.00
Champlain Valley Equipment	127.08
Clark Jeffers, Jr.	9,086.28
Cloutier Sand & Gravel	5,532.50
David White Trucking	6,188.00
Lynch, LLC	114,435.82
Morton Salt	6,486.47
North Kohl Excavating, LLC	12,782.00
Northern Tire	105.00
Nugent, John	4,456.25
Grant Money & Capital Reserve	(42, 640)
Total Highway Expenses	160,035.88
Grand Total	164,389.05
4316 Street Lighting	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Eversource	3,103.37
Total Street Lighting Expenses	3,103.37
4324 Solid Waste Disposal – Transfer Station/Recycling Center	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Total Solid Waste Disposal Payroll	23,430.50
<i>Expenses</i>	
Al Plumbing & Heating	2,112.30
Atlantic Recycle Equipment LLC	2,389.96
AVRRDD Mount Carberry Landfill, LLC	19,247.65
Burns Truck Stop	1,050.00
Clark Jeffers, Jr.	162.57
Champlain Valley Equipment	127.07
Goulet, Charles	1,430.46
Grainger	31.53
Ideal Auto Supply, Inc.	154.65
Newport Sand & Gravel	270.00
Normandeau Trucking, Inc.	19,933.00
Northeast Resource Recovery Association	10,281.19
Northwoods Trading Post	189.54
Petty Cash	52.00
Shannon, Ian	211.61

State of NH-Criminal Records	25.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	375.00
Refund from Recycle Revenue Re: Tires	(2,367.00)
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses	55,676.53
Grand Total	79,107.03
4325 Landfill Clean-Up	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Horizons Engineering, PLLC	2,500.00
Total Landfill Expenses	2,500.00
4326-4329 Sewage Collection and Disposal – Sewer Department	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Total Sewer Payroll	2,956.60
<i>Expenses</i>	
Avery's Industrial Services, LLC	2,875.00
Burns Truck Stop	170.00
Eastern Analytical, Inc.	6,468.00
IDEXX Distribution, Inc.	2,204.10
Ideal Auto Supply	498.15
Jordan Associates (<i>The Colebrook Chronicle</i>)	48.00
Laviolette Controls	3040.00
Lynch, Erik	68.97
Lynch, LLC	59,585.64
Northern Tire	180.00
Quill Corporation	29.58
Sign Depot	350.00
The News and Sentinel	25.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	403.51
Total Sewer Expenses	75,945.95
Grand Total	78,902.55
4332 Water Distribution – Water Department	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Total Water Payroll	556.14
<i>Expenses</i>	
Aquionic, Inc.	1,888.06
Eastern Analytical, Inc.	2,890.00
Everett J. Prescott, Inc.	4,245.28
Goulet, Nicolas	202.50
Granite State Rural Water Association	800.00
Hach Company	661.98
Ideal Auto Supply	61.97
Impact Fire Services, LLC	113.75
Laviolette Controls	2,565.00
Lynch, Erik	59.99
Lynch, LLC	20,155.36

Monson Companies	2,814.64
P.A. Hicks	219.90
Perras Ace Inc.	170.48
Poulin Grain Inc.	660.80
QualCal Services, LLC	330.00
USA Blue Book	186.45
Total Water Expenses	38,026.16
Grand Total	38,582.30
4411 Health Department	
<i>Expenses</i>	
<i>Payroll</i>	1,500.00
NH Health Officer Membership	45.00
Grand Total	1,545.00
4441-4442 Welfare Administration & Direct Assistance	
<i>Payroll</i>	2,999.94
<i>Expenses</i>	6,617.92
Total Welfare Expenses	6,617.92
Grand Total	9,617.86
4520-4529 Parks and Recreation	
<i>Payroll</i>	
Total	18,989.40
<i>Expenses</i>	
American Flag/Emblem Crosses	100.80
Canoe Launch Maps	37.26
COHOS Historical Society	105.00
DTM Small Engines	147.27
Ducrets Sporting Goods, LLC	195.00
Grainger	918.91
Ideal Auto Supply	391.06
Lift Rental	359.70
Lion Cubs 4-H Club	216.00
Newport Farm & Garden	391.85
North Woods Trading Post	676.77
North Woods Truck Stop	132.73
Nugent, John	308.00
P.A. Hicks & Sons, Inc.	68.96
Perras Ace, Inc.	247.45
P&S Equipment	565.84
The Northern Gardens	3,143.00
Weirs Bros & Sons, LLC	210.00
Yakis, Ryan	3,244.40
Total Parks Expenses	11,460.00
Grand Total	30,449.40
4550-4559 Libraries – Library Trustees	

<i>Payroll</i>	
Total Library Payroll	14,680.77
<i>Expenses</i>	
Library Expenses	4,644.11
Laptops	1,007.31
Refund	(1,067.31)
Grand Total	19,264.88
4583 Patriotic Purposes	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Carrot Top Industries	1,880.39
Grand Total	1,880.39
4611 Conservation	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Jordan Associates	48.00
NH Association of Conservation	500.00
New & Sentinel	25.00
Grand Total	573.00
4711 Long-Term Notes and Bonds - Principal	
Total	27,397.84
Sewer Northway Bank	8,222.85
Water Bangor Savings	19,174.99
4721 Interest on Long-Term Notes and Bonds	
Total	926.70
Sewer Northway Bank	595.61
Water Bangor Savings	331.09
4723 Tax Anticipation Note Interest Paid(Refund for Previous Year)	0.00
Special Warrant Articles: Capital Reserve Funds/Expendable Trust	
Article 4: Fire Expendable Trust (from Fund Balance)	4,000.00
Article 5: CRF Highways and Bridges	26,000.00
Article 6: CRF Fire Department	10,000.00
Article 7: CRF Recycle (from Fund Balance)	3,000.00
Article 9: Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust (from Fund Balance)	10,000.00
Article 10: CRF Municipal Solar	1,000.00
Article 11: Recreational Revolving	20,000.00
Article 12: CRF Cemetery	3,000.00
Total Voted	77,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles: Town Donations	
Article 15: North Country Home Health & Hospice	500.00
Article 15: UCVH Hospital	200.00
Article 15: Northern Human Services	500.00
Article 15: Tri-County CAP Fuel Assistance/Senior Meals/NC Transit	1,655.00
Article 15: Colebrook Food Pantry	500.00
Article 15: Helping Hands	500.00
Article 15: Backpack Program	750.00

Article 15: CASA	200.00
Article 14: COHOS Historical Society	500.00
Article 15: Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.	200.00
Total Voted	5,505.00
Stratford School District	
Remittances (January 1 to December 31, 2023)	1,184,789.00
County Tax	
Treasurer, Coös County	426,683.00

Vendor Payments for 2023

Vendor	Amount Paid
45 th Parallel EMS	120.00
Adobe	209.93
Advantage Truck Group	212.27
Al's Plumbing & Heating	2112.30
Alert-All Corp.	1,065.75
Amazon	900.37
American Commerce Insurance Company	2,689.00
Androscoggin Valley Regional	19,247.65
Aquionics, Inc.	1,888.06
Aron Swift	1,000.00
Arrow Central	3,345.94
Atlantic Recycling Equipment	2,389.96
Avery's Industrial Services, LLC	2,875.00
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	9,438.27
Backpack Program	750.00
Basket of Stitches, LLC	406.00
Ben Adair	292.00
Black Line Printing & Apparel	425.00
Brett S. Purvis & Assoc., Inc.	28,680.00
Burns Truck Stop	1,220.00
CAI Technologies/Cartographic Associates	4,900.00
Carrot-Top Industries, Inc.	1,880.39
CASA	200.00
Cash	790.65
Central Asphalt Paving, Co., LLC	42,640.00
Champlain Valley Equipment	254.15
Charles Goulet	10,566.91
Chris Fortin	852.00
Clark Jeffers, Jr.	10,092.19
Clayton Macdonald	613.53
Cloutier Sand & Gravel	5,532.50
Cohos Advisors	7,350.00
COHOS Historical Society	605.00
Colebrook Area Food Pantry	500.00
Colebrook Copy Center	111.00
Consolidated Communications	4,206.63
Coos Auto Supply, Inc.	654.16
Coos County Registry of Deeds	501.14

Coos County Treasurer	426,683.00
Coos County Sheriff's Office	1,260.00
Croteau's Lawn Service	10,025.00
Daniel Hebert, Inc.	27,724.00
David White Trucking	6,188.00
Debanville's General Store	126.87
Dennis Maguire	1,000.00
Dirty Rock Stone Cleaner	5,478.00
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC	441.10
Drummond Woodsum Attorneys at Law	12,988.74
DTM Small Engines	147.27
Ducrets Sporting Goods, LLC	195.00
Eastern Analytical, Inc.	9,358.00
Everett J. Prescott, Inc.	12,065.31
Eversource	24,803.02
Fearless Computing, Inc.	62.50
FiberCast	1,299.00
Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc.	4,200.00
George E. Sansoucy, PE, LLC	5,500.00
Grafton County Sheriff's Department	2,500.00
Grainger	1,605.80
Granite State Rural Water Association	605.00
Groveton Ambulance	27,475.00
Hach Company	661.98
Hayden Gonyer	25.60
Health Trust	9,970.80
Horizons Engineering, PLLC	4,750.00
Ideal Auto Supply, Inc.	1,146.82
IDEXX Distribution Inc.	2,204.10
IDS-Identification Source	109.18
Impact Fire Services, LLC	1,870.14
Industrial Protection Services, LLC	5,083.00
Intuit, Inc.	650.00
Invoice Cloud	315.00
James Lee	298.03
Jay Whitcom	1,222.42
Jennifer Caron	111.34
John Nugent	14,893.00
John Raymond	800.00
Jordan Associates	612.00
JPI Pyrotechnics	12,500.00

Kitty Kerner	40.87
Laurence R. Poindexter	450.00
Laviolette Controls	5,605.00
Lewis & Woodard, Inc.	357.00
Lion Cubs 4-H Club	216.00
Lisa Elmendorf	75.00
Lori Lachance	1,704.05
Lufkin Security System	2,716.00
Lynch, LLC	194,176.82
Maryann Lister	597.21
Matt Yakis	500.00
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	960.32
Molly Carr	199.16
Mom's North Country Power Sports	643.94
Monson Companies, Inc.	2,814.64
Morton Salt	6,486.47
Mosca Design, Inc.	1,248.25
Motion Industries	48.84
Namecheap	32.16
NCFMAD	250.00
New England Marine and Industrial	159.85
New Hampshire Health Officers Association	45.00
Newport Farm & Garden	391.85
Newport Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.	270.00
NH Association of Assessing Officials	20.00
NH City & Town Clerks Association	80.00
NH Department of Revenue Administration	10.00
NH Municipal Association	1,192.00
NH Municipal Management Association	1,159.00
NH Retirement System	20,598.02
NH Tax Collectors' Association	160.00
NHACC	500.00
NHCTA Conference 2023	652.00
NHLWAA	30.00
NHPDIP Client Service Group	57,000.00
NHTCA/NHCTCA Joint Certification Program	260.00
Nicolas Goulet	202.50
Nicole King	1,886.25
Normandeau Trucking, Inc.	19,933.00
North Country Council	845.00
North Country Home Health & Hospice	500.00

North Kohl Excavation, LLC	12,782.00
North Stratford Library	4,644.11
Northeast Resource Recovery Association	10,281.19
Northern Human Services	500.00
Northern Tire	285.00
Northstar Flag and Flagpole Co.	3,890.90
Northway Bank	4,409.23
Northwoods Trading Post	1,227.55
Northwoods Truck Stop	152.68
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	7,275.11
Owl Stamp Visual Solutions	229.50
P&S Equipment, Inc.	565.84
P. A. Hicks and Sons, Inc.	1,750.82
Penguin Management, Inc.	972.00
Perras Ace, Inc.	2,616.26
Peterson's Welding & Fabrication	50.00
Porter Office Machines Corp.	415.74
Postmaster, N.S.	617.00
Poulin Grain, Inc.	660.80
Poulin Sales & Services	934.00
PRIMEX	15,655.49
QualCal Services, LLC	330.00
Quill Corporation	1,778.17
Rodeway Inn	3,040.33
Rose Connary	250.00
Ryan Yakis	100.00
Rymes Propane and Oil	20,247.03
Safeguard Business Systems	393.49
Sanel Auto Parts #38	49.46
Schwaab, Inc.	122.24
Sign Depot	350.00
Smart Energy of New England Inc.	118,680.00
Smith & Town Printers	1,121.00
State of NH – Criminal Records	150.00
Stewart Property Management	721.48
Straight Talk	75.00
Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.	200.00
Stratford School District	1,184,789.00
SunnValley LLC	2,616.79
Suzanne Goulet	111.35
Tardif Heating & Mechanical	1,144.12

Taveras Properties, LLC	600.00
The Magic of Jason Purdy	650.00
The News & Sentinel	1,379.50
The Northern Garden	3,234.50
Town of Hillsborough	100.00
Town of Lancaster	250.00
Town of Stratford	2,637.86
Town of Stratford Conservation Fund	32,330.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	1,407.50
Treasurer, State of NH	299.00
Tri-County CAP	1,655.00
UniFirst Corporation	3,626.09
United States Treasury	45,544.12
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	200.00
USA BlueBook	186.45
Vital Record Division	74.00
Waystack Frizzell, Trial Lawyers	1,819.00
Weir Bros. & Son, LLC	210.00
Wendy Covill	60.00
Wildland Warehouse	557.97
Total	2,638,493.64

Employee Wages, Taxes and Adjustments 2023

Total Gross Pay	230,581.08
State Retirement--Employee	-6,988.14
Health Insurance--Employee	-2,400.14
Adjusted Gross Pay	221,192.80
Taxes Withheld	
Federal Withholding	-11,461.00
Medicare Employee	-3,281.44
Social Security Employee	-14,030.94
Total Taxes Withheld	-28,773.38
Net Pay	192,419.42
Employer Taxes and Contributions	
Medicare Company	3,281.44
Social Security Company	14,030.94
Health Ins. Deduction Town	9,600.27
State Retirement--Town	13,857.99
Total Employer Taxes and Contributions	40,770.64

Reflecting on 2023

To the Residents of Stratford,

Overall, 2023 was a very busy and productive year for Stratford.

