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TELEPHONE NUMBERS: (* denotes an emergency number)

FIRE DEPARTMENT (TO REPORT FIRE)	911*
EMS EMERGENCY NUMBER (AMBULANCE)	911*
Fire House business number (not to report fire).....	772-9756
Fire Chief.....	772-8215
POLICE DEPARTMENT (EMERGENCY NUMBER)	911*
Police Department (business number).....	778-9691
Animal Control.....	772-6047
Town Clerk/Tax Collector.....	772-4741
Selectmen's Office/Town Administrator.....	772-7391
Planner/Planning Board	772-7391
Highway Department.....	772-5550
Building Inspector/C.E.O.....	772-7391
Wiggin Memorial Library.....	772-4346
Historical Society.....	778-0434
Recreation Director.....	772-7450
Stratham Memorial School.....	772-5413
Exeter Region Coop. School District (main switchboard)	778-7772
Superintendent, SAU #16.....	775-8653

COMMUNITY INFORMATION: www.WigginML.org

TOWN OFFICE HOURS: (closed holidays)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Mondays 8:30 am to 7:00 pm; Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; Fridays 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

All Other Offices: Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOURS:

Tuesdays 9 am-11:30 am; Thursdays 2 pm – 4 pm; 1st Sunday of month 2 pm – 4 pm

STRATHAM TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

Saturdays 9 am – 4 pm (Winter (December thru March) 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month only)

MEETINGS/SCHEDULES:

Selectmen's Meetings: Mondays 7:30 pm (except legal holidays)

Volunteer Fire Department: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 8 pm Business Meeting
2nd (firefighter) & 4th (EMS) Tuesdays Training

Planning Board: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of month - 7:00 pm

Board of Adjustment: Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, Upon Request

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - noon

Fair Committee: Last Wednesday of the Month 7:30 pm at Fire House

Trash & Recycling Collection: Thursday & Friday curbside by 7:00 am

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TOWN OF STRATHAM
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DEDICATED TO KENNETH F. LANZILLO

It is unusual to dedicate a Town Report to someone who only three years earlier was the recipient of such an honor. Ken Lanzillo is an exceptional individual who is deserving of this tribute. We do so to mark his retirement this year after serving as Town Treasurer for **42 years**.

This fact alone qualifies him for this recognition, but anyone who has been to a Memorial Day Parade, the Stratham Fair, various community meetings, attended school or community events, a Men's Breakfast at the Community Church, or visited the Town Offices knows Ken's contributions go way beyond the title of Town Treasurer. He will continue to serve as the current Chair of the Cemetery Committee. He is still very involved in various church and community activities. His involvement is always the catalyst to innumerable successful civic efforts. As such, Ken is an integral part of the fabric of our community.

Ken and his wife Fay moved to Stratham in 1957, while Ken worked as an engineer at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. There he became a vital part of production design at the PNS. Upon retirement in 1985, Ken was Chief Engineer and Assistant to the Commander at the Shipyard. He then started his own engineering company, Ultratech Engineering. Ken was so vital to the mission of the Shipyard that they contracted with him many times to head up special projects. The Lanzillos raised four children, Lynda, Leah, Leslie, and Ken, Jr. while living in Stratham. In doing so, Ken served as Scoutmaster for Stratham Troop 185 for many years, and participated with his children in 4-H, sports, and school events. He is also a very talented artisan, as anyone who has received one of his personally created gifts will tell you.

Ken's always optimistic, welcoming, and can-do attitude is rooted in his ability to see the best in everyone. He often works behind the scenes, quietly making the right things happen, but not afraid to take a leadership role when the need is greatest. He has been a friend to the Town in the way that friends are always there when needed. For this and much more, we commend him with this dedication for all his efforts, past, present, and future, while he begins to enjoy the well-deserved respite from his Treasurer duties. Thank you, Ken Lanzillo!



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2007 TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED POSITIONS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Martin Wool, Chair	term expires 2008
David Canada	term expires 2008
Bruno Federico	term expires 2008
Kirk Scamman	term expires 2008
David Short	term expires 2008

MODERATOR

David Emanuel	term expires 2008
Jerry Howard (appointed assistant)	term expires 2008

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Shirley S. Daley	term expires 2008
Joyce Charbonneau, Deputy (appointed)	
Norma Corrow, Secretary (appointed)	

TREASURER

Kenneth F. Lanzillo (retired 9/1/07)	term expires 2008
Kevin Peck (appointed 9/1/07)	term expires 2008

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Caren Gallagher	term expires 2008
Carol Gulla	term expires 2010
Susan Hunter	term expires 2012

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Diane Morgera, Chair	term expires 2009
Joyce Rowe	term expires 2010
Bruce Scamman	term expires 2008

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

David Sallet, Chair	term expires 2008
Victor Collinino	term expires 2009
Carol Gulla	term expires 2009
Donald Hatch	term expires 2010
D. Craig Wark, Jr.	term expires 2010
Lesley Kimball, Director (appointed)	

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Kenneth F. Lanzillo, Chair	term expires 2009
Robert Cushman	term expires 2008
Allison Scamman	term expires 2010

APPOINTED POSITIONS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Paul R. Deschaine
Valerie Kemp, Accounting Supervisor
Joseph Marchio, Custodian/Maintenance

CODE ENFORCEMENT/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Terry Barnes
Sarah Del Rossi, Secretary

TOWN ASSESSOR

Andrea S. Lewy
Anne Buchanan, Secretary

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Fred A. Hutton Jr., Highway Agent
Alan Williams, Foreman

Russell Stevens
Robert Cook

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Robert O. Law
Assistant Chief David Emanuel
Deputy Chief Fred Hutton, Jr.
Captain James Devonshire
Captain Robert Cook

Lt. Bryan Crosby
Lt. John Dardani
Lt. Alan Choiniere
Lt. Matt Larrabee
EMS - Captain Derrick Hall
EMS - Lt. Katherine Flagg

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

David Emanuel, Director
Katherine Flagg, Deputy Director
Timothy Copeland, Deputy Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Michael Daley, Sr.
Lt. Richard Wood
Sgt. David Pierce
Sgt. Richard Gendron, Detective
Off. George Malgeri
Off. Charles Law
Off. James Call
Off. John Emerson
Off. Shawn Walmsley
Off. Shanon Goff
Jaye Aither, Secretary
William Hart, Prosecutor

On-Call Officers:
Donald Andolina
Peter Bakie
Michael Gobbi
Tanya Lampi
David Gilbert
W. Michael Early
Kevin O'Neil

HEALTH OFFICER

Doreen Gaulin

Dr. Vincent Tan, Deputy

PLANNING BOARD

Janet Johnson, Chair	term expires 2008
Mary Jane Werner, Vice Chair	term expires 2008
Jeffrey Hyland, Secretary	term expires 2008
Gordon Barker	term expires 2008
Bruno Federico, Selectmen's Rep.	
Michael Debitetto, Alternate	term expires 2008
Joseph Russell, Alternate	term expires 2008
Charles Grassie, Town Planner	

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Neil Rowe, Chair	term expires 2010
John Dold, Vice Chair & Secretary	term expires 2009
Bruce Barker	term expires 2010
Timothy Copeland	term expires 2009
Brad Owens	term expires 2008
Arol Charbonneau, Alternate	term expires 2009
Michael Smith, Alternate	term expires 2008

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Patricia Elwell, Chair	term expires 2008
Robert Keating, Vice Chair	term expires 2008
Gordon Barker	term expires 2009
Bradley Jones	term expires 2010
Jamie Marsh	term expires 2010
Dan McAuliffe	term expires 2008
David Canada, Selectmen's Rep.	
Gerald Batchelder, Alternate	term expires 2010
Donna Jensen, Alternate	term expires 2010
William McCarthy, Alternate & Secretary	term expires 2009

RECREATION COMMISSION

Caren Gallagher, Co-Chair	term expires 2008
Alison Pike, Co-Chair	term expires 2010
Kevin Peck, Treasurer	term expires 2008
Tracy-Lynn Abbott	term expires 2008
Eileen Bischoff	term expires 2010
Claire Ellis	term expires 2010
Jan Henderson	term expires 2009
Catherine Henry	term expires 2009
Stephanie Ilberg-Lamm	term expires 2009
Tara Barker, Recreation Director	

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(appointed by Moderator to 1 year term expiring in 2008)

- Garrett Dolan
- Nathan Merrill
- Robert O’Sullivan
- Joyce Rowe
- Travis Thompson
- Patricia Lovejoy, School Board’s Rep.

HERITAGE COMMISSION

- Rebecca Mitchell, Chair term expires 2010
- Nancy Hansen term expires 2008
- Peter Wiggin term expires 2009
- David Short, Selectmen’s Rep.
- Mary Jane Werner, Planning Board Rep.
- Beverly Connolly, Alternate term expires 2009
- Sara L. Kellner, Alternate term expires 2008
- Florence Wiggin, Alternate term expires 2010

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

- Lissa Ham, Co-Chair term expires 2008
- David Sallet, Co-Chair term expires 2009
- John Boisvert term expires 2010
- Robert B. Mitchell term expires 2009
- Michael Perfit term expires 2010
- Craig Wark, Alternate term expires 2009
- Michael Girard, Alternate term expires 2010

AD HOC CONSERVATION BOND SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(appointed to a 1 year term which expires in 2008)

- Roger Stephenson, Chair
- Laura Lee, Vice Chair
- Edie Barker, Secretary
- Tammy Hathaway
- Caroline Robinson
- Dan McAuliffe, Conservation Commission Rep.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year got off to a start with a change in the Town Government. The Board of Selectmen increased from three members to five with the election of David Canada and Bruno Federico. This five-member Board will be short-lived with the vote at the 2007 Town Meeting to return the Board to three members in 2008. All in all things went well in the Town Office as we had five board members who got along well and had the Town's interest in the forefront. Also at the 2007 Town Meeting by citizens' petition, the Planning Board will go from being appointed to an elected body at this Town Meeting. As of this writing, no new blood has stepped forward to run for the Planning Board.

In the Planning Department, under the direction of our Planner Charles Grassie, the update of the Master Plan has just about been completed and adopted by the Planning Board. Our thanks go to the dedicated individuals who served on the Gateway Commercial District Master Plan Committee. Their work will lead to many improvements to the commercial entry of our town as you enter from Route 101. The digital mapping project approved at last year's Town Meeting has started and should better assist our planning, assessing, and emergency response departments.

The Police Department has been in their new home for less than a year and has found it to be an excellent and efficient workplace. With the retirement of Lt. Richard "Woody" Wood, Sergeant Richard Gendron has been appointed Lieutenant and Sergeant David "Butch" Pierce is planned to serve as the new detective.

With the Police Department moving out of the Municipal Center, the Board has begun a study of reconfiguring the building to give all departments much-needed space, as well as giving our award-winning library space to grow. The results of that study should be seen in early spring. In addition, a connecting road between the Municipal Center and the Police Station should also be complete in early spring.

Shortly after the 2007 Town Meeting voted an additional \$2 million for the construction of a new fire station, a team of local developers, architects and builders started construction of the new station. As of February 1, 2008, the Fire Department has moved into a state-of-the-art, well-equipped station that should serve the Town for many years to come. The Selectmen would like to take this time to thank Michael Keane (architect), Susan Conway and Mark Stevens (developers), Dwight Crow (builder), and the many other folks who stepped up to help bring the new station to completion. The new meeting/community room brings another space for the many meetings and celebrations that take place in town.

After Town Meeting, the Highway Department ordered their new truck, which has been a great help in the weathering the first part of snow season. The new reconstruction program got under way during the spring and summer with the total reconstruction of Dumbarton Oaks, Hersey Lane, and Wedgewood Drive. As this program continues, we hope to carry on the tradition of having the best roads in the area, as well as the best maintained. We would like to thank the Highway crew for a job well done throughout the year.

The Public Works Commission continues its mission to monitor and advise the Selectmen regarding the issues relating to water and sewer. They have been keeping abreast with the State's efforts to deal with sewage treatment on a regional level. They have also been preparing for the eventual completion of the fire suppression water system in the commercial zone. Although certain technicalities have delayed the project, we believe the fire district will become operational this summer.

Our new Recreation Director, Tara Barker, has been very busy promoting programs and adding new ones as the need arises. Activities at Stevens Park have increased with the addition of two tennis courts and a new playground. The playground was the idea of a small group of enthusiastic and energetic parents, with the help of David Short and the Highway Department.

After 42 years of service to Stratham, Ken Lanzillo has retired as Town Treasurer. The Town has been fortunate to have Ken all these years as he oversaw the stewardship of our tax money. We will miss his steady and professional manner along with his good nature. Kevin Peck has assumed on an interim basis the duties of Treasurer and we thank him for stepping forward into this vital role.

As the Town moves forward, the three retiring Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us and worked with us on the many boards and committees over the past years. It has been an honor to have served and watch the town advance in so many directions. We wish the new board well, and may the townspeople support them in their endeavors on our behalf.

Please feel free to contact them, as well as the Town Office, at anytime with your concerns and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Wool, Chair
David Canada
Bruno Federico
Kirk Scamman
David Short

Your Board of Selectmen

Town of Stratham, NH
Town Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2007

The ballot clerks were sworn in at 7:55 a.m. Present were Moderator David Emanuel, Assistant Moderator Jerry Howard, Town Clerk Shirley Daley, Town Administrator Paul Deschaine, Supervisors of the Checklist Susan Hunter, Carol Gulla, and Caren Gallagher; ballot clerks for the day were Millie Walker, Barbara Scamman, Annemarie Peck, Barbara Mann, Patricia Sapienza, Liz Chisholm, and Florence Wiggin.

The Moderator announced the Board of Selectmen had received a protest petition for Article #8, To extend the Commercial Zone on the eastern side of Portsmouth Avenue and Bunker Hill Avenue. The petitioners meet the requirements and the article must pass by a 2/3-majority vote.

At the start of the day, we had 2,541 Town Ballots and 2555 Co-operative School Ballots. Total ballots cast in the election were 1,319. The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. with the last ballot being cast at 8:05 p.m. The results of the Town of Stratham voting are as follows:

Article #1: Election of Officers

Stratham Town and School Ballot:

Selectman for one year: Kirk Scamman 1,069*

Selectman for three years vote for two: David Canada 929*, Bruno Federico 783*

Cemetery Committee for three years; Allison Scamman 1,010*

Library Trustee for three years, vote for two: Donald A. Hatch 895*, D. Craig Wark Jr. 716*

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years: Joyce A. Rowe 1,033*

Stratham School District: School Board Member for two years: Katherine McDonnell 963*

School Board Member for Three Years: Robert O'Sullivan 478, Bruce Scamman 734*

School District Treasurer for three years: Edward Geppner 1,028*

School District Moderator for three years: David Emanuel 1,089*

* Denotes winner of the election

Article #2: Flexible/Mixed Use Development District: Yes 1,010*, No 179

Article #3: Section 2.1 Definitions and Section 7 Signs: Yes 997*, No 237

Article #4: Add Section 5.11 Day Care Facilities: Yes 1,007*, No 217

Article #5: Add Section 16.5 historic Demolition Review: Yes 772*, No 462

Article #6: To amend the Zoning map to adjust the boundaries of Map 2 lot 30 and to add Map 2 lot 26 to the industrial zone: Yes 930*, No 215

Article #7: To amend the Zoning map to add Map 2 Lots 25, 41, 42, and 43 to the Retirement Planned Community Zone: Yes 875*, No 276

Article #8: By Citizen Petition to extend the Commercial Zone on the eastern side of Portsmouth Avenue and Bunker Hill Avenue: Yes 197, No 1,041*

Article #9: By Citizen Petition to elect the Planning Board members: Yes 604*, No 570.

Article #10: By Citizen Petition to decrease the Board of Selectmen to three (3) members: Yes 657*, No 570.

The remainder of the meeting scheduled for Friday March 16, 2007 was postponed due to bad weather.

Friday, March 30, 2007 Town Meeting warrant articles:

At 7:36 p.m., David Emanuel our Moderator called the meeting to order. He announced there were two other rooms residents could sit in and listen, as there was a large crowd of people. Stella Scamman led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Emanuel asked for a moment of silence for all of our troops serving our country. Jerry Howard read the dedication of the Town Report. David Emanuel read the results of the ballot held on March 13, 2007. David introduced the members on stage: Town Administrator Paul Deschaine, Selectmen David Short, Kirk Scamman, Martin Wool, Bruno Federico and David Canada, Assistant Moderator Jerry Howard and Town Clerk-Tax Collector Shirley Daley. David Emanuel explained the meeting would be conducted with parliamentary procedures and asked that everyone wishing to speak go to the microphone and state their name and address. All questions should go through the Moderator. Amendments must be in writing and must be seconded by a registered voter with only one amendment on the floor at a time. To request a secret ballot it must be in writing and signed by at least five registered voters. In the event of a motion to reconsider, it will be postponed at least 7 days so everyone can be notified of any reconsideration of any article. Only registered voters are to be in the hall and David asked that anyone not a registered voter please sit in the front row.

W. Douglas Scamman Jr. will present Article #11 as David Emanuel is on the committee for the firehouse. Mr. Scamman read **Article #11:** Firehouse Bond; To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Two Million Two hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000) for the following purposes: (i) the construction and equipping of new fire station and emergency management facilities, or portions thereof, on land previously acquired located next to the existing fire station, and (ii) related costs and expenses; and to authorize the Selectmen to act on behalf of the Town in connection with such activities; and to further authorize the issuance of not more than Two million two hundred thousand dollars of bonds and or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, and regulate such bonds and or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon. A ballot vote with a two thirds (2/3) majority in favor is required for passage. Polls must be open for a minimum of one (1) hour. Martin Wool moved to accept this article and seconded by Kirk Scamman. Martin spoke on the article. Marty mentioned there had been an anonymous postcard sent to all residents. The postcard that was sent out is freedom of speech, but the Board felt the card needed to be signed by someone. All political advertisements need to be signed but everyone has their right of their own opinions. Chairman of the Committee, Lucy

Cushman, explained the project started four years ago. They have a proposal for the Town with a presentation and then will take questions. Lucy made it perfectly clear the building they are proposing will cost more than four million dollars. There is two million thirty eight thousand dollars (\$2,038,000) left from the public safety bond and the interest, which was put in last year. They are asking for another two million two hundred thousand dollars. The committee is Lucy Cushman, Lissa Ham, Stan Walker, David Emanuel, and Martin Wool. David Emanuel introduced Michael Keane and Mark Stevens who are both helping with the project. David explained where the committee has existed since 2003; originally it was to be a combined public safety complex. The original design was done and the property next to the current fire station was purchased. The property owned by the church next door was not acquired because the price was more than we could pay. The decision was made to work with the lot the Town had and it was smaller than they wanted, but the Board of Selectmen asked them to work with it. The committee felt it would not work but went forward. In 2005, no one was happy with the plan so they abandoned the plan and looked for other land around town; again, the church land was key, but they could not come to an agreement and would not take the property by eminent domain. At that time a developer came forward and offered the property for the Police Station, and the Town purchased the property, and the committee talked of two projects - one for Police and one for the Fire Department. Sumner Davis Architects was hired for the Police project and Michael Keane was hired for the Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management. The space programming and the needs analysis that Winterstreet Architects had prepared for the combined facility was used on both projects but none of the building plans could be used. In 2006 at Town Meeting, voters allocated half of the monies available for the police department and the project was split into two facilities. The committee teamed up with developers Mark Stevens and Susan Conway and came up with current plan. They are aware it is over the original budget but it is the best they can do. Stan Walker spoke about the firefighters and what they do and showed how tight the current station is and the amount of time it is taking to get the trucks and ambulance out for a call. At present, the hose must be washed and loaded outside the station and the paperwork is done anywhere there is space. This new design works for the department so the responders go directly to the gear room and then to the vehicles. He went on to explain more about what they do and the spirit of a volunteer and what they need and want. Stan explained they are not looking to be a paid fire department. If they can be in the station, more they can respond faster to calls. Michael Keane is an architect, a Stratham resident and on the department; he thanked all for coming out and for being an informed voter. He said the building should meet the needs of the Town for at least 50 years. Mike has experience with a wide range of building types, and being a volunteer firefighter and on the ambulance squad, he has a lot of knowledge of the needs for the Town. Michael explained the office of Emergency Management is a separate department from the fire department and will have its own space. He stated as the Town grows, the needs for the ambulance will increase. As long as the volunteer interest is still there, the department will remain volunteer. Michael also went on to explain the building; it had to be functional, safe and efficient, and able to increase the level of service provided, it needs to be versatile, meet the 20-year plan and be durable, low-maintenance, non-combustible, attractive, and meet with the surroundings in the area. He then explained the floor plan and the benefit of having department members in the building to do their work and training. Mark Stevens then spoke; he made the point that he is donating his time and he has lived in Stratham since 1976. He has worked with the department and the Board of Selectmen and others, and they have cut 6,000 square feet from the building and cut costs. He said the building is needed and they can have the fire department

back in their building by winter. Lissa Ham also spoke and explained she got involved when the previous building was too large. She researched other buildings being built and she did not like the process of how the Town was going with the plan. She explained her role on the police building and then went on to the fire department committee. When the original price for the plan was six million dollars, she felt it was not going to fly. The revised plan made the building more efficient. Lissa said we are at a crossroads and need to do something, and she feels this building will meet the needs of the Town. The tax impact according to Lissa will be about twenty cents per thousand (\$.20). She stated the two facilities cost only about two hundred thousand dollars more than the original combined facility, which was first proposed four years ago. Lucy Smith read a letter from Fire Chief Robert Law, who could not be present at the meeting as his vacation was scheduled before the meeting change. Lucy spoke and stated the building was not going to be any less expensive than now and she hoped the people would vote for the volunteers.

Doug Scamman stated the question before the Town Meeting is the adoption of Article #11. Lucy Cushman moved to amend Article #11 to lower the amount to be raised and appropriated to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and amend the authorization for bonds and or votes to two million dollars. Lissa Ham seconded the motion. Doug Scamman asked if there was any discussion on the motion. George Miller asked to move the question. Doug Scamman asked for the vote to limit the discussion on the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed; the debate was limited. Then he asked for the vote on the adoption on the amendment to lower the amount of the bond to \$2,000,000. The vote was taken and the motion to lower the bond amount to two million dollars was passed.

The question now before the meeting is to adopt Article # 11 as amended, which authorizes the two million dollars to be raised for the bond. He asked for any questions from the audience. Dan Platte from 6 Wingate Court asked the people to not vote for the fire department as he feels "when do we say no, when will it end?" He believes we should spend the money we have on remodeling the current building, not build a new one. He stated his taxes have increased by 48% in ten years. He asked how much the town budget is up. Marty Wool stated it is up \$300,000. George Miller of Crestview Terrace stated the Fire Department in Stratham is excellent and they do great work, but he is in a position he cannot vote against it but he feels we have no choice. He does not feel the Selectmen have done what the people originally asked and feels it has split the Town. Gail Giarruso from 5 Laurel Lane felt there are other ways to cut costs; she wished there were as many people at the school meeting. The volunteers are saving us several thousand dollars and she spoke for the new facility. Jeff Comeau from 4 Long Hill Road asked if he could ask questions. He asked if we had spent \$290,000 on the architect already. Lucy Cushman said no. Mike Keane has received \$20,000. The money was spent on the previous plans for a combined complex. Jeff Comeau stated his taxes have gone up every year and he is all for the fire department but is concerned about those on a fixed income. Joyce Phoenix explained how much of a burden her taxes are at this time on a fixed income. Murray Segal from 50 Depot Road said volunteers are a gift; there are probably other places we can cut expenses. He spoke in favor of the facility. Bob Mitchell of Portsmouth Ave. said he checked on the last 20 years of town reports and gave a report on the calls and said we need an ambulance more than a fire department and thinks it costs too much money. Diane Morgera, High Street, asked if anyone could answer where the tax increases have come from. She felt they were the schools and the fire department has never increased the tax rate. David Emanuel stated the budget is up slightly

this year because if this article does not pass they will have to fix the leaking roof. Diane said the bottom line is if we want to cut taxes we should not be looking at the fire department, we should be looking at the school system. She also stated when we purchased the ambulance we had to buy a special-sized ambulance because of the space and maybe in the future we would be able to by a normal-sized ambulance and not pay more for it. David Emanuel said they did have to by a special-sized ambulance, but the ambulance was not paid for with any tax money; monies from the ambulance calls purchased it. Georgiana Law, Frying Pan Lane, stated the fire department does not ask much from the Town and she thinks the Town should vote in favor. Martin Wool answered some of the questions on taxes the town budget is up about \$300,000 and that will be explained later. The Memorial School budget is up \$900,000, the Co-op budget is up about \$300,000, but our tax rate is about in the middle as far as the surrounding towns. Roger Stephenson from Stephen Dr. stated the land conservation committee has spent about 3.1 million dollars for land protection. He asked if the response time would increase with this type of a facility. David Emanuel stated the more time volunteers are in the station will save time. Roger felt that was a terrific insurance policy. Peter Mason also spoke in favor of the building. Nells Tying, 18 Peninsula Drive, stated no one is against the fire department, the committee had a difficult job, but the process failed. Jordan Ambargis, 18 Humes Court, made a motion to move the question. Doug Scamman said anyone already in line could speak because the rules were set forward in the beginning of the meeting. Steven Robison from Autumn Lane stated that the government's primary function should be public safety, people are upset with the process; he spoke in favor of the fire station. Luke Breton, Evergreen Way, is on the Stratham School Board and he clarified the budget went up only \$484,000, not what was previously stated. Ron Chisholm, 55 Squamscott Road, spoke in favor of the building. Doug Scamman stated there were two speakers left and then we would go to the question of Mr. Ambargis. George Doran at 7 Drumlin Road spoke in favor of the article. Jeff Gallagher from Stratham Heights also spoke in favor of the article. Doug Scamman recognized Jordan Ambargis who asked to move the question. Seconded by several people. Shall debate be limited on this question? Vote taken and it passed. The question is now to see if the Town will raise two million dollars (\$2,000,000), which was stated before. The polls will have to be open for at least one hour or until everyone in the room has voted. Doug explained the procedure. Voting started at 9:35 p.m. The polls were closed at 10:50 p.m. Jerry Howard, Doug Scamman, Nate Merrill, and the Supervisors will count the ballots. Total votes cast were 485, with yes, 340 and No, 145. The article passed.

Article # 12: Bond interest to be used for fire station and emergency management facilities: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred Seventy six thousand two hundred ninety two dollars and no cents (\$176,292) which represents the unexpended earnings from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 on the invested bond proceeds, and which was transferred to the general fund on or about December 31, 2006 for the following purposes: (i) the construction and equipping of new fire station and emergency management facilities, or portions thereof, on land previously acquired located next to the existing fire station, and (ii) related costs and expenses; and to authorize the use in that amount of the December 31, 2006 fund balance for these purposes. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific purposes are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7(VI).

Martin Wool made the motion to move the article and David Short seconded the motion. Martin explained the article. The money that has been put away for a fire station has been earning interest and the money must be appropriated to the fire station construction fund if that is what you would like to do with it. David Emanuel asked if there were any questions. Bob Mitchell asked if by chance the previous article were voted down, what would happen to this money. Marty explained it would go with the bond money we already have set aside. Bob Mitchell said the article does not give any plan B as to what would happen to the money. David Emanuel explained as the Board stated it would go into the fund. There were no further questions. The vote was taken in the affirmative and the article passed.

Article #13: Budget: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray general Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same. Kirk Scamman made the motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,734,745 to defray general Town charges for the ensuing year. Martin Wool seconded. Kirk explained the portions of the budget that have changed. David Emanuel asked if there were any questions. Richard Newman from 40 Alderwood Drive asked what the executive item was on the budget. Kirk explained it was the salaries for the five Selectmen, town administrator salary, postage, town reports, and general office supplies. No other questions. The vote was taken in the affirmative and the article passed.

Article #14: CIP: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred twenty five thousand dollars and no cents (\$825,000) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2007 as presented in the Town Report and approved by the Planning Board. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). David Short made the motion to accept the article. Martin Wool seconded the motion. Dave Short explained the article. John Muller, 32 Doe Run Lane, said he is in favor of the article, but the digital tax mapping will only be as good as the survey plans in the first place and not to get our hopes up. Bob Mitchell asked if any of the money being asked for next year could be added to this year so it won't be as large. It was explained you cannot add any money to this article, but Marty Wool explained that next year's is an estimate and will change. The monies estimated for the lights at the end of Bunker Hill Avenue will probably be taken out, as the State is not ready. That amount is \$500,000. Doug Simmons from 9 Lovell Road questioned the price of improvements to the Municipal Center; he stated he saw a million dollars over four years and wanted to know if maybe we should tear it down? David Short said to replace this building it would be probably be five million dollars, but the figures on the future CIP are educated guesses as to where it is going. The Library is going to do a space study. Once the study is done, there will be discussions on how to best approach it. Mr. Simmons questions the comment about when we would pull out of the vo-tech and what that means. David Short explained the State is going to relocate to Pease and at that point, the new owners will probably not let us use the fields so we are trying to prepare for that day. Mr. Simmons said this is not improvements of playing fields but should be development and David Short said that was accurate. There were no other questions; the vote was taken in the affirmative and the article passed.

Article #15: Climate Change Resolution: By petition of Caroline Robinson and 204 other registered voters of the Town of Stratham, to see if the Town will vote to go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change, which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future wellbeing of the people of Stratham. These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy;
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Stratham encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

Caroline Robinson made the motion to accept this article and Barbara Broderick seconded the motion. Caroline Robinson explained that together with 180 other towns in New Hampshire they are asking the leaders to do something about climate change. 154 other NH towns have passed this resolution, she stated; we need to do this in Stratham because it is what is right. John Muller from Doe Run Lane spoke as a matter of expectations it is good to minimize greenhouse gas etc. as the climate is getting warmer. He stated what is missing is that there is not any kind of a scientific connection. He went on to explain his view. Lester Cuff from 50 Stratham Heights Road stated we have things to take care of in our back yard and spoke in support of the article. Gail Giarruso, Laurel Lane, stated if people are concerned they should be looking at the problem from a personal level and not something the government should be controlling. Roger Stephenson made a point that it is important to require emissions reductions while protecting the U.S. economy. No other question, the vote was taken in the affirmative; the article passed.

David Emanuel announced the results of Article #11. Ballots cast 485, in the affirmative 340, in the negative 145; the motion passed with 70%.

Article #16: Families First: By petition of Mary Jane Keane and 51 other registered voters of the Town of Stratham, to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following:

Whereas, Families First, a non-profit community health center in Portsmouth, NH, provided health care to 67 Stratham residents in the past year, many of whom were uninsured and had their care heavily subsidized by Families First, and;

Whereas, at least 30 Stratham residents attended Families First's parenting classes, parent support groups, or family programs, or received home visiting services and;

Whereas, access to affordable health care reduces the burden on the Town of Stratham's welfare program and increases uninsured Stratham residents' ability to work and attend school, and;

Whereas, parenting and family programs are known to build resiliency in children, and to reduce the likelihood that children will be abused or neglected or engaged in risky teen behaviors,

Therefore, we, the petitioners, request that the Town of Stratham raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$2,500) to help Families First continue to provide health care and family services to Stratham residents.

Lucy Cushman made the motion to accept this article and Gary Dolan seconded the motion. Kirk Scamman explained the first time a new agency asks for support the Board of Selectmen asks them to put the request into an article and the Board has supported this request. No questions; the vote was taken and the article passed.

