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**TOWN OFFICERS**

**SELECTMEN**

Lester E. Huckins – 1978                      John B. Young – 1979  
George I. Waldron – 1980

**TOWN CLERK and TREASURER**

Phyllis F. Lynbourg – 1980

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Helen A. Sims – Resigned March 14, 1978

**MODERATOR**

Russell C. Shillaber

**SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST**

Freda Q. Harding                      Myrtle Hammer                      Dorothy J. vonKlock

**HEALTH OFFICER**

Harold McDonald

**AUDITORS**

Stephen J. Seeman – 1979                      Loren Pierce – 1978

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

M. Justine Leighton – 1980                      Errol D. Clark – 1978  
Donald Poppema – 1979

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Katrina Rhodes – 1978                      Betty C. Davis – 1980  
Davis Clarke – 1979

**LIBRARIAN**

Ellen E. Stiles

**FIRE WARDEN**

Loren Pierce

## DEPUTIES

Herbert Scribner  
Harley Winkley

Georgé Thorne  
Howard Ambrose

John MacDougall  
Wilbur Rainey

## ROAD AGENT

Herbert Scribner

## CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

David S. Dupee

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

Harold McDonald

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Erlon Jacobs

William Porter

Carl Brown – Res. 12-31-77

Edgar E. Burrows, Chief

## PLANNING BOARD

Wesley Pierce – 1980

Lester E. Huckins – 1978

Paul Desmairais – 1979

David Dupee – 1978

James L. Foss – 1981

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Philip Dame – 1980

Rene A. Morin – 1982

Robert Chadbourn – 1979

John O'Brien – 1978

Verna Davis – 1981

Maurice Caswell (dec.)

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Perry – 1978

Gail Barry – 1980

JoAnn Brown – 1978

John Bozak – 1979

Spencer Smith – 1979

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Lois Fistere – 1979

Ernest B. Brown – 1980

Robert Omand – 1980

John B. Penney – 1978

Denise Thorne – 1978

**TOWN WARRANT**  
**The State of New Hampshire**

**THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at Strafford Elementary School in said Strafford on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

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

NOTE: All Articles except No. 1 will be taken up at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 14, 1978.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$8,100.00 for the operation of the Police Department.

4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,053.50 for the support of the Rural District Health Council.

5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,738.00 as a donation to the Center Barnstead Fire Department to provide Ambulance Service for the Town of Strafford (From Revenue Sharing).

6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$9,000.00 to maintain the Strafford Recycling Center.

7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$4,350.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Town Fire Department (\$2,000.00 from Revenue Sharing).

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$60,000.00 for Highways and Bridges.

9. To see if the Town will accept Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate \$927.49 to which the State of New Hampshire will contribute \$6,183.29.

10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$4,325.00 for the operation of the Strafford Library (\$1,500.00 from Revenue Sharing).
11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,400.00 for Public Welfare and Old Age Assistance.
12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$200.00 for observance of Memorial Day.
13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 as a donation to the Bow Lake Community Club to help defray the cost of the 4th of July Fireworks Display.
14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for the support of the Recreation Commission (\$1,000.00 from Revenue Sharing).
15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$200.00 for the support of the Conservation Commission.
16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the control of White Pine Blister Rust Disease.
17. Shall we adopt the new provisions of RSA 72:43-C relative to expanded exemptions on real estate for the elderly, changing the eligibility requirement that a person may own no more than \$35,000.00 in assets of any kind to a requirement that a person may own no more than \$50,000.00 in assets of any kind.
18. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, subject to gates and bars, the following named Class V and VI Highways,
  - A. The so called Wild Goose Pond Road (Leighton Rd.) from the Province Road westerly to the road leading to Wild Goose Pond.
  - B. The so called Second Crown Point Road (Barn Door Gap Road section) from property No. 1367 (Bergstrom Camp) East to property No. 651 (Varney Camp).
  - C. The so called Arron Waldron Road leading from the Province Road northeasterly to Evans Mt. Road vicinity R. Tasker property.



D. The section of the Cross Road leading from Route 126 (Scribner's Corner) northeasterly to Babbs Corner on the Second Crown Point Road from property of Dolan, to property of Morphy (Approx. 1.2 miles).