- The 250th Celebration was a success in spite of the forecast rainy weather. The parade, vendor fair and other activities were able to occur before the rain began. Even fireworks went as planned.
- The 50 KW ground-mounted solar array next to salt shed was completed.
- Kimball Road was resurfaced, as was the entrance to Pleasant Valley Road and the driveway of the Stratford Hollow Fire Department.
- On a personal note, the Boston Post Cane was presented to Margaret Frizzell.
- Maryann Lister was welcomed as the new Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

In closing, it should be noted the town's new website was successfully launched, due in large part to tireless work of the office staff.

Harry R. Juergens

Clayton Macdonald

Charles V. Goulet

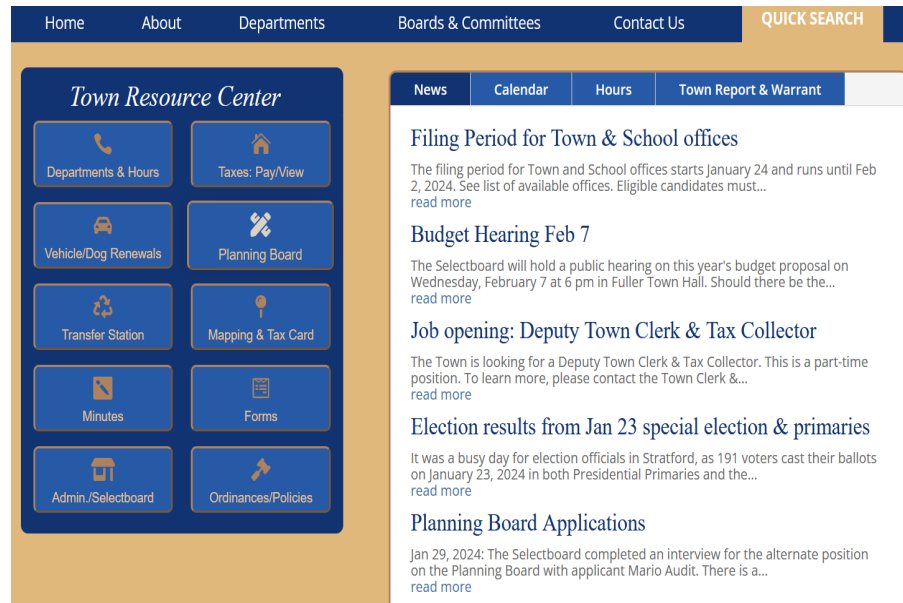
Have you visited our new WEBSITE yet?

In the spring of 2023, the Town launched its new website. It's worth checking out!

With the new site, the Town wanted to bring its residents a useful tool that puts all pertinent information at your fingertips. Right on the homepage (see screenshot below) is the **TOWN RESOURCE CENTER** with 10 quick links to the services and information requested most often.

Among them are links to pay your taxes, renew your vehicles and dogs online, or print your own tax map. Easy access to meeting minutes lets you stay on top of town business.

The **TABS** to the right bring up **current news and notices**, the calendar, and a quick overview of department hours and contact info. During Town Meeting season, this is also your source for details on the upcoming warrant and the latest Town Report.



A wealth of information

Each department, board and committee has its own page, accessed via the **MENU BAR**. They offer lots of additional information and resources - so you can still find help outside of our office hours.

Are there any public hearings coming up? How do I get an absentee ballot? What documents do I need to register my new car? Do I need a building permit? When are my taxes due?

Find answers to these and many other questions, plus the latest news & notices (especially if you don't read the newspaper) at

www.stratfordnh.gov



Bookmark this page and visit often!

Our new website is much more comprehensive than the Town's facebook page and we try to keep it user-friendly and up-to-date. But it's not perfect and we're always trying to improve it. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the website, you can send an email to: website@stratfordnh.gov

“Draft” Dog Ordinance:

Rev. 24-01-17

- 1: Every owner or keeper of a dog 4 months old or over shall annually cause it to be licensed by the Town Clerk, and shall cause it to wear a collar and metal tag showing the Town’s name, year of license, and its registered number. The license shall be effective from May 1 to April 30.
In order to obtain a license, the owner or keeper of a dog shall show verification to the Clerk from a licensed veterinarian that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies in accordance with the provisions of RSA 436. A group license under RSA 466:6 also requires the same verification. If a valid rabies certificate is on file with the Clerk in accordance with RSA 436:102, the owner shall not be required to produce such verification at time of licensure.
- 2: No dog shall be allowed to be at large within the Town of Stratford at any time. Any dog found at large shall be considered a nuisance or dangerous dog.
 - 1, Definition of terms as used in this ordinance, unless the context otherwise indicates.
 - I Dog: Males, females, and neutered animals.
 - II Enforcement Officer: Any police officer, State Fish & Game Officer, or any person designated by the Selectboard to enforce this ordinance.
 - III Immediate, active, and effective control: Secure confinement in an enclosure, or on a leash not exceeding 2 m (7 ft) in length, or must reliably heel on command within 15 seconds in the presence of other people, or within 3 minutes if used as a working animal.
 - IV Owner: Any person or persons, singularly or collectively, owning, claiming ownership, keeping, feeding, supervising, or harboring a dog.
 - V At large: Any dog not under the immediate, active, and effective control of an owner.
 - 2, Nuisance and dangerous dogs:
 - I Dogs shall be deemed a nuisance under any, all, but not limited to, the following conditions:
 - (a) If it is at large.
 - (b) If it barks for sustained periods of more than 1/2 hour, or during the night hours so as to disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood or area, not including a dog which is guarding, working, or herding livestock, as defined in RSA 21:34-a, II(a)(4).
 - (c) If it digs, scratches, or excretes, or causes waste or garbage to become a persistent and unreasonable annoyance to another property;
 - (d) If it runs after or chases motor vehicles;
 - II Dogs shall be deemed dangerous, vicious, or a menace to persons or to property if it growls, snaps at, runs after or chases, bites, or otherwise attacks any domestic animal, or any person not on the premises of the dog’s owner.
 - (a) If a dog punctures the skin of a person, and the attack is reported to the Town, the Town shall notify the injured person, or person’s family, whether, according to town records, the dog has been appropriately immunized against rabies.
 - III Any person who fails to effectively restrain a nuisance or dangerous dog, or who otherwise fails to comply

with any provisions of this ordinance after being so ordered, shall suffer the dog being impounded by an enforcement officer and such disposition made of the dog as the court may order.

3, Fines:

- I Any owner found violating any of the provisions of section :2, I(a) shall be guilty of a civil forfeiture paid to the Town of Stratford. First offense of owning a dog at large \$25, second and subsequent offense(s) within 12 months \$100.
- II Any owner found violating any of the provisions of section :2, I(b), (c), or (d) shall be guilty of a civil forfeiture paid to the Town of Stratford. First offense \$50, second and subsequent offense(s) within 12 months \$200.
- III Any owner found violating any of the provisions of section :3, II shall be guilty of a civil forfeiture paid to the Town of Stratford. First offense \$100, second and subsequent offense(s) within 12 months \$400.
- IV If an enforcement officer does not witness the nuisance or dangerous behavior, the name of the complainant shall be released as public information before any fine shall be levied.

4, An Enforcement Officer may take into custody and impound:

- I Any dog found at large.
- II Any dog, off or on the premises of any owner, that is not licensed and rabies vaccinated as required by New Hampshire law.
- III Any dog, off or on the premises of any owner, that is not effectively restrained after the owner has been ordered to do so, and such disposition made of the dog as the court may order,
- IV Impounded dogs shall be transported to a shelter as soon as possible.
- V If an impounded dog carries the name or address of the owner, or if such name or address is otherwise known, then the enforcement officer shall notify the owner within 24 hours. Otherwise, the enforcement officer shall attempt to locate said owner and notice of the impoundment shall also be posted on the Town's website and at the Town Office.
- VI Should the owner claim one or more dogs, the owner shall be responsible for all shelter fees, plus a \$100 impoundment service fee per dog payable to the Town of Stratford. All fees shall be paid in full prior to the release of the dogs from the shelter.



To: Stratford Select Board Members
Cc: Andrew Hatch, CPCNH
From: Clifton Below, Lebanon Assistant Mayor and CPCNH Board Chair;
 Lisa Sweet, Rye Board Director and Chair of Members Committee;
 Brian Callnan, CPCNH Chief Executive Officer
Date: February 1, 2024
Subject: Invitation to Join Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire

We are writing to invite the Town of Stratford to join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH or the Coalition), a nonprofit power agency governed by our member communities. There is no cost associated with joining CPCNH.

The CPCNH project started with our legislative work in 2019 to update RSA 53-E so member communities could realize the benefits of non-profit power agencies. We launched service in May 2023, and are pleased to now be realizing tens of millions of dollars in savings and benefits for more than 80,000 ratepayers across sixteen NH cities and towns over our first year of operation. Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire provides:

1. The skilled expertise to operate a competitive power agency on behalf of your community.
2. The technical assistance necessary to step your community through the process to launch Stratford Community Power and deliver the benefits of membership.
3. A way for your community to realize economic and environmental benefits without impacting municipal budgets.

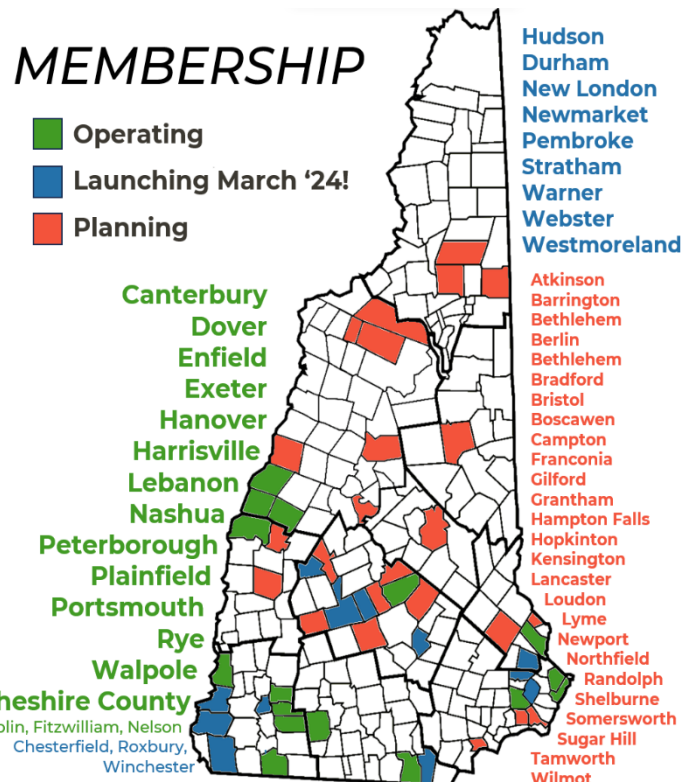
We hope you will join our one county and 44 municipal Members representing more than 25% of the state’s population.

Over a dozen Member municipalities are already supplying power throughout their communities and many more are expected to launch within a year.