Article #17: Purchase of a new ambulance. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (205,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new ambulance for the use of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of Two Hundred Five Thousand Dollars and no cents from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting. No funds from general taxation are to be used for this purpose. David Short made the motion to accept this article and Martin Wool seconded. Dave Short explained the article. The 15-year-old ambulance will be replaced and the money used to purchase the new ambulance will come for the fees collected by the department; no tax money will be used. David Emanuel asked if anyone had any questions. Bob Mitchell from Portsmouth Avenue questioned if the recovery funds in the department report were part of this money. It was explained yes. He was questioning the billing process and David Emanuel explained. Doug Scamman asked, since we had authorized a new station would we purchase a normal size ambulance. David said yes. Doug Simmons asked how many EMTs we have. David Emanuel stated between 12 and 15. Doug Simmons asked if that was enough to roll two ambulances and he was told yes. He questioned the need for two ambulances. John Sapienza explained yesterday there were two calls at the same time and when it is needed, it is needed. Stan Walker stated there are 16 to 18 EMTs at this time. He explained that EMTs put in about 140 hours to become an EMT and recertify each year 24-48 hours. Bob Mitchell said there was a 23% increase over last year, etc. The vote was taken in the affirmative and the article passed.

Article #18: Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund: To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under RSA 31:19a to be known as the "Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund" for the purpose of payment of termination benefits to Town employees, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this expendable trust fund for the purpose for which it was established. Kirk Scamman made the motion to accept this article and Dave Short seconded the article. Kirk explained the Town is working to build this trust for several reasons. The Town auditor is asking this because as employees retire we must pay accrued vacation and sick time, so to prevent unfunded mandates they ask this be established. At the end of the year, the Town will put the money into this fund for the time accrued during that year. No money is being asked this year but they anticipate that next year they will ask for money on an annual basis to have this money put aside when an employee retires. Peter Darling from Stratham Green asked how this would get funded eventually. Kirk explained it would be done once per year. Peter asked if the process was proper. Paul Deschaine explained the number of employees is growing and the money needs to be put in a fund so when they retire and become the liability the money is available. Paul explained the Town would be putting today's expense into a trust for tomorrow when employees leave. Lester Cuff questioned

if retirement money would be put into the trust. Paul Deschaine explained all the employees are members on the NH Retirement System and the fund is only for sick and vacation time. Lester stated that the Town is just switching from cash accounting to an accrual basis for sick and vacation time. Paul said yes, for the unfunded time we already have. Dan Whittier from Benjamin Road questioned if the vacation days and sick days are already in the budget. Paul explained in municipal accounting all unused funds must go back into the general fund, and in the future, the Board will be asking the voters to put some money into this fund. Doug Simmons questioned how much sick and vacation time can be held over, is it all or part? Paul Deschaine explained it was only part each year up to a total cap but he did not have the amount in front of him. There were no other questions. The vote was taken in the affirmative and the article passed.

Article #19: Other Business: to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Kirk Scamman thanked all the volunteers on the boards and commissions and made special mention for the efforts of the building committee. He announced anyone interested in serving on any board should apply to the Board of Selectmen by April 9, 2007. Kirk welcomed David Canada and Bruno Federico to the Board of Selectmen. David Emanuel asked if there was any other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley S. Daley
Town Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stratham Municipal Center on Tuesday, on the eleventh day of March 2008, next at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

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

ARTICLE 2: – Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Building Ordinance as proposed by the Stratham Planning Board?

Amend Article 1, Section 2 of the Town's Building Ordinance to update the most recent International Building Codes by repealing Article 1, Section 2 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Section 2: In accordance with RSA 674:51 and RSA 674:51-a, the Town of Stratham hereby adopts the following building codes as adopted by the State of New Hampshire by reference:

1. International Building Code;
2. International Residential Code;
3. International Plumbing Code;
4. International Mechanical Code;
5. National Electrical Code;
6. National Fuel Gas Code;
7. Unformed Fire Code;
8. Life Safety Code; and
9. State Fire Code.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3: – By petition of Mark Sykas and 82 other registered voters of the Town of Stratham, are you in favor of rescinding the previous vote of the Town taken on March 13, 2007 to elect planning board members and to now vote in favor of having the planning board members appointed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with NH RSA 673:2 II (a)?

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.
AT THE STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL, 39 GIFFORD FARM ROAD, STRATHAM,
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 5: – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Nine Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$909,000.00) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2008 as presented in the Town Report and approved by the Planning Board. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 6: – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$500,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new fire truck for the use of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department, and to authorize the Selectmen as agents to withdraw up to Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$320,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes during the March 13, 1998 Annual Town Meeting, and to further authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$100,000.00) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting and as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. Furthermore, the balance of up to Eighty Thousand Dollars and no cent (\$80,000.00) is authorized to be accepted and expended by the Selectmen on behalf of the Town as a donation for these purposes from the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department Association. This is a special warrant article, which will be non-lapsing until these purposes are accomplished but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article.


ARTICLE 7: – To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:68 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar and/or wind-powered energy systems intended for use at the immediate site.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 8: – To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-fifth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.


Selectmen of Stratham, NH




David Canada



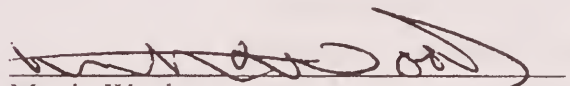
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Kirk Scamman

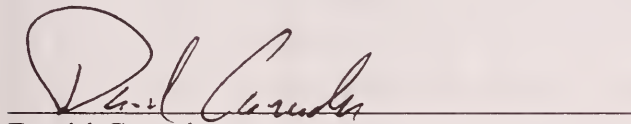


David Short




Martin Wool


A true copy of Warrant—Attest:




David Canada



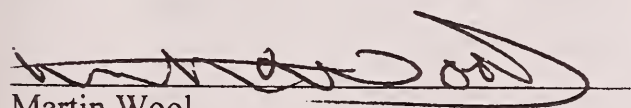
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David Short



Martin Wool

TOWN BUDGET

2008

PROPOSED

Executive	\$135,092
Election & Registration	\$11,817
Financial Administration	\$358,268
Legal Expenses	\$30,000
Employee Benefits	\$739,547
Planning & Zoning	\$222,327
General Government Buildings	\$125,717
Cemeteries	\$35,500
Insurances	\$73,812
Police	\$837,712
Fire	\$132,000
Emergency Management	\$15,000
Emergency Dispatch Services	\$72,300
Highways & Streets	\$533,931
Street Lighting	\$6,850
Solid Waste Management	\$625,092
Pulbic Works Commission	\$22,850
Animal Control	\$500
Pest Control	\$61,000
Public Service Agencies	\$45,120
Direct Assistance	\$16,000
Parks	\$68,501
Recreation	\$93,516
Library	\$383,684
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,500
Conservation Commission	\$3,000
Heritage Commission	\$4,912
Economic Development	\$725
Interest On TAN's	\$500
Interest on Long-Term Debt	\$266,467
Total Appropriation	<u>\$4,923,240</u>

Board of Selectmen:

Martin Wool, Chair
David Canada
Bruno Federico
Kirk Scamman
David Short

Budget Advisory Committee:

Garrett Dolan
Patricia Lovejoy
Nathan Merrill
Robert O'Sullivan
Joyce Rowe
Travis Thompson

STRATHAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM--PROJECT SUMMARY IN \$000'S

AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2008

<u>TOWN PROJECT TITLE/DEPARTMENT</u>	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
General Government:						
Land Conservation Fund	0	15	15	15	15	15
Municipal Center Repairs/Improvements	25	25	25	25	25	
Office Technologies Upgrade (folding machine)	5					
Computer Replacement Plan	5	5	5	5	5	5
Land Acquisition for Cemeteries	0					200
Digital Tax Mapping Project*	40					
Protection of Persons/Property:						
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Fund	120	120	125	130	135	140
Radio Communications Capital Reserve Fund	30	25				
Public Safety Complex (debt service, principal)	250	250	250	250	250	250
Gifford Property (debt service, principal)	14	14	14	14	14	14
Conservation/Firehouse bond (debt serve, principal)	0	229	225	225	225	225
Public Works and Highways:						
Dump Truck w/plow	0	130		135		135
4wd pickup w/plow	0		41		42	
Bunker Hill & Portsmouth Ave. Signalization	0					525
Winnicutt Rd. & Portsmouth Ave. Signalization	0		450			
Road Reconstruction Program	170	170	170	170	170	170
Cultural and Recreational Activities:						
Playing Field Improvements/Future Community Center	50	60	250	250	250	250
Fire Tower Upkeep	0	12				
Municipal Center Upgrades/Library Expansion	200	275	225	225		
Totals For Town Appropriations	909.0	1,330.0	1,795.0	1,444.0	1,131.0	1,929.0

* \$10,000 to be from a donation

STRATHAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM--PROJECT SUMMARY IN \$000'S

AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2008

(continued)

SCHOOL PROJECT TITLE/DEPARTMENT	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<u>Stratham Memorial School District:</u>						
Current Bond Payments	275.622	194.252	382.574	0.000	0.000	0.000
Technology Infrastructure	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000
Depreciated Capital Items	120.000	120.000	120.000	120.000	120.000	120.000
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000
Grounds Depreciation (paved surfaces)	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000
Total Stratham School District Expend.	452.622	371.252	559.574	177.000	177.000	177.000
<u>Exeter Region Cooperative School District:</u>						
Total Current Non-Growth Capital Expenditures	1,048.651	1,060.720	1,066.884	1,071.815	1,077.511	1,081.344
Total Growth Related Capital Expenditures	513.368	720.373	696.609	570.594	533.246	546.338
Total Exeter Region Coop. School Expend.	1,562.019	1,781.093	1,763.493	1,642.409	1,610.757	1,627.682
Total School Expenditures:	2,014.641	2,152.345	2,323.067	1,819.409	1,787.757	1,804.682
TOTAL CIP FOR TOWN OF STRATHAM	2,883.641	3,482.345	4,118.067	3,263.409	2,918.757	3,733.682

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

EXPENSES:	2007 APPROPRIATION	2007 ACTUAL	2008 PROPOSED
Executive	\$143,677	\$140,967	\$135,092
Election & Registration	\$5,140	\$4,954	\$11,817
Financial Administration	\$333,915	\$332,537	\$358,268
Legal Expenses	\$45,000	\$36,699	\$30,000
Employee Benefits	\$680,758	\$654,675	\$739,547
Planning & Zoning	\$209,937	\$217,482	\$222,327
General Government Buildings	\$114,740	\$123,561	\$125,717
Cemeteries	\$43,000	\$32,910	\$35,500
Insurances	\$72,292	\$74,109	\$73,812
Police	\$799,178	\$766,020	\$837,712
Fire	\$151,026	\$135,073	\$132,000
Emergency Management	\$12,000	\$225	\$15,000
Emergency Dispatch Services	\$65,300	\$64,000	\$72,300
Highways	\$509,966	\$465,805	\$533,931
Street Lighting	\$6,200	\$6,796	\$6,850
Solid Waste Management	\$647,477	\$607,977	\$625,092
Public Works Commission	\$24,000	\$0	\$22,850
Animal Control	\$1,000	\$45	\$500
Pest Control	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$61,000
Public Service Agencies	\$44,921	\$44,921	\$45,120
Direct Assistance	\$12,000	\$13,104	\$16,000
Parks	\$62,706	\$62,408	\$68,501
Recreation	\$105,650	\$86,397	\$93,516
Library	\$363,227	\$363,227	\$383,684
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,500	\$1,214	\$1,500
Conservation Commission	\$3,000	\$3,772	\$3,000
Heritage Commission	\$6,325	\$4,212	\$4,912
Economic Development	\$2,200	\$2,153	\$725
Interest On TAN's	\$1,000	\$0	\$500
Interest on Long-Term Debt	\$209,110	\$256,495	\$266,467
Total Appropriations	\$4,737,245	\$4,562,738	\$4,923,240

REVENUES:

Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$47,000	\$67,719	\$60,000
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$1,300,000	\$1,360,127	\$1,300,000
Business Licenses & Permits	\$267,000	\$348,524	\$227,000
Cable TV Franchise Fee	\$102,977	\$102,977	\$110,000
Excavation Tax	\$0	\$0	\$100
Yield Tax	\$1,500	\$2,245	\$1,500
Income From Departments	\$150,231	\$156,822	\$163,312
Rent of Town Property	\$20,000	\$22,617	\$28,800
Sale of Town Property	\$18,800	\$17,383	\$10,000
Shared Revenue	\$24,991	\$24,991	\$24,991
Highway Block Grant	\$115,492	\$115,492	\$121,146
Rooms & Meals	\$303,053	\$303,053	\$319,810
Police Grant	\$6,000	\$22,400	\$1,000
Interest on Investments	\$150,000	\$276,205	\$150,000
Reimbursements	\$55,000	\$65,888	\$20,000
Trust & Agency Funds	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Total Revenues	\$2,569,544	\$2,893,945	\$2,545,159

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATIONS	\$1,360,127.08
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES	\$19,115.00
TITLE FEES	\$3,108.00
U.C.C. FILINGS	\$1,840.00
VITAL RECORDS	\$3,045.00
DOG LICENSES	\$7,482.00
DOG FINES	\$2,711.00
DREDGE & FILL	\$40.00
OTHER FILING FEES	\$13.00
TOTAL COLLECTED	<u>\$1,397,481.08</u>

REMITTED TO TREASURER \$1,397,481.08

ENDING CASH IN REGISTER \$220.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SHIRLEY S. DALEY
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES--Levies of.....			
Beginning of Fiscal Year:	2007	2006	2005	2004
Property Taxes		\$746,190.54	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		\$205,300.00		
Excavation Taxes		\$0.00		
 TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:				
Property Taxes	\$20,329,999.94			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$96,200.00			
Yield Taxes	\$2,245.16			
 OVERPAYMENTS:				
Overpayments This Fiscal Year				
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	\$9,822.57	\$46,771.40		
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$20,438,267.67	\$998,261.94	\$0.00	\$0.00

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Property Taxes	\$19,525,313.54	\$559,294.95		
Land Use Change Taxes	\$96,200.00	\$205,300.00		
Yield Taxes	\$2,245.16			
Interest	\$9,822.57	\$46,771.40		
Excavation Taxes				
Converted to Liens (Principal only)		\$186,683.59		
 ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Property Taxes	\$1,300.94	\$212.00		
Land Use Change Taxes				
Timber Yield Taxes				
 UNCOLLECTED TAXES--				
End of Fiscal Year: 2007				
Property Taxes	\$803,385.46			
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
This Year's Overpayment Returned				
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$20,438,267.67	\$998,261.94	\$0.00	\$0.00

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

DEBITS

Tax Liens on Acc't of Levies.....		
	2006	2005	2004
Balance of Unredeemed Liens:			
Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$0.00	\$68,555.44	\$29,106.64
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$200,058.68	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$7,735.75	\$7,530.19	\$9,233.98
TOTAL DEBITS	\$207,794.43	\$76,085.63	\$38,340.62

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:

Redemptions	\$148,583.11	\$38,920.74	\$29,106.64
Interest/Costs Collected	\$7,735.75	\$7,530.19	\$9,233.98
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liens Deeded To Town	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance of Unredeemed Liens:			
End of Fiscal Year	\$51,475.57	\$29,634.70	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$207,794.43	\$76,085.63	\$38,340.62

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT 2007

RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR

2007 Property Tax & Interest	\$19,535,136.11
2006 Property Tax & Interest	\$577,793.58
Prior Year Tax Redemptions & Interest	\$241,110.41
Tax Lien Receipt	\$200,058.68
Current Use Land Change & Interest	\$316,397.68
Yield Tax & Interest (Timber Cutting)	\$2,245.16
Subtotal	\$20,872,741.62

RECEIVED FROM TOWN CLERK

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$1,360,127.08
Dog Licenses & Fines	\$10,193.00
Filing and Other Fees	\$27,121.00
Dredge & Fill Permit	\$40.00
Excavation	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$1,397,481.08

RECEIVED FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES

N.H. Revenue Sharing Block Grant	\$41,748.00
N.H. Highway Block Grant	\$115,492.34
N.H. Rooms & Meals Tax	\$303,053.00
Railroad Tax	\$0.00
Police Grant	\$22,400.23
OEM Drill Reimbursement	\$242.21
Conservation Easement Grant	\$687,390.00
Subtotal	\$1,170,325.78

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES

Checking Account Interest	\$13,478.82
Building Permits	\$320,912.99
Fire Inspections	\$275.00
Transfer Station Permits	\$35,728.00
Transfer Station Fees	\$1,605.00
Planning Board Fees	\$7,112.00
Board of Adjustment Fees	\$1,675.00
Police Department Reports	\$8,849.38
Recreation Programs	\$13,018.00
Rent of Town Property	\$22,617.00
Sale of Town Property	\$16,427.50
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$6,000.00
Grave Excavation Fees	\$5,275.00
Cable TV Franchise	\$102,977.39
Returned Check Fines	\$450.00

Recycling Program	\$4,144.20
Insurance Reimbursements	\$225.00
Reimbursement Legal Fees	\$50,000.00
Reimbursement - Retirement Party	\$2,135.00
Reimbursement for Test Pits	\$5,040.00
Reimbursement from Recreation Department	\$0.00
Reimbursement for Building Review (formerly BOCA)	\$41,639.11
Overpayments and Other Reimbursements	\$13,753.40
Subtotal	\$673,337.79

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2007

\$24,113,886.27

FISCAL YEAR 2007 TRANSACTIONS

Cash on Hand January 1, 2007	589,654.87
Total Receipts for 2007	\$24,113,886.27
Tax Anticipation Loan (TAN)	\$0.00
TAN Pay Back & Interest	\$0.00
Safety Complex Bond Principle & Interest	(\$413,125.00)
Investments	(\$9,550,000.00)
Grant Transfer Out	(\$685,000.00)
Fire House & Conservation Bond	\$4,444,000.00
Bond Proceeds Out	(\$2,000,000.00)
Conservation Bond Anticipation Note Payment	(\$2,444,000.00)
Conservation Bond Anticipation Note Interest	(\$2,505.10)
Investment Principal Income	\$17,550,000.00
Investment Interest Income	\$262,726.05
Paid on Selectmen's Orders	(\$23,489,347.64)
Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$7,500.00
N.H. Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$2,801.56
Voided cks/adjustments	(\$166.64)
Tax Lien Purchase	(\$200,058.68)

BALANCE ON HAND DEC. 31, 2007

\$8,186,365.69

OTHER ASSETS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

Short Term Investments	\$0.00
Safety Complex Bond	\$1,181,781.47
Police Detail Account	\$55,599.43
Road & Other Bonds	\$507,686.43
Payroll Account	\$2,000.00
Stratham Hill Park Revolving Fund	\$14,973.99
Fire Department E.M.S. Fund	\$290,827.26
Heritage Fund	\$2,302.58
Recreation Revolving Fund	\$81,945.11

TOTAL ALL OTHER ASSETS

\$2,137,116.27

OUTSTANDING SHORT TERM NOTES

The Town has no outstanding Short Term Notes

SUMMARY OF SAFETY COMPLEX BONDED DEBT

Safety Complex General Obligation Bond: **\$5,000,000.00**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>			<u>Outstanding Debt</u>
<u>Ending</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest Payment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Dec. 31st</u>			
2004		\$104,270.83	\$5,000,000.00
2005	\$250,000.00	\$175,625.00	\$4,750,000.00
2006	\$250,000.00	\$169,375.00	\$4,500,000.00
2007	\$250,000.00	\$163,125.00	\$4,250,000.00
2008	\$250,000.00	\$156,875.00	\$4,000,000.00
2009	\$250,000.00	\$150,312.50	\$3,750,000.00
2010	\$250,000.00	\$143,125.00	\$3,500,000.00
2011	\$250,000.00	\$135,312.50	\$3,250,000.00
2012	\$250,000.00	\$126,875.00	\$3,000,000.00
2013	\$250,000.00	\$117,812.50	\$2,750,000.00
2014	\$250,000.00	\$108,437.50	\$2,500,000.00
2015	\$250,000.00	\$99,062.50	\$2,250,000.00
2016	\$250,000.00	\$89,375.00	\$2,000,000.00
2017	\$250,000.00	\$79,375.00	\$1,750,000.00
2018	\$250,000.00	\$69,062.50	\$1,500,000.00
2019	\$250,000.00	\$58,437.50	\$1,250,000.00
2020	\$250,000.00	\$47,812.50	\$1,000,000.00
2021	\$250,000.00	\$37,187.50	\$750,000.00
2022	\$250,000.00	\$26,562.50	\$500,000.00
2023	\$250,000.00	\$15,937.50	\$250,000.00
2024	\$250,000.00	\$5,312.50	\$0.00

SAFETY COMPLEX BOND CHECKING ACCOUNT

Year 2007 Transactions

Cash on Hand January 1, 2007	\$1,780,488.72
Checking Account Interest	\$48,987.73
Investment Interest	\$19,497.06
Bond Premiums	\$2,000,000.00
Matured Principal	\$1,400,000.00
Paid Invoices	(\$4,067,192.04)
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2007	<u><u>\$1,181,781.47</u></u>

SUMMARY OF GIFFORD HOUSE BONDED DEBT

Gifford House Obligation Bond:

\$140,000.00

Fiscal Year

Ending

12/31

Principal Payment

Interest Payment

Outstanding Debt

Balance

2007	\$14,000.00	\$19,985.00	\$112,000.00
2009	\$14,000.00	\$19,320.00	\$98,000.00
2010	\$14,000.00	\$18,555.00	\$84,000.00
2011	\$14,000.00	\$17,325.00	\$56,000.00
2012	\$14,000.00	\$16,660.00	\$42,000.00
2013	\$14,000.00	\$15,995.00	\$28,000.00
2014	\$14,000.00	\$15,330.00	\$14,000.00
2015	\$14,000.00	\$14,865.00	\$0.00

GIFFORD HOUSE BOND CHECKING ACCOUNT

Year 2007 Transactions

Cash on Hand January 1, 2007	\$30,465.53
Checking Account Interest	\$32.73
Paid Invoices	(\$30,498.26)
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2007	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

SUMMARY OF FIRE HOUSE/CONSERVATION BONDED DEBT

Fire House/Conservation General Obligation Bond: \$4,444,000.00

Fiscal Year

<u>Ending</u>			<u>Outstanding Debt</u>
<u>Dec. 31st</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest Payment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2008		\$103,922.29	\$4,444,000.00
2009	\$229,000.00	\$173,858.75	\$4,215,000.00
2010	\$225,000.00	\$165,346.25	\$3,990,000.00
2011	\$225,000.00	\$156,908.75	\$3,765,000.00
2012	\$225,000.00	\$148,190.00	\$3,540,000.00
2013	\$225,000.00	\$139,190.00	\$3,315,000.00
2014	\$225,000.00	\$130,190.00	\$3,090,000.00
2015	\$225,000.00	\$121,190.00	\$2,865,000.00
2016	\$225,000.00	\$112,190.00	\$2,640,000.00
2017	\$220,000.00	\$103,290.00	\$2,420,000.00
2018	\$220,000.00	\$94,490.00	\$2,200,000.00
2019	\$220,000.00	\$85,690.00	\$1,980,000.00
2020	\$220,000.00	\$76,890.00	\$1,760,000.00
2021	\$220,000.00	\$68,090.00	\$1,540,000.00
2022	\$220,000.00	\$59,290.00	\$1,320,000.00
2023	\$220,000.00	\$50,490.00	\$1,100,000.00
2024	\$220,000.00	\$41,580.00	\$880,000.00
2025	\$220,000.00	\$32,560.00	\$660,000.00
2026	\$220,000.00	\$23,375.00	\$440,000.00
2027	\$220,000.00	\$14,025.00	\$220,000.00
2028	\$220,000.00	\$4,675.00	\$0.00

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Peck
Town Treasurer

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
TOWN OF STRATHAM IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
CERTIFICATE (2007)**

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

David Canada, Bruno Federico, David Short,
Kirk Scamman, Martin Wool, Selectmen

1. Valuation of land only:	Acres	Assessment
A. Current use (at c.u. value)	2,160.42	\$361,839
B. Conservation	478.79	\$107,609
C. Residential	4,401.38	\$324,188,900
D. Commercial/Industrial	424.64	\$37,166,700
E. Total of Taxable Land	7,465.23	\$361,825,048
F. Tax Exempt & Non Taxable	(1,629.21)	(\$12,200,700)
2. Value of Buildings only:		
A. Residential		\$588,014,638
B. Manufactured Housing		\$3,980,900
C. Commercial/Industrial		\$101,431,100
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement		\$24,562
E. Total of Taxable Buildings		\$693,451,200
F. Exempt & Non Taxable		(\$58,194,300)
3. Public Utilities:		
A. Gas		\$13,567,500
B. Electric		\$10,332,400
C. Water		\$1,830,000
D. Total Utilities		\$25,729,900
4. Valuation before Exemptions:		\$1,081,006,148
5. Certain Disabled Veterans		\$0
6. Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties		\$1,081,006,148
7. Blind Exemption (3)		(\$45,000)
8. Elderly Exemption (42)		(\$3,480,000)
9. Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		(\$3,525,000)
10. Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed		\$1,077,481,148
11. Less the Value of Utilities		(\$25,729,900)
12. Net Valuation without Utilities on which State Education Tax is Computed		\$1,051,751,248
TAX CREDITS:		
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty (\$2,000.)		
	6	\$12,000
Other war service credits (\$500.):	349	\$174,250
Total Number and Amount:	355	\$186,250

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Taxes Assessed for the Tax Year 2007

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David Canada, Bruno Federico, David Short,
Kirk Scamman, Martin Wool, Selectmen

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive	\$143,677
Elections, Registration & Vital Statistics	\$5,140
Financial Administration	\$333,915
Legal Expenses	\$45,000
Personnel Administration	\$680,758
Planning and Zoning	\$209,937
General Government Buildings	\$114,740
Cemeteries	\$43,000
Insurance	\$72,292

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police	\$799,178
Fire	\$151,026
Emergency Management	\$12,000
Emergency Communications	\$65,300

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:

Highway Department	\$509,966
Street Lighting	\$6,200

SANITATION:

Solid Waste Collection	\$647,477
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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT

Water Treatment, Conserv. Other	\$24,000
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HEALTH:

Animal Control	\$1,000
Pest Control	\$61,000
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$44,921

WELFARE:

Administration & Direct Assistance	\$12,000
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CULTURE AND RECREATION:

Parks	\$62,706
Recreation	\$105,650
Library	\$363,227
Patriotic purposes	\$1,500
Conservation Commission	\$3,000
Heritage Commission	\$6,325
Economic Development	\$2,200

DEBT SERVICE:	
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$1,000
Interest -Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$209,110
Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$264,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY:	
Capital Improvements	\$2,797,292
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	\$145,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	<u>\$7,943,537</u>

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES

TAXES:	
Yield Taxes	\$2,245
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$60,000
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES:	
Business Licenses and Permits	\$327,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$1,300,000
Building Permits	
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$102,977
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:	
Police Grant	\$6,000
FROM STATE:	
Shared Revenues	\$24,991
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$303,053
Highway Block Grant	\$115,492
Other	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:	
Income from Departments	\$128,000
Other Charges	\$55,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:	
Sale of Municipal Property	\$18,800
Interest on Investments	\$150,000
Other	\$20,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS:	
Trust and Agency Funds	\$7,500
Special Revenue Funds	\$205,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds/Notes	\$2,000,000
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES:	\$4,826,058
GENERAL FUND BALANCE:	
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$1,768,645
Less Voted from "Surplus"	\$176,292
Less Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes	\$717,353
Fund Balance - Retained	\$875,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS:	<u>\$5,719,703</u>

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
2007 TAX RATE COMPUTATION**

Tax Rates

TOWN PORTION

Appropriations	\$7,943,537	
Less: Revenues	(\$5,719,703)	
Less: Shared Revenues	(\$10,571)	
Add: Overlay	\$199,465	
Add: War Service Credits	\$186,250	
Net Town Appropriation/Approved		
Town Tax Effort		\$2,598,978

Municipal Tax Rate \$2.41

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget	\$8,451,554	
Regional School Apportionment	\$9,712,336	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(\$1,278,251)	
Less: State Education Taxes	(\$2,642,899)	
Net School(s) Appropriation/ Approved School Tax Effort		\$14,242,740

Local School Tax Rate \$13.22

State Education Tax Rate \$2.24

Times the Equalized Valuation

(without utilities) \$1,179,865,837

State Education Tax \$2,642,899

Divided by the Local Assessed

Valuation (without utilities) \$1,051,751,248

Localized State Education Tax Rate \$2.51

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	\$1,036,878	
Less: Shared Revenues	(\$6,186)	
Net County Appropriation/Approved		
County Tax Effort		\$1,030,692

County Tax Rate \$0.96

Combined Tax Rate

\$19.10

Total Property Taxes Assessed \$20,515,309

Less: War Service Credits (\$186,250)

Total Property Tax Commitment \$20,329,059

PROOF OF RATE

	Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	\$1,051,751,248	\$2.51	\$2,642,899
All Other Taxes	\$1,077,481,148	\$16.59	\$17,872,410
			\$20,515,309

EXPENDITURES

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Payroll	\$204,013.07
Training	\$430.00
Substance Abuse Testing	\$867.75
Meals	\$1,131.77
Uniforms	\$3,727.32
Asphalt	\$95,874.14
Rented Equipment	\$10,379.80
Culvert Pipe	\$540.00
New Equipment & Tools	\$207.80
Road Paint	\$6,480.13
Guard Rails	\$0.00
Tires, Repairs, Etc.	\$29,601.34
Salt	\$63,662.03
Sand and Gravel	\$3,796.75
Telephone	\$2,700.10
Electricity	\$9,652.93
Gas & Oil	\$18,574.57
Heat	\$6,404.43
Building Maintenance	\$6,762.09
Supplies	\$999.33
TOTAL	\$465,805.35

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Payroll	\$14,880.15
Solid Waste Processing	\$506,636.85
Removal of Scrap	\$872.00
Landfill Closure Annual	\$7,628.25
Paving	\$18,290.00
Materials and Supplies	\$1,078.88
Hazardous Waste Collection	\$1,904.70
Transfer Station	\$56,311.44
Electricity	\$375.02
TOTAL	\$607,977.29

CEMETERIES

Payroll	\$11,167.77
Ground Maintenance (& Road Repairs)	\$12,320.20
Excavation	\$1,725.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$892.44
New Equipment	\$384.00
Facility Improvements	\$1,135.19
Supplies	\$485.00
Transfer to Trust Funds	\$4,800.00
TOTAL	\$32,909.60

EXPENDITURES (cont.)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Payroll	\$515,190.91
Police Part Time	\$49,962.47
Special Detail	
Police payroll - Secretary	\$37,087.20
Police payroll - Prosecutor	\$33,662.53
Office supplies - Legal	\$2,800.48
Office Supplies	\$3,492.82
New Equipment	\$12,118.12
Prosecutors Expenses	\$524.84
Uniforms	\$5,765.56
Technical Support	\$23,550.20
Cruiser Lease	\$27,581.02
Insurance Pay-out/Crusier Damages	\$475.00
Gas and Oil	\$22,005.76
Repairs	\$12,587.53
Miscellaneous	\$578.50
Community Service Program	\$130.34
Training	\$2,469.51
Special Response Team	\$2,500.00
Electricity	\$6,055.55
Heat	\$1,019.92
Telephone	\$5,543.72
Maintenance/Repair/Supply	\$917.63
TOTAL	<u>\$766,019.61</u>

PARK

Payroll	\$48,475.45
Supplies	\$341.67
Ground Maintenance	\$4,697.15
Telephone	\$584.10
Building Maintenance	\$2,539.42
Equipment Maintenance	\$2,414.96
Vehicle Maintenance	\$386.31
New Equipment	\$132.45
Electricity	\$2,836.20
TOTAL	<u>\$62,407.71</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007