E. The Old Stevens Road located between Dynamite Corner and Merrills Corner from Dynamite Corner to the Farmington line.

19. To see if the voters will authorize the Town of Strafford to enter into an agreement with the Town of Barrington, pursuant to RSA 53:A-2 and RSA 53:A-3 to establish a water district consisting of the Towns of Strafford and Barrington for the performance of the following function: The supply of water for domestic and fire purposes.

20. That the Town of Strafford send a letter urging the General Court to pass Legislation prohibiting utilities such as Public Service Company of New Hampshire from charging the consumer higher electric rates to pay for construction work in progress (CWIP) on facilities that are not yet providing services. (By petition)

21. To accept as a public road a new street named "Terrie Court" located on the easterly side of Garland Road – Corbet Road, as shown on a Plan entitled "Subdivision of Richard Beck and Harry Brackett, Strafford, New Hampshire, surveyed by John A. Miller Jr.", which plan is recorded in the Strafford County Registry of Deeds. (By petition)

22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help establish a fund for building a public tennis court, possibly on school grounds.

23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in amounts indicated herewith or take any other action hereon:

	APPROPRIATION	AMOUNT
Ambulance	.....	\$2,738.00
Fire Department	.....	\$2,000.00
Library	.....	\$1,500.00
Recreation Commission	.....	\$1,000.00

24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500.00 as the balance of the estimated cost of the reappraisal of all property in Strafford.

25. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RAS 154:30 commonly known as the Mutual Aid Law and Raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,088.00 for the purpose of becoming a member of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association, giving the Board of Selectmen the authority to enter into a contract with the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association for a term of five years beginning April 1, 1978, which would provide a full-time communications service to the Fire Department.

26. To see if the Town will vote to rescind \$5,325.00, the unused amount authorized by Article 25 – 1976 Town Meeting.

27. To see if the Town will vote to take over the operation and ownership of the Bow Lake Volunteer Fire Department land, building, and equipment; at a purchase cost of \$3,500.00 to the town. Equipment to consist of one 1954 Ward LaFrance Fire Truck, one 1500 watt generator, two Scott air packs, three 10 foot sections of 6 inch hard suction hose, 1200 feet of 1½” hose, and 1200 feet of 2½” hose. The only stipulation being that if the property ceased to be used as a fire station it would revert back to the Bow Lake Community Club.

28. To see if the Town will vote to accept a parcel of land from Kenneth Hill to be used for a fire station. This parcel of land measures 146.3 feet frontage on 202A and is 100’ deep. This parcel includes present fire station.

29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000.00 to rebuild a Center Strafford Fire Station.

30. To see if the Town will grant 2% discount on Taxes paid within ten days of mailing of Tax Bill.
31. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
32. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy eight.

LESTER E. HUCKINS  
JOHN B. YOUNG  
GEORGE I. WALDRON  
Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

LESTER E. HUCKINS  
JOHN B. YOUNG  
GEORGE I. WALDRON  
Selectmen of Strafford

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978

## SECTION 1 — PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (1978-1979)
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,820.00	\$ 5,879.86	\$ 5,930.00
Town Officers' Expenses	6,000.00	4,611.68	6,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	800.00	383.50	800.00
Auto Permits	1,800.00	1,418.00	1,800.00
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	300.00	76.46	300.00
Employees' Retirement & S.S.	1,600.00	1,228.33	1,600.00
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</b>			
Police Department	7,000.00	7,675.64	8,100.00
Fire Department	4,200.00	5,448.09	4,350.00
Care of Trees	45.00	45.00	100.00
Insurance	1,600.00	1,071.35	1,300.00
Planning & Zoning	400.00	323.14	1,100.00
Damages & Dog Licenses	150.00	345.40	200.00
<b>Health Dept. incl. Hospital &amp; Ambulance</b>			
RDHC \$2053.50; Amb. \$2738.00	3,610.50	3,610.50	4,791.50
Vital Statistics	25.00	20.00	25.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	10,000.00	12,156.44	9,000.00
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance — Summer and Winter	32,000.00	50,489.76	45,000.00
Street Lighting	1,100.00	1,156.95	1,200.00
General Expenses of Higwy. Dept.	15,000.00	7,586.30	15,000.00
Town Road Aid	946.15	946.15	927.49
Libraries	3,400.00	3,576.66	4,325.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	1,500.00	645.14	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	1,272.86	1,400.00
Patriotic Purposes — Fireworks	250.00	96.08	300.00
Recreation	2,290.00	2,148.75	2,000.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Conservation Comm	200.00	117.00	200.00
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
<b>Principal &amp; Long Term</b>			
Notes & Bonds	7,666.00	7,666.00	7,666.00
Interest — Long Term Notes	728.00	910.43	850.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	322.00	683.23	400.00
NH Bond Debt, Retirement Tax		591.32	
Reappraisal of the town	17,500.00		17,500.00
Lakes Region Mutual Aid Fire Assoc			3,088.00
<b>Maintenance of</b>			
Bow Lake Fire Dept	800.00		
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$129,552.65</b>	<b>\$122,180.02</b>	<b>\$146,252.99</b>