We are consistently reducing electric supply rates by 10-20% from utility supply rates and putting hundreds of dollars a year back into the pockets of each of our customers.

Our flexibility allows us to actively manage our power portfolio helping us to realize continued savings into the future. Our non-profit status and focus on cost savings help us to keep our operating costs low so we can deliver rates that are more than competitive with any offering available in the marketplace.

By allocating net revenues towards community reserve funds, instead of shareholder profits, we protect against energy market price volatility, and reduce operating costs. As a nonprofit power agency, accountable to New Hampshire cities and towns, we can use these reserves to ensure rate stability and leverage them towards building a more affordable and sustainable energy future for our communities.



Stratford can become a Member of CPCNH by Select Board vote to adopt our Joint Powers Agreement. There are typically two phases to membership with CPCNH:

- ✦ First, CPCNH Staff provide comprehensive support to a Town Committee in developing an “Electric Aggregation Plan” for “Stratford Community Power” for adoption at Town Meeting. This allows Stratford Community Power to become the new default electricity provider for the Town’s residents and businesses. Select Board adoption of the “Joint Powers Agreement” does not obligate Stratford to any course of action.
- ✦ Second, after voters adopt the Electric Aggregation Plan at Town Meeting, Stratford can then choose to contract with CPCNH to provide comprehensive services, including power procurement, customer notifications and enrollments, and opportunities to jointly develop or contract for projects with other Members for power supplies with local generators.

There is no cost to joining CPCNH. Community Power programs are self-funded through revenues from electricity sales received from participating Community Power customers. Customers can choose from a menu of clean energy options, and less than 1% of customers have opted out thus far. As a governmental instrumentality and a 501(c)4 public nonprofit, CPCNH is governed by its member communities. Our Board consists of 20 Member representatives, elected by the Members at the annual meeting, which ensures accountability and financial transparency.

Our Members take part in our Board and Committees. We welcome a Stratford representative to meet with counterparts from across the state by attending a Committee or Board meeting. A public calendar of our meetings is available at www.cpcnh.org/calendar.

If Stratford elects to join the Coalition, the Town may appoint a primary and an alternate to represent the Town at our Membership meetings (1-3 per year) and/or stand for a seat on our Board at the April election. An appointee can be an elected official, staff, a committee member, or a volunteer selected by the [GOV BODY].

Community Power and CPCNH present a significant opportunity for our cities and towns to realize their energy goals, including reducing and stabilizing costs, increasing customer choice and stimulating local economic development of clean energy technologies. Many community members are choosing to increase the renewable content of the energy they receive, an option CPCNH prides itself on and works to make those choices easy for the community to make. We are pleased to invite the Town of Stratford to join this Coalition.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact us for further discussion.

Sincerely,

Clifton Below, Lebanon Assistant Mayor and CPCNH Board Chair

Lisa Sweet, Rye Director & Chair of CPCNH Member Outreach & Engagement Committee

Brian Callnan, CPCNH Chief Executive Officer

Community Power Warrant Article Information:

The Community Power Coalition of NH Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP) offers a more flexible electricity procurement mechanism than NH utilities and thus is expected to provide lower electricity rates. It provides local control of and options for the mix of power. Additionally, the EAP will provide access to innovative energy initiatives and offerings as they are developed. The EAP includes an Opt-out enrollment mechanism. At least 30 days before program launch all electric customers will be mailed notifications that will include the initial fixed rate service compared with the Eversource supply rate. Customers currently on default energy service provided by Eversource will be able to decline participation in the EAP at any time online or by calling a customer service number. Note that the program will not launch unless the electricity rate is equal to or less than the default utility electricity rate.



Report of the State Police *Town of Stratford* 2023



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 2023, the State Police responded to and investigated the following calls for service in the town of Stratford:

911 HANGUP CALL	1
ABANDONED VEHICLE	7
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT HANDS AND FEET	1
AGGRESSIVE DOMESTIC ANIMAL	2
BURGLAR ALARM	9
ANIMAL ABUSE / NEGLECT	2
ANIMAL BITES	3
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	5
ASSAULT / SIMPLE	3
ASSIST CITIZEN	11
ASSISTING OTHER AGENCY (DCYF)	8
ASSISTING OTHER POLICE AGENCY	4
BURGLARY	3
CHECKUP	4
CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE	1
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL/CSAM	1
CIVIL MATTER	22
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	4
DEAD ANIMAL	2
DISPOSAL OF INJURED ANIMAL	1
DISPUTE	1
DISTURBANCE	8
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	6
EXTRA PATROLS / PRESENCE REQUESTED	1
FAMILY OFFENSE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	5
FIGHT	1
FIREWORKS	1
FOLLOW UP	1

FOUND ARTICLES	2
FRAUD ALL OTHERS	4
HARASSMENT	6
HAZARDOUS OPERATOR	21
INSPECTION AUDIT	1
JUVENILE MATTER	5
LOST / FOUND / STRAY ANIMALS	1
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	15
MOTOR CARRIER INSPECTION	1
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2
MOTORIST ASSIST	7
MV CRASH NO INJURIES	12
MV CRASH WITH INJURY	4
NOISE COMPLAINT	3
WELFARE CHECK	21
OVERDOSE	2
PEDESTRIAN CONTACT	1
POLICE INFORMATION	4
PUBLIC INTOXICATION / DRUNKENESS	1
REPOSSESSION	1
RESTRAINING ORDER SERVICE	11
SAFE SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES	1
SERVE SUBPOENA	4
SEX OFFENDER ADDRESS VERIFICATION	3
SUICIDE	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	5
SUSPICIOUS AUTO	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	9
THEFT ALL OTHERS	9
THREATS	7
THREATS ONLINE	1
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	65
TRAFFIC HAZARD	8
TRESSPASSING	12
UNATTENDED DEATHS	1
VEHICLE OFF THE ROADWAY	3
VIN VERIFICATION	3
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER	2
WARRANTS	2

Grand TOTAL: 380

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 2024.



Sergeant Garrett M. Rella
Patrol Supervisor
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 lower 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 drafting sites 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. As always, the fire department is still looking for new members due to the majority of the fire department members 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 30 fire calls from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Type and Number of Call Outs for each as follows:

Smoke Investigation-1

Grass Fire-2

Mutual Aid Structure Fire-2

Fire/ CO Alarms-1

Snowmobile Accidents-1

Motor Vehicle Accidents-7

Motor Vehicle Accidents w/Animal-4

Assist Ambulance-11

Water Rescue-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

2023

In 2023 the library welcomed a number of new patrons, including a few families that have moved to town and Bloomfield. Library activity saw 723 patron visits and 1,293 circulated items.

Kids Room and Teen Room — The meeting room was recreated into a colorfully bright children's room with new furniture, rugs and shelving. A large number of children's and young adult books were also purchased. A Friday children's playgroup began in the Fall using this room for activities. The old children's room became a teen room with comfortable seating and includes a Nintendo Switch with a choice of games available and is hooked up to a large TV. This major improvement was made possible by a grant from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

New Public Computers — The library was awarded a New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Rural Library Technology Grant made possible by the Bernice Clay Fund for Lifelong Learning. With these funds, two laptops and a new printer were purchased this year for public use, replacing the old desktop computers and printer.

Model Train Layout — The model train layout that was donated a few years ago has been taken over by Paul Raffanello. Paul put in many hours to create the fictional town of Stratford Falls with multiple trains, many model buildings and interactive displays.

Online Catalog — The entire library collection is now in the catalog totaling more than 7700 titles including all print materials and DVDs, which residents can access at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/Stratfordpublic>.

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

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

Facebook and Website 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. The library's website can be found at <http://stratfordnhlibrary.weebly.com>.

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: <http://stratfordnhlibrary.weebly.com>.

Email: library03590@gmail.com

STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 2023			
Checking Account			
Opening balance as of January 1, 2023			\$22,546.90
INCOME/DEPOSITS			
Town Approp. 2022, deposited 2023	\$4,430.91		
Donation: Leslie E. Oliver, rec'd 12/22, dep. 01/23	\$100.00		
Interest Earned 2023	\$1.94		
2022 Petty Cash income, deposited 2023	\$135.00		
Purchase of unneeded room rug	\$381.00		
Refund of erroneous debit by bank	\$29.99		
Town of Bloomfield contribution	\$400.00		
NH Computer Upgrade Grant	\$3,150.00		
Town Approp. 2023, not deposited 'til Jan 2024: \$4,644.11			
Donation: Leslie E. Oliver, rec'd 12/23, dep. 01/24: \$100.00			
EXPENSES			
Expenditures - NH Charitable Foundation Grant - children's area		\$12,722.61	
Expenditures - NH Computer Upgrade Grant		\$1,067.31	
Expenditures - operating expenses		\$4,644.11	
Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2023			\$12,741.71
Opening Petty Cash balance on January 1, 2023			
Deposited in checking account May 2023: \$135.00			\$145.00
Copies	\$11.00		
Faxes	\$28.00		
Used book sales	\$18.00		
Printouts	\$15.00		
Fines	\$14.00		
Cash donations	\$10.00		
Miscellaneous	\$16.00		
Petty Cash on Hand December 31, 2022			\$122.00

Savings Account			
Opening Balance as of 1/1/2023			\$2,337.68
Interest Earned	\$0.24		
Ending balance as of 12/31/2023			\$2,337.92
INVESTMENTS - Edward Jones			
Opening value as of 1/1/2023			\$25,907.08
Change in Value	\$5,306.38		
Closing value as of 12/31/2023			\$31,213.46
Prepared and submitted by Dana K. Cassell, Treasurer			

2023 Annual Report Stratford Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission held five meetings in 2023, meeting on the first Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. at the Fuller Town Hall, lower level. Accomplishments of the group in 2023 include the following:

<p><u>Members:</u> Christopher Caron, Chairperson Rachel O'Meara, Secretary Chelsea Petereit, Treasurer Jennifer Caron, Alternate</p>

- Held a Special meeting to put together an informational presentation for the Selectmen meeting.
- Provided informational presentations to Selectmen on multiple occasions.
- Moved forward in developing a Natural Resource Inventory. Held a public meeting to inform the public on the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) process and to solicit volunteer help from the community to help with the NRI.
- Annual Clean-Up Week yielded about 108 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 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 reviewed several DES documents from major projects within Stratford, including but not limited to;
 - On-going Dam Removal-Kimball Brook
 - Reviewed wetland permits

Clean up week this year will be the week of April 29th to May 4th with the free day on Saturday May 4, 2024. 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

Attendants: James Chapple
Michael Tetreault
Ian Shannon
Harry Juergens

Amount Recycled in 2023

NRRA	
*Environmental Impact	
Aluminum Cans	7,500 lbs
* You saved enough energy to run a TV for 435,000 hours!	
Electronics	2,951 lbs
* You saved enough energy to power 83 homes for 1 day!	
Steel Cans	8,320 lbs
*You saved enough energy to swap 289 incandescent light bulbs for LED's!	
Tires	23,825 lbs
* You saved 567 gallons of oil!	
Paper	51,740 lbs
*You saved 440 trees!	
AVRRDD	
Municipal Waste (MSW)	140.90 tons
Building Debris (C&D)	129.35 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, you have avoided about 295,775 lbs. of carbon dioxide emissions. This is the equivalent of removing 30 **passenger cars** from the road for an entire year!

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

Stratford Planning Board

Town Report, 2023

During 2023, the Planning Board accepted and approved 2 subdivision applications, 2 lot line adjustments, 1 lot merger, and accepted but disapproved 1 site plan application.

In April, following the Town Meeting vote in 2022 authorizing the Board to do so, the Board wrote and approved Site Plan Regulations.

2023 brought a major change in the Board's membership, leading to the welcoming of three new members.

This past year also forcefully brought the Board's attention to some of the changes being felt in the North Country: modern highways that bring ever more visitors ever closer, new residents and online distance workers responding to the world economy, greater demand for modern telecommunications which can affect neighborhoods and scenic values, and climate change that introduces environmental uncertainty that threatens farms, woodlands, infrastructure, and businesses. These considerations and others have raised concerns that more – perhaps much more – needs to be done to keep our Master Plan up-to-date and to strengthen our regulatory tools so the Town can realize and keep a forward looking community we will always want to live in.

Many thanks to resigning Board Members Vicki DeLalla, Rachel O'Meara, and Carlos Cavazos, ...

And thanks, also, to new Board Members Bill Noons, Ron Scott Jr., and Natalie Keller.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Planning Board

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

James R. Gibson, Jr.
EMS Chief

01/06/2024

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 2023.