Title of Appropriations	Appropriation	Receipts/		Total Amount		Unexpended		Overage
		Reimbursements	Available	Expenditures	Balance			
Executive	\$143,677	\$102,977	\$246,654	\$140,967	\$105,687			
Elections & Registrations	\$5,140	\$0	\$5,140	\$4,954	\$186			
Financial Administration	\$333,915	\$1,855,255	\$2,189,170	\$332,537	\$1,856,633			
Legal Expenses	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000	\$36,699	\$8,301			
Employee Benefits	\$680,758	\$0	\$680,758	\$654,675	\$26,083			
Planning and Zoning	\$209,937	\$376,939	\$586,876	\$217,482	\$369,394			
General Government Buildings	\$114,740	\$26,892	\$141,632	\$123,561	\$18,071			
Cemeteries	\$43,000	\$27,500	\$70,500	\$32,910	\$37,590			
Insurances	\$72,292	\$225	\$72,517	\$74,109			(\$1,592)	
Police Department	\$799,178	\$31,250	\$830,428	\$766,020	\$64,408			
Fire Department	\$151,026	\$0	\$151,026	\$135,073	\$15,953			
Emergency Management	\$12,000	\$242	\$12,242	\$225	\$12,017			
Emergency Dispatch Services	\$65,300	\$0	\$65,300	\$64,000	\$1,300			
Highway Department	\$509,966	\$115,492	\$625,458	\$465,805	\$159,653			
Street Lighting	\$6,200	\$0	\$6,200	\$6,796			(\$596)	
Waste Disposal	\$647,477	\$41,477	\$688,954	\$607,977	\$80,977			
Public Works Commission	\$24,000	\$0	\$24,000	\$0	\$24,000			
Animal Control	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$45	\$955			
Pest Control	\$61,000	\$0	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$0			
Public Service Agencies	\$44,921	\$0	\$44,921	\$44,921	\$0			
Direct Assistance	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$13,104			(\$1,104)	
Park	\$62,706	\$0	\$62,706	\$62,408	\$298			
Recreation	\$105,650	\$13,018	\$118,668	\$86,397	\$32,271			
Library	\$363,227	\$0	\$363,227	\$363,227	\$0			
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,214	\$286			
Conservation Commission	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,772			(\$772)	
Heritage Commission	\$6,325	\$0	\$6,325	\$4,212	\$2,113			
Economic Development Com.	\$2,200	\$0	\$2,200	\$2,153	\$47			
Interest on Accounts	\$1,000	\$14,141	\$15,141	\$0	\$15,141			
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$211,615	\$262,064	\$473,679	\$256,495	\$217,184			
TOTALS	\$4,739,750	\$2,867,473	\$7,607,223	\$4,562,738	\$3,048,549		(\$4,064)	

YEARLY EARNINGS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES - 2007

Aither, Jaye	\$37,087.20	Hart, William	\$33,662.53
Andolina, Donald	\$136.32	Hutton, Fred A. Jr.	\$58,063.15
Bakie, Peter G.	\$121.32	Jackson, Robert E	\$5,035.71
Barker, Tara	\$37,442.28	Kemp, Valerie A.	\$44,832.89
Barnes, Terry W.	\$64,267.90	Kimball, Lesley	\$59,500.19
Beaudoin, Linda A.	\$14,384.35	Lanzillo, Kenneth F.	\$1,800.00
Boisvert, Seth	\$1,038.12	Larrabee, Matthew E.	\$1,119.42
Brown, Keri	\$700.00	Law, Charles	\$58,396.82
Buchanan, Anne E.	\$27,077.34	Leonardi, Susan	\$1,080.75
Call, James C.	\$57,100.16	Letekemann, Lucia	\$10,076.88
Canada, David	\$3,000.00	Lewy, Andrea	\$59,764.00
Charbonneau, Joyce	\$28,408.12	Littlefield, William D	\$3,589.26
Cook, Robert	\$40,317.76	Lucca, Andrew	\$2,367.42
Copeland, Timothy D	\$100.00	Luft, Karola	\$2,430.73
Corrow, Norma	\$32,152.99	MacCallum, Marcia	\$17,386.03
Cushman, Robert	\$1,284.05	Malgeri, George	\$49,179.62
Curcio, Ronald P.	\$25.41	Marchio, Joseph F.	\$38,255.20
Daley, Michael J.	\$77,085.97	McCleary, Cynthia S	\$1,200.00
Daley, Shirley S.	\$55,490.00	O'Neil, Kevin B	\$1,898.39
Danko, Phyllis L.	\$35,385.19	Peck, Kevin J.	\$1,200.00
DelRossi, Sarah	\$16,267.50	Perkins, David	\$43,465.07
Deschaine, Paul R.	\$80,121.89	Perite, Lorraine	\$1,677.06
DiBartolomeo, Jeffrey	\$898.18	Pierce, David	\$93,941.64
Donohue, Melinda	\$26,531.62	Powers, Christine	\$2,993.62
Downing, Nancy R.	\$1,717.60	Raspuzzi, Louis	\$12,962.37
Dziamia, Pamela C.	\$4,542.25	Ryan, Karen	\$13,986.40
Early, W. Michael	\$1,201.32	Ryden, Patricia A.	\$38,030.52
Emerson, John R.	\$56,405.29	Scamman, Kirk	\$3,000.00
Federico, Bruno	\$3,778.84	Short, David J	\$3,000.00
Flagg, Katherine	\$125.00	Slager, Timothy E	\$1,264.32
Foss, Virginia	\$700.00	Stevens, Russell	\$52,954.30
Gallant, Jeanine	\$106.88	Streelman, Janice	\$30,077.48
Gendron, Richard A.	\$53,598.75	Tukey, Chester	\$2,998.00
Gobbi, Michael A.	\$1,806.72	Walmsley, Shawn M.	\$45,775.42
Goff, Shanon	\$52,000.91	Williams, Alan	\$53,649.38
Grassie, Charles W	\$51,706.33	Wood, Richard	\$62,564.61
Gratton, Rachel	\$393.75	Wool, Martin	\$6,536.04
Grott, Reid	\$288.75		

**FINANCIAL REPORT
GENERAL FUND**

Revenues and expenditures for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual

1. Revenue from Taxes

a. Property taxes	\$20,301,219
b. Land Use Change Tax	\$316,398
c. Timber (Yield) Taxes	\$2,245
d. Interest & penalties on delinquent taxes	\$52,821
e. Other taxes (excavation tax)	\$0
f. Taxes bought by Town	\$200,059
g. TOTAL	\$20,872,742

2. Revenues from licenses, permits, and fees

a. Motor vehicle permits and Agent fees	\$1,379,242
b. Building permits	\$320,913
c. Other licenses, permits, and fees	\$18,239
d. TOTAL	\$1,718,394

3. Revenues from Federal Government

a. Other Fed Grants (Police)	\$22,400
b. Conservation Grant	\$687,390
c. TOTAL	\$709,790

4. Revenues from State of New Hampshire

a. Shared revenue block grant	\$41,748
b. Meals & rooms distribution	\$303,053
c. Highway block grant	\$115,492
d. Other grants	\$1,278,493
e. TOTAL	\$1,738,787

5. Revenues from charges for service

a. Income from departments	\$80,798
b. Garbage-refuse charges	\$37,333
c. Other Charges	\$108,252
d. TOTAL	\$226,383

6. Revenues from miscellaneous sources

a. Sale of municipal property	\$23,383
b. Interest on investments	\$276,205
c. Rents of property	\$22,617
d. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	\$66,113
e. Contributions and donations	\$0
f. Other misc. sources not otherwise class.	\$450
g. TOTAL	\$388,768

7. Interfund operating transfers in

a. Transfers from special revenue fund	\$4,444,000
b. Other Investments	\$2,802
c. Transfers from capital reserve funds	\$0
d. Transfers from trust and agency funds	\$7,500
e. TOTALS	\$4,454,302

8. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES

\$30,109,165

9. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (beginning of year) \$1,862,516

10. GRAND TOTAL \$31,971,681

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual

1. General Government

a. Executive	\$140,967
b. Election, registration and vital statistics	\$4,954
c. Financial administration	\$332,536
d. Legal expenses	\$36,699
e. Personnel administration	\$654,675
f. Planning & zoning	\$217,482
g. General government building	\$123,561
h. Cemeteries	\$32,910
i. Insurance not otherwise allocated	\$74,109
j. Other general government	\$255,743
k. TOTAL	<u>\$1,873,636</u>

2. Public Safety

a. Police	\$766,020
b. Fire	\$135,073
c. Emergency management	\$225
d. Other (communications)	\$64,000
e. TOTAL	<u>\$965,318</u>

3. Highways and Streets

a. Highways and Streets	\$465,805
b. Street lighting	\$6,796
c. TOTAL	<u>\$472,601</u>

4. Sanitation

a. Solid waste disposal	\$607,977
b. TOTAL	<u>\$607,977</u>

5. Water Distribution & Treatment

a. Other (Public Works Commission)	\$0
b. TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>

6. Health

a. Pest control	\$61,000
b. Health agencies and hospitals	\$44,921
c. Animal control	\$45
d. TOTAL	<u>\$105,966</u>

7. Welfare

a. Direct assistance	\$13,104
b. TOTAL	<u>\$13,104</u>

8. Culture and recreation

a. Parks	\$62,408
b. Recreation	\$86,398
c. Library	\$363,227
d. Patriotic purposes	\$1,214
e. TOTAL	<u>\$513,247</u>

9. Economic & Heritage Development	
a. Conservation Commission	\$3,772
b. Economic Development	\$2,153
c. Heritage Commission	\$4,212
d. TOTAL	<u>\$10,137</u>
10. Debt Service	
a. Princip. On Long Term Bonds PSC	\$250,000
b. Conservation BAN Principle	\$2,444,000
c. Gifford House Bond	\$14,000
d. Interest on tax anticipation notes	\$0
e. Long Term Debt Interest	\$256,495
f. TOTAL	<u>\$2,964,495</u>
11. Capital outlay	
a. Land and improvements	\$0
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	\$41,742
c. Buildings	\$0
d. Improvements other than buildings	\$243,156
e. TOTAL	<u>\$284,898</u>
12. Interfund operating transfers out	
a. Transfers to capital reserve funds	\$144,997
b. Operating Transfers out	\$2,687,390
c. Grant Transfers Out	\$20,926
d. LUCT to Trustees	\$301,500
e. TOTAL	<u>\$3,154,813</u>
13. Payments to other governments	
a. Taxes assessed for county	\$1,037,159
b. Taxes assessed for school districts	\$18,504,022
c. Payments to other governments	\$4,950
d. TOTAL	<u>\$19,546,131</u>
14. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u><u>\$30,512,323</u></u>
15. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (end of year)	\$1,459,358
16. GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>\$31,971,681</u></u>

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

A. ASSETS

	Beginning of year	End of year
1. Current assets		
a. Cash and equivalents	\$594,768	\$8,516,065
b. Investments	\$8,500,000	\$0
c. Taxes receivable	\$951,491	\$803,385
d. Tax liens receivable	\$97,663	\$81,110
e. Tax dedeed property	\$18,300	\$18,300
f. TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,162,222	\$9,418,861

B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

1. Current liabilities		
a. Due to School districts	\$8,299,635	\$7,959,503
b. Accounts Payable	\$71	\$0
c. Total Liabilities	\$8,299,706	\$7,959,503
2. Fund equity		
a. Reserve for continuing appropriations	\$93,871	\$224,973
b. Reserve appropriations voted from surplus	\$0	\$0
c. Unreserved fund bal.	\$1,768,645	\$1,234,385
d. TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$1,862,516	\$1,459,358
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$10,162,222	\$9,418,861

A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

1. School district liability beginning year	\$8,299,635
2. Add School assessment for current year	\$16,885,639
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR	\$25,185,274
4. SUBTRACT payments made to school	\$17,225,771
5. School district liability at end of year	\$7,959,503

B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

1. Short term (TANS) beginning of year	\$0
2. Add: New issues during current year	\$0
3. Subtract: Issues retired during current year	\$0
4. Short term (TANS) outstanding end of year	\$0

C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
1. Overlay/Allowance for abatements	\$1,301	\$212
2. Subtract: Abatements made	(\$1,301)	(\$212)
3. Excess of estimate	\$0	\$0

D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET

	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Liens</u>
1. Uncollected, end of year	\$803,385	\$81,110
2. Subtract: Overlay carried forward	\$0	\$0
3. Estimated Receivable, end of year	\$803,386	\$81,110

STRATHAM TRUST FUNDS 2007

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF FUND	BAL/BEG	NEW FUNDS	CAP/GAIN	WITHDRAWN	BAL/END	BAL/BEG	INCOME	EXPENDED	BAL/END	GRAND TOTAL Principal/Income
CEMETERY FUNDS:											
		206,764	4,800	0	0	211,564	93,565	26,494	8,000	112,059	323,623
2007	AUBIN		400			400	0			0	0
2007	EASTER		400			400	0			0	0
2007	JOHANSSON		400			400	0			0	0
2007	LEITZ		400			400	0			0	0
2007	MAGEE, S		400			400	0			0	0
2007	MAGEE, St		800			800	0			0	0
2007	MORIARTY		400			400	0			0	0
2007	VANDERWOUDE		800			800	0			0	0
2007	WOLFE		800			800	0			0	0
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS	206,764	4,800	0	0	211,564	93,565	26,494	8,000	112,059	323,623
LIBRARY FUNDS:											
	VARIOUS	81,701	0	0	0	81,701	4,374	6,363	3,500	7,238	88,939
STRATHAM HILL PARK:											
	VARIOUS	17,814	0	0	0	17,814	18,056	1,061	0	19,118	36,932
HORACE HILL FUND											
1932		7	0	0	0	7	180	7	0	187	194
STRATHAM HILL PK ASSOCIATION											
1966		59,615	0	0	0	59,615	19,092	6,703	0	25,795	85,410
CAPITAL RESERVES & OTHER TRUSTS											
1988	LAND CONSERVATION FUND	402,469	303,890	0	327,634	378,725	2,027	12,680	13,950	757	379,482
1998	CAPITAL RESERVE FIRE DEPT	141,400	120,000	0	0	261,400	2,667	6,636	0	9,303	270,703
2001	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP	53,086	6,542	0	0	59,628	1,991	821	0	2,812	62,440
1987	BARKER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP	4,002	0	0	0	4,002	2,427	328	250	2,505	6,507
1989	SCAMMAN/PARK TRUST	975	0	0	0	975	222	50	0	272	1,247
1989	SCAMMAN SCHOLARSHIP	3,663	0	0	0	3,663	1,413	258	0	1,671	5,334
1997	WIN. GRANGE EDUC FUND	5,500	0	0	0	5,500	927	26	0	953	6,453
2003	DEBBIE GREENBURG TRUST	4,657	200	0	0	4,857	225	248	316	157	5,014
TOTAL ALL FUNDS:											
		981,654	435,432	0	327,634	1,089,453	147,166	61,675	26,016	182,825	1,272,277
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS:											
DIANE MORGERA, CHAIR; JOYCE ROWE, BRUCE SCAMMAN											

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Cemetery Committee is pleased to report on the following:

A total of thirteen large pine trees in poor condition along the west side of Greenwood Cemetery were removed to prevent damage to gravestones by falling trees and limbs.

The beautiful stone wall at Greenwood Cemetery, which was in poor condition, has been repaired at a cost of \$6,000. The contractor, Landscapes by Aurelindo, did an excellent job.

The Public Works Department removed the chain-link fence that was in disrepair at the right entrance to Maple Lane Cemetery. Brush along the fence was cut and the area graded and grassed. It has greatly improved the entrance to the Cemetery.

In an effort to meet growing demands for cremations, we designed a Cremation Garden in a section of Maple Lane Cemetery. The Garden will include 50 cremation lots. Each lot is three feet by three feet and will accommodate up to four internments, for a potential total of 200 internments. Chain-connected granite posts will be located on each side of the Cremation Garden. Walkways within the Cremation Garden will be installed using concrete pavers. Landscapes by Aurelindo provided the lowest bid of \$5,200 for installation of the Cremation Garden. This will be presented to the Budget Committee for approval. If approved, construction will commence in the spring of 2008.

The Cemetery budget for 2008 will:

- a) Include the cost to fertilize and apply grub control for all cemeteries.
- b) Include cost for Cremation Garden.
- c) Include cost to remove two trees from Old Cemetery.
- d) Include cost to fill in a low section on the lower left hand section of Maple Lane Cemetery.

As noted in the Cemetery Reports for the last several years, we need to take action to procure more cemetery property. Considering the growth rate of the Town and the annual sale of cemetery lots, we will be running out of cemetery space in the next 20 to 25 years. Cemetery land acquisition is listed in the Capital Improvement Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Cushman
Kenneth Lanzillo
Allison Scamman

Cemetery Committee

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local forest fire Warden or fire department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17), a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of the 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in late May, the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland-urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's forest rangers by being fire-wise and fire-safe!

2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(as of November 8, 2007)

County	Acres	# of Fires
Rockingham	16	22

2007 CAUSES OF FIRES

REPORTED STATEWIDE

			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	5	2007	437	212
Debris	197	2006	500	473
Campfire	38	2005	546	174
Children	22	2004	482	147
Smoking	41	2003	374	100
Railroad	5			
Equipment	3			
Lightning	7			
Misc.*	119 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

STRATHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department, I wish to thank the residents for their support for the new fire station. At the present time, the station is near completion and by the time this report is read by you, we will be completing the move from our temporary quarters at the Stratham Highway Department to the new building. All residents are encouraged to stop in and see the new building. Members are eager to provide tours and share with you exactly what we do! **An open house is planned for Saturday, March 15, 2008, from 12 pm to 4 pm, so please plan to attend.** We also wish to thank the Stratham Highway crew for the use of their space. It hasn't always been easy operating two departments out of one building and we thank them for their generosity of space and resources. We also would like to thank the Building committee for their efforts to bring this idea to reality, as well as the support of the Board of Selectmen.

The Stratham Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) is proud to remain an all-volunteer department. No one receives compensation for emergency calls, training, certification, maintenance, clothing, fuel, or administrative functions of the department. These same volunteers raise additional funds for the SVFD in large part through the annual Stratham Fair. Some of you may not know that the Stratham Fair is a volunteer effort. No members are paid to work at the Stratham Fair, and a large portion of the funds raised support the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department's equipment purchases. While working the Fair, members are also on call at all times to respond to emergencies in the community. The end of July means exhaustion to department members – but it's also something we look forward to each year.

This dedication to the community continues to make me honored and proud to work alongside the men and women of the SVFD. They are dedicated, hardworking, compassionate, and committed. In 2007, these members responded to a total of 487 calls, with an average of 6 members responding per call. Of these, 245 were medical aid calls.

We are also in the final stages of purchasing a new ambulance. 100% of the funding for this purchase comes from an EMS Fund set up in 2001 primarily to collect insurance payments for ambulance services. Over the course of the last six years, the Fund has grown to \$290,827. The implementation of this Fund means that the ambulance will be purchased without the use of tax money. I feel this is a prime example of the mindset of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department. Collectively we strive to find ways to serve the community, and in turn make the most of life in Stratham for our residents as well as ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O. Law
Fire Chief

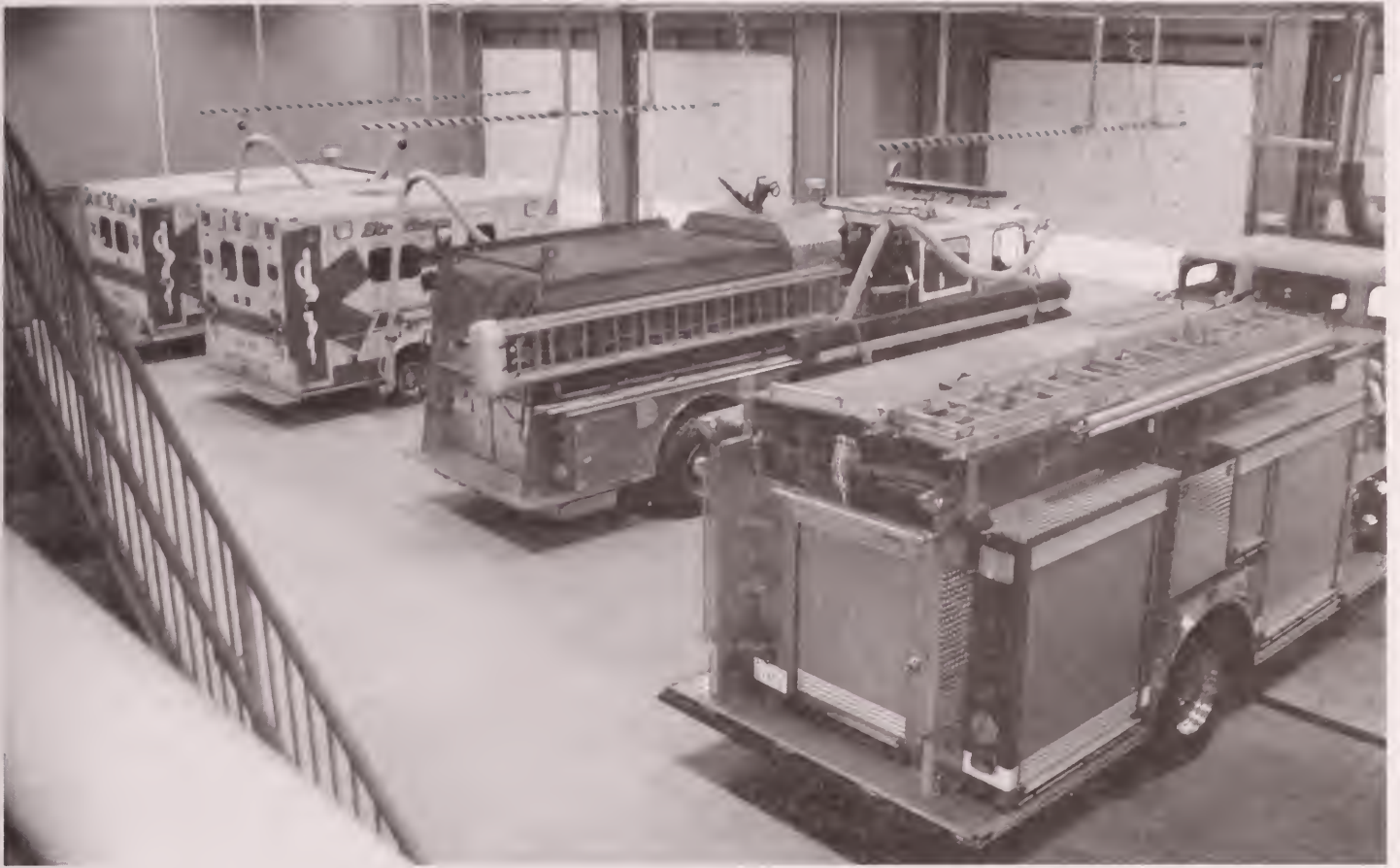
*Stratham Volunteer Fire Department
2007 Emergency Responses*

<u>Type of Call</u>	<u>Number of Calls per Year</u>			<u>Decrease from 2006</u>
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	
Medical Aid	224	276	245	
Service Calls	31	79	13	
Mutual Aid to other Communities	44	39	28	
Fire Alarm Activation	75	69	76	
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	9	11	18	
Structure Fires	14	15	13	
Brush/Forestry Fires	22	25	25	
Auto Fires	4	5	1	
Auto Accidents	58	53	60	
Hazardous Materials	9	11	8	
Total:	490	583	487	-20%

2007 Ambulance Recovered Funds

<i>Balance forward 12/31/06</i>				\$240,177.95
Interest Earned December 2006				840.55
Gross Recovered in 2007				52,859.11
Interest Earned in 2007				10,952.96
Total Gross w/Interest Earned 2007				64,652.62
<i>2007 Expenses Paid from Funds</i>				
Total Expenses				14,003.31
Total Net Funds for F/Y 2007				50,649.31
<i>Total Fund Balance as of 12/31/07</i>				\$290,827.26





POLICE DEPARTMENT

First and most important, the members of the Stratham Police Department would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Building Committee, and especially the taxpayers and residents of the Town of Stratham for their support in building our new police department building. The new building was completed and we moved in on May 10, 2007. An open house was held on August 25 and over 300 members of the community toured the new station. The facility will provide a much better working environment and greater security for both the members of the department and our customers who come to or are brought to the police department.

The department responded to and provided service for over 8,500 calls throughout the year 2007. Total calls for service that our department handled decreased slightly from the previous year; however, juvenile offenses and domestic crimes were on the rise, requiring more sensitive investigation. Additionally, animal control calls for service and abandoned 911 calls continue to be problematic. Animal control calls had an 11% increase in 2006 and an additional 26% increase this year. Abandoned 911 increased 19% from 108 to 129. These calls garner valuable police service time that could be better utilized. Some of the other calls for service were as follows: Motor vehicle accidents - 191; Motor vehicles summons - 538; Motor vehicle warnings - 2,805; Burglaries - 14; Arrests - 248; Town ordinance violations - 34 (up from 13); House checks - 533; Sexual assaults - 5; Domestic disturbances - 41; Criminal mischief - 51; Assists to the ambulance - 173; Assists to fire department - 91; Motor vehicle lockouts - 13; and residential/commercial alarms - 274. The largest part of our calls for service continue to be from residential homes and neighborhoods with a fewer amount from the business area.

2007 saw the retirement of a long-time member of the department. Lieutenant Richard Wood retired on August 31 after over 22 years of service to the Town of Stratham and its residents. A retirement celebration was held on September 21 at the Green Gate in Exeter. Detective Sergeant Richard Gendron was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant to fill the open position created by the retirement of Lt. Wood. Sergeant David Pierce has moved into the Detective position. Officer Michael Gobbi, who left the position of full-time officer to go part-time a few years ago, has returned to full-time status, bringing the full-time staff back to its normal level.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for their steadfast commitment to public safety. I thank the Stratham community and the business leaders of Stratham for their continued support over the past year. It is this support that helps our department provide the highest quality of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Daley
Chief of Police



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has worked with the other Town department heads and the Rockingham Planning Commission to complete an All-Hazards Plan for the Town. The intent of this particular plan is to identify probable hazards, both natural and man-made, and to develop mitigation options to minimize or neutralize these potential threats to the community. This plan was approved by the Selectmen in December of 2007.

The OEM is managed by Director Dave Emanuel, and is fortunate to have the services of Kathy Flagg and Tim Copeland who serve as Deputy Directors. The OEM is supported by a community staff of 25 members. Deputy Director Flagg has been intimately involved with the Seacoast Regional Response Plan for vaccinating the Seacoast population in the event of a pandemic emergency. As our Town representative, she has worked with the multi-town group to develop an operational action plan of preparedness and coordination in the event of a regional pandemic event.

The emergency management staff continued to work with the fire department on the Fire Station Building Committee and owner's representatives meetings. The OEM sincerely thanks the residents of Stratham for their support, funding, and vision to plan and construct the new fire station and Emergency Operations Center (EOC), both of which are critical infrastructure for the Town.

The OEM is pursuing grant-funding applications to equip different aspects of the new facility including radio communications and EOC furnishings. Each of the grants is intended to support the financial aspects of the "tenant fit-up" portion of the new construction.

The year 2008 will challenge the Stratham OEM team with a series of drills and a graded exercise with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding the Seabrook Station, similar to that conducted in 2006.

Preparedness is an individual responsibility that starts in each of our own homes with our own families. We request that residents prepare themselves by keeping adequate emergency supplies and stock at home, and by reviewing the annual Seabrook calendar of emergency information. FEMA maintains a web site at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm> that can aid you in preparedness for various emergencies.

Residents interested becoming a resource to the Stratham Office of Emergency Management should contact us through the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Emanuel
Director

PLANNING BOARD / TOWN PLANNER

With the continued expansion of the Lindt and Sprüngli facility, industrial and commercial expansion was the major agenda for the Planning Board this past year. The continued slowdown of residential development allowed us to continue work on the Master Plan.

This year we bid a sad farewell to our long-time administrative assistant, Linda Beaudoin, who retired after many long years in service to our board and the community. Her knowledge of planning and zoning regulation and her helpfulness to all that entered our office will be greatly missed. We would also like to welcome Sarah Del Rossi, who comes to us from the private sector. Sarah has been working hard to learn the systems used within the department, the intricacies of zoning and land use regulations, and where we store all our files.

Building upon the success of the special committee dealing with the Community Technical College, this year the Board has been working with a special committee to look into ways to help in the expansion of Stratham's Portsmouth Avenue Commercial District. The special committee, which was comprised of a diverse cross-section of business people and residents from our community, spent many long evenings discussing innovative ideas on how our current commercial district could best be redeveloped and what would provide the highest value and best use for the Town. By the end of the year, the committee had completed a new Gateway Commercial District Master Plan, which should help in the future redevelopment of the district. The committee is now working to draft new zoning ordinances to assist in the implementation of the plan's vision.

This past year also saw the completion of a new Hazards Mitigation Plan, which identifies hazard areas within the community and will help in our receiving grants to mitigate the hazards or assist in providing safety strategies for preventing natural or man-made disasters.

The Planning Department has been busy supporting the Heritage Commission in the development of the Historic Resources Master Plan, which is currently before the Planning Board for approval. The Planning Department has been working on the update of the historical sites map and the development of a new historical resources database.

Whether it is GIS/GPS mapping, digital photography for documentation purposes, working with developers, or answering citizens' questions, your Planning Board and our planning staff are always working to address the needs and concerns of our community.

We hope that you will take some time through the coming months and stop by the planning offices, meet our new administrative assistant, and see what's happening in Stratham. We have a lot going on and welcome your input and advice. Drop us an email at strathamplanner@comcast.net to let us know what you think.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Grassie
Town Planner

Janet Johnson
Planning Board Chair

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Industrial (IND) – Lindt & Sprüngli completed its ongoing expansion, which included a new 100,000 sq. ft. production building, a new 200,000 sq. ft. warehouse building, and new sugar & milk silos. The Planning Board gave approval for a new 50,000 sq. ft. building for roasting coco beans, and is also working on a 65-foot high building within the existing building.

Timberland has completed the renovations to their daycare facility.

Commercial District (GCM) – V.I.P. is now open. The Audi & Porsche dealership is almost ready to open. BMW of Stratham is working on their new expansion.

Town Center – The new Stratham Fire Station will be open by the time this is printed.

Residential/Agricultural (RA) – For the third year in a row, there has been a downward trend in new residential houses.

ACTIVITY REPORT

2007

• Single Family	28
• Multi-Family (Duplex)	2 (Duplex counts as 2 living units)
• Multi-Family (Triplex)	0 (Triplex counts as 3 living units)
• Garages/Barn	4
• Sheds	16
• Decks	14
• Residential Additions/Renovations	85
• New Commercial	3
• Commercial Additions/Renovations	18
• Mobile Homes	0
• Pools	15
• Signs	27
• Demolitions	8
• Electrical, Plumbing & Mechanical	225
• Correspondence	0
• Miscellaneous	24
• Board of Adjustment	<u>3</u>
Total	472

If I can be of help to anyone, my office hours are between 9:00 a.m. and noon, Monday thru Friday each week.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Barnes
Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

The Assessing Department continues to be a very busy department despite the slowing of the real estate market. Even though the number of new homes has slowed to almost a halt, the number of properties visited by the Assessing Department over the past year did not. Of the 472 building permits issued, which included homes, duplexes, commercial structures, renovations, additions, pools, garages, barns, sheds, decks, roofs and heating and air conditioning, approximately 420 properties had to be reviewed by the Assessing Department. In addition, another 50 properties were reviewed due to construction not being completed the previous tax year. These inspections resulted in an increase of \$23,633,676 to the tax base for a gross sum of taxable property of \$1,081,006,148.

New assessment records were created and appraised as a result of subdivisions, lot line adjustments, voluntary lot mergers, surveys and deed changes. As a result, a few properties that were enrolled in Current Use no longer qualified and had to be issued a Land Use Change Tax. The impact of these changes totaled \$96,200. This money, when collected, will be placed in the Land Conservation Fund.

Exemptions and credits maintained in the Assessing Department include elderly, veteran, and blind with a total impact of \$3,525,000. For more information on exemptions and credits that are offered please, contact the department at (603) 772-7391.

We encourage everyone to take time and visit the office to view your property record card for data accuracy. Owners who wish to have a copy of their property record card can have one printed at no charge.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea S. Lewy, CNHA
Town Assessor

ASSESSMENT HISTORY

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Gross Taxable</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Equalization Ratio</u>
2007	1,081,006,148	19.10	85.6%
2006	1,057,372,472	19.02	86.2%
2005	1,034,757,694	17.33	85.5%
2004	991,618,442	16.00	89.9%

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

What is the mission of the Public Works Commission?

The Public Works Commission exists to assist the residents of the Town with water issues by steering them to the information they need to address these issues. The Commission is also responsible for keeping the Board of Selectmen informed on town and regional projects that may affect the Town's water and sewer projects.

Why did the Town create a Public Works Commission for Water and Sewer?

The Town had a Water Commission in place; however, when the State created the Great Bay Estuary Commission (GBEC) to study sewage treatment solutions for the Seacoast region, the Town determined that a local commission should be in place since Stratham is one of the towns included in the study by the GBEC.

What is the Great Bay Estuary Project?

The Great Bay Estuary Project has goals that include the clean up of all rivers and streams that flow into the Atlantic Ocean including Great Bay. The clean up of rivers and streams will affect all towns in the region whether they have local sewer systems or not. Towns without local sewer systems have contracts with facilities in other towns to treat septic system wastes. In most cases, the treatment systems require rivers and streams for discharge, which eventually flows into Great Bay or the Atlantic Ocean. The Great Bay Estuary Project is a Federal and State funded project that is looking to regionalize how towns deal with wastewater.

Are we going to have to install a town water and sewer system as a result of the GBEC?

No. The GBEC has been set up to allow each town to make its own decision about water and sewer systems.

Has our Public Works Commission done any work to indicate that either a water or sewer system will be needed in Stratham in the near or distant future?

The Public Works Commission has done work on water use projections through 2025. However, as of yet, we have not developed any data on sewer requirements.

Do any of the projections indicate any immediate requirement for construction of infrastructure?

No, but there are questions regarding the sources of our water supply as the town grows. There are two items in the Town Master Plan that may impact our assessment and we need to explore. The first item is senior housing and workforce housing. Because of the nature of these types of projects, they would likely require public water supply and sewer. We also know that in order to continue to maintain services in education and general services without over-taxing our present citizens, we must expand our commercial and service enterprises without encroaching on residentially zoned areas. This means a more densely developed commercial area which would likely require public water and sewer. One option would involved a system put in place that is wholly funded by it users in the commercial area.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Sallet and Lissa S. Ham
Co-Chairs

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission follows the directives in the Master Plan to preserve land and educate members of the community about conservation and recycling programs. The Commission revised the Resources and Conservation portion of the Master Plan by making recommendations for improving wildlife and plant habitats, agricultural lands, forest resources, open space and land conservation programs in Stratham all of which enhance the rural character of the community.

Another large project in 2007 was to work with a forester to begin a thinning project in the Town Forest, which is a portion of the wooded area that is adjacent to Stratham Hill Park. A 20-acre site at the far end of the Forest near the power lines was selected as a test site. The Town Forest contains a wonderful diversity of hard and softwood trees and woodland habitats. To maintain this diversity, trees are selected that were diseased, unhealthy, or too close together. Thinning allows more sunlight to penetrate the forest and improve the health of those remaining trees, and promote the growth of more white oak trees that produce a more nutritious acorn for wildlife. Browsing animals depend on tender young hardwood sprouts for food year round. The best way to create these young shoots is through the harvest of low quality or unhealthy trees that will continue to develop shoots and sprouts for years to come. The test is to see if logging will achieve our goals before we consider extending to other more frequently used areas of the Town Forest. The benefits of this thinning may take several years before they are realized. The logger will leave behind "slash," that is logging debris consisting of treetops, limbs, cull logs, and other separate vegetation that people might not find attractive but will rapidly decay. Slash reduces soil erosion in the newly logged area, provides small animals with new habitat, and improves soil by serving as a source of nutrients. The logger is paying us a small sum of money, which is being used to cover the cost of the forester. The Commission was also very pleased to accept a donation in 2007 of approximately 14 acres of land from the Piper estate. The parcel directly abuts the Town Forest and will be added as part of this Town conservation property.

The Conservation Commission is an advisory group to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Adjustment, and the Planning Board. We work with Conservation Commissions of surrounding communities to make joint recommendations, respond to wetland applications filed with the NH Department of Environmental Services, and provide guidance to small and large landowners on projects that have potential wetlands impact. The Commission also works with the *Ad Hoc* Subcommittee on recommendations, contracts with attorneys, easement evaluations, appraisals and surveys. We will be looking in 2008 for properties with conservation potential in order to use the remaining \$2 million conservation bond.

The Commission coordinated its annual low-cost compost bin sale to area residents. It is estimated that 25% of the average household's waste consists of yard trimmings and kitchen scraps that could be easily composted into a rich soil amendment for plants and gardens. Stratham residents save the Town more than \$155 for every ton of waste they compost because it does not need to be shipped out of town for disposal. The Commission meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Contact the Chairman or the Town Office for additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Elwell, Chair

AD HOC CONSERVATION BOND SUBCOMMITTEE

The *Ad Hoc* Conservation Bond Subcommittee is pleased to report that in 2007 an additional 94-acre parcel was added to the rolls of permanently protected farmland and open space, bringing the total acres protected to 277 acres since the voter-approved bond was passed in 2002.

The new property will forever be protected as agricultural and forested open space. The property contains meadows that provide key habitat for nesting Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark and is hayed by local farmers in the summer. The upland forests harbor Wild Turkey, Barred Owls, hawks of various species and the crow-sized Pileated Woodpecker. Lastly, the vernal pools are critical breeding habitat to many species of frogs and salamanders.

As in the past, our efforts to secure the protection of this property along Winnicutt Road included seeking matching grants to reduce costs to Stratham residents. We worked with the Rockingham County Conservation District and obtained a \$685,000 grant from the Farm and Rangeland Protection Program available under the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In early 2008, the Subcommittee will send a letter to Stratham landowners explaining that, of the \$5 million authorized at 2002 Town Meeting for land protection, approximately \$2.5 million remains. Land protection through conservation easement means landowners are paid for the development rights and still retain ownership and control of their property.

That Stratham residents and visitors will forever enjoy open space is due to the encouragement and guidance from the Conservation Commission as well as to the support of the Board of Selectmen. Once again, we are deeply indebted to Paul Deschaine, who follows through on many of the legal and financial aspects of our transactions and provides expert guidance at our meetings.

We look forward to working with Stratham landowners interested in protecting their properties for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Stephenson
Chair

STRATHAM HILL PARK ASSOCIATION

This year the Park Association focused efforts on long-range projects at the Park. A special projects committee was formed to research funding and design options for these projects. The committee, co-chaired by Vicky Avery and Beth Salzman, met over the winter and at the May meeting presented plans for revitalization of three areas of the Park. The Association voted to pursue one of those plans, upgrading the playground area near the Scamman Pavilion.

In the second half of the year, there were several community fundraising events to raise money for the new playground equipment. In the fall, the remaining pieces of the old playground were removed and the area prepared for new equipment. At the November meeting, the special projects committee reported that the funds had been raised and the equipment ordered. Plans for a community install day are set for early spring 2008.

The year 2007 also saw the retirement of long time Park Association Treasurer Ken Lanzillo. With more than 10 years of service, Ken has been an integral part of the board. We will miss his insight and valuable input and wish him all the best as he enjoys his retirement. Another long time Stratham resident, Kevin Peck, willingly accepted appointment as interim treasurer to fill out the remainder of Ken's term. New officers will be elected at the March 24, 2008 meeting.

I look forward to another exciting year of activity in the Park in 2008. The special projects committee will continue to meet to develop plans to be considered for other projects in the Park. The Association always welcomes input from members of the community as we continue our role as stewards of this wonderful area. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each odd month at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel F. Crow
President

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission's primary focus is to provide full and balanced recreational programming that meets the needs of all residents. The Commission provides activities, athletic programming, and cultural events for community members of all ages. The Commission also established, operates, and maintains the Stevens Park Facility.

The Stevens Park has been through its third full season of use; travel and recreational soccer and lacrosse teams can be found there almost every day of the week (weather permitting). New additions made to Stevens Park are new tennis courts, phase one of the new playground as well as the first phases of the new softball field. There are many improvements to look forward to in 2008, one being the construction of the new Stevens Park baseball field. This field will house not only youth baseball programs but also men's and women's softball tournaments, as well as a Senior Adult Softball Program. This will be a great asset to Stratham's recreation programs.

Phase two of the Stevens Park playground will be complete by the fall of 2008. This will be a great accomplishment and will be a great place for families to enjoy. The Stratham Playground Committee was formed in 2007 by a group of community members who are working together to build funds through donations from residents and businesses in the Stratham area. The committee has had innovative fundraising ideas, including Dancing with the Stars, plant sales, shopping nights, as well as working with community businesses to raise the appropriate funds to complete the project. The Playground Committee invites you to visit their website at www.strathamplayground.blogspot.com.

In 2008, there will be many new programs for the community, including but not limited to hikes, bikes, outdoor activities, sports programs, yoga, Pilates, cooking classes, teen fitness classes, and art programs. Also available are Manchester Monarchs hockey game tickets, Red Sox tickets, family trips, ski trips, and general bus trips. Stratham youth enjoy the popular summer camp, annual Easter egg hunt, Halloween party, and the annual 5th grade year-end party. The Recreation Commission also sponsored the Stratham Circle Community Tree Lighting, providing the luminary bags that encompassed the traffic circle. One of the many new programs to come is the Pats Peak Ski Program for the 8th and 9th grade students of the SAU 16. This program has been very successful and hopes to continue giving students an opportunity to participate in outdoor winter activities for years to come.

The Recreation Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information about upcoming recreation programs and registrations can be found on the website (www.wigginsml.org) or at the Recreation Office. The Recreation Commission meets the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are always open to the public. The Commission is comprised of volunteers and is in need of members. We welcome any resident who may want to join any of our boards. Suggestions or comments regarding programming are always welcome--that way we can serve the recreational needs of all Stratham residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Barker
Recreation Director

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
The Heart of the Community

Stratham is in the position of being a vital, active community that lacks a traditional **community center**. Our many important organizations and places are spread around town and may only be accessible for a small number of hours. Past the days of the Grange Hall, Stratham hasn't had an obvious gathering place for the many different groups of people in town.

Happily, we have seen the Wiggin Memorial Library emerge as the new Town Center. Over the past six years alone, visits to the library have increased 24% -- and the library remains the **only town gathering place that serves all ages and interests** at such a low cost (\$50 per taxpayer in 2007) in so many diverse ways and is available over 50 hours/week.

The library is the place where you can run into your neighbor or your children's classmates and stop to have a conversation. The library is the place where you can find a book, pick up some movies for weekend watching, and check out audiobooks for your business or family travel (or download them from home!). The library gives you access to the internet and to Office tools, whether you need to do research, keep in contact with far-off friends and family, or work on your resume, homework or create a flyer. The library is where you can hear speakers and authors on topics from *Feng Shui* to Retirement Planning to Celtic Music, and meet others in town that have similar interests. The library brings parents and children together to fall in love with reading and even gets teenagers talking, knitting, and babysitting.

64% of Stratham residents have a library card and even more use the library virtually as well as in person. More than 22,500 visits to the Library website found town government information, program schedules, important town news, and specialized research tools. Our magazines and newspapers are enjoyed every day by people without having to deal with the hassle or cost of subscriptions. Events and programs brought in 10% more people in 2007 than in 2006. Similar area workshops cost an average of \$35. If a Stratham family attended even one-quarter of our offered programs elsewhere, it would have cost that family over \$2,500. Our programs create **free opportunities for lifelong learning for every single member of the community**. Where is the community center of Stratham? At the Wiggin Memorial Library. We invite you to stop by for a visit and see why so many of your neighbors already have.

Library Mission

"To be the best library we can be through our exceptional service, relevant resources and our unwavering commitment to the enjoyment of reading, lifelong learning, intellectual freedom and community...and to have fun doing it!"

Since 2001	
Library Visits:	+ 24%
Borrowing:	+ 27%
Program Attendance	+128%
Population Increase	+ 12%

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Kimball, Director

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department had a very busy 2007. The month of December was one of the snowiest ever and we handled it well.

We continue with a four-person crew to maintain all the town roads, buildings, cemeteries, transfer station, and Stevens Park. Although the department could benefit from the addition of another employee, we have managed to provide a consistent level of service with the available manpower. We are only able to continue to do so with reliable equipment. To that end, we thank the voters for the approval to purchase a new Ford F450 pickup truck this past year. It has proven to be a valuable addition to our fleet.

Last year we ground and repaved Dumbarton Oaks, Hersey Lane, and Wedgewood Drive to keep them in better condition for the years ahead. We also paved other streets in town and fixed several catch basins.

As a reminder, please keep your mailboxes four (4) feet off the edge of the street's pavement and 40 inches above ground level to avoid plow damage. Occasionally, snow will push them over, but that is sometimes just unavoidable in winter. We try our best to not hit them or damage your lawns. Proper placement of your mailbox goes a long way in preventing an unintended strike with a plow.

Please call us at 772-5550 with any questions and hopefully compliments.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Hutton, Jr.
Highway Agent

LITTLE KNOWN FACT

The Town of Stratham recycled 66 tons of scrap metal in 2007, which conserved 66,455 pounds of coal and avoided the emissions in its use to make steel.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Once again, New Hampshire led the nation with human Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) activity. In 2007, there were three human cases, one horse, one alpaca, and six mosquito pools testing positive for EEE. A fourth human case occurred in a Scottish tourist vacationing in the Bartlett-North Conway area. No one can be certain where he contracted the disease since he traveled to Rhode Island during that time. The confirmed human cases occurred in the Towns of Newton, Newfields, and Hampton. Kensington had the horse case while Raymond had an alpaca. The six mosquito pools were found in Newton (2), Brentwood (2), Kingston (1), and Fremont (1). Mosquitoes collected in Stratham were sorted by species and sent to the State Lab in Concord where they were tested for diseases. None tested positive. There was no EEE or West Nile Virus activity in Stratham during the 2007 mosquito season.

The proposed 2008 Mosquito Control Plan for Stratham includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, and roadside spraying, as well as spraying adult mosquitoes at parks and schools. The control program begins in April when mosquito larvae are located in stagnant water such as swamps, ditches, and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes for disease testing begins in June. The mosquito control program ends in late September or early October when temperatures drop and daylight diminishes.

Homeowners can reduce the number of mosquitoes in their yards by emptying any outdoor containers that hold standing water such as buckets, trash barrels, and boats. Tires collect enough water for mosquitoes to survive. It is also a good idea to change the water in birdbaths every two or three days. You can also help protect yourself by using mosquito repellants, avoiding outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active, and wearing appropriate clothing if must be outdoors.

If you **do not** want your property treated for mosquitoes, then a **written request is needed**. Please send a letter to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries. Otherwise, your property may be treated. Our phone number is 964-8400. You may call our office for assistance regarding mosquitoes, the insecticides we use, spray dates, or questions about West Nile Virus or EEE.

For more information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus, visit the NH Department of Health and Human Services online at www.dhhs.state.nh.us or the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah MacGregor, President
Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.

STRATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

In its 38th season, the Stratham Historical Society has had a busy year. Our programs continued to be varied and illuminating. In January, Chuck Doleac spoke on "Teddy Roosevelt's Nobel Prize: New Hampshire and the Portsmouth Peace Treaty." Our March meeting featured Chuck Grassie with a "Photographic Exhibit of the Barns of Stratham and Vicinity" including slides of a number of well-known local barns. April 13th featured a well-attended Appraisal Day, and the winter events ended with the May 14th annual meeting and potluck supper.

During the summer, we sold pizza at the Fair as usual and made a profit of \$1,354. The Historical Society also had an exhibit in the 4-H Building about the Winfield L. Foote Endowment Scholarships, which was given a special educational display award. Awards from the Scholarship Fund were again presented to two high school seniors and, for the first time, a third scholarship was awarded to a rising college senior. In 2008, two college awards will be offered to rising college juniors and seniors. Applications are available on the library website.

In late summer, serious repairs to our building began. In conjunction with the construction of the new fire station, we were able to perform essential repairs to rectify water problems in the basement. Peter Wiggin cleaned the foundation and Jones Brothers did insulation and waterproofing. The ultimate purpose of these repairs is to create safe archival space in the lower level and to alleviate the drastic overcrowding on the main floor, a problem that becomes more acute every year.

Unfortunately for all of us, our longtime president, Barbara Mann, left Stratham in September. We all miss her, her expertise, and her vast knowledge about Stratham, but we are managing to carry on without her.

Our fall program began in September with a tour of the Joshua Hill home on Portsmouth Avenue, which is now owned by Rebecca Mitchell and Ben Harris. The annual trip to Strawberry Banke this year was also in September. Our November meeting's program featured Dr. Jere Daniell, who spoke on "Dr. John Phillips and the Founding of Phillips Exeter Academy."

The Historical Society building has now resumed its normal schedule after a hiatus of several months during construction of the new fire station. During the year, 35 guests visited the Society and 25 accessions were made. The tall case clock given to the Society in 2006 has been refurbished by Peter Sawyer of Exeter, and chimes merrily for everyone to hear. We continue to take part in the Memorial School enrichment program and in Professor Elizabeth Crepeau's Oral History Project at UNH. We now offer at the Society cloisonne pins and key rings that replicate the building for \$5 each. As always, the members of the Society want to thank all Stratham citizens for your constant and strong support. Without your help, we wouldn't be here.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Scammon Hyland
Interim President

HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Heritage Commission was established by the Town to be responsible for “the proper recognition, use and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts and to exercise such authority as authorized under RSA 674:44-b.” The Commission is comprised of a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Planning Board, three members and three alternate members appointed by the Selectmen.

SURVEY OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES: Following advice from the N.H. Division of Historical Resources as well as the recommendation of the 1997 Master Plan, the Heritage Commission began the process of conducting a survey of Stratham’s historical resources. While there are State standards for surveys, every town that has undertaken a survey has proceeded differently. In the course of developing our procedures, it became apparent that the historical resources survey must be integrated with the evolving town database. Working toward that end, we have been greatly helped by the Town Planner, Chuck Grassie, and we have hired a database designer who is nearing completion of her work. The Survey of Historical Resources is an ambitious project, but one with enormous potential for providing the Town and its residents with valuable planning and preservation information.

HISTORICAL RESOURCES MASTER PLAN: At the request of the Planning Board, the Heritage Commission wrote an extensive new Master Plan chapter that includes a brief town history, a summary of historic preservation activity to date, a map and table of historical resources, as well as goals and recommendations. The latter proposes a variety of measures, both voluntary and regulatory, that would serve to protect those resources important to the history or community character of Stratham. This Master Plan chapter was reviewed at a public hearing and the Planning Board will vote on it in February 2008.

DEMOLITION REVIEW: In 2007, the Heritage Commission supported the Planning Board’s proposal of a Historic Demolition Review article that was passed by Town vote in March. The purpose of the ordinance is to allow a brief review period to consider the structure’s significance in preserving our community’s historical character. As directed by the ordinance, a review committee has been established.

VETERANS’ GARDEN: The Garden continues to be acknowledged as the Town’s permanent location for recognizing its veterans. In 2007, ten names were added in honor of our veterans.

PROCEDURAL RULES: In order to ensure the ethical and efficient conduct of the Heritage Commission, we wrote and adopted a set of procedural rules in 2007.

The Heritage Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., usually in the EOC Room. Meeting minutes are available on the Wiggin Memorial Library website. We welcome guests and volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Mitchell,
Chair (778-7979)

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2006



Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

June, 2007

To the Board of Selectman
Town of Stratham, NH

We have audited the Government-wide and Government fund financial statements of the Town of Stratham, NH for the year ended December 31, 2006, and have issued our reports thereon. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

1. **Our Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America**

As stated in our engagement letter, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Because of the concept of reasonable, but not absolute, assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, fraud, or other illegal acts may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Town. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

2. **Significant Accounting Policies**

Management has the responsibility for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Town are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. During the year ended December 31, 2005 the Town adopted GASB 34 and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2006. We noted no transactions entered into by the Town during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

3. **Accounting Estimates**

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based upon management's current judgments. In general, certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

- Under the adoption of GASB 34, managements' estimate of infrastructure assets and their useful lives.

4. Significant Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a significant audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. These adjustments may include those proposed by us but not recorded by the Town that could potentially cause future financial statements to be materially misstated, even though we have concluded that such adjustments are not material to the current financial statements. We proposed and the Town adjusted the financial statements for several audit adjustments. The majority of these adjustments related to the following accounts:

	Net Income Effect
To record the State Education Grant	\$1,217,382
To adjust depreciation expense	346,986
To adjust taxes receivable	29,207
To adjust payable to School Districts	(925,790)

5. Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

If the audited financial statements are included in annual reports or other documents, we will ascertain that disclosures in these documents are substantially consistent with the audited financial statements.

6. Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

7. Consultation with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Towns financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

8. Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Towns auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

9. Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit. We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us during the audit.

10. Comments, Observations and Recommendations on Internal Controls

Infrastructure Assets

The Town has officially adopted GASB "34" and as part of the requirement must maintain an inventory of the Town's infrastructure assets. We recommend the Town create and maintain an infrastructure asset inventory, adding purchases and removing disposals, while reconciling the list to the general ledger on a monthly basis.

Trust Accounts

As a result of our audit, we found that the various Trust account activity as provided by the Trustees was not properly reviewed and reconciled to the general ledger. Reviewing and reconciling the trust account bank and investment statements to the general ledger is a necessary step in ensuring that the funds are being administered and accounted for properly. We recommend the Town appropriately perform this function on a monthly basis.

Ancillary Accountability

The Town provides facilities, equipment, insurance and staff to several ancillary groups during the year, including, but not limited to various sports boards, the Stratham Hill Park Association and the volunteer fire department association. In addition, appropriations are made from the Town budget to fund these groups' activities to a certain degree. In the past, these organizations have operated independently from the Town. Therefore, we recommend the tax status (501 (C) 3 organizations) and filing requirements (990's) of these groups be identified in order to properly include or properly exclude these groups from the Town's general fund for accounting purposes.

Library

Lack of Cash Disbursement Controls

During our audit it came to our attention that duplicate payments were made for items purchased on the library credit cards. This situation occurs due to breakdowns in the control system and lack of effective oversight and review. We recommend that management closely evaluate the Library's cash disbursement procedures and take appropriate action to prevent duplicate payments in the future.

Management's Response

Subsequently all duplicate disbursement payments have been reimbursed and the Library Trustees are aware of this deficiency and have taken corrective action.

Control of Blank Checks

Blank checks are being stored in unsecured locations, such as on desks, or in unlocked drawers. This situation creates the possibility that a blank check could be taken by an unauthorized individual and then executed and presented for payment. To safeguard against such an event, blank check stock should be kept in a locked box or cabinet accessible only to those with proper authorization. The checks should always be used in sequential order and periodically accounted for.

10. **Comments, Observations and Recommendations on Internal Controls** (*Continued*)

Two signature requirement

The Library has a two signature requirement on all checks. However, the face of the check does not disclose this fact to the bank. We recommend when ordering future checks that the two signature requirement be noted on the face of the checks.

Management's Response

New checks have been ordered to disclose the two signature check requirement on the face of the checks.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

The implementation of these items will enable you to further strengthen the financial management, bookkeeping and accounting systems and procedures that are currently in place. We recommend that you establish a written schedule to implement the above recommendations, indicating the problem, goal or objective to be accomplished, and the estimated date of implementation. This can be used by management and the Board of Selectman to monitor progress. In addition, we would be glad to discuss, clarify or assist with the implementation of these items.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Selectman and management of the Town and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,



BERNARD, JOHNSON & CO., P.C.
Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2006

Within this section of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's (Town) annual financial report, the Town's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2006. The Town's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosure following this section. The discussion focuses on the Town's primary government and, unless otherwise noted, component units reported separately from the primary government are not included.

Financial Highlights

- The Town's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$13,730,423 (net assets) for the fiscal year reported. This compares to the previous year when the assets exceeded liabilities by \$12,437,811.
- The Town had total revenue of \$24,501,587, in which \$20,144,354 came from the collection of taxes. This is a \$2,667,653 increase from last year's revenue.
- The Town had total expenditures of \$24,842,796, which is a \$2,074,742 increase from last year. The increase in expenditures is due largely to the increase in School Budgets.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,768,645 or 7.6% of total General Fund expenditures including transfers and 7.5% of total General Fund revenues including transfers.
- Total liabilities of the Town increased by \$1,158,437 to \$14,036,486 during the year. The increase in the liabilities is due to the increase in the amounts due to the School Districts.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Management's discussion and analysis introduces the Town's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The Town also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

DECEMBER 31, 2006

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Government-wide Financial Statements

The Town's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Town's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The first of these government-wide statements is the Statement of Net Assets. This is the Town-wide statement of financial position presenting information that includes all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall economic health of the Town would extend to other non-financial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base or the condition of Town infrastructure in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

The second government-wide statement is the Statement of Activities which reports how the Town's net assets changed during the current year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the Town's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by the Town's taxpayers.

Both governmental-wide financial statements distinguish governmental activities of the Town that are periodically supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, such as grants, from business type activities that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. Governmental activities included general government, public safety, public services, education, and culture and recreation.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin immediately following the basic financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the Town as a Whole

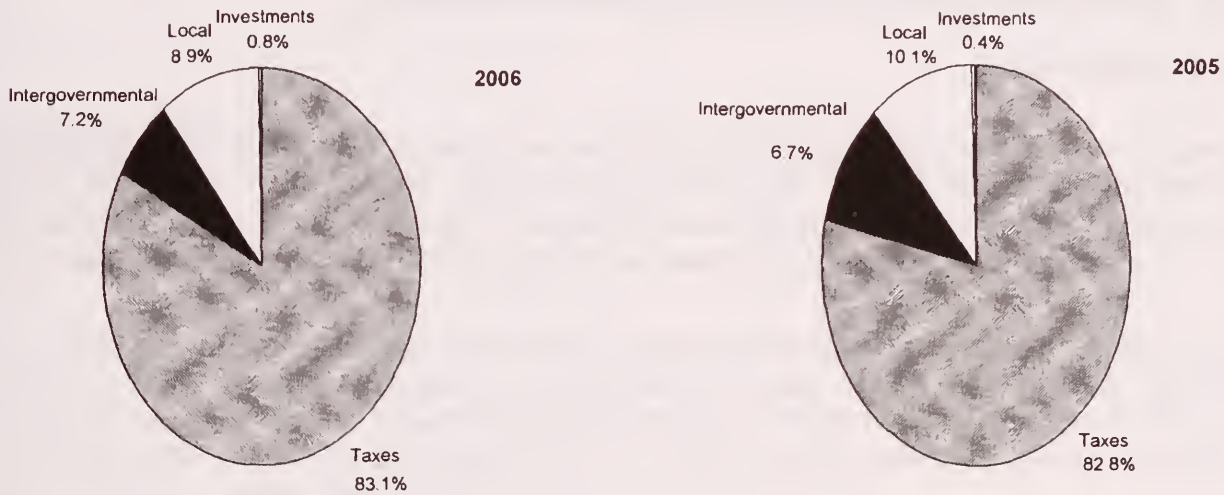
As year-to-year financial information is accumulated on a consistent basis, changes in net assets may be used to monitor the changing financial position of the Town as a whole.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

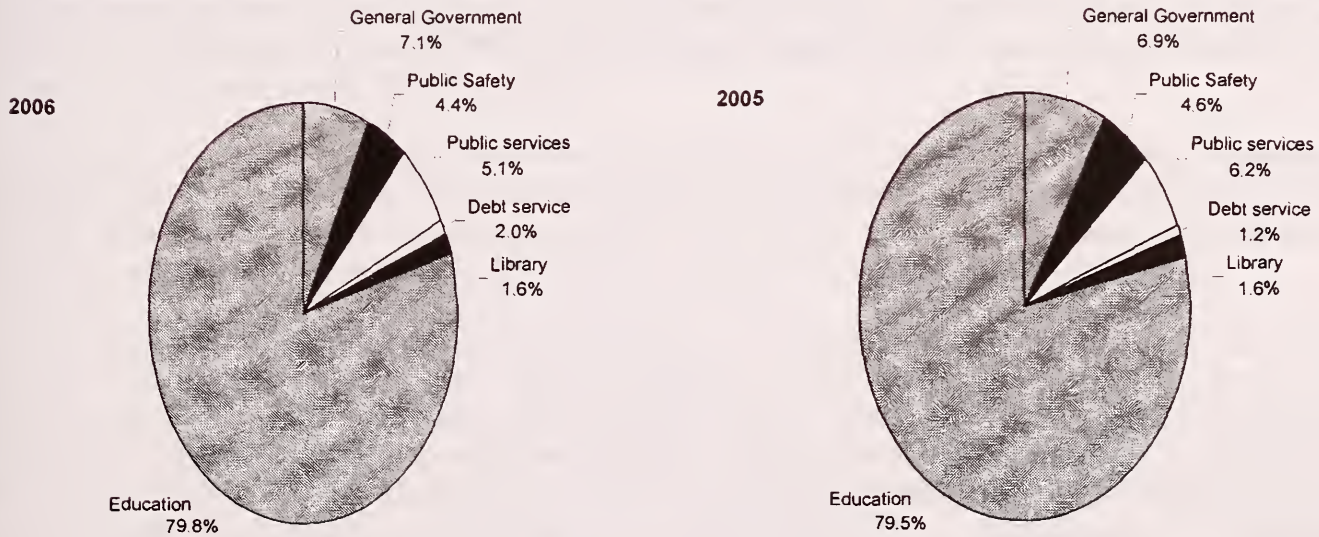
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2006
 (Continued)

Graphic presentations of selected data from the summary tables follow to assist in the analysis of the Town's activities for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005.

GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES



GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES



TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2006
(Continued)

Long-term Debt

At year-end the Town had \$4,626,000 million in bonds outstanding, of which \$264,000 will be due in the year 2007. More detail is provided in the notes to financial statements.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need any additional financial information, contact the appropriate financial official (Town Treasurer or Town Administrator) at 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, New Hampshire, 03885.



Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectman
Town Of Stratham
Stratham, NH 03885

We have audited the accompanying Government-wide and Governmental fund financial statements of the Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 8, 2007, on our consideration of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consist principally of inquiries of management regarding methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Bernard, Johnson & Co. PC

Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.
Topsfield, Massachusetts
June 8, 2007



Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Selectman
Town Of Stratham
Stratham, NH 03885

We have audited the accompanying Government-wide and Governmental fund financial statements of the Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's Basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 8, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control.