At the time of the writing of this letter, our service has covered 83 calls in 2023. The calls were for medical emergencies, fire standbys and patient assists.

Last year we changed our formula for calculating contract fees. 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 2024-2025 year.

Sincerely,

James Gibson Jr.
Ambulance Administrator/EMS Chief

The 2024 Contract fee for the Town of Stratford: \$31,475.00

Established 1970
Serving the towns of:

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

The Cohos Historical Society 2023

The Cohos Historical Society had another very successful year with community events including a BBQ and cornhole tournament in September and Christmas on the Common the first week in December. 2023 was a great year for us. We began Phase 1 of the restoration of the Marion Blodgett Museum in Stratford Hollow by repairing and replacing the roof. Over the past year we have worked hard at matching our LCHIP (Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) for \$56,750 for the restoration of the Marion Blodgett museum. With our hard work we have surpassed the amount needed to match LCHIP and we will complete Phase 2 starting in the spring of 2024 and completing this project by July 2024. The past years appropriations donated to the historical society from the town of Stratford have significantly helped with applying for grants showing overwhelming town support and we sincerely thank you.

The Cohos Historical Society joins both New Hampshire and Vermont at the "bend in the river" to preserve our region's history. Our mission is to bring together our communities through educational speakers and community events. We believe that an understanding and respect of the past enhances our lives and builds stronger relationships for present and future generations.

We hope to continue expanding our community events and look forward to 2024.

Sincerely,

Cohos Historical Society

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

To the Select Board of the Town of Stratford

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency (NCHHHA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is deeply committed to transforming lives through compassionate care. Our mission is clear: **We improve lives by caring for patients and families as they navigate their healthcare journey at home.** Covering approximately 2,705 square miles and serving a population of 76,000 residents, NCHHHA extends its reach across Coös County and Grafton County with great pride and responsibility. As an affiliate of North Country Healthcare, we have been steadfast in our dedication to providing essential home care, long-term care, palliative, and hospice services.

Today, we humbly come before you with a heartfelt request. **We are seeking an investment of \$1500 to sustain and bolster our indispensable services for the residents of Stratford.** The urgency of our appeal cannot be overstated, as diminishing reimbursement rates continue to place an ever-increasing strain on our resources. Your generous contribution will serve as a lifeline, enabling us to bridge the financial gap created by under-reimbursed or unreimbursed costs.

At NCHHHA, we operate with an unwavering commitment to our patients and a team of dedicated clinical and supportive care professionals. **Many of these professionals are members of your very own community.** This team empowers us to fulfill the wishes of those who yearn to remain in their cherished homes despite facing daunting health challenges. Our approach is meticulous, coordinating comprehensive care encompassing nursing, rehabilitation, personal care, homemaking, and compassionate companionship, all tailored to meet the unique needs of each individual. It is this profound respect for our clients' values and expectations that has earned us a distinguished reputation for delivering unparalleled home health and hospice services.

Our vision at NCHHHA is nothing short of transformative: **Through innovative solutions and an unwavering team commitment, we aspire to become the preeminent home-based healthcare provider in our community, elevating the quality of life for those we are privileged to serve.** We leave no room for gaps in care, providing essential services around the clock, 24/7.

Moreover, our groundbreaking Palliative Care program, serves as a beacon of hope and solace. This program equips patients and their families with the knowledge and support they need to comprehend their medical journey, set meaningful goals, and engage in heartfelt discussions about end-of-life care, all within the nurturing confines of their homes. Since its inception in 2019, this program has grown exponentially, **now touching the lives of 244 patients this year alone**, and growing every day.

The Stratford community has long depended on us to deliver unparalleled care within the sanctuary of their homes. **We earnestly beseech you to continue your invaluable support for North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency with a funding contribution of \$1500.** Your generosity will not only sustain our mission but also ensure that we continue to be a pillar of unwavering support for your community.

We are deeply grateful for the privilege of serving your community and sincerely appreciate your continued support and trust. For further information about our agency and the services we provide, please explore our website at www.nchhha.org. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at (603) 444-8399.

With profound gratitude and hope,

Ren Anderson
Senior Manager of Philanthropy & Community Engagement
North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency

October 31, 2023

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 2024 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



September 12, 2023
Town of Stratford
Fuller Town Hall
1956 US Route 3
Stratford NH 03590

Dear Selectmen,

I hope this letter finds you well. Included please find our FY24 request for a municipal donation of \$1,655 from the town of Stratford, as well as an explanation of how the agency uses funds from municipalities.

Beginning in fiscal year 2021, we now request donations under one application for Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., according to a formula based on a per capita per municipality rate. The request supports **all** of the programs we offer in a municipality. In the town of Stratford those programs are: Fuel and Energy Assistance, Housing Stability Services, USDA/TEFAP Food distribution, Transportation Services, Head Start, Weatherization, Guardianship services, and 211 Homeless Call Response. Our goal in this methodology is to streamline our requests, provide all the municipalities we serve with a standard formula that is consistent, fair and equitable and also supports all of the services we provide in that community.

Municipal funds are a critical form of support for Tri-County Community Action Program and the many services we provide. Our Federal and State grants require that we contribute a percentage of cash funds to a project, also known as "match". The match required may be anywhere from 20% to 50% of a total grant award. The rules regarding what funds may be used as match are stringent and often must come from unrestricted dollars. The agency simply is not eligible to receive Federal and State grant funds and put them to work in our communities without unrestricted dollars to serve as match. Municipal funds are what we count on to meet match dollar requirements and fill funding gaps for services.

Historically, Stratford has been very supportive of Tri-County Community Action Program and the services we provide. We are grateful for that support. The staff and I look forward to the opportunity to answer questions you may have regarding our request and the services we provide to residents of Stratford.

Thank you for your consideration of our application.
All the Best,

Jeanne Robillard, CEO
Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.
30 Exchange Street, Berlin NH 03570
603-752-7001 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.



96 Main Street
Colebrook, NH 03576
Phone: 603-237-5891

E-mail: helpinghandsnorthinc@gmail.com
Website: www.helpinghandsnorthinc.vpweb.com

October 24, 2023

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 2024 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.

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

October 23, 2023

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. In 2022 we were fortunate to obtain a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation/Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund and will continue to apply for any available grants. In 2023 the Lancaster Rotary Club generously granted us funding. This support has enabled us to meet all the requests for weekend and vacation food backpack in Stratford, Groveton, Stark, Lancaster, and Whitefield. During the current academic year, our projection is that we will serve 230 students weekly.

In your community we currently serve 27 children weekly.

The budget for the coming year is \$60,908.61. The cost per child is \$7.49 which is an increase of over \$1.00 from last year. The 2024 expense projection is based upon a 2023 estimated 51.96% increase in food costs and an 18.8% decrease in New Hampshire Food Bank purchases due to a reduction in food availability. The actual 2023 food cost through the 2nd quarter increased by 62.97%. 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 2024 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

September 21, 2023

Board of Selectmen
Town of Stratford
1956 US Rt 3 PO Box 366
N. Stratford, NH 03590-0366



Dear Selectmen,

I am writing today to ask the Town of Stratford to consider a \$250 appropriation to advocate for Stratford's most vulnerable children. This will allow CASA of New Hampshire to recruit, train, and support a volunteer advocate 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 advocates, 277 children did not have the benefit of a CASA by their side- this includes 70 children from Coos County. As we look to the future, 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 annually. 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 effects of the pandemic have begun to surface, leading to a rise in both the number and complexity of cases. We are faced with some of the most severe neglect of children that I have witnessed during my tenure. Children and families clearly struggled during the long months of isolation, and continue to do so today.

CASA of NH has an incredibly strong team of staff, board of directors, and more than 600 volunteer advocates who are 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:

FY 2023 BY THE NUMBERS		<u>Statewide</u>	<u>In Coos County</u>
	Children Served	1,549	57
Volunteers	612	38	
Miles Traveled	609,391	30,417	
Hours of Volunteer Time	87,585	3,065	
Value of Volunteer Advocacy	\$3.5M		

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, receive better mental, emotional and physical health services, and 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.

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

Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.
2024

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

Dear Selectmen,

On behalf of the Stratford Old Home Day, we would like to be considered for a donation.

Sincerely,
Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.
Sandra Theberge



NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

161 Main Street, Littleton NH 03574 | 603 444 6303 | info@nccouncil.org | www.nccouncil.org

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 2023, the North Country Council undertook the following activities in the region:

Launched the new [website](#) in June!

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

Supported efforts and attended regional planning and municipal conferences.

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

Transportation

Staff completed over 160 traffic counts during the 2023 collection season.

A major update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was approved by the North Country Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Council Representatives. This update consisted of an expanded regional context, background, goals, objectives, corridor datasheets, and updated challenges & opportunities and maps section.

Staff worked with communities throughout the year on noted transportation concerns and opportunities. These included different funding options, community projects for on-call engineering support services, and coordinating meetings with local officials and other agencies.

Began the Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan process, including work by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to finalize the regional project priority rankings and the approval of the initial funding allocation. Two projects were submitted to the NHDOT on behalf of the region.

Staff attended 4 Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) hearings during September 2023 and presented regional projects at 3 of these meetings.

Economic Development

Coordinated 6 comprehensive Economic Development Committee (CEDS) meetings. Focusing on connecting resources in the region, learning about innovative strategies for improved economic prosperity, and sharing regional information as well as adopting [the 2023-2028 CEDS update](#) that was also adopted by the Council's Board of Directors. We welcomed the new EDA Maine and New Hampshire field representatives for a two-day tour of the region and various Economic Development projects and opportunities.

[The Regional Housing Needs Assessment](#) (RHNA) was updated and adopted by the Board of Directors. The new 5-year RHNA is complete with data, projections for the future, and, most importantly, tools! Visit our website to see more about this report!

9 communities in the region were awarded Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grants for planning, demolition, and housing construction. This includes five (5) communities that have partnered with the Council to complete Opportunity Planning Grants and make regulatory changes in an effort to reduce barriers to housing production.

Staff reviewed and responded to 3 Developments of Regional Impact over the course of the year.

The Council 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 2023, the Council provided pre-project development coaching assistance to over 25 NBRC applicants, assistance to 10 new NBRC grantees in getting NTP, and technical assistance to NHBEA Capacity Consultant ADG for statewide program support to over 30 NBRC active grantees.

Continued work with 3 regional employer groups to bring employer housing conversation toward action using the NH Employer Workforce Through NHFA funding.

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

Environmental Planning

North Country Council assisted in coordinating and staffing 2 Household Hazardous Waste events for the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District (PBSWD). There were 289 participants that brought the equivalent of 4,000 gallons of hazardous materials that were removed from the waste stream.

The Council collaborated with Saco Headwaters Alliance, NH Fish & Game, NH Geological Survey of DES and Green Mountain Conservation Group, and NH Association of Conservation Commissions for the Saco River Watershed Stream Crossing Assessment project.

Resiliency & Emergency Planning

Staff supported the development of a North Country Food and Agriculture Council made up of industry leaders, businesses and organizations who has formed a Steering Committee and hosted two annual food and agriculture summits.

Staff are facilitating the development of a North Country Climate Resiliency Resource Guide for businesses and communities through a collaborative effort the Council is providing for regional environmental, education, and outdoor organizations and businesses working on climate resiliency.

North Country Council is providing support and facilitation for the newly formed North Country Arts and Culture Collaborative that is bringing together leadership, businesses, and organizations within the Arts and Culture industry to develop a strategic plan to support the arts and the creative economy.

Mapping and Data Analysis

North Country Council developed ArcGIS Online Hubs to be a resource for the region. The Hubs offer spaces to find grants, funding opportunities, and data resources that are applicable to the North Country. Users can find funding opportunities and data resources related to community & economic development, environmental, housing, transportation, business, arts & culture, and more!

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



To the awesome residents of Stratford—

Thank you for allowing me to represent you in Concord as your State Senator. It is truly an honor.

Here is a recap of this past year:

We promised to oppose an income and sales tax, and work to reduce property taxes – and we did. We provided more than \$400 million dollars in property tax relief back to the municipalities over the past two years.

We promised a fiscally conservative balanced budget that spends within our means – we passed one and now our state’s finances have never looked better.

We promised to give parents more say in their children’s education – and we did. We passed the innovative Education Freedom Account program.

We promised to improve mental health care in our state – and we did. We increased funding to help more Granite Staters access quality mental health care.

We promised to fight to keep our communities safe – and we did. We stood by our law enforcement community and New Hampshire once again ranks as the one of the safest states in the nation.

We promised to protect our constitutional and individual freedoms – and we did.

We recognize that there are still challenges with the shortage of housing and staffing for many businesses.