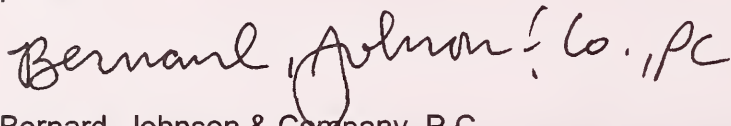
Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, in a separate letter dated June 8, 2007

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, Town Selectmen, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.
Topsfield, Massachusetts
June 8, 2007

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2006

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,938,336
Investments - at market	455,206
Receivables:	
Taxes - uncollected	951,491
Taxes - unredeemed	97,663
	<u>15,442,696</u>
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Roads	5,388,186
Land	3,272,817
Buildings and improvements	2,934,617
Equipment and vehicles	728,593
	<u>12,324,213</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 27,766,909</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES:	
Due to school districts	\$ 8,299,635
Accrued expenses	265,056
Deferred revenue	845,795
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	264,000
Due in more than one year	4,362,000
	<u>14,036,486</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>14,036,486</u>
 NET ASSETS:	
Restricted for:	
Trust principal	441,837
Other purposes	716,100
Unrestricted	513,258
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	12,059,228
	<u>13,730,423</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 <u>13,730,423</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ 27,766,909</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

Government Operations	Expenses	Charge for Services	Grants	Net
General government	\$ 1,564,975	\$(461,226)	\$ -	\$ 1,103,749
Public Safety	956,540	(66,811)	(66,348)	823,381
Highway and streets	350,828	-	-	350,828
Sanitation	547,905	-	-	547,905
Health and welfare	98,555	-	-	98,555
Parks and recreation	109,721	(15,754)	-	93,967
Debt service interest	173,476	-	-	173,476
Library	356,777	(11,784)	-	344,993
County	1,024,004	-	-	1,024,004
School Districts	17,552,297	-	(1,217,382)	16,334,915
Other	14,186	-	-	14,186
Depreciation	346,986	-	-	346,986
Total governmental operations	<u>\$ 23,096,250</u>	<u>\$(555,575)</u>	<u>\$(1,283,730)</u>	<u>\$ 21,256,945</u>
General Revenues:				
Taxes				20,144,354
Intergovernmental				352,622
Motor vehicle registration				1,386,119
Other				240,112
Investments				<u>426,350</u>
Total general revenue				<u>22,549,557</u>
Change in net assets				1,292,612
Net Assets - Beginning				<u>12,437,811</u>
Net Assets - Ending				<u><u>\$ 13,730,423</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Governmental Fund Types				Total Government
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trusts	2006
ASSETS:					
Cash and investments	\$ 9,094,768	\$ 883,677	\$ 3,210,955	\$ 762,305	\$ 13,951,705
Taxes receivable	1,049,154	-	-	-	1,049,154
Tax deeded property	18,300	-	-	-	18,300
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,162,222	\$ 883,677	\$ 3,210,955	\$ 762,305	\$ 15,019,159
LIABILITIES:					
Due to schools	\$ 8,299,635	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,299,635
Accounts payable	71	-	264,985	-	265,056
Deferred revenue	-	845,795	-	-	845,795
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,299,706	845,795	264,985	-	9,410,486
FUND EQUITY:					
Appropriated	93,871	-	2,945,970	622,229	3,662,070
Unappropriated	1,768,645	37,882	-	140,076	1,946,603
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,862,516	37,882	2,945,970	-	5,608,673
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 10,162,222	\$ 883,677	\$ 3,210,955	\$ 762,305	\$ 15,019,159
Net Assets - Governmental Funds					\$ 5,608,673
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different due to:					
Non-current capital assets					12,305,913
Nonexpendable trusts					441,837
Non-current long-term debt					<u>(4,626,000)</u>
Net Assets					<u>\$ 13,730,423</u>

The accompany notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund	Account Group	Totals (Memorandum only) (Note 4)		
	General	Special Revenue			Capital Projects	Trust	General Long-Term Debt
ASSETS:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,094,768	\$ 882,377	\$ 3,210,955	\$ 750,236	\$ -	\$ 13,938,336	\$ 13,102,599
Investments - at market	-	1,300	-	453,906	-	455,206	372,760
Receivables:							
Taxes - uncollected	951,491	-	-	-	-	951,491	961,664
Taxes - unredeemed	97,663	-	-	-	-	97,663	58,283
Tax deeded property	18,300	-	-	-	-	18,300	18,300
Amount to be raised for the retirement of long term debt	-	-	-	-	4,626,000	4,626,000	4,750,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,162,222	\$ 883,677	\$ 3,210,955	\$ 1,204,142	\$ 4,626,000	\$ 20,086,996	\$ 19,263,606
LIABILITIES:							
Due to schools	\$ 8,299,635	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,299,635	\$ 7,373,845
Bonds payable	-	-	-	-	4,626,000	4,626,000	4,750,000
Accounts payable	71	-	264,985	-	-	265,056	-
Deferred revenue	-	845,795	-	-	-	845,795	754,204
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,299,706	845,795	264,985	-	4,626,000	14,036,486	12,878,049
FUND EQUITY:							
Appropriated	93,871	-	2,945,970	622,229	-	3,662,070	4,617,093
Unappropriated	1,768,645	37,882	-	-	-	1,806,527	1,208,166
Unexpended trust principal	-	-	-	441,837	-	441,837	435,675
Expendable trust income	-	-	-	140,076	-	140,076	124,623
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,862,516	37,882	2,945,970	1,204,142	-	6,050,510	6,385,557
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 10,162,222	\$ 883,677	\$ 3,210,955	\$ 1,204,142	\$ 4,626,000	\$ 20,086,996	\$ 19,263,606

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust
REVENUE:				
Taxes	\$ 20,144,354	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental sources	1,749,077	-	-	-
Local sources	2,170,022	11,784	-	-
Investments	185,170	-	182,822	58,358
TOTAL REVENUE	24,248,623	11,784	182,822	58,358
EXPENDITURES:				
General government	1,572,263	-	-	-
Public Safety	963,438	-	-	-
Highway and streets	350,828	-	-	-
Sanitation	547,905	-	-	-
Health & welfare	98,555	-	-	-
Parks & recreation	109,721	-	-	-
Debt service	437,476	-	-	-
Capital outlay & special warrants	503,224	-	1,186,339	139,719
Library	-	356,777	-	-
County	1,024,004	-	-	-
School districts	17,552,297	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	250
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	23,159,711	356,777	1,186,339	139,969
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,088,912	(344,993)	(1,003,517)	(81,611)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating transfers in	-	353,393	6,951	258,000
Operating transfers out	(607,344)	-	-	(11,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(607,344)	353,393	6,951	247,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	481,568	8,400	(996,566)	165,389
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,380,948	29,482	3,942,536	596,916
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,862,516	\$ 37,882	\$ 2,945,970	\$ 762,305

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Totals (Memorandum Only) (Note 4)	
	2006	2005
REVENUE:		
Taxes	\$ 20,144,354	\$ 17,986,178
Intergovernmental sources	1,749,077	1,712,512
Local sources	2,181,806	1,945,138
Investments	426,350	190,106
TOTAL REVENUE	24,501,587	21,833,934
EXPENDITURES:		
General government	1,572,263	1,360,669
Public Safety	963,438	926,501
Highway and streets	350,828	537,654
Sanitation	547,905	512,051
Health & welfare	98,555	89,684
Parks & recreation	109,721	90,054
Debt service	437,476	488,705
Capital outlay & special warrants	1,829,282	1,602,401
Library	356,777	336,572
County	1,024,004	1,005,746
School districts	17,552,297	15,817,767
Other	250	250
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	24,842,796	22,768,054
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	(341,209)	(934,120)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Operating transfers in	618,344	711,293
Operating transfers out	(618,344)	(711,293)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES USES	-	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(341,209)	(934,120)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,949,882	6,884,002
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 5,608,673	\$ 5,949,882

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE:			
Taxes	\$ 19,795,872	\$ 20,144,354	\$ 348,482
Intergovernmental sources	1,639,893	1,749,077	109,184
Local sources	1,931,304	2,170,022	238,718
Investments	50,000	185,170	135,170
TOTAL REVENUE	23,417,069	24,248,623	831,554
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	1,706,849	1,572,263	134,586
Public Safety	969,329	963,438	5,891
Highway and streets	626,948	350,828	276,120
Sanitation	529,123	547,905	(18,782)
Health & welfare	105,745	98,555	7,190
Parks & recreation	133,791	109,721	24,070
Debt service	439,375	437,476	1,899
Capital outlay & special warrants	204,300	503,224	(298,924)
Library	-	-	-
County	1,024,004	1,024,004	-
School districts	17,552,297	17,552,297	-
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	23,291,761	23,159,711	132,050
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	125,308	1,088,912	963,604
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfers in	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	(349,893)	(607,344)	(257,451)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	(349,893)	(607,344)	(257,451)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(224,585)	481,568	706,153
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,380,948	1,380,948	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,156,363	\$ 1,862,516	\$ 706,153

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Special Revenue Fund Types		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE:			
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental sources	-	-	-
Local sources	-	11,784	11,784
Investments	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	-	11,784	11,784
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	-	-	-
Public Safety	-	-	-
Highway and streets	-	-	-
Sanitation	-	-	-
Health & welfare	-	-	-
Parks & recreation	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-
Capital outlay & special warrants	-	-	-
Library	349,893	356,777	(6,884)
County	-	-	-
School districts	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	349,893	356,777	(6,884)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(349,893)	(344,993)	4,900
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfers in	349,893	353,393	3,500
Operating transfers out	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	349,893	353,393	3,500
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	-	8,400	8,400
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	29,482	29,482	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 29,482	\$ 37,882	\$ 8,400

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trusts
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REVENUES:	
New trusts	\$ 7,200
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	10,212
TOTAL REVENUES	<hr/> 17,412
EXPENDITURES	<hr/> 11,250
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	6,162
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<hr/> 435,675
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 441,837

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trusts
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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating Income	\$ 6,162
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATIONS	<u>6,162</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of securities	(16,420)
Unrealized/realized gain on securities	<u>10,212</u>
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(6,208)</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH	(46)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>64,215</u>
CASH AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 64,169</u></u>

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, (the Town) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town was incorporated in 1716 under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and operates under an elected three-member Board of Selectmen.

The Town meets the criteria established by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as a primary governmental entity for financial reporting purposes, and has determined under GASB Statement #14 that currently, no other entity in the Town qualifies as a component unit.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or activity is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or activity and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital function of a particular function or activity. Taxes and other items not property included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
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C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is made.

The following are the Town's governmental fund types:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. All general appropriations that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to another fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds. Activities are generally financed through property taxes, motor vehicle registrations and other general revenue.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trust or major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action. The funds included in this group include the operation of the public library.

Capital Projects Funds - The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the acquisition of land for, and the construction of, the new Safety Complex as approved by Town Meeting.

Expendable Trust - Expendable trusts are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity. Expendable trusts (in which the corpus can be spent) are accounted for in a similar fashion to governmental fund types.

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
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D. Compensated Absences

Upon termination, employees are paid for all unused time in their paid leave bank and compensatory time. Accumulated paid leave and compensatory time for employees paid out of governmental funds are recorded as an expenditure when due for payment.

E. Accounting for Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed in the governmental funds. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balance since they do not yet constitute expenditures or liabilities. There were no outstanding encumbrances at year end.

F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. Investments

Marketable equity securities and debt securities are classified as either held to maturity, trading, or available-for-sale. Debt securities classified as held-to-maturity should be reported in the balance sheet at amortized cost. Trading securities and available-for-sale securities are reported at fair value.

H. Budgetary Control

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the Town's general fund. Budgets are prepared by department and character (salaries, utilities, supplies, etc.). The budget is voted on and enacted at Town Meeting in the aggregate. The final budget is then presented to the Department of Revenue Administration for their review and approval of the tax rate. Certain limitations set by state statute must be adhered to before the rate is established. Since the budget is voted on in the aggregate the total becomes the legal level of control. Within this control level, the selectmen may transfer appropriations without further action from the Town.

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
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3. APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

The balance in the general fund account - appropriated fund balance - represents unexpended funds for current and previous years' special appropriations for the following purposes:

Lights	\$ 49,298
Municipal improvements	18,445
Office technology	9,700
Ball fields and equipment	9,428
Computers	5,000
Highway equipment	2,000
	<u>\$ 93,871</u>

The balance in the trust funds represents unexpended capital reserve accounts established for the following:

Land conservation	\$423,085
Radio replacement	55,077
Fire department	144,067
	<u>\$622,229</u>

4. TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW:

Total columns on the Combined Statements are captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

5. PROPERTY TAX CYCLE:

Property taxes are based on values assessed as of April 1, and are normally due by December 1, or thirty days subsequent to mailing date, whichever is later. Taxes due and unpaid after the respective due date are subject to interest at 12%. The Town has an ultimate right to foreclose on property for which taxes have not been paid. Thirty days after the taxes become delinquent the tax collector can initiate the tax lien/sale procedure by notifying the taxpayer by certified mail that they have 32 days to pay the bill or a lien shall be recorded against the property at the Registrar of Deeds. Once such lien is placed, interest increases to 18%. If full redemption of such outstanding tax lien is not timely made within two years of the execution of the lien, including statutory interest and costs accrued thereon, a tax deed may be issued to the holder of such lien pursuant to RSA 80:38 or RSA 80:76, and disposed of as the deed holder shall determine within the limits outlined in RSA 80.

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
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6. SPECIAL REVENUE CASH:

Special revenue cash consists of the following:

Road bonds	\$543,286
EMS	241,019
Police details	39,248
Library funds	36,582
SHP Recreation funds	7,771
Recreational Revolving fund	7,429
Drug forfeiture funds	3,115
Heritage funds	2,231
Park stage	1,696
	<u>\$882,377</u>

7. CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

The Town's cash deposits and investments at December 31, 2006, are categorized by maturity date and by the level of risk assumed by the Town. The risk categories are defined as follows:

- (1) Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or its agent in Town's name;
- (2) Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Town's name;
- (3) Uncollateralized or uninsured for which securities are held by the financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.

At December 31, 2006, the Town's deposits and investments consisted of the following:

	Categories			Total Cost	Market Value
	1	2	3		
Demand deposits	\$ 304,879	\$ -	\$ 13,406,088	\$ 13,710,967	\$ 13,710,967
Securities	-	-	397,527	397,527	455,206
New Hampshire Public Deposit and Investment Pool	-	227,369	-	227,369	227,369
	\$ 304,879	\$ 227,369	\$ 13,803,615	\$ 14,335,863	\$ 14,393,542

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
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8. RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET AS APPROVED AT TOWN MEETING TO GAAP BASIS BUDGET:

Total appropriations - Town Meeting	\$5,230,447
Add: Prior years' appropriations expended	
Municipal Center	65,000
Playing fields	52,159
Playground equipment	585
Less: 2006 Appropriations carried forward	
Municipal center	(8,445)
Office technologies	(9,700)
Computer replacement	(5,000)
Dump truck with plow	(2,000)
	<u>\$5,323,046</u>

9. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT:

General governmental liabilities for retirement of long-term debts are accounted for in the general long-term debt group, except for general obligations debt intended to be serviced by the earnings of an enterprise fund. Amounts due in future periods on long-term debt recorded in the account group are provided by appropriation each year.

At December 31, 2006, the general long-term debt of the Town consists of general obligation bonds with an original issue amount of \$5,000,000 for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities for the Police and Fire departments and general obligation bonds with any original issue amount of \$140,000 for Gifford house renovations. The amount outstanding under these bonds at December 31, 2006 is \$4,626,000.

2003 Serial Bonds, due in annual installments of \$250,000 through January 2024, with variable interest (2.50% in January 2006).

2006 Serial Bonds, due in annual installments of \$14,000 through December, 2015, with interest fixed at 4.75%.

Principal payments with terms in excess of one year mature as follows:

December, 2006, payable January 2007	\$ 264,000
December, 2007	264,000
December, 2008	264,000
December, 2009	264,000
Beyond	3,570,000

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
TAXES:			
Property	\$ 19,795,476	\$ 19,793,158	\$ (2,318)
Land use charge	-	350,800	350,800
Yeild tax	396	396	-
	<u>19,795,872</u>	<u>20,144,354</u>	<u>348,482</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES:			
Adequate education grant-state	1,217,382	1,217,382	-
Shared revenues-state	292,164	317,741	25,577
Highway subsidies-state	118,135	118,135	-
Police grants-federal	12,000	66,348	54,348
Conservation & other-state	212	29,471	29,259
	<u>1,639,893</u>	<u>1,749,077</u>	<u>109,184</u>
LOCAL SOURCES:			
Police department	48,000	66,811	18,811
Motor vehicle registrations	1,300,000	1,386,119	86,119
Franchise fee	94,704	94,704	-
Interest on deposits	50,000	185,170	135,170
Rent & sale of town property	45,600	53,945	8,345
Permits, filing fees	32,000	45,196	13,196
Dog licenses	6,000	8,127	2,127
Building permits	190,000	321,326	131,326
Interest & penalties on taxes	40,000	52,317	12,317
Income from departments	147,000	74,032	(72,968)
Insurance & refunds	-	-	-
Reimbursements & other	28,000	67,445	39,445
	<u>1,981,304</u>	<u>2,355,192</u>	<u>373,888</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 23,417,069</u>	<u>\$ 24,248,623</u>	<u>\$ 831,554</u>

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	\$ 127,424	\$ 126,673	\$ 751
Election, registration, and vital statistics	6,770	11,763	(4,993)
Financial administration	320,555	307,539	13,016
Legal	30,000	48,031	(18,031)
Personnel administration	598,264	578,704	19,560
Planning and zoning	199,363	190,162	9,201
General government buildings	116,042	114,499	1,543
Cemeteries	38,950	36,867	2,083
Insurance	66,308	75,108	(8,800)
Abatements/Refunds	203,173	82,917	120,256
	<u>1,706,849</u>	<u>1,572,263</u>	<u>134,586</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police	774,899	776,832	(1,933)
Fire	130,980	109,746	21,234
Dispatch service	57,000	57,000	-
Emergency management	6,450	19,860	(13,410)
	<u>969,329</u>	<u>963,438</u>	<u>5,891</u>
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
Town maintenance	620,948	344,854	276,094
Street lights	6,000	5,974	26
	<u>626,948</u>	<u>350,828</u>	<u>276,120</u>
SANITATION:			
Trash pick-up	529,123	547,905	(18,782)
HEALTH & WELFARE:			
General assistance	12,000	7,510	4,490
Health department	39,745	39,745	-
Water treatment	2,000	-	2,000
Animal control	1,000	300	700
Mosquito control	51,000	51,000	-
	<u>105,745</u>	<u>98,555</u>	<u>7,190</u>
PARKS & RECREATION:			
Parks	64,575	71,420	(6,845)
Recreation	60,100	27,206	32,894
Patriotic	1,500	1,388	112
Heritage & other	7,616	9,707	(2,091)
	<u>133,791</u>	<u>109,721</u>	<u>24,070</u>

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES (Continued):			
DEBT SERVICE:			
Bond principal	250,000	264,000	(14,000)
Interest-long term	174,375	173,476	899
Interest-short term	15,000	-	15,000
	<u>439,375</u>	<u>437,476</u>	<u>1,899</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY & SPECIAL WARRANTS:			
Communications	10,000	15,012	(5,012)
Computers	5,000	-	5,000
Office technology	10,000	300	9,700
Highway equipment	126,500	117,941	8,559
Highway reconstruction	246,680	197,872	48,808
Municipal improvements	62,800	119,355	(56,555)
Playing fields	57,300	52,159	5,141
Park Equipment	8,150	585	7,565
	<u>526,430</u>	<u>503,224</u>	<u>23,206</u>
COUNTY	<u>1,024,004</u>	<u>1,024,004</u>	<u>-</u>
SCHOOL DISTRICT	<u>17,552,297</u>	<u>17,552,297</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>23,613,891</u>	<u>23,159,711</u>	<u>454,180</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(196,822)</u>	<u>1,088,912</u>	<u>1,285,734</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers-in	-	-	-
Operating transfers-out	(349,893)	(607,344)	(257,451)
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES (USES)	<u>(349,893)</u>	<u>(607,344)</u>	<u>(257,451)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<u>(546,715)</u>	<u>481,568</u>	<u>1,028,283</u>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,380,948</u>	<u>1,380,948</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 834,233</u>	<u>\$ 1,862,516</u>	<u>\$ 1,028,283</u>



VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN STRATHAM FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER'S NAME</u>
01/04/07	SMART JASON NICHOLAS	EXETER	SMART BRANDON	DURKEE KARISA
01/15/07	DEFELICE EMILY GRACE	EXETER	DEFELICE JOSEPH	DEFELICE JULIE
01/23/07	MARSHALL NATHANIEL JAMES	LEBANON	MARSHALL GREGORY	WRIGHT KAREN
01/29/07	KEIGHLEY NEVA MELISSA	PORTSMOUTH	KEIGHLEY THOMAS	KEIGHLEY KAREN
01/30/07	GRAPPONE LUCI MARIE	PORTSMOUTH	GRAPPONE ANTHONY	GRAPPONE ELIZABETH
02/09/07	TAYLOR ALEXANDER SCOTT	PORTSMOUTH	TAYLOR JOHN SCOTT	TAYLOR LORENA
02/14/07	MELLA BEATRIZ ELISE ASEOCHE	PORTSMOUTH	MELLA PETER	MELLA SHERYL
02/21/07	WHITE SAMUEL PHILIP	PORTSMOUTH	WHITE JASON	WHITE CLAUDIA
02/21/07	HOUGHTON BENJAMIN GREGORY	PORTSMOUTH	HOUGHTON CHRISTIAN	HOUGHTON JESSICA
03/05/07	FARLAND CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	EXETER		FARLAND KENDRA
03/26/07	FIELDS HAYLEE ELIZABETH	EXETER	FIELDS JOSHUA	HART HOLLY
04/05/07	AGNEW AIDEN SOL	EXETER	AGNEW ROBERT	AGNEW LISA
05/03/07	SHAW AIDAN JAMES	PORTSMOUTH	SHAW GLENN	SHAW ERICA
05/06/07	SABLOCK ABIGAIL MARIE GANG	EXETER	SABLOCK CHRISTIAN	SABLOCK ALEXIS
05/07/07	FRANCOEUR LILY ELIZABETH	PORTSMOUTH	FRANCOEUR JASON	FRANCOEUR JESSICA
05/07/07	TULL ALEXANDRA MACKENZIE	PORTSMOUTH	TULL JACK	LANGTON AMY
05/22/07	CONNER ALEXANDER VICTOR	EXETER	CONNER DANIEL	SWEETSER SAMANTHA
05/22/07	FITZGERALD ADELINE CATHERINE	EXETER	FITZGERALD JOSEPH	FITZGERALD CYNTHIA
05/23/07	HUERTA ELIZABETH DILIA	EXETER	HUERTA FRANCISCO	ARCHAMBEAULT CHRISTINE
05/25/07	GUILBEAULT ISABELLA ROSE	PORTSMOUTH	GUILBEAULT GRANT	GUILBEAULT JULIA
05/25/07	JUSSEAUME DREW RAYMOND	PORTSMOUTH	JUSSEAUME BRIAN	JUSSEAUME JENNIFER
05/29/07	GUNN ANNA JOSEPHINE	PORTSMOUTH	GUNN MATTHEW	GUNN JENNIFER
06/11/07	BOULBOL MATTHEW DARRAGH	PORTSMOUTH	BOULBOL CHRISTOPHER	DOODY MIREN
06/26/07	BUBAN CLARA ELISABETH	EXETER	BUBAN CHARLES	BUBAN JESSICA
06/26/07	FLETCHER NOLA ELLEN	PORTSMOUTH	FLETCHER CHAD	FLETCHER KERRI
07/02/07	SEARS ABIGAIL ALICE	EXETER	SEARS MICHAEL	SEARS PAULA
07/03/07	CITARELLA THEODORE CHRISTIAN	PORTSMOUTH	CITARELLA CHRISTIAN	CITARELLA GWENDOLYN
07/05/07	TRIMARCO DANIEL JAMES	PORTSMOUTH	TRIMARCO JAMES	TRIMARCO CARRIE
07/13/07	SCHALLEHN SOPHIA MARIE	PORTSMOUTH	SCHALLEHN SCOTT	SCHALLEHN KELLY
07/13/07	EUGENIO BODEY JOSEPH	EXETER	EUGENIO MANUEL	EUGENIO CANDACE
07/23/07	CAPARSO LUCAS VITTORIO	EXETER	CAPARSO PHILIP	CAPARSO ANNE
07/30/07	LARKIN MAEVE EVELYN	PORTSMOUTH	LARKIN SHANE	LARKIN ELIZABETH
08/11/07	FEE ALEXANDER PIERCE	PORTSMOUTH	FEE STEPHEN	FEE NINA

<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER'S NAME</u>
08/12/07	WEBB AVI REED	PORTSMOUTH	WEBB CARLTON	PETTENGILL TIA
08/13/07	MCKNELLY JESSIE LOUISE	PORTSMOUTH	MCKNELLY DAVID	MCKNELLY EILEEN
08/13/07	MCGUINNESS ANNA ELIZABETH	PORTSMOUTH	MCGUINNESS STEVEN	MCGUINNESS DARIENNE
09/04/07	BRINSER ELLIOTT RONALD	EXETER	BRINSER TAYLOR	BRINSER STEFANIE
09/07/07	STEVENS VICTORIA EMERSON	DOVER	STEVENS JOHN	STEVENS JENNIFER
09/17/07	DELELLO ELIZABETH MEGHAN	PORTSMOUTH	DELELLO JAMES	DELELLO SHANNON
09/18/07	LAW KADENCE ANGELYN	PORTSMOUTH	LAW CHARLES	LAW KIM
09/28/07	GIRARD ALEXANDRA ROSE	PORTSMOUTH	GIRARD MARK	GIRARD LYNN
10/02/07	NORTON PARKER JAMES	EXETER	NORTON RYAN	ROWE EMILY
10/02/07	KARAM PAIGE MARIE	EXETER	KARAM JEFFREY	KARAM MICHELLE
10/22/07	SMITH IAN RICHARD	PORTSMOUTH	SMITH MATTHEW	SMITH SUSAN
10/26/07	LOMBARDI THOMAS JOHN	PORTSMOUTH	LOMBARDI DANIEL	LOMBARDI LISA
11/07/07	GANNON ALEXIS GRACE	EXETER	GANNON JOHN	BOWLAN STEPHANIE
11/25/07	DETZLER BROCK ADAMS	EXETER	DETZLER ROGER	DETZLER KAREY
12/04/07	HOGREFE MIRRANDA ELYSE	EXETER	HOGREFE ADAM	LUCCA HOGREFE JENNIFER
12/06/07	LA FLEUR LAUREN MARGARET	PORTSMOUTH	LA FLEUR NORMAN	LA FLEUR JENNIFER
12/25/07	DUNHAM JAMES MARTIN	PORTSMOUTH	DUNHAM JOHN	DUNHAM WENDY
12/27/07	SURRETTE THOMPSON MORTON	EXETER	SURRETTE CHRISTOPHER	SURRETTE PATRICIA
12/30/07	SHUMAN CARTER ANDREW	EXETER	SHUMAN MICHAEL	SHUMAN VICTORIA

DEATH REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

<u>DECEDENT'S NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER'S NAME</u>
FOLEY MARILYN	01/07/07	DOVER	JOHNSON EARL	CROSBY PEARL
VANDELEUR BARBARA	01/10/07	PORTSMOUTH	MACKENZIE KENNETH	SHEAHAN LOUISE
LEVINE BERNARD	01/11/07	STRATHAM	LEVINE HARRY	STERN ANNA
AVILES GARRETT	01/15/07	EXETER	AVILES EDWIN	FISHER JODIE
LESSARD LOIS	01/21/07	STRATHAM	LESSARD ROBERT	RICHARD OLIVE
RYAN EDWARD	03/04/07	STRATHAM	RYAN DANIEL	BURKE ELIZABETH
MORIARTY KAREN	03/10/07	STRATHAM	QUINTAL KENNETH	HUNTER GERALDINE
HETUE JOSEPHINE	04/05/07	STRATHAM	GRAY FRANKLIN	FITZHENRY ANNIE
DOYLE JAMES	04/08/07	STRATHAM	DOYLE JAMES	FOLEY MARY
GOODRICH MARJORIE	04/12/07	NEWMARKET	PARKMAN WILLARD	KELLER HELEN
WESTON MARY	04/17/07	STRATHAM	COUGHLIN GEOFFREY	SULLIVAN MARGARET
OBRIEN JOAN	04/18/07	STRATHAM	OBRIEN WALTER	DUSSEAUT HELEN
WHYTE JOHN	04/29/07	STRATHAM	WHYTE JOHN	DE COSTE GRACE
OBRIEN LAWRENCE	05/25/07	EXETER	OBRIEN JAMES	WENTWORTH CORA
FREITAS ALICE	05/28/07	EXETER	FREITAS LOUIS	SANTOS MARY
DAILEANES MARTHA	06/10/07	EXETER	KOSIAVELON ATHANASIOS	HIRSCH MARIA
FERNALD DAVID	06/22/07	STRATHAM	FERNALD WILLIAM	PARSONS MARGARET
DIBARTOLOMEO WILLIAM	06/27/07	STRATHAM	DIBARTOLOMEO ATTILIO	CIERI ANNA
WEBER ELIZABETH	06/29/07	EXETER	WEBER JOSEPH	STURM ANNA
NUNN JR ARTHUR	07/02/07	EXETER	NUNN SR ARTHUR	MCGRATH HELEN
WEBSTER III RAY	07/07/07	STRATHAM	WEBSTER JR RAY	SMITH MELBA
MAGEE SAMUEL	08/04/07	EXETER	MAGEE STEPHEN	DUPONT CANDYCE
SMYK WALTER	08/19/07	STRATHAM	SMYK ALEX	BELETSKY ANNA
PLOURDE CAMILLIEN	08/21/07	EXETER	PLOURDE BRUNO	LEVESQUE GABRIELLE
RIEDEL JOHN	08/22/07	EXETER	RIEDEL JOHN	SALERNO RENEE
BRAGDON SR DAVID	09/13/07	EXETER		MCQUIRE MARGRETTA
MITCHELL ROBERT	09/25/07	DOVER	MITCHELL WILLIAM	GOSCH MAUDE
LEBERMAN ROBERT	11/09/07	LACONIA	LEBERMAN SELDON	MCGERALD MARIAN
JACKSON MARY	11/14/07	EXETER	STARK GEORGE	FLOYD MAMIE
JOHANSSON LARS	11/15/07	STRATHAM	JOHANSSON BO	STROMBERG ANITA
QUINN JR JOHN	11/16/07	STRATHAM	QUINN SR JOHN	OBRIEN LOUISE
PEREIRA BELMIRA	11/24/07	EXETER	DEFARIA MANUEL	GOMES ALDA

MARRIAGES REPORTED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

<u>GROOM'S NAME</u>	<u>GROOM'S RESIDENCE</u>	<u>BRIDE'S NAME</u>	<u>BRIDE'S RESIDENCE</u>	<u>TOWN OF ISSUANCE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>	<u>DATE OF MARRIAGE</u>
CRITCHETT ROBERT M	STRATHAM NH	MONTEITH EUGENIA A	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	HAMPTON	03/10/07
DEBITETTO MICHAEL	STRATHAM NH	SULLIVAN CHERYL J	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	03/25/07
TIMMERMAN DAVID C	STRATHAM NH	GREENE BARBARA C	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	04/28/07
GAVUTIS GEORGE W	STRATHAM NH	GARDNER ANGELA J	STRATHAM NH	RYE	RYE BEACH	05/19/07
OBRIEN ERIC L	STRATHAM NH	RISO AMANDA S	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	LACONIA	05/27/07
COLLINS STEVEN D	TOPSFIELD MA	KIM JENNIFER M	STRATHAM NH	EXETER	STRATHAM	06/29/07
GROSSMITH TODD	STRATHAM NH	STEVENSON MOLLY K	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	EXETER	07/01/07
CONLEY JOSEPH M	STRATHAM NH	CONLEY AMY C	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	07/02/07
YORK JUSTIN S	STRATHAM NH	GAUTHIER EMILY R	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	07/07/07
SMITH JOSEPH L	STRATHAM NH	ANDERSON SHIRLEY M	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	07/09/07
BRIDEAU MEL R	STRATHAM NH	DANNAR ANGELA S	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	EXETER	08/11/07
DONOVAN DENIS B	STRATHAM NH	DULAY AUDREY Q	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	HAMPTON	08/11/07
GAGNER RICHARD P	STRATHAM NH	BUSH TRACEY A	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	08/18/07
TURNAGE JOHN A	STRATHAM NH	HUNKINS MARILYN S	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	08/25/07
TAVITIAN MARTIN B	STRATHAM NH	ROBSHAW KRISTY L	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	GREENLAND	08/25/07
ROGERS JONATHAN R	STRATHAM NH	PETERSON MARISSA L	ALTON BAY NH	STRATHAM	SANDWICH	08/25/07
DINNAGE PAUL A	STRATHAM NH	SMITH PETREA A	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	09/02/07
PIZON BRENT W	STRATHAM NH	GAUMOND NICOLE M	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	09/08/07
OLDHAM CHARLES P	STRATHAM NH	MILES CASEY E	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	09/22/07
MARSILIA ROBERT T	STRATHAM NH	WITKOWSKI ROSA E	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	10/16/07
MEARS GARRY D	STRATHAM NH	ROOME TINKHAM MELINDA	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	RYE	10/20/07
NOSEWORTHY DONALD E	STRATHAM NH	WALLACE LINDA L	STRATHAM NH	STRATHAM	HAMPTON	11/10/07
MARKLEY GARBIEL	STRATHAM NH	LEARY BETHANY	GREENLAND NH	GREENLAND	PORTSMOUTH	11/19/07

ANNUAL REPORTS
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SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF
STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 2008

OFFICERS OF STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

2007-2008

School Board

Luke Breton, Chair	Term Expires 2008
Katherine McDonnell, Vice-Chair	Term Expires 2009
Jim Dubela	Term Expires 2008
John Hazekamp	Term Expires 2009
Bruce Scamman	Term Expires 2010

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Dr. Arthur Hanson

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT AND DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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Dr. Stephen Kossakoski

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VICE PRINCIPAL

J. Rebecca "Becky" Ruel

MODERATOR

David Emanuel	Term Expires, 2010
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CLERK

Amy Waters	Term Expires, 2009
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TREASURER

Edward Geppner	Term Expires, 2010
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AUDITOR

Dumais & Ferland

SCHOOL NURSE

Judy Lewis

Stratham Memorial School Board Report
2007-2008

The Stratham Memorial School Board strives to provide educational programming that meets the expectations of the community. These efforts involve the hard work of school staff, SAU administration and volunteers. Continued success is made possible by the support of the Stratham taxpayers.

During this year some changes have taken place in the SMS administration. One of these changes is the hiring of Rebecca Ruel as Assistant Principal. Mrs. Ruel is a Stratham resident and has been a welcome addition to our staff. In his final year as SAU 16 superintendent, Dr Arthur Hanson has taken on the role as SAU 16's administrative liaison to the school board, in addition to his many other responsibilities. As of this writing, the work to find his replacement as SAU16 superintendent as well as replace his role with the Stratham Board is under way.

The Board has had a very busy year thus far and has undertaken several initiatives. One of the most significant of these is the completion of a negotiated settlement with the Stratham Teacher's Association. The aim of this three-year agreement is to provide a proper balance between the interests of families, taxpayers and employees. Another significant and ongoing initiative is the work of the Visioning Committee, which is comprised of many community volunteers. The work of this committee is to study and make recommendations on space needs to the School Board and will conclude by the end of this school year.

A Capital improvement plan is being developed by the Board and should be completed by year's end. That plan should include a multi year program of repaving as well as a project to bring the building up to current fire codes. The first phase of the paving project is included in next year's budget. These projects will coincide with the retirement of the long-term debt.

The ever-rising cost of education has been the overriding theme of the Board's work since the last budget cycle. During this time the Board has endeavored to analyze the cost structure to provide efficiencies in order that we can continue to provide excellent programs.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of those who have attended school Board meetings this year. The increased involvement we have seen serves to communicate the challenges the school faces and also improves the democratic process. We continue to welcome those folks and others to our monthly meetings, which are held in the SMS library on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Luke Breton
Chairperson

**SCHOOL WARRANT
STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Stratham, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stratham Memorial School in said District on the seventh (7th) day of March, 2008 at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00pm) to act on the following subjects:

1. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,396,697.00 for the support of the schools, for payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the School District, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)
2. To see if the School District will vote to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Stratham Teachers' Association (the union representing the teachers in the School District school) covering the three year period from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2011, and approve cost items included therein containing, in summary: continuation of other non-salary benefits; and salary increases so that the approximate increase in the cost of teacher salaries and salary related expenses because of this agreement and step increases for each of the three years (subject to change resulting from changes in the number of and in the educational degrees and years experience of teachers employed) over the preceding year will be:

Year	Estimated Increase
2008-2009	\$ 196,568
2009-2010	\$ 164,507
2010-2011	\$ 166,841

And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$196,568.00 for the 2008-2009 year, such sum representing the net additional costs attributable to the increase in the salaries and salary related benefits over those included as part of Article 1, the 2008-2009 operating budget. (The School Board recommends that the School District enter into this agreement and make this appropriation of \$196,568.)

3. Shall the School District, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only?

4. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

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

Given under our hands at said Stratham on this 6th day of February, 2008.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TRUE COPY OF WARRANT – ATTEST:
STRATHAM SCHOOL BOARD

Katherine L. McDonald

Luke Brunt

Ben Scam

James Ouliffe

John Hoff

**SCHOOL WARRANT
STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Stratham, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Center in said District on the thirteenth (11th) day of March, 2008 between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning (8:00AM) and eight o'clock in the evening (8:00PM) to act on the following subjects:

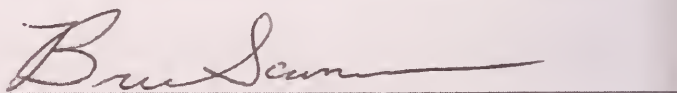
1. To choose two (2) Members of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.

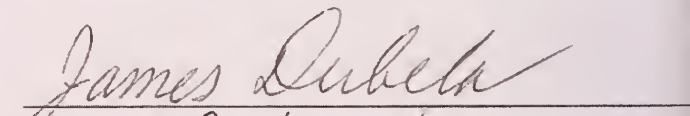
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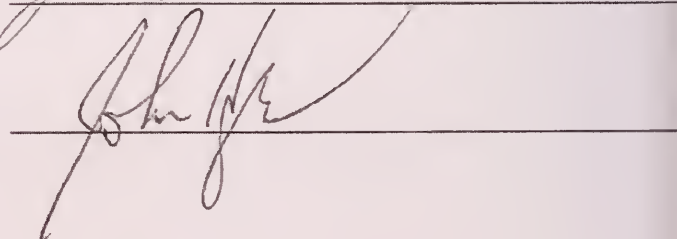
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STRATHAM SCHOOL BOARD











SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

OF: _____ STRATHAM _____ NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From July 1, 2008 ___ to June 30, 2009 ___

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

- 1. Use this form to list ALL APPROPRIATIONS in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
- 2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
- 3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): 6 FEB 2008

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Please sign in ink.

Katherine L. McDonnell
Lak Brown
James Dubello

[Signature]
[Signature]

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

**STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET WORKSHEET 2008-2009**

FUNCTION -OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2007	ADOPTED 2007-2008	PROPOSED 2008-2009	\$\$ +/-	% +/-
1000	INSTRUCTION						
1100-110	TEACHER SALARIES	2,318,517.00	2,270,695.00	2,457,746.00	2,421,124.00	(36,622.00)	
1100-111	MENTOR STIPENDS	0.00	0.00	1.00	5,000.00	4,999.00	
1100-120	SALARIES OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	66,150.00	80,733.65	66,150.00	68,300.00	2,150.00	
1100-125	PROFESSIONAL SVS FOR 504 PROGRAM	12,000.00	44.60	10,000.00	11,000.00	1,000.00	
1100-141	PROVISION FOR RETIRE / SICK ACCRUAL	45,200.00	24,109.17	24,600.00	82,792.00	58,192.00	
1100-321	PROFESSIONAL SVS FOR INSTRUCTION	600.00	250.00	600.00	450.00	(150.00)	
1100-328	PROFESSIONAL SVS FOR KDG SCREENING	851.00	825.00	863.00	897.00	34.00	
1100-329	PROFESSIONAL SVS FOR CURR. DEV.	6,500.00	3,080.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	
1100-610	GENERAL TEACHING SUPPLIES	46,230.00	47,765.97	45,930.00	38,469.00	(7,461.00)	
1100-641	BOOKS AND OTHER PRINT MEDIA	43,819.00	42,835.72	47,500.00	46,195.00	(1,305.00)	
1100-642	A.V. MATERIALS	5,703.00	3,235.20	5,506.00	302.00	(5,204.00)	
1100-733	NEW FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	6,743.00	5,074.51	6,388.00	3,736.00	(2,652.00)	
1100-737	REPLACEMENT FURNITURE & FIXTURES	13,130.00	11,716.27	9,051.00	5,563.00	(3,488.00)	
1100-739	EQUIPMENT	6,791.00	6,483.53	2,611.00	3,155.00	544.00	
	TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	2,572,234.00	2,496,848.62	2,691,946.00	2,701,983.00	10,037.00	0.4%
1110	ENRICHMENT						
1110-110	ENRICHMENT COORDINATOR	68,258.00	68,258.00	71,057.00	71,057.00	0.00	
1110-320	CONTRACTED SERVICES	5,600.00	4,811.61	5,950.00	6,500.00	550.00	
1110-610	GENERAL TEACHING SUPPLIES	1,075.00	1,124.05	875.00	700.00	(175.00)	
1110-641	BOOKS AND OTHER PRINTED MEDIA	1,000.00	993.11	1,000.00	825.00	(175.00)	
1110-739	EQUIPMENT	600.00	597.90	650.00	200.00	(450.00)	
	TOTAL ENRICHMENT	76,533.00	75,784.67	79,532.00	79,282.00	(250.00)	-0.3%
1200	SPECIAL EDUCATION						
1210-111	SALARIES OF S.E. DIRECTOR	83,997.00	83,946.54	87,530.00	84,340.00	(3,190.00)	
1210-110	SALARIES OF S.E. TCHRS	416,247.00	421,171.47	447,976.00	447,976.00	0.00	
1210-115	SALARIES OF S.E. SECRETARY	30,525.00	33,052.64	31,770.00	41,769.00	9,999.00	
1210-118	SALARIES OF S.E. AIDES	461,720.00	369,814.47	467,750.00	454,140.00	(13,610.00)	
1210-125	SALARIES OF S.E. TUTORS	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	
1210-126	SALARY OF PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR	16,726.00	15,290.86	17,430.00	7,500.00	(9,930.00)	
1210-331	RELATED SERVICES FOR S.E.	20,455.00	29,225.83	32,500.00	24,000.00	(8,500.00)	
1210-534	POSTAGE - S.E.	900.00	326.88	800.00	800.00	0.00	
1210-561	S.E. TUITION - PUBLIC N.H.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1210-562	S.E. TUITION - OUTSIDE N.H.	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	
1210-563	S.E. TUITION - PRIVATE N.H.	15,000.00	6,515.92	65,000.00	52,000.00	(13,000.00)	
1210-569	S.E. TUITION - EXTENDED YEAR PROGRAM	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	12,000.00	4,000.00	
1210-580	S.E. TRAVEL	450.00	919.02	600.00	650.00	50.00	
1210-610	S.E. GENERAL SUPPLIES	8,800.00	6,780.94	8,484.00	7,938.00	(546.00)	
1210-641	S.E. BOOKS & OTHER PRINTED MEDIA	3,083.00	2,511.10	3,441.00	3,154.00	(287.00)	
1210-642	S.E. AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	12,328.00	9,893.99	2,520.00	6,361.00	3,841.00	
1210-733	S.E. FURNITURE	1,510.00	614.20	1,200.00	696.00	(504.00)	
1210-737	S.E. REPLACEMENT OF FURNITURE & FIXTURES	900.00	0.00	500.00	437.00	(63.00)	
1210-738	S.E. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	3,512.00	3,697.96	9,072.00	6,827.00	(2,245.00)	
1210-739	EQUIPMENT	5,838.00	5,421.23	6,508.00	2,447.00	(4,061.00)	
1210-750	SOFTWARE	1,681.00	745.00	2,175.00	2,314.00	139.00	
	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,132,172.00	989,928.05	1,233,756.00	1,205,849.00	(27,907.00)	-2.3%

**STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET WORKSHEET 2008-2009**

FUNCTION -OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2007	ADOPTED 2007-2008	PROPOSED 2008-2009	\$\$ + / -	% + / -
1400	OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS						
1410-110	CO-CURRICULAR SALARIES	750.00	0.00	750.00	500.00	(250.00)	
1410-800	STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES	1,225.00	425.05	1,280.00	1,925.00	645.00	
1430-320	AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM	3,500.00	2,032.89	3,500.00	2,500.00	(1,000.00)	
	TOTAL OTHER INSTR. PROGRAMS	5,475.00	2,457.94	5,530.00	4,925.00	(605.00)	-10.9%
2120	GUIDANCE SERVICES						
2120-110	GUIDANCE SALARIES	108,162.00	108,161.20	112,515.00	112,515.00	0.00	
2120-321	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR GUIDANCE	5,780.00	2,221.32	6,320.00	6,320.00	0.00	
2120-610	GENERAL SUPPLIES FOR GUIDANCE	1,292.00	1,290.84	1,435.00	1,340.00	(95.00)	
	TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	115,234.00	111,673.36	120,270.00	120,175.00	(95.00)	-0.1%
2130	HEALTH SERVICES						
2130-110	HEALTH SALARIES	60,033.00	60,033.00	62,933.00	62,933.00	0.00	
2130-121	SALARIES OF ASST' NURSE	15,095.00	11,464.79	15,710.00	16,246.00	536.00	
2130-320	PROF. SVS - HEALTH	60,450.00	28,412.25	60,000.00	59,700.00	(300.00)	
2130-321	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	100.00	240.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	
2130-430	HEALTH -REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	130.00	0.00	130.00	150.00	20.00	
2130-610	HEALTH-GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,650.00	1,081.27	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	
2130-641	HEALTH-BOOKS AND OTHER PRINTED MEDIA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2130-739	EQUIPMENT - HEALTH SVS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	137,458.00	101,231.31	140,373.00	140,629.00	256.00	0.2%
2138	HEARING SERVICES						
2138-321	HEARING SERVICES	37,710.00	2,420.00	38,610.00	17,910.00	(20,700.00)	
	TOTAL HEARING SERVICES	37,710.00	2,420.00	38,610.00	17,910.00	(20,700.00)	-53.6%
2139	VISION SERVICES						
2139-321	VISION SERVICES	17,325.00	10,818.75	17,775.00	13,345.00	(4,430.00)	
	TOTAL VISION SERVICES	17,325.00	10,818.75	17,775.00	13,345.00	(4,430.00)	-24.9%
2140	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES						
2140-110	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES - Spec Ed 80%	55,406.00	55,406.50	57,846.00	57,846.00	0.00	
2140-111	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES - Reg Ed 20%	13,852.00	13,851.50	14,461.00	14,461.00	0.00	
	TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	69,258.00	69,258.00	72,307.00	72,307.00	0.00	0.0%
2150	SPEECH PATHOLOGY SERVICES						
2150-110	SPEECH PATHOLOGIST SALARIES	144,366.00	139,749.91	142,614.00	142,614.00	0.00	
2150-111	INTERPRETER - ORAL TRANSLATOR	33,090.00	26,635.92	35,240.00	0.00	(35,240.00)	
2150-118	SPEECH ASSISTANT SALARIES	45,125.00	44,737.34	46,980.00	47,118.00	138.00	
2150-321	RELATED SPEECH SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	222,581.00	211,123.17	224,834.00	189,732.00	(35,102.00)	-15.6%

**STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET WORKSHEET 2008-2009**

FUNCTION -OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2007	ADOPTED 2007-2008	PROPOSED 2008-2009	\$\$ + / -	% + / -
2160	PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES						
2160-110	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	119,092.00	117,099.86	123,431.00	119,441.00	(3,990.00)	
2160-118	C.O.T.A. SALARIES	27,576.00	26,686.28	28,710.00	29,689.00	979.00	
2160-321	PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES	21,560.00	19,205.25	22,344.00	22,276.00	(68.00)	
	TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES	168,228.00	162,991.39	174,485.00	171,406.00	(3,079.00)	-1.8%
2210	IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION SERVICES						
2210-118	AIDES SALARIES	369,570.00	421,343.54	413,030.00	401,075.00	(11,955.00)	
2210-125	TUTOR SALARIES - ESOL TUTOR	9,000.00	14,473.75	9,000.00	25,000.00	16,000.00	
2210-322	PROF. SVS/REG INSTR. IMPROVEMENT	40,000.00	59,807.63	40,000.00	48,000.00	8,000.00	
2210-323	PROF. SVS/REG INSTR. IMPROV - PARAS	5,000.00	5,164.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
2219-329	PROF. SVS/S.E. INSTR. IMPROVEMENT	2,500.00	2,683.75	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
	TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTR. SVS.	426,070.00	503,472.67	470,030.00	482,075.00	12,045.00	2.6%
2222	SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES						
2222-110	MEDIA SALARIES	69,758.00	69,758.36	72,557.00	72,557.00	0.00	
2222-118	MEDIA AIDES SALARIES	10,379.00	9,944.88	10,800.00	11,522.00	722.00	
2222-321	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - MEDIA	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	0.00	
2222-430	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - MEDIA	1,499.00	564.09	1,499.00	999.00	(500.00)	
2222-610	GENERAL SUPPLIES - MEDIA	968.00	915.41	779.00	765.00	(14.00)	
2222-641	BOOKS AND OTHER PRINTED MEDIA	5,599.00	5,561.15	5,638.00	5,618.00	(20.00)	
2222-642	AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	1,200.00	1,244.02	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	
2222-733	MEDIA FURNITURE	477.00	433.80	270.00	73.00	(197.00)	
2222-737	REPL. OF MEDIA EQUIPMENT	1,003.00	1,027.00	520.00	182.00	(338.00)	
2222-739	MEDIA EQUIPMENT	340.00	353.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	91,598.00	90,176.74	93,638.00	93,291.00	(347.00)	-0.4%
2225	COMPUTER - ASSISTED INSTRUCTION SVS						
2225-110	COMPUTER TECH. SALARIES	58,771.00	50,559.89	50,000.00	46,530.00	(3,470.00)	
2225-111	COMPUTER EDUCATION TEACHER SALARY	40,384.00	68,258.00	71,507.00	71,507.00	0.00	
2225-118	TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2225-430	COMPUTER REPAIRS	7,000.00	2,902.58	8,500.00	18,025.00	9,525.00	
2225-444	COMPUTERS - LEASE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2225-531	VOICE COMMUNICATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2225-610	COMPUTER TEACHING MATERIALS	21,770.00	9,917.23	25,245.00	26,565.00	1,320.00	
2225-642	A.V. MATERIALS	2,750.00	271.81	6,400.00	1,800.00	(4,600.00)	
2225-734	COMPUTER AND COMMUN. NETW. EQUIP	24,580.00	24,200.00	27,200.00	19,520.00	(7,680.00)	
	TOTAL COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTR.	155,255.00	156,109.51	188,852.00	183,947.00	(4,905.00)	-2.6%
2310	SUPPORT SERVICES - GENERAL ADMIN.						
2310-110	SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS SALARIES	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	0.00	
2312-110	DISTRICT SECRETARY/CLERK SERVICES	100.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
2313-110	DISTRICT TREASURER SERVICES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	
2314-120	ELECTION SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2317-321	AUDIT SERVICES	7,250.00	7,550.00	7,500.00	8,000.00	500.00	
2318-321	LEGAL SERVICES	9,000.00	12,610.41	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	
2319-319	SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSES	3,400.00	3,442.46	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00	
2319-810	SCHOOL BOARD DUES - NHSBA	3,200.00	3,015.05	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00	
	TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES - GENERAL ADMIN.	29,150.00	32,817.92	30,300.00	31,800.00	1,500.00	5.0%

**STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET WORKSHEET 2008-2009**

FUNCTION -OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2007	ADOPTED 2007-2008	PROPOSED 2008-2009	\$\$ + / -	% + / -
2320	OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT SVS.						
2321-319	OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	246,130.00	246,130.00	259,942.00	248,186.00	(11,756.00)	
2322-321	SEACOAST ED. SVS. EXPENSE	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
	TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT SV	247,630.00	246,130.00	259,942.00	249,686.00	(10,256.00)	-3.9%
2400	SUPPORT SVS - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
2410-110	OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL - SALARIES	91,800.00	91,776.00	95,540.00	100,320.00	4,780.00	
2410-121	OFFICE OF THE ASST. PRIN. - SALARIES	70,875.00	70,875.00	73,790.00	77,550.00	3,760.00	
2410-130	FACULTY ADVISORS	5,400.00	8,750.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00	
2410-115	SECRETARY SALARIES	101,636.00	97,789.01	105,970.00	106,039.00	69.00	
2410-321	PROF. SVS FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	16,750.00	17,025.15	16,750.00	16,750.00	0.00	
2410-430	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	6,750.00	4,897.60	6,750.00	6,750.00	0.00	
2410-531	VOICE COMMUNICATIONS	6,800.00	7,489.82	6,800.00	6,800.00	0.00	
2410-532	DATA COMMUNICATIONS	6,460.00	829.53	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	
2410-534	POSTAGE FEES	2,000.00	2,902.33	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	
2410-580	TRAVEL	500.00	418.22	500.00	500.00	0.00	
2410-585	AUTO LEASE	7,200.00	5,893.59	7,200.00	6,200.00	(1,000.00)	
2410-610	GENERAL SUPPLIES	7,500.00	5,165.35	7,500.00	7,000.00	(500.00)	
2410-737	FURNITURE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2410-739	EQUIPMENT	3,520.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	(500.00)	
2410-810	DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	1,560.00	2,214.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	
2410-890	ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE / MINI GRANT	10,000.00	7,445.56	10,800.00	10,800.00	0.00	
	TOTAL SUPPORT SVS - SCHOOL ADMIN.	338,751.00	323,471.16	344,100.00	352,709.00	8,609.00	2.5%
2600	OPERATION OF PLANT						
2610-119	MAINTENANCE SALARIES	53,096.00	53,096.00	56,380.00	59,463.00	3,083.00	
2610-122	ASST. MAINTENANCE SALARIES	88,446.00	84,157.12	94,960.00	95,274.00	314.00	
2620-430	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	42,350.00	40,619.02	43,070.00	43,520.00	450.00	
2620-521	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	24,700.00	30,358.27	33,440.00	32,184.00	(1,256.00)	
2620-523	TREASURER'S BOND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2620-524	NURSE'S LIABILITY INSURANCE	274.00	274.00	274.00	274.00	0.00	
2620-610	GENERAL SUPPLIES	17,850.00	15,785.96	18,700.00	18,700.00	0.00	
2620-622	ELECTRICITY	115,000.00	91,326.92	110,000.00	100,000.00	(10,000.00)	
2620-623	LP GAS	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
2620-624	FUEL OIL	35,000.00	36,653.01	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	
2620-733	REPLACEMENT OF FURNITURE & EQUIPMT	700.00	40.47	1,300.00	400.00	(900.00)	
2620-737	FURNITURE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2620-739	EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	TOTAL OPERATION OF PLANT	377,416.00	352,310.77	401,124.00	392,815.00	(8,309.00)	-2.1%
2630	CARE OF GROUNDS						
2630-421	TRASH REMOVAL	4,000.00	4,472.74	4,000.00	4,800.00	800.00	
2630-422	MOWING SERVICES	11,400.00	12,043.47	11,400.00	11,400.00	0.00	
2630-423	MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	
	TOTAL CARE OF GROUNDS	17,200.00	16,516.21	17,200.00	18,000.00	800.00	4.7%
2700	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES						
2721-519	DISTRICT CONTRACT	238,943.00	232,689.69	262,152.00	271,228.00	9,076.00	
2722-511	SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	123,880.00	42,682.15	106,180.00	128,920.00	22,740.00	
2725-519	FIELD TRIPS	9,700.00	7,679.65	11,190.00	12,563.00	1,373.00	
	TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVS	372,523.00	283,051.49	379,522.00	412,711.00	33,189.00	8.7%

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

2008-2009 REVENUE PROJECTION

SOURCE OF REVENUE:	2006-2007 ACTUAL	2007-2008 BUDGET	2008-2009 PROPOSED
BALANCE (ACTUAL OR ESTIMATED)	\$155,024.68	\$411,967.00	\$320,000.00
BUILDING AID	\$123,592.95	\$135,172.00	\$105,425.00
FOUNDATION AID			
CHILD NUTRITION		\$178,560.00	\$181,620.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$58,749.58	\$35,000.00	\$55,000.00
IDEA GRANT - SE COSTS			
CATASTROPHIC AID	\$67,394.22	\$56,357.00	\$58,000.00
MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS	\$39,686.71	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
KINDERGARTEN AID			
TUITION	\$11,224.53	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00
EXETER REGION CO-OP / BUY-OUT	\$32,663.63	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	\$10,336.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$498,672.77	\$847,056.00	\$749,545.00
AMOUNT OF STATE ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	\$549,484.00	\$576,958.00	\$576,958.00
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT		\$7,874,596.00	\$8,266,762.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION VOTED OR TO BE VOTED BY DISTRICT	\$8,814,193.00	\$9,298,610.00	\$9,593,265.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMPUTER & STATISTICAL SERVICES
CONCORD

Stratham
District

Please follow the
accompanying instructions
carefully.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the School District of Stratham
Fiscal Year July 1, 2006__ to June 30, 2007

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 2006__ (Treasurer's bank balance)		<u>713,507.12</u>
Received from Selectmen (Include only amounts actually received)		
Current Appropriation	<u>7,687,976.00</u>	
Deficit Appropriation		
Balance of Previous Appropriations		
Advance on Next Year's Appropriations		
Revenue from State Sources	<u>788,409.81</u>	
Revenue from Federal Sources	<u>33,226.50</u>	
Received from Tuitions	<u>11,224.53</u>	
Received as income from Trust Funds		
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal only)		
Revenue from Capital Reserve Funds		
Revenue from all Other Sources	<u>412,293.88</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>8,933,130.72</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts)		<u>9,646,637.84</u>
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		<u>(8,778,589.50)</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2006__ (Cash & Investment Balance)(Treasurer's Bank Balance)		<u>868,048.34</u>

September 30, 2007
Date

Edward Geppner
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of _____ of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 and find them correct in all respect.

Date

Auditors

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

2007-08

Teacher and Administrative Staff Under Contract

Adler, Susan	66,262.00	Morrison, Linda	72,056.00
Atherton, Diane	66,262.00	Noyes-Hand, Laurie	65,762.00
Audet, Rebecca	42,039.00	O'Connor, Mary Lou	71,056.00
August, June	73,056.00	Parsons, Lynn	73,056.00
Batchelder, Laura	65,762.00	Pinsonnault, Karen	61,105.00
Bates, Yvonne	52,484.00	Robinson, Patricia	56,293.00
Blanchette-Goyette, Juliet	13,152.40 (20%)	Ruel, Jennifer	75,000.00
Brown, Lyssa	41,468.00	Schulz, Patricia	55,293.00
Campbell, Sarah	45,000.00	Silvester, Kerry	63,550.00
Caporello, Laurie	72,056.00	Snow, Jennifer	64,098.00
Chartier, R. Melody	62,933.00	Spencer, Frank	72,306.00
Christilles, Tracey	71,556.00	Stringham, Carol	43,003.10 (70%)
Craig, Deborah	72,556.00	Sullivan, Kristen	61,633.00
Driscoll, Margaret	81,558.00	Tierney, Janis	73,056.00
Dunnan, Judith	71,556.00	Tuveson, Carol	72,556.00
Eitler, Judith	73,056.00	Wansart, Cathy	73,056.00
Emmett, Jennifer	50,902.00	Warner, Cathy	61,433.00
Fennessy, Debra	60,933.00	Wigode, Lucinda	72,556.00
Fosher, Thomas	95,539.00		
Gagnon, Stephen	69,323.00		
Gaudet, Christine	73,056.00		
Gilman, Connie	65,762.00		
Griffith, Diane	39,457.20 (60%)		
Guilbert, Nancy	69,323.00		
Hackett, Jennifer	68,323.00		
Hadfield, Karen	61,433.00		
Hale, Gwen	68,323.00		
Harrison, Gary	64,098.00		
Hazeltine, Mary Ann	65,762.00		
Henson, Cathy	73,056.00		
Jenness, Mary Ann	73,056.00		
Kelly, Beth	33,606.60 (60%)		
Langhorst, Kathryn	52,484.00		
Larson, Bruce	71,056.00		
Lee, Donna	67,762.00		
Leonard, Anne	71,056.00		
Lewald-Ratta, Cindy	39,457.20 (60%)		
Lewis, Judy	62,933.00		
MacLean-Smith, Cheryl	65,762.00		
Maher, Donna	73,056.00		
Mastin, Melissa	55,529.00		
McIntosh, Laurie	36,980.00 (60%)		
McPherson, Cynthia	71,056.00		
Megan, Sue Ann	73,056.00		
Miller, Suzette	67,262.00		
Moreno, Laurie	43,383.60 (60%)		

At the date of printing, the Stratham School District had not received a **Management Letter** from our auditor, **Dumais & Ferland CPA, LLC**.

The process of annual compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 has increased the time necessary to complete all elements of the government-wide financial statements.

The School District does expect to have the **Management Letter** available for review at the School District Meeting on **March 7, 2009**.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL

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Regular Education Report
January 3, 2008

Stratham Memorial School welcomed 618 bright and cheery faces on August 29th to begin their educational journey for the school year. As always, they were welcomed by the eagerly awaiting faculty and staff. This year, there were at least five sections of every grade level, kindergarten through grade five. Our class sizes fall somewhere between 18-22 students depending on the grade level, well within the state recommended numbers.

The federally mandated testing was administered to our third, fourth and fifth grade students with the majority of our students scoring in the proficient and proficient with distinction categories. The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) was given to our students during a three week period in October.

The school continues to reflect on our current programs and to develop strategies that will assist our students in their academic, social, and emotional development. A review of our approach to reading found the faculty looking to enhance the curriculum with the development of more direct teaching techniques. Through research, school visitations, and the development of a core reading committee, the staff identified an approach that fell within the framework and philosophy of our school. Utilizing the Center for Applied Studies at Tufts University, the teachers and paraprofessionals began training and implementing of the Learning to Read by Reading (LRR) program.

Our staff continues to evolve, as MaryEllen Palmer retired from her position as co-director of Student Services and Tere Bowen-Irish from Occupational Therapy. New hires came on board with Mary Lou O'Connor assuming the position of Computer Education Teacher, Jennifer Hackett in first grade, and Rebecca Audet to grade three. Already for the 2008-2009 school year three individuals have begun the process of retirement.

The focus for the year still centered around technology. We have incorporated the AlertNow information program to provide announcements and upcoming data at a moments notice. The use of the Power School management program for many of our needs has been an effective tool for the office as well as classroom teachers. One of our goals was to complete the SMS portfolio page, and it is almost ready for the data to be uploaded soon onto the web site.

The school received the Annual School Volunteer Blue Ribbon Award for the twelfth time as many of our community members have volunteered to assist the school in multiple capacities. Enrichment Co-coordinator Bruce Larson was awarded the prestigious Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical. For the first time, a fourth grade student, Eric Jordan, reached the finals of the state spelling bee sponsored by the NH Union Leader and Scripps National. Children were able to compete in multiple cross-country races as SMS participated with other seacoast towns in school sponsored cross-country teams.

Programs for our students included the NH Theatre Project, Techsploration, Squam Lakes Science Center, Portland Symphony, Boston Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Junior Lego League, Robotics, and storyteller Len Cabral. Having the opportunity to experience these terrific programs along with our many field trips helps assure our children a well-rounded education.

When in the neighborhood, take the time to visit a very vibrant and energy-filled locale. Reservations are not required!