We want to continue making New Hampshire and the town of Stratford a wonderful place to live, shop, play, and retire.

I would love to hear from you. Let me know how I can continue to serve.

Warm regards,
Carrie Gendreau
NH Senator, District 1

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 2023

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 2023, 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, Ed Mellett and Dale Covey from Northumberland, Jennifer Caron from Stratford, and openings in Pittsburg, Clarksville, Columbia, and Stewartstown. Those with only one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. During 2023, 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, wildlife habitat, and appropriate development. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on proposed permits and plans to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. In addition, CRJC is responsible for maintaining a bi-state watershed plan.

During 2023, Headwaters engaged on several issues. Permits reviewed include herbicide use, town water supply well replacement location, camp sewage disposal, and water and sewer line replacement. Headwaters is also following conditions at Murphy Dam, the Twin States Clean Energy Link, and wild and scenic designation for Paul Stream and Nulhegan River.

Headwaters supported outreach efforts in service of the Connecticut River, including the Making Room series: Planning for those who are here and those on their way; as well as the Connecticut River Watershed Partnership meeting in coordination with Friends of Conte. Further, Headwaters supported water quality monitoring efforts along the Connecticut River.

In 2024, 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.



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 2023 saw a rise in inflation both statewide and nationally. The hot topics continue to be housing, workforce, childcare and food security. This year also saw a lot of storm damage in July and December which has required a lot of roads, bridge infrastructure and trail repair around the state.

Many of my priorities have been directed at economic development, outreach to the business community, mental health system improvement, and food security. This Councilor has been an advocate for a northern New Hampshire food warehouse to enable food pantries to replenish in a timely manner and to provide fresh produce and meats.

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) and the Executive Council provided \$15.4 million to Strafford County to support the building of a new nursing home. Strafford County Commissioners and Legislative Delegation continue to work on the project. The Council approved the transfer of the Old Rochester Courthouse to the City of Rochester in the exchange of land on Rochester Hill Road to build a \$17.5 million Rochester District Courthouse.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) had completed its work in 2023, and the NH Legislature and Governor will approve of its findings in 2024. This Councilor conducted 8 public hearings around the district to hear input from the public and regional planning commissions on transportation and infrastructure concerns.

The Governor and Council approved \$20 million of the American Rescue Plan Act to fund the community center grant program, administered through the Community Development Finance Authority. The two round programs have been completed, dozens of projects around the state have received funding and construction is ongoing.

Between January to December 2023, the Executive Council confirmed 8 judicial candidates to the Circuit, Superior and Supreme Court levels. Additionally, 3 other judicial candidates received public hearings in December and will be up for confirmation in January 2024. The Council confirmed a new Chief Justice of the Superior Court, a new Commissioner of Health and Human Services, a new Insurance Commissioner, and a new Department of Environmental Services Deputy Commissioner.

The total contract items reviewed by the Executive Council were approximately 2,919 to include 5 late items over the course of 22 meetings. Of the 231 confirmations of board and commission positions, 55 were from District 1. On July 19th the District 1 on the road meeting was held at the Rotary Arts Pavilion in Dover, NH in honor of the 400th Celebration.

The sale of the Laconia State Property is scheduled for early 2024. The Council has been an active participant with NH Administrative Services to make sure all aspects of this purchase and sales agreement is completed and thorough. State officials continue to work on retention and recruitment of businesses to our state.

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 to 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

My office is open to requests for state constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, 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. I also have an internship program for college students. My office number is (603) 271-3632. I am always available to old and new friends. Please stay in touch.

Serving you,

Executive Councilor
Joe Kenney

Town of Stratford Memories "2023"



STRATFORD, NH 250th Celebration 2023



School Memories "2023"



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

**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2023**

**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD, NH**

ORGANIZATION/ADMINISTRATION

James Kennett
Chairperson

School Board

Nicole King
Vice Chair

Timothy Brooks

Superintendent of Schools

Pierre Couture, 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

Allison Noel

Treasurer

Wendy McMann

Moderator

James Sayen

Clerk

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2023

	GENERAL	FOOD SERVICE	ALL OTHER	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST FUNDS
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
CASH	312,708.44				677,384.93
INVESTMENTS					
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE	103,009.05				
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE		12,723.95	90,285.10		
INTERGOV'T RECEIVABLE					
OTHER RECEIVABLES	20,267.07				
BOND PROCEEDS RECEIVABLE					
PREPAID EXPENSES					
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS					
Total Current Assets	435,984.56	12,723.95	90,285.10	0.00	677,384.93
LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY					
Current Liabilities					
INTERFUND PAYABLES		12,723.95	90,285.10		
INTERGOV'T PAYABLES					
OTHER PAYABLES					
CONTRACTS PAYABLE					
LOAN & INTEREST PAYABLE					
ACCRUED EXPENSES					
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS					
DEFERRED REVENUES	698.64				
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Total Liabilities	698.64	12,723.95	90,285.10	0.00	0.00
FUND EQUITY					
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE RETAINED	51,989.00				
RESERVE FOR PREPAID EXPENSES					
RESERVE FOR AMOUNTS VOTED	100,000.00				
RESERVE FOR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS					677,384.93
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	283,297.00				
Total Fund Equity	435,286.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	677,384.93
TOTAL LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY	435,984.64	12,723.95	90,285.10	0.00	677,384.93

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT							
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES							
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023							
Instruction	SALARIES	BENEFITS	PURCHASED	SUPPLIES	PROPERTY	OTHER	TOTAL
REGULAR PROGRAMS	324,460.31	153,179.69	386,631.34	15,912.16	8,999.39	665.00	889,847.89
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	78,488.93	28,957.82	54,349.98	201.10			161,997.83
VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS							0.00
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	1,290.01	334.59		202.29		60.00	1,886.89
Support Services							0.00
STUDENT	64,592.00	38,220.24	65,127.86	1,205.66		289.50	169,435.26
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF	20,249.89	15,178.07	6,739.51	1,324.16		754.00	44,245.63
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	3,890.00	364.14	179,193.23	0.00		2,937.26	186,384.63
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	112,342.77	57,423.56	34,906.86	14,126.52		3,822.16	222,621.87
OPERATION/MAINTENANCE	63,321.98	26,803.54	63,411.95	82,516.19			236,053.66
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION			58,049.77				58,049.77
District Expenditures							
FACILITIES ACQUISITION & CONST.					41,105.84		41,105.84
Fund Transfers							0.00
TRANSFER TO TRUST FUNDS						50,000.00	50,000.00
TRANSFER TO FOOD SERVICE						6,693.22	6,693.22
CHARTER SCHOOLS						0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	668,635.89	320,461.65	848,410.50	115,488.08	50,105.23	65,221.14	2,068,322.49

**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023**

DESCRIPTION	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>	<u>ALL OTHER</u>	<u>TRUST</u>
LOCAL REVENUE:				
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	979,219.00			
TUITION, LEA WITHIN NH				
TUITION, LEA OUTSIDE NH	232,801.91			
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	12,242.36			24,863.48
FOOD SERVICE SALES		7,531.28		
OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	21,234.32			
TOTAL LOCAL	1,245,497.59	7,531.28	0.00	24,863.48
STATE REVENUE:				
ADEQUACY AID (GRANT)	914,455.83			
ADEQUACY AID (STATE TAX)	60,570.00			
ADEQUACY AID (EDJOBS)				
OTHER STATE AID	7,092.15			
SPECIAL EDUCATION AID				
CHILD NUTRITION		460.83		
OTHER RESTRICTED STATE AID				
TOTAL STATE	982,117.98	460.83	0.00	0.00
FEDERAL REVENUE:				
TITLE I			83,426.65	
OTHER REST. FED. AID THRU STATE ADULT EDUCATION			14,769.87	
CHILD NUTRITION		54,206.41		
DISABILITIES PROGRAMS			36,282.53	
MEDICAID DISTRIBUTIONS	573.78			
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS			215,849.76	
OTHER			19,761.72	
FEDERAL FOREST LAND	3,057.36			
TOTAL FEDERAL	3,631.14	54,206.41	370,090.53	0.00
INTERFUND TRANSFER				
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND		6,693.22		50,000.00
TRANSFER FROM SPEC REV FUND		3,266.66		
TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS				
FROM OTHER EXPENDABLE TRUSTS				
TOTAL REVENUE	2,231,246.71	72,158.40	370,090.53	74,863.48

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

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
EXPENDITURES: 1200, 1210, 2160, 2420, 2722	566,957.05	412,469.29	199,417.90
REVENUES:			
Individuals with Disabilities Act (94-142):	31,532.25	31,412.29	36,282.53
Medicaid Funds:	571.94	31.40	573.78
Adequacy Allocation:	50,511.14	56,703.98	56,703.98
TOTAL REVENUES:	82,615.33	88,147.67	93,560.29
NET SPECIAL EDUCATION COST:	484,341.72	324,321.62	105,857.61

**Stratford School District
Trust Fund Reconciliation
6/30/2023**

	Beg Bal	Interest	Additions	Withdrawals	End Balance
Maintenance Trust Fund					
	\$324,982.20	\$12,747.32		\$0.00	\$337,729.52
Total Maintenance					<u>\$337,729.52</u>
Special Education Fund					
	\$ 116,648.24	\$5,805.25	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$172,453.49
	\$ 53,248.00	\$2,088.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,336.65
	<u>\$169,896.24</u>	<u>\$7,893.90</u>			
Total Special Education					<u>\$227,790.14</u>
HS Tuition Trust Fund					
	\$ 71,000.92	\$2,785.00		\$0.00	\$73,785.92
Total Tuition					<u>\$73,785.92</u>
Technology Trust Fund					
	\$ 36,642.09	\$1,437.26			\$38,079.35
Total Tuition					<u>\$38,079.35</u>
	<u>\$602,521.45</u>	<u>\$24,863.48</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$677,384.93</u>

STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2023

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

Moderator Sayen reminded meeting attendees of the polling times for tomorrow, Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from 10 am until 7 pm at Fuller Town Hall, and that Town Meeting will be held at the Fuller Town Hall on Saturday, March 18, 2023 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 Dan Smith. Seconded by Rene Routhier. No discussion on the article. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to 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)

Motion to move the article as written made by Dan Smith. Seconded by Charles Goulet. 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 \$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)

Motion to move the article as written made by Wendy McMann. Seconded by Rene Routhier. 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.

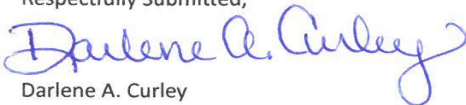
Motion to move the article as written made by Rene Routhier. Seconded by Dan Smith.

Superintendent HasBrouck thanked Principal DeWitt for 3 years of service. Principal DeWitt will be leaving at the end of the school year. Dan Smith made a recommendation to move the meeting to the same day as the town meeting. School Board Member Timothy Brooks did not see a problem with doing that next year. Kyle Haley and Molly Carr both thanked the School Board for all that they do. They are both educators and appreciate it. Town Resident Timothy Brooks stated that son Bennett graduates this year and they attribute his foundation to Stratford School. The school proves all students well and that we believe in our kids. Kudos for us, even though they might go somewhere else they get the sense of pride and community. Lynette Emerson wanted to clarify that just the town meeting was on another day that town elections are still on Tuesday as mandated by the state. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes. Article carries.

Moderator Sayen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Dan Smith. Seconded by Rene Routhier. All in favor – Yes. Those opposed – None. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Darlene A. Curley

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
SAU 58, Stark, Stratford and Northumberland
Prepared by Pierre Couture
February 1, 2024

I am happy and proud to serve as your Interim Superintendent of Schools for the 2023-2024 school year. As many of you know I worked at the Groveton High School for fourteen years, the last ten years as the Principal. It has been a bit of a homecoming for me after leaving Groveton in 2013. I have great memories of the excellent students that attended our schools who were supported by strong families. SAU 58 has always had strong teachers and support staff, that has not changed since I left. Our students have been fortunate that the people in Stratford, Stark and Groveton have always supported their schools, I expect that will continue.

I have spent the majority of the time supporting our two new Principals in the SAU. Allison Noel, the Principal at the Stratford Public School and Kieth Matte at Groveton High School. We are also fortunate to have Kate Landry as the teaching Principal at the Stark Village School and Josh Smith as the Principal at the Groveton Elementary School. We have been working on developing a plan to implement the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). This plan will provide appropriate instruction and support for all students regardless of their academic level. It will provide a common curriculum throughout the elementary schools to ensure curriculum coordination throughout the SAU. Teachers will learn to use assessment data to inform instruction which will improve teaching and learning.

The lack of funding for public schools from the State of New Hampshire has been an issue for many years. New Hampshire is ranked near the bottom, nationally, in funding for public schools. As a result the local property owners shoulder the majority of the funding responsibility for their local schools which results in high property tax bills. Recently Rockingham County Superior Court Judge David Ruoff has ruled in favor of the Conval school districts lawsuit against The State of New Hampshire, The Department of Education, Education Commissioner Edelblut and Governor Sununu for violating the NH state Constitution on not properly meeting their obligation to provide adequate funding to public schools. This is considered a victory for public schools as we have won lawsuits against the state before but this is the first time a judge has set a minimum adequate funding requirement(\$7,356). I suggest that you contact your local legislative representative and encourage them to work to find a solution to the public school funding problem in New Hampshire.

The SAU has an outstanding team of professionals working in the office. Jo Robinson is my Administrative Assistant. Michelle Mason is our Student Services Director and is assisted by Lisa McCarthy. Heather McMann is our Business Administrator and she is assisted by [Constance McKearney](#) who is the Human Resources Director and Payroll and [Tiffany Griffin](#) who takes care of grants and accounts payable. [Jason Jensen](#) is our Information Technology Director, he is responsible for the entire computer network throughout the SAU.

Tim Haskins, the Groveton High School girls basketball coach, has been inducted into the NHIAA Hall of Fame. Mr. Haskins continues to have a tremendous career coaching the Groveton Girls. He has coached state championship teams in three sports, soccer, softball and basketball. Mr. Hasking joins three other Groveton coaches in the Hall of Fame, Fred Bailey, Gary Jenness and our current boys basketball coach, Mark Collins. Who would think a small north country school would boast four Hall of Fame coaches. The Groveton student athletes have been fortunate to have had such outstanding coaches.



STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Allison Noel, Principal



Dear Stratford Community,

As the newly appointed Principal of Stratford Public School, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all residents. The past academic year has been a period of positive transformation and growth within our school community. From innovative scheduling updates that enhance the learning experience to the successful implementation of programs fostering positive behavior, we have been dedicated to creating a supportive and enriching environment for our students. Your continued support is invaluable, and I am excited about the prospects of further growth and success in the coming years.

Scheduling Updates

A comprehensive revamp of the school schedule was undertaken to ensure a consistent experience for both staff and students. Several modifications were implemented, encompassing pivotal changes such as the integration of fifth grade into middle school rotations, the introduction of middle school recess, and the incorporation of weekly guidance lessons.

The shift of fifth grade to middle school rotations aimed to align educational practices and structures, fostering a smoother transition for students as they progressed through their academic journey. This adjustment not only provided a more coherent and interconnected learning experience but also allowed for a more holistic approach to curriculum delivery.

The introduction of middle school recess addressed the holistic well-being of students by incorporating dedicated break time into their schedules. This change recognized the importance of physical activity and social interaction in promoting a healthy and balanced learning environment. By carving out time for recess within the middle school schedule, the school acknowledged the significance of fostering both academic and social development.

Weekly guidance lessons were incorporated to provide students with consistent support and guidance throughout the academic year. This intentional scheduling of guidance sessions aimed to address various aspects of personal and academic growth, ensuring that students had regular opportunities to engage in discussions and activities that contribute to their overall development.

The effectiveness of these scheduling updates has been evident in the positive outcomes observed within the school community. The intentional alignment of fifth grade with middle school rotations, the inclusion of recess for middle school students, and the provision of weekly guidance lessons have collectively contributed to an enhanced learning environment. Students and staff alike have benefited from the increased continuity and consistency, fostering a more cohesive and productive educational experience.

SERVING CHILDREN PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE EIGHT
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PBIS Implementation

Innovations in our school's approach to positive behavior were realized this year through the successful implementation of a new Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. This initiative aims to reinforce and celebrate students who are exemplifying our school-wide expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. In recognition of their adherence to these principles, students earn LIONS Cards, which became a valuable currency within our school community.

LIONS Cards, accumulated by students, opened the doors to our school store—a hub of excitement and reward. Here, students can exchange their hard-earned cards for a variety of enticing items, including fidgets, stuffed animals, and reward coupons offering students a broader spectrum of incentives. These coupons can be redeemed for enticing privileges such as extra recess, one-on-one time with a staff member, participation in kickball tournaments, and an array of other exciting options. This dynamic system ensures that students have a range of choices, catering to diverse interests and preferences. The introduction of this tangible incentive system not only motivates students to embody positive behaviors but also provides a tangible representation of their achievements.

The school calendar was infused with lively and spirited activities to further enhance the positive atmosphere. Spirit weeks are scheduled before each holiday break, injecting a sense of fun and camaraderie into the school community. Additionally, regular fun lunches have become a staple, where students not only enjoy delightful meals but also receive party hats or other fun wearables as tokens of appreciation for demonstrating PBIS expectations.

A particularly memorable event was the middle school stuffed animal dodgeball game, made possible by a generous donation of stuffed animals from Petsmart for each student. This unique and engaging activity not only showcased creativity but also demonstrated the collaborative effort to make positive behavior a rewarding and enjoyable aspect of the school experience.

Overall, the introduction of our PBIS program, coupled with creative and spirited events, has contributed to a vibrant and positive school culture. Students are not only motivated to uphold the school's expectations but are also provided with a diverse range of incentives and activities that make the learning environment both enriching and enjoyable.

Extracurriculars and Special Events

This academic year was marked by a rich tapestry of extracurricular activities and special events that enhanced the overall educational experience for our students. These offerings went beyond the traditional classroom setting, providing diverse opportunities for exploration, creativity, and community building.

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Field Trips:

Our students embarked on enlightening field trips that expanded their horizons and enriched their learning. Destinations included Boston, where they delved into the city's rich history and visited the aquarium. We are concluding our school year with a whole school field trip to the majestic Mt. Washington, immersing our students in the wonders of our own North country backyard.

Specials:

A variety of special classes added depth and breadth to our curriculum. Students engaged in artistic expression through Art, explored the world of music, embraced a new language in Spanish, and honed culinary skills in cooking classes. These specials contributed to a well-rounded education that nurtured creativity and individual talents.

WYLD (Wilderness Youth Leadership Development):

Our WYLD program allowed students to connect with nature and engage in outdoor experiential learning. This initiative fostered a sense of environmental stewardship and provided hands-on experiences in the great outdoors.

Drama:

The Drama program provided an outlet for students to express themselves through acting and performance. Through rehearsals and productions, students honed their theatrical skills, fostering confidence and collaboration.

Special Events:

Throughout the year, our school organized a series of special events that brought joy, excitement, and a sense of community. These included a Halloween Carnival, a thrilling stuffy dodgeball competition, a whimsical indoor snowball fight, a Winter Carnival filled with seasonal festivities, a sophisticated Spring Formal, and a delightful Holiday Concert showcasing the musical talents of our students.



*SERVING CHILDREN PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE EIGHT
"Stratford students will be stewards of their community"*

**STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL
2022-2023 ENROLLMENT**

Michael B. DeWitt, Teaching Principal
Lori Kennett, Admin Assistant

<u>Grade</u>	Play and Learn	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Chrstina Russo Arielle True	5										5
Bonnie Galasyn		3	6	4							13
Alexandria Karl					6	3					9
Junior High							8	6	7	8	21
Number of Students	5	3	6	4	6	3	8	6	8	9	58

Ruth McDonough, School Counselor (Part-Time)

Megan Littlehale - Art (Part-Time)
Heather Burkham - STEM
Vacant - 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
Vacant - Special Education
Andrew Tobin - Instrumental

Lee Dunn – Paraeducator
Melissa Topa – Paraeducator
Jesse King - Paraeducator
Betty Williams - 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:

Pierre Couture, 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



2024
WARRANT

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: March 13, 2024


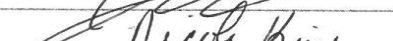
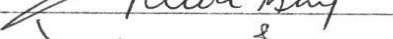
Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Stratford School Gymnasium

Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 27, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Town Post Office and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk at the Stratford Town Office.

Name	Position	Signature
James Kennett	Board Chair	
Nicole King	Board Member	
Tim Brooks	Board Member	



**2024
WARRANT**

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

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 \$2,657,218 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 Stratford Teachers Association Collective Bargaini

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

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024-2025	\$106,646
2025-2026	\$19,953
2026-2027	\$20,443

and further to raise and appropriate \$106,646 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Recommendations required. (Recommended by the School board 3-0)

Article 05 Special Meeting - Defeated Professional Agreement

Shall the school district, if The Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) WARRANT ARTICLE 04 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address WARRANT ARTICLE 04 cost items only? (Majority vote) Recommended by the School Board 3-0.

Article 06 High School Tuition Trust

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$75,000.00 to be added to the High School Tuition 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 07 Special Education Trust Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to 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.
(Majority Vote Required)
Recommended by the School Board: 3-0

Article 08 To transact any other business

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

**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
DETAIL BUDGET**

	2023-2024	2024-2025	
	Approved	Proposed	DIFF +/-
Description	BUDGET	BUDGET	
REGULAR INSTRUCTION			
SALARIES	\$ 342,550.00	\$ 304,750.00	\$ (37,800)
SALARIES - PARAPROFESSIONALS	\$ -	\$ 20,333.00	\$ 20,333
SALARIES-SUBSTITUTES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 69,236.00	\$ 50,500.00	\$ (18,736)
HEALTH INSURANCE BUYOUT	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 8,000
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 2,449.00	\$ 2,547.00	\$ 98
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 1,816.00	\$ (164)
FSA - HRA FEES	\$ 350.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 50
FICA	\$ 26,561.00	\$ 25,225.00	\$ (1,336)
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT	\$ 65,637.00	\$ 58,174.00	\$ (7,463)
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ (1,600)
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 631.00	\$ (469)
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 1,417.00	\$ (568)
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ (100)
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 19,574.00	\$ 19,739.00	\$ 165
RENTAL COPIER	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
TUITION	\$ 463,125.00	\$ 591,327.00	\$ 128,202
TRAVEL POOL	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (200)
SUPPLIES	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
FOOD OPEN HOUSE	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 50
FOOD	\$ 300.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 150
TEXTBOOKS	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
SOFTWARE	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
DUES & FEES	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
GRADE 1 SUPPLIES	\$ 537.00	\$ 710.00	\$ 173
GRADE 1 TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ -
GRADE 2 SUPPLIES	\$ 992.00	\$ 591.00	\$ (401)
GRADE 2-TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ -
GRADE 3 SUPPLIES	\$ 381.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 94
GRADE 3 TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	\$ 395.00	\$ 325.00	\$ (70)
GRADE 4 SUPPLIES	\$ 520.00	\$ 475.00	\$ (45)
GRADE 4 TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	\$ 327.00	\$ 325.00	\$ (2)
GRADE 5 SUPPLIES	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
GRADE 5 TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00	\$ -
KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES	\$ 808.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 292
KINDERGARTEN/BOOKS	\$ 678.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (478)
KINDERGARTEN EQUIPMENT	\$ 65.00	\$ 243.00	\$ 178
ART SUPPLIES	\$ 990.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10
ART TEXTBOOKS	\$ 110.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (10)
ART DUES & FEES	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
ENGLISH-PRINTING	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
ENGLISH-SUPPLIES	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	\$ -
ENGLISH-TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
ENGLISH-SOFTWARE	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
ENGLISH-DUES & FEES	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
PHYSICAL EDUCATION-SUPPLIES	\$ 425.00	\$ 446.00	\$ 21
PHYSICAL EDUCATION-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00	\$ -
MATH-SUPPLIES	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 300
MATH-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
MUSIC-REPAIRS	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -

MUSIC-SUPPLIES	\$ 140.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 30
MUSIC-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 50.00	\$ 228.00	\$ 178
MUSIC-REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$ 30.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 33
MUSIC-EQUIPMENT	\$ 180.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 145
MUSIC-DUES & FEES	\$ 300.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (299)
SCIENCE-SUPPLIES	\$ 662.00	\$ 480.00	\$ (182)
SCIENCE-TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 103.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 17
SCIENCE-SOFTWARE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SCIENCE-EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 224
SCIENCE-DUES & FEES	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (100)
SOCIAL STUDIES-SUPPLIES	\$ 330.00	\$ 363.00	\$ 33
SOCIAL STUDIES-TEXTBOOKS	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
SOCIAL STUDIES-SOFTWARE	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
COMPUTER ED.-REPAIRS/MAINT	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
COMPUTER ED.-SUPPLIES	\$ 1.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 509
COMPUTER ED.-TEXTBOOKS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COMPUTER ED.-SOFTWARE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COMPUTER ED.-NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
COMPUTER ED.-REPLACE EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1,046,904.00	\$ 1,136,167.00	\$ 89,263
ALTERNATE EDUCATION			
TUITION-PRIVATE SOURCE	\$ 1.00		\$ 1
TOTAL	\$ 1.00		\$ 1
SPECIAL EDUCATION			
SALARIES	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 500
SALARY-PARAPROFESSIONALS	\$ 39,596.00	\$ 60,451.00	\$ 20,855
SALARY-TUTOR	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
SUMMER PROGRAM	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 9,440.00	\$ 5,120
HEALTH BUY OUT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
SALARY - SUBSTITUTE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 22,949.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 17,051
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 377.00	\$ 392.00	\$ 15
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ 243.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 57
FICA	\$ 6,127.00	\$ 8,483.00	\$ 2,356
TEACHER'S RETIREMENT	\$ 7,758.00	\$ 8,579.00	\$ 821
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 431.00	\$ 314.00	\$ (117)
WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE	\$ 465.00	\$ 436.00	\$ (29)
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL	\$ 5.00	\$ 51,255.00	\$ 51,250
TUITION/PRIVATE	\$ 62,753.00	\$ 65,640.00	\$ 2,887
EXPENSE/TRAVEL	\$ 200.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (199)
SUPPLIES	\$ 443.00	\$ 443.00	\$ -
TEXTBOOKS	\$ 267.00	\$ 267.00	\$ -
SOFTWARE	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 191,050.00	\$ 291,617.00	\$ 100,567
C0-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS			
SALARIES	\$ 2,016.00	\$ 1,490.00	\$ (526)
FICA	\$ 156.00	\$ 114.00	\$ (42)
RETIREMENT	\$ 369.00	\$ 256.00	\$ (113)
WORKER'S COMP	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
DRAMA SUPPLIES	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (100)
DRAMA TEXTBOOKS	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (100)
DRAMA EQUIPMENT	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200
DRAMA-DUES/FEES	\$ 672.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 8
TOTAL	\$ 3,715.00	\$ 3,042.00	\$ (673)

GUIDANCE			
SALARY	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 27,100
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 8,263.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (263)
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 151.00	\$ 392.00	\$ 241
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ 109.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 167
FICA	\$ 1,408.00	\$ 3,481.00	\$ 2,073
TEACHER'S RETIREMENT	\$ 3,614.00	\$ 8,936.00	\$ 5,322
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMB	\$ 640.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 160
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 56.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 21
WORKER'S COMP	\$ 107.00	\$ 196.00	\$ 89
INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 150
TEXTBOOKS	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ -
DUES & FEES	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 33,608.00	\$ 68,668.00	\$ 35,060
HEALTH			
SALARY - SCHOOL NURSE	\$ 49,440.00	\$ 50,923.00	\$ 1,483
SUBSTITUTE	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 700
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 377.00	\$ 392.00	\$ 15
LIFE/DISABILITY INS	\$ 287.00	\$ 294.00	\$ 7
FICA	\$ 3,820.00	\$ 3,934.00	\$ 114
TEACHERS RETIREMENT	\$ 9,710.00	\$ 10,001.00	\$ 291
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 145.00	\$ 80.00	\$ (65)
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$ 290.00	\$ 221.00	\$ (69)
OTHER PROF-TECHNICAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REPAIRS AND MAINT	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 50
DUES & FEES	\$ 150.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 110
TOTAL	\$ 82,169.00	\$ 84,805.00	\$ 2,636
PSYCH PROF SERVICES			
PSYCH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
PSYCH PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ -
PYSCH SUPPLIES	\$ 183.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 92
PSYCH TRAVEL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 309.00	\$ 401.00	\$ 92
SPEECH PROF SERVICES			
SPEECH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 31,224.00	\$ 6.00	\$ (31,218)
SPEECH PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$ 268.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (267)
SPEECH SUPPLIES	\$ 323.00	\$ 320.00	\$ (3)
TOTAL	\$ 31,815.00	\$ 327.00	\$ (31,488)
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY			
OT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 28,429.00	\$ 24,488.00	\$ (3,941)
OT PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$ 260.00	\$ 260.00	\$ -
OT SUPPLIES	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 28,794.00	\$ 24,853.00	\$ (3,941)
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION			
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 400
BOOKS	\$ 50.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 750
TRAVEL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (900)
TOTAL	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 250

EDUCATIONAL MEDIA			
SALARY	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 10,329.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 171
DENTAL	\$ 188.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 7
LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 127.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 3
FICA	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 1,645.00	\$ -
TEACHER RETIREMENT	\$ 4,124.00	\$ 4,124.00	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 70.00	\$ 39.00	\$ (31)
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 122.00	\$ 90.00	\$ (32)
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
PRINTING/BINDING	\$ -	\$ 372.00	\$ 372
SUPPLIES	\$ 372.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,128
TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (1,499)
DUES & FEES	\$ 370.00	\$ 370.00	\$ -
REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 40,349.00	\$ 40,468.00	\$ 119
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES			
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$ 14,302.00	\$ 11,909.00	\$ (2,393)
REPAIRS & MAINT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
REPLACE EQUIPMENT	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 14,804.00	\$ 12,411.00	\$ (2,393)
SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES			
SALARIES	\$ 4,155.00	\$ 4,155.00	\$ -
FICA	\$ 318.00	\$ 318.00	\$ -
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	\$ 97.00	\$ 97.00	\$ -
TEACHER RETIREMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
OTHER PROF LEGAL	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
OTHER PROF AUDIT	\$ 12,020.00	\$ 14,170.00	\$ 2,150
ADVERTISING	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,900.00	\$ -
PRINTING & BINDING	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 100
SOFTWARE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DUES/FEES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 28,591.00	\$ 30,841.00	\$ 2,250
SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES			
SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$ 157,139.00	\$ 172,575.00	\$ 15,436
TOTAL	\$ 157,139.00	\$ 172,575.00	\$ 15,436
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION			
SALARIES	\$ 76,533.00	\$ 82,400.00	\$ 5,867
SALARY - PRINCIPAL SECRETARY	\$ 40,810.00	\$ 42,363.00	\$ 1,553
SALARY - SUBSTITUTE	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 28,308.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (20,308)
INSURANCE BUYOUT	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000
DENTAL	\$ 753.00	\$ 784.00	\$ 31
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$ 653.00	\$ 703.00	\$ 50
FICA	\$ 9,015.00	\$ 9,583.00	\$ 568
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	\$ 5,522.00	\$ 5,732.00	\$ 210
TEACHER RETIREMENT	\$ 15,031.00	\$ 16,183.00	\$ 1,152
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ (1,600)
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 285.00	\$ 157.00	\$ (128)
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 683.00	\$ 539.00	\$ (144)
POSTAGE/PETTY CASH	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200
PRINTING/BINDING	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
EXPENSE/TRAVEL	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ (300)
SUPPLIES	\$ 600.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 300
ADMIN SOFTWARE	\$ 11,960.00	\$ 19,861.00	\$ 7,901
ADMIN EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
DUES/FEES	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 3,230.00	\$ 330
TOTAL	\$ 197,556.00	\$ 198,238.00	\$ 682

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION			
SPED ADM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 34,808.00	\$ 36,415.00	\$ (15,069)
TRAVEL	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,300
SUPPLIES	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 591,177
SOFTWARE	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 399
DUES & FEES	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500
TOTAL	\$ 39,659.00	\$ 41,266.00	\$ 581,307
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT			
SALARIES	\$ 60,577.00	\$ 63,102.00	\$ 2,525
SALARIES - SUMMER	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,000
SALARY - SUBSTITUTE	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 700
DENTAL INS	\$ 377.00	\$ 392.00	\$ 15
LIFE/DISABILITY INS	\$ 209.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 6
FICA	\$ 5,131.00	\$ 5,401.00	\$ 270
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	\$ 5,426.00	\$ 5,643.00	\$ 217
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 346.00	\$ 195.00	\$ (151)
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 1,006.00	\$ 1,059.00	\$ 53
WATER/SEWER	\$ 18,375.00	\$ 18,375.00	\$ -
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ -
PLOWING	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 200
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (1,500)
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$ 6,452.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 1,148
TELEPHONES	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 500
SUPPLIES	\$ 10,750.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (750)
ELECTRICITY	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 18,250.00	\$ -
BOTTLED GAS	\$ 660.00	\$ 660.00	\$ -
HEATING OIL	\$ 56,250.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ (11,250)
REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,249
TOTAL	\$ 253,511.00	\$ 247,743.00	\$ (5,768)
TRANSPORTATION			
TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT	\$ 110,377.00	\$ 60,750.00	\$ (49,627)
SPECIAL ED. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 3.00	\$ 5,702.00	\$ 5,699
TRANSPORTATION SPORTS	\$ 500.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (499)
TRANSPORTATION FIELD TRIPS	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 1,850
ALT ED TRANSPORTATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 115,380.00	\$ 72,803.00	\$ (42,577)
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES			
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
TRANFER TO FOOD SERVICE FUND	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000
TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET EXPENSE	\$ 2,268,505.00	\$ 2,459,627.00	\$ 191,122
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM			
CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$ 87,535.00	\$ 96,289.00	\$ 8,754
FFVP - CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 200
SUPPLIES/CAFETERIA	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT-CAFETERIA	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
DUES/FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 88,637.00	\$ 97,591.00	\$ 8,954

TOTAL GENERAL AND FOOD FUNDS	\$ 2,357,142.00	\$ 2,557,218.00	\$ 200,076
FEDERAL FUNDS			
TITLE I	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -
TITLE II	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
IDEA	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
OTHER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FED FUNDS	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL INCLUDING FEDERAL FUNDS	\$ 2,457,142.00	\$ 2,657,218.00	\$ 200,076
WARRANT ARTICLES			
NEGOTIATIONS - TEACHERS	\$ -	\$ 106,646.00	\$ 106,646
ARTICLES - TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND	\$ 27,412.00		\$ (27,412)
ARTICLES - TUITION TRUST FUND	\$ -		\$ -
ARTICLES - SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST	\$ -		\$ -
ARTICLES - MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND	\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL WARRANTS	\$ 27,412.00	\$ 106,646.00	\$ 79,234
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,484,554.00	\$ 2,763,864.00	\$ 279,310

**STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPARATIVE BUDGET
SUMMARY**

	Annual Town Meeting				
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025		
	ACTUAL	APPROVED	PROPOSED		
GENERAL FUND	SPENT	BUDGET	BUDGET	DIFF. +/-	
SALARIES	\$668,636	724,898	785,909	61,011	A
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$135,617	170,034	149,401	(20,633)	B
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$3,866	4,672	5,095	423	
LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$3,249	3,608	3,734	126	
FICA	\$50,248	54,181	58,185	4,004	A
NH RETIREMENT-EMPLOYEE	\$11,311	11,115	11,553	438	
NH RETIREMENT-TEACHER	\$102,628	106,174	106,173	(1)	A
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	5,001	5,001	0	
HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	\$9,360	17,440	14,400	(3,040)	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$101	2,434	1,495	(939)	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$3,883	4,659	3,960	(699)	
SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$154,860	157,139	172,575	15,436	C
INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT	\$1,197	3,603	3,351	(252)	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-SPED	\$98,699	94,466	112,544	18,078	D
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$5,491	33,876	31,648	(2,228)	D
LEGAL	\$266	2,000	2,000	0	
AUDIT	\$9,320	12,020	14,170	2,150	
WATER/SEWER	\$17,132	18,375	18,375	0	
DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$4,160	4,700	4,700	0	
PLOWING	\$6,550	6,600	6,800	200	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$25,834	32,152	30,552	(1,600)	
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE COMPUTERS	\$0	501	501	0	
COPIER RENTAL	\$2,487	2,500	2,500	0	
SPORTS TRIPS	\$0	500	1	(499)	
FIELD TRIPS	\$1,096	4,500	6,350	1,850	
SPED TRANSPORTATION	\$469	3	5,702	5,699	E
TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT	\$56,484	110,377	60,750	(49,627)	E
INSURANCE	\$5,475	6,452	7,600	1,148	
TELEPHONES	\$4,597	3,500	4,000	500	
POSTAGE/PETTY CASH	\$238	200	400	200	
ADVERTISING	\$13,626	5,900	5,900	0	
PRINTING & BINDING	\$1,121	1,102	1,202	100	
TUITION-SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$54,275	62,753	65,641	2,888	
OTHER TUITION	\$384,000	463,126	591,329	128,203	F
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,224	3,600	2,701	(899)	
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$23,159	26,972	27,545	573	
ELECTRICITY	\$17,584	18,250	18,250	0	
BOTTLED GAS	\$871	660	660	0	
HEATING OIL	\$53,381	56,250	45,000	(11,250)	G
FOOD	\$375	500	700	200	
TEXTBOOKS/WORKBOOKS	\$4,589	4,704	4,289	(415)	
SOFTWARE	\$15,529	12,278	20,179	7,901	H
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$41,106	1	1	0	
NEW FURNITURE & FIXTURES	\$0	1	1	0	
NEW/REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$8,999	378	2,409	2,031	
NEW/REPLACE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$0	506	503	(3)	
DUES & FEES	\$8,528	13,844	13,893	49	
FOOD FUND TRANSFER	\$6,693	0	30,000	30,000	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$2,018,316	2,268,505	2,459,627	191,122	8.43%