Respectfully Submitted,


Tom Foshier

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Stratham Memorial School Special Education Report

At Stratham Memorial School, we continue to provide special education services to students with educational disabilities in accordance with both federal and state laws. The federal law, IDEA 2004, and the *NH Rules for the Education of Children with Disabilities*, mandate that students from 3-21 years of age with "educational" disabilities receive a free, appropriate, public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment in which their Individual Education Programs (IEPs) can be implemented.

Although the final draft of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004) went into effect on October 14, 2006, NH stakeholders have continued to participate in the legislative process to amend the NH special education law, RSA 186-C, and revise the *NH Rules* to reflect the changes in IDEA 2004. Throughout the past year, committees have been working on these issues, hearings have been held to seek public comment, and written comments have been accepted by the State Board of Education regarding these proposed changes. This process is continuing into the 07-08 school year with closure anticipated by June, 2008.

Under IDEA 2004 there continues to be thirteen categories of educational disabilities that could qualify a child to receive special education services. Eligibility for services is the decision of the evaluation team, a group comprised of certified evaluators, the child's teacher, and the child's parents. Prior to referring a student for special education consideration, we have begun to move toward a process known as "Response to Intervention." This model uses a three-tiered approach that promotes quality instruction and focused intervention for all children. Student progress is monitored so that data is available to assist the team with decision making about the appropriateness of a referral, based on a child's response to intervention.

This past year we were challenged by the NHDOE's new data system, NHSEIS, and its ability to interface with our IEP system and other NH data systems. This statewide problem has consumed a significant amount of time for data entry essential for the creation of mandated state and federal reports. We are also now collecting district data to report on special education indicators outlined in the NH State Performance Plan, another IDEA requirement, that will lead to a District Data Profile.

In June, 2007 Mary Ellen Palmer retired after working at SMS for 16 years, first as a Special Educator and then as Co-Director of Special Services. Her professional expertise and insightful style enriched the administrative team, and we are hopeful that she will continue to be a resource to our school as needed.

Our priority is continued collaboration with parents to promote an effective special education team process for each student receiving special services. During the 06-07 school year we held 257 team meetings with parents to discuss children's eligibility for services, individual program needs, placement, and progress. Home/school partnerships were also fostered with ongoing communication. We welcome parental participation in this process as we work together to improve each student's learning and social competence in the school setting.


Margaret E. Driscoll, M.Ed.
Director of Special Services

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a

<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</u>		2005-2006	2006-2007
1210	Special Programs	962,442	989,928
1430	Summer School	0	0
2140	Psychological Services	66,007	69,258
2140	Vision / Hearing Svs	11,820	13,239
2150	Speech and Audiology	198,324	211,123
2159	Speech-Summer School	0	0
2160	Physical Therapy	17,450	19,205
2150	Occupational Therapy	136,304	143,786
2722	Special Transportation	46,012	42,682
2729	Summer School Transportation	0	0
Total Expenses		1,438,359	1,489,221

SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE

1950	Services to other LEAs	0	0
3110	Special Ed. Portion Adequacy funds	232,278	232,278
3110	Foundation Aid	0	0
3111	Catastrophic Aid	27,916	67,394
3190	Medicaid	49,791	39,687
Total Revenues		309,985	339,359

ACTUAL DISTRICT COST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION 1,128,374 1,149,862

TABLE I
STRATHAM PUPILS
TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 2007

YEAR	PRE	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2003-04	20	93	93	90	118	96	115	625
2004-05	20	99	108	98	94	123	102	644
2005-06	19	95	112	112	95	99	120	652
2006-07	18	92	108	110	108	93	104	633

TABLE II
STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE
FOR 2006-2007

Ruben Abounaja	Elise Leavitt
Erik Burnham	Alex Pardus
Robert Cliche	Molly Ryan
Ryan Cliche	Bradley Simas
Hannah Cloutier	Cara Steucek
Colin Coute	Emily Tosatti
Madison Johansson	Emma Walsh
Eric Joy	Joseph Winslow
Jade Kim	

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2007

Members Present: Robert O'Sullivan, Katherine McDonnell, Luke Breton, and John Hazekamp.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by School District Moderator, David Emanuel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lucy Cushman.

The Moderator called for a moment of silence in remembrance of those not with us this year and for those in service around the world.

Mr. Emanuel recognized the present School Board Members. He further explained he would follow simple parliamentary procedures such as all questions and responses being directed through him. When someone wishes to speak they should approach the microphone and after being recognized state their name and address for the record. He reminded those present that we are all neighbors and will see each other in the community after tonight so it is best for everyone to be courteous and respectful.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,298,610.00 for the support of the schools, for payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the School District, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

The Moderator asked if there is a motion to accept this article. Luke Breton moved to accept Article 1 and Robert O'Sullivan seconded the motion. The Moderator recognized Luke Breton to speak in favor of this article. Mr. Breton then gave his time to Tom Foshier, Stratham Memorial School Principal.

Mr. Foshier commenced with his power-point presentation which may also be viewed at the school's website. He explained we now approach education with the force of a fire-hose. Grade-level expectations are high and No Child Left Behind legislation has had a major impact. Mr. Foshier first reviewed the school's guiding statement and emphasized engaging students in meaningful learning. There are 5 key components of SMS; namely, curriculum, personnel, students, climate, and community partnership.

Reviewing test scores for SMS students was the next area Mr. Foshier covered. In both reading and math over 80% of the students are proficient. For writing the number is lower at 66% which can be attributed to the fact that at SMS students use a whole writing process not just one shot like on the test. In all three areas our students are above the

state average. Looking at just special education students SMS is also above the state average with 72% proficient in math, 70% in reading and 26% in writing.

Mr. Foshier went on to emphasize two of the school's goals. Improving students' performances is a top priority at SMS. The staff also plans to evaluate ways in which the needs of all students can be met. In comparing faculty and staff to student ratios within SAU 16 Mr. Foshier showed that SMS's 1 to 5.4 is similar to Newfields's and Exeter's ratios. There are a total of 140 employees at SMS and 118 have direct contact with the children. The school also has a very experienced staff with 51% having 10 or more years of experience. In terms of class size the 1st grade has the highest average of 21 students per class. The other grades range from 18 to 20. This is well with in or better than the school's and state's requirements. Mr. Foshier showed a map of the school to demonstrate how most of the space is being utilized for academic endeavors.

To finish his portion of the presentation Mr. Foshier explained there are a number of programs of support for the students at SMS. There is SPROUTS which is a reading program, and a math program, ESOL tutoring, the nurses' office and special education. This led Mr. Foshier to introduce Mary Ellen Palmer, Director of Special Services. The Moderator asked if anyone had an objection to a non-resident speaking on an issue. There were no objections so Mr. Emanuel gave the floor to Ms. Palmer.

Ms. Palmer explained that the law dictates the procedures and services which we must provide to our students. Regulations also stipulate what constitutes an educational disability. The largest percentage of our special needs students, at 36%, have speech and language impairments. 12.9% of the school's population is served through the special education department which is about the same as the state's average of 12.3%. During the year about 60 evaluations are performed. The cost to perform these evaluations is kept to a minimum because most can be done within house as opposed to the high cost of hiring outside experts.

Once an evaluation has been completed an IEP is written which outlines the services to be provided. At SMS the most common services provided are speech, occupational, physical, transportation and health. Supplementary services provided to allow a student the least restrictive environment include hearing assistance, vision assistance and paraeducators. During the year 296 special education meetings are held. Furthermore pre-school students needing to be evaluated are the responsibility of SMS as well as any Stratham students attending charter schools.

The average cost to educate a student with special needs at SMS is \$23,265. The special ed portion of the budget is 20.76% of the total. Some revenue is received after services have been provided from Sp Ed Portion Adequacy funding, Catastrophic Aid and Medicaid.

In conclusion Ms. Palmer and Mr. Foshier explained a visioning committee has been formed to continue to move SMS forward with the strains and demands being placed upon it. Mr. Foshier then introduced Nathan Lunney, the Chief Financial Officer for SAU

16, to review the budget. Again the Moderator asked if anyone had objections to a non-resident speaking. No objections were raised so Mr. Lunney was given the floor.

Mr. Lunney reviewed the 06-07 budget pie chart to show 75% of the budget covers salaries and benefits. 94.1% of the budget covers mandatory expenses such as salaries, transportation, and food services. Only 5.9% is discretionary and this is for items such as books, technical supplies, art supplies, and furniture. Then he showed the pie chart for the 07-08 budget which looks almost the same. There is a 5.5% increase and now 76% of the budget covers salaries and benefits. The mandatory portion is now at 94.2%.

Major reductions in the budget include retirement expenses, sick leave accrual, special ed transportation, principal and interest on bonds, tuition to charter schools, furniture expenditures and equipment expenses. Increases can be seen in teachers' and aides' salaries, health and dental insurance, FICA, transportation, food services, SPED services, office of the superintendent fees, and property insurance. Mr. Lunney explained there are only 2 years left on the bond taken out to cover the expense of building SMS. The tax impact of the proposed increase for this year's budget is 5.5 cents per \$1,000. The floor was then opened for questions.

Susan Canada of Bunker Hill Avenue approached the microphone first. She explained she is a member of the Budget Committee appointed by the Moderator to review the school budget prior to it being finalized. The committee's process involves questioning changes in the budget and working with the school board to make necessary adjustments. On behalf of the Budget Committee she asked for support in approving the budget.

Gail Giarrusso Of Laurel Lane asked next about the step increases for teacher's salaries. Board member Luke Breton explained the teacher's contract stipulates a 4.1% increase. She then also inquired about teachers retiring this year. Mr. Breton stated there is only one teacher retiring at the end of this school year.

Mark Sykas of Stratham Heights Road spoke next. He explained he is concerned about the constant increases. This year it is 5%. Last year it was 10%. We as a town approved money for a fire and police station. Now more money is being asked for to cover separate fire and police stations. This greatly affects all of our taxes. He understands the need for improved services but some methods need to be found to keep increases down.

Murray Segal of Depot Road spoke next. In reviewing the budget he is concerned about the fact that of the 9 million total budget only 4 million is allocated toward instruction services. Nathan Lunney asked if Mr. Segal was referring to the state budget breakdown on pg. 143 of the Town Report. Mr. Segal explained it was. Mr. Lunney agreed it does seem to be a misproportioned amount. He explained it is a state form which labels certain line items as instructional but other categories do impact instruction so the amount is much higher than 4 million.

Marty Wool of Winnicut Road came to the microphone. He complimented the school staff on their excellent presentation. He is still concerned about the amount being spent

and feels the school board needs to get a better handle on the spending. He went back to records from 10 years ago when the 6th grade moved up to the middle school. The budget for the first year of SMS being grades 1 – 5 was 4 million dollars. Just 10 years later, and granted kindergarten has been added, the budget has risen 5 million dollars. He also believes the school board needs to be more forthcoming. The modular units and the principal's car allowance were in last year's budget but no mention was made of them at last year's presentation. This gives the impression that the school board is trying to be sneaky even if they are not. A more transparent process would be helpful.

Sarah Cicchini of Gifford Farm Road approached the microphone to explain she has two boys at SMS both of whom have IEP's. If they lived in another district her boys would have to receive outside services to satisfy their IEP. Her boys have received really wonderful services here at SMS. She tries to help the school in any way she can like being a member of the PTO. She wants everyone to know what a wonderful school Stratham has.

Mr. Lunney asked to speak again. There were no objections so he was given the floor. He was sorry no mention was made last year at the meeting about the modulars and the lease. He does know they were discussed at school board meetings but apologizes for not mentioning them during his budget presentation last year.

Board Member Catherine McDonnell spoke next about the hard work the board puts in for the benefit of the school. They are never trying to hide anything. She would love to see more people come to the board meetings where issues are discussed in more depth. They rarely have visitors at the meetings. Even if you can only come once. If you can not come then feel free to review the minutes. She further stated they have tried very hard to manage the budget but many items are out of their hands.

Luke Breton, a Board Member, gave his assurance that the budget will be kept under control. It will take awhile to bring down costs but they are working on it.

Mark Poirier made a motion to approve the budget. The Moderator then called for a vote. The majority were in favor so the article passed.

ARTICLE II: To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to accept the donation of land (commonly known as Tax Map 6, Lot 8) abutting the Stratham Memorial School (commonly known as Tax Map 12, Lot 16) from the Estate of Jane Piper and/or Stanley Kolomitsky and Sonya Wiggin on such terms and conditions as the School Board determines are in the best interest of the District.

John Hazekamp made a motion to accept the article. Catherine McDonnell seconded the motion.

Mr. Hazekamp explained it is a 2.2 acre lot at the modular end of the school. The land will be useful for enrichment activities.

Board Member Bob O'Sullivan said there will be an \$85 tax impact.

The Moderator called for a vote as there were no questions and the article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE III: To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any relating thereto.

There were no reports to be given.

ARTICLE IV: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

There was no further business.

The Moderator thanked the Budget Committee members for their hard work. He further thanked those in attendance for being a part of the process. He stated this is the best attendance he has seen since he became Moderator and he hopes it continues. He thanked the school board for their hard work and those willing to continue the work by running for the open seats.

He reminded everyone the polls are open the following Tuesday for town voting and that the Town Meeting is next Friday, March 16th. Should anyone need a town report they are available tonight or at the town hall. The auditor's report which is not in the town report is also available tonight. Lastly, the fire house will be hosting an open house over the weekend.

The meeting was adjourned by the Moderator at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Conklin Waters

Stratham School District Clerk

2007 STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

School Board Member for Two Years:	Katherine McDonnell	963 points
School Board Member for Three Years:	Robert O'Sullivan	478 points
	Bruce Scamman	734 points
School District Treasurer:	Edward Geppner	1028 points
School District Moderator	David Emanuel	1089 points

THE EXETER REGION

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending June 30, 2007
For the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget

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EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Town</u>
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Townley Chisholm	2009	Exeter
Barbara Collins-RigordaEva	2010	Kensington
Lucy Cushman	2008	Stratham
Patricia Lovejoy	2009	Stratham
Tomasen Madden-Carey	2010	Exeter
Kristina Magnusson	2010	Brentwood
Dr. Sarah "Sally" Oxnard	2008	Exeter
Raymond Trueman	2009	Newfields

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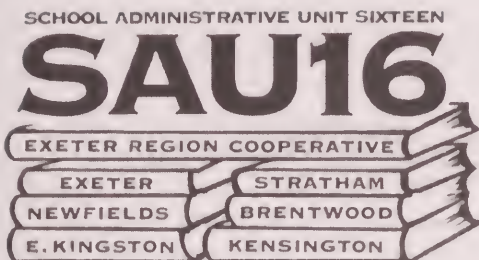
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REPORT FROM SAU 16 ADMINISTRATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2007-2008

The SAU 16 School Districts are committed to working together to develop common standards and values that will result in graduates who are caring, productive and contributing members of society

In August of 2007, the schools opened their doors with the following enrollments: Swasey Central School in Brentwood – 411; East Kingston Elementary School – 193; Exeter Elementary (Main Street School and Lincoln Street School) – 1023; Kensington Elementary School – 215; Newfields Elementary School – 162; Stratham Memorial School – 611; Cooperative Middle School – 1,368; the Seacoast School of Technology – 630, Exeter High School - 1,668 and Great Bay eLearning Charter School – 100.

Administration

Dr. Arthur Hanson is retiring at the conclusion of this school year, having served as superintendent of SAU 16 for eleven years. The SAU 16 Board has conducted a nation-wide search and anticipates having a successor named for Dr. Hanson by mid-February 2008. Additionally, Main Street School Principal Paul Ford will be retiring in June 2008 after 21 years of outstanding service to the Exeter School District. The Exeter School Board will be faced with the challenge of finding a successor to Principal Ford within the next couple of months.

Curriculum and Assessment

Curriculum

In October of 2007, we received approval of our Master Plan for Professional Development by the State for the next five years. This plan details our recertification process, professional development model, supervision and evaluation process and also outlines the curriculum review and assessment processes.

At the high school level, staff members are involved in identifying competencies for every course in compliance with a 2009 deadline as part of the school approval process. The area of focus of each of the SAU wide curriculum committees is described below.

Art

Revision of the SAU 16 Art Curriculum is scheduled for this year. Technology, as it integrates art with other subjects, will be one of the focal points of this revision and alignment to state and national standards. Opportunities to integrate art with other curriculum areas will be addressed. How to address copyright, fair use and other related policies that have unique applications to art instruction and student products are also being discussed.

Literacy

The work of the "NH Pre-K-12 Literacy Task Force" serves as the focus of discussions this year. The SAU 16 Website has been updated with the most current practices - NH Literacy Action Plan for 21st Century Literacy, links, and documents from the work of the SAU 16 Literacy Committee. Emphasis is placed on the consistent application of the writing rubric and continued professional development is provided to increase all teachers' capacity as literacy instructors.

Mentoring

Development, implementation and evaluation of the SAU 16 in-house mentoring program are nearly completed. A summer Mentor Training Institute was held and we currently have approximately 80 trained mentors in the SAU.

Math

The implementation of Everyday Math, third edition, is taking place during the year. Following the recommendation by the teachers who attended the presentation of these materials, we continue to offer training and professional development in this area as needed. The middle school and high school are continuing to provide a wide range of remediation and enrichment opportunities for all students in mathematics.

Science

K-8 curriculum realignment has taken place during the last two years, aligning the curriculum with the NH grade level and grade span expectations. Professional development activities focusing on the "Skills and Inquiry" strand for grades K-5 continue to be offered. Science topic study groups are available to interested staff members as part of the *NH-PALS Grant*.

Social Studies

All teachers have received hard copies of the *K-5 Social Studies Curriculum* that has correlated state curriculum frameworks, skill strands, grade level and grade span expectations. The committee is looking at the World History strand this year, as well as providing suggestions for assessment and integrating technology.

Professional Development

Supervision and Evaluation documents are being reviewed and revised this year and will comprise most of the work for this group.

School Nurses

The school nurses are reviewing the SAU 16 health websites, SAU health policies, standing nurses' orders, discussing common health related procedures (peanut allergies, etc.) and reviewing with building representatives the pandemic preparedness plan for their building. As with each year, nurses prepare health alert lists, health care plans, review universal precautions with staff, provide health supplies for classrooms and gather emergency information on staff members.

No Child Left Behind

With the reauthorization of NCLB on the horizon, discussions focus on the major components proposed in the reauthorization and the various statements made by professional organizations relative to the reauthorization.

Wellness

The SAU Wellness Advisory Committee will convene to share local practices, review the implementation of the policies SAU-wide and discuss strategies for communicating wellness practices, healthy foods and lifestyles throughout SAU 16.

Physical Education

The last formal review of the Physical Education Curriculum was completed in 2002. With the change of school approval standards, creation of extended learning opportunities, and the integration of Information, Communication and Technology Standards in all subjects, the revision will focus on these areas. Statements of how each of the performance indicators are assessed will be cited in the new document.

Technology Education/Family and Consumer Science

These areas were last formally reviewed during 2002-2003. Since that time, standards for school approval have changed and an alignment study, as well as the identification of the integration of ICT standards through these curriculum areas, is taking place.

We are very fortunate in SAU 16 to annually have over 200 teachers who volunteer service to a variety of curriculum committees and task forces. Most of these groups meet after school hours, are facilitated by district and building level administrators and meet occasionally during a full day session to conduct the ongoing analysis of curriculum for the 21st Century Learner.

Assessment

During the fall of 2007, all students in grades 3-8 and 11 participated in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) exams in reading and mathematics. Fifth, eighth and eleventh graders participated in a writing component as well. Beginning in May 2008, the NECAP Science Test will be administered to all students in grades 4, 8 and 11. The results of these exams illustrate how our students perform on a standardized test that is based on Grade Level Expectations at the state level, and will be reported to students, parents and the community once they become available. When the 2006 results were released in August 2007, it was learned that all schools in SAU 16 made "Adequate Yearly Progress". In January 2008, the 2007 results will be released, but are not currently available.

Annually in May, most of the SAU 16 schools administer the Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA). This computer adaptive instrument gives us one indicator of each student's growth over a set period of time in language usage and mathematics. The NWEA program also provides valuable information that assists in grouping students and illustrating specific instructional suggestions for each student.

Our students are assessed in a variety of ways including teacher developed tests, projects, displays and presentations. It is important to remember that any standardized test is one indicator and one type of assessment. Our teachers encourage and provide forums for students to demonstrate what they "know and are able to do".

SAU 16 Office Renovation

The year the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board reviewed its financing options to fund the renovation of approximately 10,000 square feet at 30 Linden Street, the former location of Exeter High School, to provide rental space for the SAU 16 Central Offices. The Board approved the plan for renovation of the space and the project was completed in June 2007. The SAU vacated its rental space at 24 Front Street and relocated to 30 Linden Street in early July 2007. The 30 Linden Street campus was renamed *The Tuck Learning Campus*. This renovation project is eligible for 40 % State building aid over 5 years. The first installment was received by the ERCSD this fiscal year. The cost savings accruing to the taxpayers of the SAU/ERCSD due to the cessation of rental payments, combined with the building aid receipts, will enable the renovation cost to be recovered in less than three (3) years.

Seacoast School of Technology Renovation Project

On March 13, 2007, thanks to the voters of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District, the \$8,500,000 appropriation for the renovation and addition project of SST was approved by an overwhelming 78% majority vote. Students, staff, and Board members are grateful for your generous support. Equally important was the support of the Department of Education Career/Technical Leadership for their guidance, as well as the hard work of our local legislators in gaining the vote of approval of the State Legislature and Governor. Their efforts resulted in our receiving \$6,375,000 State Renovation Project funding.

Design of the project was completed in May 2007 and the bidding process was finalized in time for construction to begin in July. The first phase of construction was the completion of the site work,

foundation for the Automotive Technologies building and the renovation of the Early Childhood Education/Wright Start pre-school program space. This phase was completed by the end of September. The completion of the remaining program spaces and the new automotive building will occur in phases throughout the remainder of the 2008 school year and summer with final project completion anticipated for the fall of 2008.

Technology

The state minimum standards require that digital portfolios be implemented for all students in grades K-12. Teachers will be involved in training and pilot testing digital portfolios during the 2007-2008 school year with full implementation occurring by November 2008. An SAU 16 Portfolio Committee has been established and is comprised of approximately 30 members representing all SAU 16 schools. Members of this committee are currently working on a number of projects leading toward full implementation of the portfolio in 2008. Additionally, we were able to secure grant funds from the New Hampshire Department of Education to create a teacher technology and portfolio mentoring program. Eighteen teachers have been trained to provide training and support to our teachers in the use of technology and in the creation of digital portfolios. Since last spring, these mentors have provided over 450 hours of professional development opportunities to SAU 16 teachers.

Helping our students to understand how to safely use Internet technologies is of prime importance in today's connected society. Toward this end, SAU 16 has formed a district-wide Internet Safety Committee. The committee is comprised of representatives from Microsoft, BeNetSafe.org, the Granite State Distance Learning Network, along with SAU 16 guidance counselors, teachers and administrators. The committee will host an Internet safety night for all SAU 16 communities on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 7:00PM in the auditorium at Exeter High School. The committee is also establishing an Internet safety student mentoring program where middle and high school students will be trained to teach elementary students how to safely use Internet resources.

All schools continue to use PowerSchool to collect attendance data and student demographic information. Exeter High School and the Cooperative Middle School have fully implemented the system which includes online grade reporting, report card generation, and online student/parent access to grades and attendance data. All Lincoln Street School teachers have been trained to use the PowerSchool grade book and report card system. Stratham Memorial School teachers will be trained in January 2008 with the goal of creating report cards for quarter three. East Kingston teachers issued quarter one report cards using PowerSchool while our remaining elementary schools will be working toward full implementation of this system in the coming year.

Great Bay eLearning Charter School (GBeCS)

The Great Bay eLearning Charter School currently enrolls one-hundred and four students in grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve. The focus of the school is to foster student achievement through project-based learning in a technologically rich learning environment. Several GBeCS seniors have applied for early admission to their colleges of choice. As of December 11, 2007, we are proud to announce acceptances to Jacksonville University (FL), Johnson and Wales University (RI), Johnson State College (VT), New England College (NH) and the University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH). Students from any SAU 16 town can apply to attend the school free of charge. For more information about the school, please visit their website (<http://www.gbecs.org>) or call the school directly (775-8638).

Sincere appreciation is offered to all of the SAU 16 Joint School Board Members, the Board of Trustees for the Great Bay eLearning Charter School and the Seacoast School of Technology's Governing Board for their continued support and dedication to the students that attend SAU 16 Schools. The Boards' tireless efforts and dedication on behalf of collaborative educational and co-curricular excellence is often unrecognized. Their commitment to all students and to their communities allows SAU 16 to be recognized as a superior school system.

2008 ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING WARRANT

As revised by the First Session

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the inhabitants of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet as follows:

FIRST SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING (Deliberative): In the **Talbot Gymnasium** at the Tuck Learning Campus, 30 Linden Street in Exeter, New Hampshire on **Thursday, February 7, 2008, at 7:00 PM** for explanation, discussion, debate, and possible amendment of the following warrant articles:

1. Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$48,150,360? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$47,817,297, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend \$48,150,360 as set forth on said budget.)

2. Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Fund" (established by the 2001 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of school buildings and grounds) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2008 undesignated fund balance (surplus) up to \$40,000? (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

(The source of funding for this \$40,000 will be the State Building Aid payment received as a result of the cost of renovations to a portion of the Tuck Learning Campus, formerly Exeter High School, for the relocation of the SAU 16 offices. This will be the second of five years of State Building Aid payments to replenish monies of the Maintenance Trust Fund used for the renovation.)

3. Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Special Education Trust Fund" (established by the 2002 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding unanticipated special education expenses) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2008 undesignated fund balance (surplus), after giving effect to any appropriation under Article 2, above, up to \$100,000? (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

4. Shall the District increase the limit for the accumulated balance (including interest) of the "Special Education Trust Fund" to \$500,000? (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend adoption of this article.)

5. On petition of David Pendell and others:

Shall the District vote in favor of a non-binding resolution to encourage the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board to NOT expend \$75,000 out of the 2007-2008 budget surplus or trust fund for the purpose of renovations at the new Exeter High School?

6. On petition of certain citizens:

Shall the Exeter Region Cooperative School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 in order to enhance the annual independent audit through compliance with Statement on Auditing Standards No. 112 and GASB Statement No. 34 for fiscal year 2009?

7. To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers heretofore chosen.

8. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

SECOND SESSION: At the polling places designated below on Tuesday, **March 11, 2008**, to choose the following School District Officers:

School District Board Member (East Kingston)	3-year Term Expiring 2011,
School District Board Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2011,
School District Board Member (Stratham)	3-year Term Expiring 2011,
School District Moderator	1-year Term Expiring 2009,
Budget Committee Member (East Kingston)	1-year Term Expiring 2009,
Budget Committee Member (Exeter)	1-year Term Expiring 2009,
Budget Committee Member (Stratham)	1-year Term Expiring 2009,
Budget Committee Member (Exeter)	2-year Term Expiring 2010,
Budget Committee Member (Newfields)	2-year Term Expiring 2010,
Budget Committee Member (Stratham)	2-year Term Expiring 2010,
Budget Committee Member (Brentwood)	3-year Term Expiring 2011,
Budget Committee Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2011,
Budget Committee Member (Kensington)	3-year Term Expiring 2011;

and vote on the articles listed as **1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6** as those articles may be amended at the First Session; by ballot, the polls to be open at the polling places at the hours designated below:

<u>VOTERS IN TOWN OF</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>	<u>POLLING HOURS</u>
Brentwood	Brentwood Community Center	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
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Given under our hands at EXETER on this 22nd day of January, 2008.

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Thomasen M. Carey
Thomasen Carey

Kimberley Casey
Kimberley Casey

Townley Chisholm
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Sally Oxnard
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Ray Trueman

**EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY 2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET**

1/10/2008 PROGRAM	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2007	BUDGET 2007-2008	PROPOSED 2008-2009
ART	340,043	335,595	356,409	381,209
MUSIC	348,405	348,272	369,035	392,346
PHYSICAL ED	492,244	501,695	531,120	567,634
BASIC CLASSROOM	455,982	550,672	509,834	534,255
ALTERNATIVE ED	288,076	313,384	340,990	369,244
READING	458,443	462,623	486,817	512,187
MATHEMATICS	1,565,640	1,530,749	1,673,656	1,835,313
BUSINESS ED	138,398	104,010	138,434	134,410
SCIENCE	1,693,740	1,643,999	1,806,205	1,896,832
ENGLISH	1,824,575	1,912,970	1,926,011	2,006,935
ESL/ESOL/ELL	36,310	759	36,800	81,563
SOCIAL STUDIES	1,597,070	1,637,200	1,674,481	1,759,087
WORLD LANGUAGE	1,114,060	1,114,375	1,170,241	1,210,265
HEALTH	171,867	187,447	197,557	207,832
FAMILY & CONS SCIENCE	185,245	184,852	198,493	206,703
TECH ED	228,776	201,075	226,895	240,818
COMPUTER	1,247,295	1,140,815	1,330,778	1,414,256
SUBS/SABB/TUT/STAFF DEV	253,000	201,167	261,000	216,600
REGULAR EDUCATION	\$12,439,169	\$12,371,657	\$13,234,756	\$13,967,489
SPECIAL EDUCATION	4,116,446	3,515,001	4,345,110	4,214,572
SEACOAST SCH OF TECH	1,398,035	1,434,594	1,461,527	1,549,558
ATHLETICS/XCURR	722,188	736,373	763,251	786,592
ADULT ED	70,120	124,179	74,290	80,020
GUIDANCE/ATTENDANCE	1,117,552	1,117,039	1,189,947	1,248,965
NURSE/HEALTH SERVICES	341,496	356,421	374,428	396,693
PSYCH/SPEECH PATH	426,015	381,958	441,825	481,212
MEDIA/TRAINING	340,909	352,161	355,685	370,380
SCHOOL BD/SPED ADMIN	248,300	265,981	260,800	260,800
SAU #16 ADMIN	1,085,354	1,085,353	1,140,842	1,129,241
SCHOOL ADMIN	1,895,646	1,920,292	1,974,750	1,990,640
PLANT OPERATIONS	2,077,447	2,866,979	2,324,347	2,490,341
UTILITIES/ENERGY	1,528,825	1,568,369	1,686,000	1,779,800
TRANSPORTATION	1,483,211	1,434,853	1,615,465	1,679,248
BENEFITS	7,717,007	7,082,418	8,210,077	8,735,480
INSURANCE	200,000	216,927	209,100	209,100
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,207,720	\$36,830,555	\$39,662,200	\$41,370,131
DEBT SERVICE	5,793,880	5,793,878	4,555,130	4,561,719
CAP RES/TRUST FUNDS	-	-	-	-
CAPITAL PROJ/SP W.A.	475,000	475,000	-	-
FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS	1,398,340	1,207,929	1,398,510	1,398,510
FOOD SERVICE FUND	820,000	904,627	820,000	820,000
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$45,694,940	\$45,211,988	\$46,435,840	\$48,150,360

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Annual Report 2008

As part of the 2007 Annual Meeting, voters approved the creation of an advisory budget committee to work with the SAU and the Cooperative School Board to develop and review the operating budget for the district. Committee members were appointed by the moderator for this first year and we held approximately 10 meetings between August and January. The members were thoroughly oriented to the budget process and to the many facets of the Cooperative Middle and Exeter High Schools and the other educational opportunities funded and supported by the district. We not only examined the proposed operating budget line-by-line, but toured the facilities, met with all administrators and compared our spending to similar schools and districts throughout the state. The committee worked well together toward common fiscal management goals in a climate that was thoughtful, respectful and productive.

The budget committee worked diligently to develop a fair budget for FY2008-2009 that balances the quality of education that this district is accustomed to having with a palatable budget increase to cover contractual obligations and requests. The committee would like to thank SAU16 Chief Financial Officer Nathan Lunney and his staff for all of their hard work and assistance. The committee's work would not have been possible without their help and responsiveness to our questions and requests. The committee presented our recommended budget to the School Board in early January and it was unanimously accepted and approved. The proposed operating budget of \$48,150,360, is a 3.69% increase over the current year and is the lowest percentage increase in the cooperative budget in the last 5 years.