FOOD SERVICE					
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$62,894	87,535	96,289	8,754	I
CONTRACTED FFVP	\$4,570	1	1	0	
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$1,428	1,000	1,200	200	
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	\$0	100	100	0	
SUPPLIES	\$0	1	1	0	
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	\$68,892	88,637	97,591	8,954	
TOTAL GENERAL & FOOD FUNDS	2,087,208	2,357,142	2,557,218	200,076	
SPECIAL FEDERAL FUNDS - Grants	\$370,091	100,000	100,000	0	
TOTAL GENERAL, FOOD & FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,457,299	2,457,142	2,657,218	200,076	8.14%
					Increase
SEPARATE WARRANT ARTICLES					
TEACHERS CONTRACT	\$0	0	106,646	106,646	J
BUILDING PROJECT	\$0	0	0	0	
TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND	\$0	27,412	0	(27,412)	K
TUITION TRUST FUND	\$0	0	0	0	
SPECIAL ED TRUST FUND	\$50,000	0	0	0	
MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND	\$0	0	0	0	
SUBTOTAL	\$50,000	27,412	106,646	79,234	
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,507,299	2,484,554	2,763,864	279,310	11.24%
					Increase
MAJOR VARIANCES (over \$5,000)					
A. SALARIES					
	2023-2024	2024-2025			
Principal	\$76,533	\$82,400			
School Secretary	\$40,810	\$42,363			
8 FT teachers, 1 PT (ART),MS Math Grant funded	\$342,550	\$304,750	PreK Teacher Cut,MS Math no longer grant funded		
Special Ed Teacher	\$39,500	\$40,000	** Negotiation year with Teachers		
Guidance	\$18,400	\$45,500	Guidance no longer partially ESSER funded		
School Nurse	\$49,440	\$50,923			
Media/Library	\$21,500	\$21,500			
Sped Paraprofessionals	\$39,596	\$80,785	4 additional Paras budgeted; Certified Speech Asst;		
Maintenance Custodians	\$66,577	\$70,102			
ESY Summer School	\$4,320	\$9,440			
Substitutes/Tutor	\$8,000	\$8,000			
School Board/Treasurer/Board Secretary etc	\$4,155	\$4,155			
Health Ins Compensation	\$11,501	\$24,501			
Co-Curricular	\$2,015	\$1,490			
Total	\$724,898	\$785,909	\$61,011		
B. Health insurance increase 8.4%; Budgeted CAP & plan changes					
C. Based on SAU Budget with Stratfords percentage of responsibility					
D. Increase in SPED services; Health & Wellness no longer Grant funded (\$20,896)Cut					
E. New Bus Contract WW Berry 2024-2029					
F. 27@ 21,901 per DOE-25 (current Year 25 @ \$18,525)					
G. Decrease in Heating fuel expenses; Based on Average 5 year usage					
H. Software pushed into ESSER grant now in budget					
I. Estimated 10% increase; Must go out to bid this year					
J. Year 1 New CBA negotiation with Teachers union					
K. Technology TF deposit \$27,412 from Additional Adequacy					
Summary of Budget by Percentages:					
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,150,958	43.3%			
Tuitions	\$656,970	24.7%			
SAU Services	\$172,575	6.5%			
Student Services	\$144,192	5.4%			
General Building Expenses	\$135,937	5.1%			
Grants - Federal Funds	\$100,000	3.8%			
Food Service Fund	\$127,591	4.8%			
Transportation	\$72,803	2.7%			
Supplies	\$28,245	1.1%			
Postage, Copiers/Printing, Advertising, & Misc Lin	\$26,172	1.0%			
Computer Equip, Software, Audio, etc...	\$23,592	0.9%			
Dues/Fees - Memberships	\$13,893	0.5%			
Textbooks, General equip & Furniture	\$4,291	0.2%			
	\$2,657,218	100%			
Negotiated Article	\$106,646				
	\$2,763,864				

		STRATFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT		
		ESTIMATED REVENUES/ASSESSMENT		
		(MS-24)		
		CURRENT	ESTIMATED	
		<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	
<u>LOCAL REVENUES</u>				
1300-1349	Tuition	128,000	140,000	
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	500	500	
1600-1699	School Lunch Sales	0	0	
1900-1999	Other Local Revenue	0	0	
5221	General Fund Transfer to Food Fund	0	30,000	
<u>STATE REVENUES</u>				
3220	Kindergarten Aid	0	0	
3230	Catastrophic (Sped) Aid	0	0	
3260	Child Nutrition	500	500	
3290-3299	Other State Sources			
<u>FEDERAL REVENUES</u>				
4560	Child Nutrition	50,000	50,000	
4810	Federal Forest Funds	0	0	
	Other Federal Sources	0	0	
	LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL REV.	179,000	221,000	
4100-4539	FEDERAL PROGRAM GRANTS	100,000	100,000	
FUND BALANCE				
	To Be Placed in Trust Fund	0	0	
	Unreserved to Reduce Taxes	283,297	51,989	5% retention
	TOTAL REVENUE BEFORE GRANT	562,297	372,989	
	ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	926,134	926,134	
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT				
	State Education Tax	95,619	117,743	
	Local Education Tax	900,504	1,346,998	
	TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENT	996,123	1,464,741	
	APPROPRIATION VOTED	2,484,554	2,763,864	

Stratford Estimated Tax Rate				
	School Portion Only			Annual Meeting
	As Presented in March 2022	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	
Expenses:	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	Diff. +/-
Appropriations Voted:				
General Fund	2,268,505	2,268,505	2,459,627	\$ 191,122
Lunch Program	88,637	88,637	97,591	\$ 8,954
Federal Program Grants	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$ -
Negotiations - Teacher's	0	0	106,646	\$ 106,646
Technology Trust Fund	0	27,412	0	\$ (27,412)
Tuition Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Special Education Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Maintenance Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Total Appropriations	2,457,142	2,484,554	2,763,864	\$ 279,310
Revenues:				
Money left from last year's Budget	0	283,297	51,989	\$ (231,308)
Tuition Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Special Education Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
Maintenance Trust Fund	0	0	0	\$ -
General Revenues	179,000	179,000	221,000	\$ 42,000
Federal Revenues	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$ -
Total Revenues	279,000	562,297	372,989	\$ (189,308)
Amount before grant	2,178,142	1,922,257	2,390,875	\$ 468,618
Projected Adequacy Aid	890,514	926,134	926,134	\$ -
Amount to be raised by taxes	1,287,628	996,123	1,464,741	\$ 468,618
State School Property Tax (raised locally)	95,619	95,619	117,743	\$ 22,124
Local School Property Tax:	1,192,009	900,504	1,346,998	\$ 446,494
Local School Property Tax	11.32	8.49	11.70	3.20
State School Property Tax Rate :	1.48	1.31	1.62	0.30
	12.80	9.81	13.32	
Negotiated Agreement - Teacher's	0.00	0.00	1.01	1.01
HS Tuition Trust Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Technology Trust Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Education Trust Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance Trust Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total State & Local School Tax Rate:	12.80	9.80	14.32	4.51
* Based on \$106,045,898 net assessed valuation and \$72,730,998 net assessment without utilities (Prior year Based upon \$105,275,922 net assessed valuation and \$64,671,522 net assessment without utilities)				
School Tax Rates	200,000.00	150,000.00	100,000.00	75,000.00
Current 23-24 9.80	1,959.27	1,469.45	979.63	734.73
Proposed 24-25 14.32	2,864.18	2,148.14	1,432.09	1,074.07
Estimated Increase	\$ 904.91	\$ 678.69	\$ 452.46	\$ 339.34

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #58						
Northumberland-Stark-Stratford						
2024-2025 BUDGET						
December 12, 2023						
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>						
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE REVENUE			(\$114,122.81 6/30/23 Fund Balance)		\$	-
ESTIMATED E-RATE REVENUE			(E-Rate Reflected as Credit)		\$	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES					\$	-
<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</u>						
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT/SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES					\$	18,930.00
SAU # 58 MANAGEMENT					\$	263,922.00
OTHER EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICES (Includes Exp for E-Rate)					\$	56,208.00
FISCAL MANAGEMENT					\$	312,156.00
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES					\$	126,877.00
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE					\$	23,178.00
SALARY POOL						
TOTAL EXPENSES					\$	801,271.00
MINUS ESTIMATED REVENUES					\$	-
PROPOSED BUDGET LESS REVENUE					\$	801,271.00
	6/30/2022		ADM			
	EQUALIZED	VALUATION	2022-2023	PUPIL	COMBINED	TOTAL
	VALUATION	PERCENT	PUPILS	PERCENT	PERCENT	DISTRICT SHARE
Northumberland	\$282,771,776	48.03%	310.81	76.55%	62.29%	\$499,108.20
						(\$5,200.85)
Stark	\$148,713,370	25.26%	28.77	7.09%	16.17%	\$129,587.96
						\$19,732.33
Stratford	\$157,247,476	26.71%	66.45	16.37%	21.54%	\$172,574.84
						\$15,385.52
	\$588,732,622	100.00%	406.03	100.00%	100.00%	\$801,271.00
		FINAL				3.75%
						Incr/(Decr)
						\$29,917.00

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

<p>Dog Warden Not Active</p>	<p>Stratford School K-8 922-3387 7 am - 3:30 pm Monday through Friday</p>
<p>Fire Non-Emergency 636-2375</p>	<p>Groveton High School 9-12 636-1619 7 am - 3:30 pm Monday through Friday</p>
<p>Health Officer 315-5634</p>	<p>Water System (N. Stratford) 922-3357 or 331-1419 Cell</p>
<p>Police Non-Emergency Not Active</p>	<p>Sewer System (Millhouse & Village) 922-3357 or 331-1419 Cell</p>
<p>Recycle Center/Transfer Station 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</p>	<p>SAU-58 636-1437 8 am – 4 pm Monday through Friday</p>
<p>Stratford Public Library 922-9016 Monday 9 am - 2 pm, Thursday 9 pm - 5 pm, Friday 9 am - 5 pm http://stratfordnhlibrary.weebly.com</p>	<p>Web Sites School: www.edline.net/pages/Stratford_Public_School Town: https://stratfordnh.gov Mapping: www.caigisonline.com/StratfordNH/</p>
<p>Select Board 922-5533, 922-3317/Fax Posted hours 9 am – 3:30 pm Monday-Thursday; <i>other hours by appointment</i>; town@stratfordnh.gov</p>	<p>Welfare Administration 922-5533 Posted hours Monday-Thursday 9 am - 3:30 pm; <i>other hours by appointment.</i></p>
<p>Town Clerk/Tax Collector 922-5546 Monday 10 am - 1 pm; Tuesday 3 pm – 6 pm; Wednesday 9 am – 3:30 pm; <i>other hours by appointment</i> tctx@stratfordnh.gov</p>	<p>State Police 846-3333, 911 or Grafton County Dispatch at 787-6911</p>

Scheduled Public Meetings

Meeting	Date	Place	Time
Annual School Meeting	Monday before Town Meeting	School Auditorium	6:00 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting	2 nd 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 st and 3 rd Tuesday of month	SHFD	6:00 p.m.
Library Trustees	2 nd Friday of month	Library	3:45 p.m.
Planning Board	3 rd Tuesday of month	Fuller Town Hall	6:30 p.m.
Safety Committee	Quarterly (date varies)	Selectmen's Office	6:30 p.m.
Stratford School Board	2 nd Wednesday of month	Multipurpose Room	6:00 p.m.
Conservation Comm.	1 st Thursday of month	Fuller Town Hall	5:00 p.m.

STRATFORD COMMUNITY
PRE-TOWN MEETING
COFFEE & MUFFINS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH
9-10 AM
VISIT WITH NEIGHBORS!

TOWN MEETING starts at 10 AM

FULLER TOWN HALL
1956 US Route 3
STRATFORD, NH

COFFEE PROVIDED BY: MUFFINS PROVIDED BY:



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