During the course of our budget deliberations we developed several recommendations for the district to examine and study. These recommendations include data comparisons to justify expenses and the need for certain positions within the district as well as defining the fully burdened cost per student at each of the district's facilities. This involves outlining the costs associated with continuing to operate programs at the Tuck Learning Campus to ensure that tenants and users are paying their fair share and expenses are not being subsidized by the district taxpayers. The committee also recommended that the School Board work towards increasing public knowledge and input when it comes to the spending of the budget surplus on projects and initiatives that were not included as part of the proposed operating budget. This recommendation is combined with a request to develop both a short-term and long-term capital improvement plan that would ensure all projects were thought out, prioritized and allowed to go through a budget process review.

The members of the committee are eager to stand for election this year in order to continue to serve the district in this important role. We plan to continue meeting year-round to work with members of the school board and the SAU on the recommendations that have been made and start developing the FY2009-2010 operating budget as early as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert Aldrich, *Exeter*
Chairman

Elyse Gallo, *Brentwood*
Patty Lovejoy, *School Board*
Mark Poirier, *Stratham*

Simon Heslop, *Newfields*
Roy Morrisette, *Exeter*
Mark Portu, *Stratham*

Deborah Johnson, *Exeter*
David Pendell, *East Kingston*
vacant, *Kensington*

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Previous Two Fiscal Years per RSA 32:11-a

12/30/2007			
SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES		2005-2006	2006-2007
1200/1230	Special Programs	\$ 3,344,997	\$ 3,457,397
1430	Summer School	61,763	57,604
2140	Psychological Services	127,268	135,848
2150	Speech and Audiology	152,482	166,497
2162	Physical Therapy	47,146	49,817
2163	Occupational Therapy	37,658	29,796
2722	Special Transportation	255,088	343,682
2729	Summer School Transp	22,735	11,489
TOTAL EXPENSES		4,049,137	4,252,130
SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUES			
1950	Service to other LEAs	14,750	15,075
3110	Special Ed Portion AEG	1,551,133	1,551,133
3240	Catastrophic Aid	440,013	325,104
4580	Medicaid	248,770	208,931
TOTAL REVENUES		2,254,666	2,100,244
ACTUAL DISTRICT COST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION		\$ 1,794,471	\$ 2,151,887

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

The Management Letter from Plodzik & Sanderson was not available at the time of printing. The traditional excerpts from the audit will be included in the final published copy of the ERCSD Annual Report that will be posted under ERCSD School Board Minutes on the district website at www.saul6.org.

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Enrollment Projections

12/30/2007

Cooperative Middle School						
	<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
2007-08	447	473	446	1366	2.9%	
2008-09	457	455	484	1396	2.2%	
2009-10	484	466	466	1416	1.4%	
2010-11	427	494	478	1399	-1.2%	
2011-12	487	435	506	1428	2.1%	
2012-13	474	496	444	1414	-1.0%	
2013-14	479	484	508	1471	4.0%	
2014-15	490	487	495	1472	0.1%	
2015-16	449	498	499	1446	-1.8%	
2016-17	462	458	509	1429	-1.2%	
2017-18	484	473	469	1426	-0.2%	

Exeter High School						
	<u>9th Grade</u>	<u>10th Grade</u>	<u>11th Grade</u>	<u>12th Grade</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2007-08	415	442	385	402	1644	-4.0%
2008-09	434	385	429	364	1612	-1.9%
2009-10	472	403	374	405	1654	2.6%
2010-11	455	438	393	355	1641	-0.8%
2011-12	467	421	426	374	1688	2.9%
2012-13	494	433	408	404	1739	3.0%
2013-14	432	459	420	388	1699	-2.3%
2014-15	496	400	446	398	1740	2.4%
2015-16	485	460	388	424	1757	1.0%
2016-17	488	450	446	369	1753	-0.2%
2017-18	494	452	439	422	1807	3.1%

MINUTES OF THE EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIRST SESSION OF THE 2007 ANNUAL MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007 – 7:00 PM
TUCK LEARNING CAMPUS – TALBOT GYMNASIUM

ERCSD BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Kann – Chair – Exeter
Ray Trueman – Newfields
Patty Lovejoy – Stratham
Kris Magnusson – Brentwood
Townley Chisholm – Exeter

Lucy Cushman – Vice-Chair – Stratham
Kim Casey – East Kingston
Robin Scott – Kensington
Sally Oxnard – Exeter

ADMINISTRATION: Arthur Hanson, Walter Pierce, Nathan Lunney
MODERATOR: Charles Tucker, Esq.
ATTORNEY FOR ERCSD: Diane Gorrow, Esq.

Moderator Charles Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, introduction of board members, administration and district attorney and explanations of the purpose of the meeting and that voting takes place on March 13, 2007 at the respective voting locations in each SAU 16 town. Moderator Tucker reviewed the procedures for a deliberative session that would be followed for the evening.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #1:

Warrant Article 1. Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$46,435,840? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$46,105,313, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board recommends \$46,435,840 as set forth on said budget.)

Nathan Lunney, SAU 16 Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the article and discussed his PowerPoint presentation on the budget. Moderator asks for any questions or comments.

Alan Bailey, Exeter, asked about the budget, student enrollment and whether any students outside of the district attend Exeter High School. After reviewing the figures and doing the math it looks like it is over \$15,000 per student year and that 35 of the 39 line items were over budget and wanted to know if that was normal practice. He also asked when those lines are changed is it a decision of the ERCSD?

Nathan Lunney responded by saying that as of November 1, 2006 the enrollment was 3,042, which was inclusive of GBeCS. There is not a practice in place to have students attend out of district. Line numbers are discussed at board meetings wherein the past they were discussed in subcommittees.

Alan Bailey, Exeter, encouraged the board to do everything they could to slow down the rate of increases.

Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, had questions about transportation and more specifically the rise in cost for late bus. How many students use these buses? Also had questions about athletic bussing cost going up \$15,000 and whether that was due to more athletics or going further for sports programs?

Nathan Lunney reviewed the history and usage of the late bus and that following February vacation will move to 3 late buses for CMS and 1 late bus for the High School. He also commented that participation

numbers have grown in athletics but maybe the largest driver over the last 3 years is not having students drive themselves due to liability.

John Henson, Exeter, noted that we are not at the age that we ride our bicycles any more, but use our buses to take us where we need to go.

Jim Johnson, Brentwood, asked to have equalized value explained and how it relates to assessment value of 6 towns? He also requested that next year the breakdown be clearer to read. He asked about lease of equipment and whether any staff in SAU has leased cars and how many submit for travel reimbursement?

Nathan Lunney reviewed the statutory formula used, which is a spreadsheet from the state, which adjusts your property to make it equal with other properties in the state. It is split between elementary and cooperative towns. The entire cooperative pays according to the cooperative portion of the budget spread throughout the 6 towns. Brentwood is 13.84% (Brentwood's cooperative responsibility) on top of 7.77% (Brentwood's elementary responsibility). The area of leased equipment refers to Pitney Bowes postage machine, photocopiers, DocStar, accounting systems, etc. ERCSD does not have any leased cars and there are 20 employees in SAU 16 that can put in for reimbursement for mileage and transportation.

Moderator noted that since no further discussion, Warrant Article #1 would go on the ballot as presented.

Moderator read Warrant Article #2:

Warrant Article 2. To see if the School District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500,000 (gross budget) for the purpose of constructing renovations and additions and purchasing furnishings and equipment for the Seacoast School of Technology (Region 18 Vocational Center); to authorize the acceptance of a construction grant in the amount of \$6,375,000 (75% of the total cost of the project) from the State of New Hampshire; to authorize the use of \$956,250 from tuition fees received from the Seacoast School of Technology member districts to fund the balance of the 25% local share not covered by building aid, and further to authorize the use of State Building Aid in the amount of \$1,168,750 to be received in annual increments of \$233,750 over the next 5 years. Further, to authorize the school board to apply for, accept and expend grants and donations from state, federal or other private sources that may become available. This is a non-lapsing special warrant article under RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the project is complete or until June 30, 2013, whichever is earlier. This article is contingent upon receiving the grant from the State of New Hampshire in the amount of \$6,375,000. (The School Board recommends this appropriation).

(Passage of this article will not impact the tax rate.)

Kim Casey, ERCSD Board member from East Kingston introduced Nancy Pierce, SST Principal who will be retiring after 13 years of service to this school and has done an outstanding job on behalf of the students at SST. Ms. Casey noted some of the accomplishments that have occurred under Mrs. Pierce's leadership.

Nancy Pierce, Principal of SST - spoke to the article noting that passage of this article would not impact local tax rate. She noted the schools that send students to SST that it was built in 1980 and in need of renovations and over last 10-year enrollment gone from 250 to 630 students.

Larry Foss, Stratham -spoke in favor of the article as an employer, spokesperson for the Exeter New Car Dealers and president of the National Association for Teacher Educational Foundation.

John Henson, Exeter, spoke in favor of the article noting Governor Lynch is in favor of this and feels the Legislature is also.

Joyce Daniels, East Kingston, has 2 sons in SAU 16 schools and oldest son attends SST Building Trades, which has made a huge difference in his education and would ask for your support of this renovation.

Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, an SST advocate feels renovation is plus for students and teachers and is much needed. He feels one of most important votes in many years and asks that state of NH also support this project.

Andrea Cole, Kensington, student at both EHS and SST spoke to let everyone know the opportunities SST has afforded both she and her brother and hopes everyone votes.

Matt Kramer, UNH student and graduate of SST biotechnology program - very thankful for program and opportunities it afforded him. It gives an advantage over other students when you go forward in that field.

Margaret Callahan, Assistant Principal of SST (not a resident but no objection to her speaking); noted that 77% of students go onto post-secondary education. She announced a tour on Saturday March 3 9-11 and everyone is welcome to attend.

Langdon Plumer, Exeter, noted support this evening is terrific and urged support. Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, reiterated the tour date of March 3rd tour and in case of bad weather it would be March 4th.

No further discussion, Moderator declared article would appear on ballot as presented.

Moderator read Warrant Article #3:

Warrant Article 3. Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the Maintenance Fund (established by the 2001 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of school buildings and grounds) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2007 undesignated fund balance (surplus) up to \$40,000? (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

(The source of funding for this \$40,000 will be the first State Building Aid payment received as a result of the cost of renovations to a portion of the Tuck Learning Campus, formerly Exeter High School, for the relocation of the SAU 16 offices. This will be the first of five years of State Building Aid payments to replenish monies of the Maintenance Trust Fund used for the renovation.)

Mr. Trueman, ERCSD Board member from Newfields spoke to the article.

Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, asked what grounds meant?

Mr. Trueman, ERCSD Board member from Newfields noted that plans would be available for review at the SAU Office.

No further discussion, Moderator declared article would go on the ballot as presented.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #4.

Warrant Article 4. On petition of Edward Berry and others:

To see if the Towns comprising the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District will Vote to establish a Budget Committee according to the provisions of RSA: Chapter 32 providing for a Cooperative School District Budget Committee. Membership shall be composed of seven committee members; one member elected by each sending town and one representative appointed by the Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board.

Amendment by Elyse Seeley-Gallo, Brentwood:

Amendment: According to RSA 195:12, this budget committee shall have the same number of elected members as the cooperative district school board, plus one member appointed from the school board.

Until such time as budget committee members are elected by the registered voters of the towns of Brentwood, East Kingston, Exeter, Kensington, Newfields and Stratham, the moderator of the cooperative school district deliberative session meeting is directed by law to appoint the initial 9 members within 15 days of the vote establishing the committee through this warrant article, and is requested by this petition to follow the recommendation of each town's Board of Selectmen to complete this process. Amendment was seconded.

Elyse Seeley-Gallo, Brentwood - explained the reason for the amendment is that the membership needs to be the same as the membership of the ERCSD Board. Noted the following selectmen voted in favor of this: East Kingston, Newfields, Kensington and Brentwood. Stratham did not vote on it and Exeter has not voted on this.

Vote 38 in favor; 43 opposed. Amendment fails.

Moderator that we are now back to original citizens petition article as presented and since Attorney Gorrow spoke that the article in its original format would be acceptable to go forward, the Moderator has asked that if the article passes, please inform him if you are interested in being on this committee.

Elysee Seeley-Gallo, Brentwood - spoke to the petition warrant article.

David Barr, Stratham, one of the initial ERCSD board members and also prior to that a Stratham School Board member stated he left the board the same year that a budget committee was approved by the voters and was one of the nine members appointed to that committee. He explained the meetings were parallel to the meetings that were held by the school board and was opposed to creating a budget committee since all the board meetings are open. He offered the following amendment:

Amendment: To see if the Towns comprising the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District will Vote to establish a Budget Committee according to the provisions of RSA: Chapter 32 providing for a Cooperative School District Budget Committee. Membership shall be composed of seven committee members; one member elected by each sending town and one representative appointed by the Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board. (The Voters of the first Deliberative Session February 8, 2007 strongly opposed this article). Amendment was seconded.

Alan Bailey, Exeter, spoke against the amendment feeling it was confusing.

Vote 64 yes: 16 no. Amendment passes.

Karen Plumer, Exeter, spoke against a budget committee.

Moderator stated that the official budget committee presents to the town and this meeting can only exceed that budget by 10%.

Kim Casey, ERCSD Board member from East Kingston offered this amendment:

Amendment: To see if the Towns comprising the ERCSD will Vote to establish an Advisory Budget Committee. Membership shall be composed of 9 committee members in the same proportion as town representation on the cooperative board. Amendment was seconded.

Kim Casey spoke to amendment. Jim Johnson, Brentwood, spoke against motion.

Elyse Seeley-Gallo stated the intent is now not the same and what is the legality of that?

Moderator asked Attorney Gorrow for her legal opinion. Attorney Gorrow said you can change the intent and amend the language as long as it is an article that is not prescribed by the law.

John Hazekamp, Stratham, agreed with an Advisory Committee as a first step and compromise.

Roy Morrisette, Exeter, would support Kim's amendment noting you have 9 members who are elected to represent you and they bring forth what they feel is a budget that supports their administrators.

Jim Johnson, Brentwood, spoke to the Brentwood budget.

Vote 82 yes: 5 no. Amendment passes.

Alan Bailey, Exeter, addressed the article as it deals with audits given the auditors have used the word 'adverse' in the reports issued. He noted the adverse is based on the board not using GASB 34 procedures and also asked whether the finance committee of ERCSD Board no longer meets because he has not seen minutes since 2006.

Greg Kann, ERCSD Board member from Exeter noted that to comply with GASB 34 requires additional funding and that is one of the reasons the board has been slow to respond to GASB 34. Mr. Kann explained that finances are discussed at the school board meetings for the most part as there are no longer subcommittees. He also stated that GASB 34 should be in compliance by the next audit.

Elyse Seeley-Gallo, Brentwood, motioned to add the following to the amendment made by Kim Casey:

Amendment: The moderator in the first instance shall appoint the members of the budget committee, except for the additional member appointed from the school board, within 15 days of the vote establishing the committee. The members appointed by the moderator shall serve until the next annual meeting when the meeting shall elect their successors. Amendment was seconded.

Vote 40 yes: 24 no. Amendment passes.

Lucy Cushman, ERCSD Board member from Stratham spoke against having any kind of budget committee.

Benjamin Long, Stratham, spoke to the article. Roy Morrisette, Exeter, spoke to article. Jim Johnson, Brentwood, spoke to article.

No further discussion, amended article will go forward as presented.

5. To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers heretofore chosen.

Kim Casey, ERCSD Board member from East Kingston announced a February 20th meeting in Manchester and a March 5th Meeting in Dover to discuss adequate education.

6. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E.H. Bendroth, ERCSD Clerk
February 8, 2007

**MINUTES OF THE EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SECOND SESSION OF THE 2007 ANNUAL MEETING
VOTING SESSION – MARCH 13, 2007**

The polls were open at the polling places at the hours designated below to choose the following School District Officers: School District Member (Brentwood), School District Member (Exeter), School District member (Kensington), School District Moderator and vote, by ballot on the articles listed as 1 through 4.

Voters in Town of:	Polling Place:	Polling Hours:
Brentwood	Brentwood Fire Hall	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
East Kingston	East Kingston Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Exeter	Talbot Gym at the old Exeter High School	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Kensington	Kensington Town Hall	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Newfields	Newfields Town Hall	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Stratham	Stratham Municipal Center	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Results of the election of Exeter Region Cooperative School District Officers:

Brentwood Board Member, term ending at 2010 election:

Kristina “Kris” Magnusson	2,690
Marilyn Morehead	2,030

Exeter Board Member, term ending 2010 election:

Tomasen Carey	2,508
M. Kathleen “Kathy” McNeill	2,191

Kensington Board Member, term ending 2010 election:

Barbara Collins-RigordaEva	2,395
Susan Lalime	2,037

School District Moderator, term ending 2008 election:

Charles F. Tucker	4,178
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Article #1: Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$46,435,840? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$46,105,313, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board recommends \$46,435,840 as set forth on said budget.)

YES	2,844	.	NO	1,766
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Article #2: To see if the School District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500,000 (gross budget) for the purpose of constructing renovations and additions and purchasing furnishings and equipment for the Seacoast School of Technology (Region 18 Vocational Center); to authorize the acceptance of a construction grant in the amount of \$6,375,000 (75% of the total cost of the project) from the State of New Hampshire; to authorize the use of \$956,250 from tuition fees received from the Seacoast School of Technology member districts to fund the balance of the 25% local share not covered by building aid, and further to authorize the use of State Building Aid in the amount of \$1,168,750 to be received in annual increments of \$233,750 over the next 5 years. Further, to authorize the school board to apply for, accept and expend grants and donations from state, federal or other private sources that may become available. This is a non-lapsing special warrant article under RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the project is complete or until June 30, 2013, whichever is earlier. This article is contingent upon receiving the grant from the State of New Hampshire in the amount of \$6,375,000. (The School Board recommends this appropriation).

(Passage of this article will not impact the tax rate.)

YES 3,726

NO 1,352

Article #3: Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Fund" (established by the 2001 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of school buildings and grounds) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2007 undesignated fund balance (surplus) up to \$40,000? (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

(The source of funding for this \$40,000 will be the first State Building Aid payment received as a result of the cost of renovations to a portion of the Tuck Learning Campus, formerly Exeter High School, for the relocation of the SAU 16 offices. This will be the first of five years of State Building Aid payments to replenish monies of the Maintenance Trust Fund used for the renovation.)

YES 3,472

NO 1,481

Article #4: On petition of Edward Berry and others:

To see if the Towns comprising the Exeter Region Cooperative School District will Vote to establish an Advisory Budget Committee. Membership shall be composed of nine committee members in the same proportion as town representation on the cooperative board. The moderator in the first instance shall appoint the members of the budget committee, except for the additional member appointed from the school board, within 15 days of the vote establishing the committee. The members appointed by the moderator shall serve until the next annual meeting when the meeting shall elect their successors.

YES 2,900

NO 1,880

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E.H. Bendroth, ERCSD Clerk
March 13, 2007

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAU 16 Superintendent Salaries

12/30/2007

SUPERINTENDENT'S PRORATED SALARY

2006-2007

BRENTWOOD	\$7,172.25
EAST KINGSTON	\$3,653.10
EXETER	\$20,810.49
EXETER REGION COOP	\$66,778.67
KENSINGTON	\$4,420.25
NEWFIELDS	\$3,787.05
STRATHAM	\$15,148.19
	\$121,770.00

ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARIES

(Total reflects 2.5+ positions, \$52,061. \$98,465. \$96,918. \$5,000)

2006-2007

BRENTWOOD	\$14,868.95
EAST KINGSTON	\$7,573.32
EXETER	\$43,142.68
EXETER REGION COOP	\$138,440.29
KENSINGTON	\$9,163.72
NEWFIELDS	\$7,851.01
STRATHAM	\$31,404.03
	\$252,444.00

**SAU# 16 BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

ACCT# 12/17/2007	ITEM DESCRIPTION	BUDGET FY 2006-07	ACTUAL FY 2006-07	BUDGET FY 2007-08	ADOPTED 12/17/07 FY 2008-09
CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION					
11-2320-110	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	381,797.00	379,213.91	395,470.00	412,910.00
11-2320-111	TREASURER & BRD MINUTES	1,500.00	1,309.90	1,500.00	1,500.00
11-2320-113	SPECIAL ED ADMIN SALARIES	89,250.00	89,250.00	93,690.00	97,720.00
11-2320-114	SUPPLEMENTAL SALARIES	1,000.00	187.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
11-2320-115	SECRETARIES SALARIES	157,760.00	159,394.04	166,190.00	173,565.00
11-2320-117	HUMAN RESOURCES	52,185.00	52,061.03	54,200.00	56,370.00
11-2320-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	139,330.00	128,472.08	138,995.00	144,230.00
11-2320-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	7,330.00	5,223.97	7,330.00	7,660.00
11-2320-213	LIFE INSURANCE	3,410.00	3,390.50	3,640.00	3,640.00
11-2320-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	4,920.00	5,315.58	5,750.00	5,980.00
11-2320-231	LONGEVITY	1,224.00	2,797.50	1,860.00	2,675.00
11-2320-232	RETIREMENT (8.74%)	46,600.00	39,719.37	62,310.00	65,100.00
11-2320-220	FICA (7.65%)	52,450.00	45,228.31	54,620.00	57,100.00
11-2320-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	3,200.00	3,405.71	3,200.00	3,500.00
11-2320-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	480.00	82.67	480.00	480.00
11-2320-290	CONFERENCES	6,000.00	4,086.65	6,000.00	6,000.00
11-2320-270	COURSE REIMBURSEMENTS	3,300.00	1,410.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
11-2320-320	STAFF TRAINING	26,000.00	12,767.94	26,000.00	25,000.00
11-2320-371	AUDIT EXPENSE	6,000.00	6,900.00	7,000.00	7,700.00
11-2320-372	LEGAL EXPENSE	7,000.00	4,842.50	7,000.00	6,000.00
11-2320-373	MENTOR TRAINING	6,500.00	8,788.50	6,500.00	6,500.00
11-2320-450	RENT	74,000.00	73,080.00	85,000.00	0.00
11-2320-440	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
11-2320-520	ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	1,400.00	605.15	1,400.00	1,400.00
11-2320-521	PROPERTY INSURANCE	2,900.00	2,900.00	3,300.00	3,783.00
11-2320-531	TELEPHONE	13,000.00	21,417.14	13,000.00	13,000.00
11-2320-532	POSTAGE	12,000.00	(559.04)	12,000.00	10,000.00
11-2320-580	TRAVEL	16,200.00	17,248.78	16,570.00	17,320.00
11-2320-610	SUPPLIES	13,500.00	23,452.48	13,500.00	13,500.00
11-2320-611	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTED	4,950.00	5,673.80	5,200.00	5,000.00
11-2320-614	SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH	0.00	400.65	0.00	0.00
11-2320-733	LEASED EQUIPMENT	20,500.00	16,886.26	21,500.00	20,000.00
11-2320-734	EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-2320-810	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	11,000.00	12,351.12	11,600.00	12,400.00
11-2320-870	CONTINGENCY	2,500.00	27,895.74	2,500.00	2,500.00
		1,176,686.00	1,162,699.24	1,239,105.00	1,194,333.00

SAU# 16 BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ADOPTED 12/17/07
12/17/2007		FY 2006-07	FY 2006-07	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09
FISCAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION					
11-2321-110	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	121,870.00	131,355.00	134,560.00	140,240.00
11-2321-116	FISCAL SRV MGR/ACCOUNTANT	91,300.00	91,072.02	94,950.00	97,450.00
11-2321-115	BOOKKEEPER/CLERICAL	31,700.00	25,940.26	33,630.00	39,170.00
11-2321-130	PAYROLL/A/P SALARIES	111,120.00	115,504.33	119,920.00	125,150.00
11-2321-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	121,710.00	113,001.60	121,500.00	118,500.00
11-2321-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	4,250.00	4,469.85	4,250.00	4,750.00
11-2321-213	LIFE INSURANCE	2,325.00	1,788.19	2,490.00	2,560.00
11-2321-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	3,470.00	1,588.45	3,610.00	3,820.00
11-2321-220	FICA (7.65%)	27,610.00	27,085.28	29,670.00	31,250.00
11-2321-231	LONGEVITY	4,695.00	4,695.00	4,695.00	6,330.00
11-2321-232	RETIREMENT (8.74%)	24,570.00	13,325.58	30,960.00	32,300.00
11-2321-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	2,300.00	2,321.37	2,300.00	2,400.00
11-2321-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	432.00	432.00	430.00	432.00
11-2321-290	CONFERENCES	1,200.00	3,221.41	1,800.00	2,800.00
11-2321-330	COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES	10,250.00	12,590.00	12,580.00	13,750.00
11-2321-440	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
11-2321-520	TREASURER'S BOND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-2321-531	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
11-2321-580	MILEAGE	8,200.00	3,883.55	8,660.00	8,380.00
11-2321-610	SUPPLIES EXPENSE	5,500.00	2,035.42	5,500.00	5,000.00
11-2321-741	EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	800.00
	FISCAL SVS TOTALS	581,502.00	562,309.31	620,505.00	642,082.00

**SAU# 16 BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

ACCT# 12/17/2007	ITEM DESCRIPTION	BUDGET FY 2006-07	ACTUAL FY 2006-07	BUDGET FY 2007-08	ADOPTED 12/17/07 FY 2008-09
TECHNOLOGY					
2820-110	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SALARII	95,395.00	74,514.00	101,340.00	80,410.00
2820-321	TECHNICAL CONSULTANT	10,000.00	5,579.05	9,000.00	9,000.00
2820-329	TECHNICAL TRAINING	8,900.00	16,862.05	18,250.00	22,400.00
2320-531	TELEPHONE	2,240.00	2,634.45	1,700.00	2,700.00
2320-580	MILEAGE	10,000.00	7,112.52	11,000.00	8,600.00
2820-610	SUPPLIES	6,455.00	5,928.61	6,200.00	6,200.00
2820-611	SHIPPING	1,500.00	119.82	1,500.00	1,000.00
2820-641	BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	650.00	165.00	650.00	650.00
2820-650	SOFTWARE	38,546.00	34,814.89	27,545.00	29,148.00
2820-733	FURNITURE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2820-738	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	2,500.00	2,132.46	2,500.00	2,500.00
2820-739	EQUIPMENT	8,965.00	29,272.22	7,265.00	7,697.00
2900-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	22,000.00	27,571.17	22,000.00	43,820.00
2900-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	900.00	615.68	900.00	920.00
2900-213	LIFE INSURANCE	160.00	93.32	160.00	160.00
2900-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	490.00	261.45	490.00	450.00
2900-220	FICA (7.65%)	7,960.00	6,851.07	8,140.00	6,600.00
2900-221	RETIREMENT (8.74%)	3,280.00	2,738.73	3,880.00	6,200.00
2900-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	492.00	0.00	490.00	500.00
2900-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	550.00	579.00	550.00	600.00
	TECHNOLOGY TOTAL	220,983.00	217,845.49	223,560.00	229,555.00
TOTAL - Central Office, Fiscal		1,979,171.00	1,942,854.04	2,083,170.00	<u>2,065,970.00</u>
	Services and Technology				-0.83%
					% Incr. 08-09

SAU #16 Budget - FY 2008-09

sauassess09 12/17/2007		2006	Valuation	# Pupils	Pupil %	Combined		FY 2008-09	% Increase
Town	Equalized val.	Percentage	ADM 06-07		Percentage		Assessment	over 07-08	
Brentwood	\$ 240,029,444	5.33%	364.6	6.790%	6.06%	0.9%	\$ 125,246	0.09%	
East Kingston	147,425,111	3.28%	166.4	3.099%	3.19%	12%	\$ 65,858	0.34%	
Exeter	797,860,599	17.73%	911.3	16.971%	17.35%	0.9%	\$ 358,487	0.02%	
Kensington	187,974,979	4.18%	194.9	3.630%	3.90%	1.9%	\$ 80,650	1.08%	
Newfields	122,057,076	2.71%	157.4	2.931%	2.82%	-2.0%	\$ 58,302	-2.82%	
Stratham	564,276,778	12.54%	616.7	11.485%	12.01%	-3.3%	\$ 248,186	-4.07%	
Co Op	2,439,722,336	54.22%	2,958.4	55.094%	54.66%	0.3%	\$ 1,129,241	-0.55%	
TOTAL	\$ 4,499,346,323	100.00%	5,369.7	100.00%	100.00%		\$ 2,065,970	-0.83%	

Approved

12-17-07

SAU #16 CALENDAR 2008-2009

KEY

[] Teacher In-service
 () Holiday/No School
Vacation
**** Note Footnote**

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 23 Days

[25]	[26]	27	28	(29)
(1)	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

Aug. 25 – *Teacher In-Service*
 Aug. 26 – *Teacher In-Service* & Student Orientation 6 & 9
 Aug. 27 – School Opens – All students
 August 29 and Sept. 1 Labor Day Weekend — No School

FEBRUARY 15 Days

2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

Feb. 23-27 – Winter Vacation

OCTOBER 22 Days

		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
(13)	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

Oct. 13 - Columbus Day – No School

MARCH 21 Days

2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	[20]
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Mar. 20 – Teacher In-Service Day (SES Day)

NOVEMBER 15 Days

3	[4]	5	6	7
10	(11)	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Nov. 4 Parent Teacher Conference, K-12
 Nov. 11 Veterans' Day – No School
 Nov. 26 – 28 — Thanksgiving Recess

APRIL 18 Days

		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

April 27 – April 30 – Spring Vacation

DECEMBER 17 Days

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

Dec. 24 – Dec. 31 Holiday Recess

MAY 19 Days

				<u>1</u>
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
(25)	26	27	28	29

May 1 – Spring Vacation
 May 25 – Memorial Day – No School

JANUARY 19 Days

			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
(19)	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Jan. 1& 2 – Holiday Recess
 Jan. 19 – MLK No School

JUNE 11 Days

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12*
15	16	17	18	19

June 12* – Graduation
 June 15** – Last day for Students
 June 16 – Teacher in-Service (185 day contract)

** June 16, 17 & 18 are snow make-up days, if needed

180 Student Days

Notes

Notes

STRATHAM MILESTONES

Stratham was a part of the Swamscot Patent, granted	1630
Stratham was first settled	1638
Stratham main road (Portsmouth Avenue) laid out	1680
Stratham was chartered a township	1716
Stratham built its first church	1717
Stratham built its first school house	1733
Stratham men helped capture Louisburg (five perishing in the expedition)	1745
Stratham built second town church	1767
Stratham Baptists built church	1771
Stratham and Newmarket bridge (Lottery bridge) opened	1773
Stratham furnished 173 officers and men in the Revolution	1775-80
Stratham Library Association formed	1787
Stratham New Library Association formed	1793
Stratham Union Library incorporated	1799
Stratham Christian Society organized	1812
Stratham furnished two companies in second war with England	1812-15
Stratham post office established	1830
Stratham Baptist Church built about	1835
Stratham Congregational Church built	1837
Stratham Christian Church built about	1840
Stratham furnished 60 men in Civil War	1861-65
Stratham Town Hall built	1877
Stratham Town Library established	1891
Stratham R. F. D. route established December 15	1900
Stratham electric road opened September 11	1902
Stratham named and marked its roads	1903
Stratham telephone service established	1904
Stratham Hill Park opened	1906
Stratham and Newmarket bridge made free	1907
Stratham Library (Wiggin Memorial) built	1910
Stratham furnished 32 men in First World War	1914
Stratham celebrated 200 th , anniversary of granting of charter	1916
Stratham furnished 59 men and officers in Second World War	
Stratham telephone dial service established	1948