**TOWN BUDGET (cont.)**  
**SECTION 2 – SOURCES OF REVENUE**

	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuang Fiscal Year 1978 (1978 - 1979)
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 11,290.00	\$ 11,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,400.00	1,498.00	1,500.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	8,100.00	8,191.00	8,200.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	13,496.51	13,497.00	12,947.56
Additional Highway Subsidy			7,379.99
Reim. a-c Bus. Profits			
Tax (Town Portion)	2,000.00	2,142.92	2,673.92
Reim. a-c Fighting Forest Fires		134.00	
Reim. a-c Old Age Assistance		675.00	
<b>From Local Sources:</b>			
Dog Licenses	500.00	500.00	500.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	900.00	900.00	900.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	20,000.00	26,765.00	26,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	2,500.00	1,737.00	2,000.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	176.00	174.00	175.00
Resident Taxes Retained	9,500.00	8,380.00	8,400.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	2,000.00	2,957.00	3,000.00
<b>From Federal Sources:</b>			
Revenue Sharing	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,692.00
<b>*Total Revenues from all Sources     except property taxes</b>	<b>72,472.51</b>	<b>82,698.00</b>	<b>91,368.47</b>
<b>*Amount to be Raised by Property     Taxes</b>		<b>46,855.00</b>	<b>54,884.52</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$129,553.00</b>	<b>\$146,252.99</b>

\*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total Appropriations Ensuang Fiscal Year gives "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes".

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION  
TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE  
TAX YEAR 1977**

**CERTIFICATE**

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

LESTER E. HUCKINS  
JOHN B. YOUNG  
GEORGE M. WALDRON  
Selectmen of Strafford

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**PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

Town officers' salaries	\$ 5,820.00
Town officers' expenses	6,000.00
Election and Registration expenses	800.00
Municipal and District court expenses	1,800.00
Town Hall and Other Bldg. Expenses	300.00
Reappraisal of property	17,500.00

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:**

Police department	7,000.00
Fire Department, inc. forest fires	4,200.00
Blister rust and care of trees	45.00
Planning and Zoning	400.00
Damages by dogs	150.00
Insurance	1,600.00
Conservation Commission	200.00
Bow Lake Fire Dept.	800.00

**HEALTH:**

Health Dept	\$1660.50	
Ambulance	<u>\$1950.00</u>	3,610.50
Vital Statistics		25.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal		10,000.00

## PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS (cont.)

### HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:

Town road aid	946.15
Town Maintenance	32,000.00
Street Lighting	1,100.00
General expenses of highway dept.	15,000.00

### LIBRARIES:

Library	\$ 3,400.00
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### PUBLIC WELFARE:

Town poor	1,500.00
Old age assistance	2,500.00

### PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:

Memorial Day- Old home day	150.00
4th of July — Fireworks	100.00

### RECREATION:

Parks & Playground, inc. band concerts	2,290.00
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### UNCLASSIFIED:

Employees' retirement and Soc. Security	1,600.00
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### DEBT SERVICE:

Principal-long term notes & bonds	7,666.00
Interest-long term notes & bonds	728.00
Interest on temporary loans	322.00

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<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$129,552.65</b>
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## SOURCES OF REVENUE

### FROM LOCAL TAXES:

Resident Taxes	\$ 8,380.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	174.00
Yield Taxes	2,957.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	640.00
Resident Tax Penalties	200.00

### FROM STATE:

Meals and Rooms Tax	8,191.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	11,290.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,498.00
Highway Subsidy	13,497.00
Reimb. a/c Fighting Forest Fires	134.00
Reimb. a/c Old Age Assistance	675.00

### FROM LOCAL SOURCES, EXCEPT TAXES

Dog Licenses	500.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	900.00
Interest Received on Deposits	897.00
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	26,765.00

### RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:

Revenue Sharing Funds	6,000.00
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TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$ 82,698.00
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Total Town Appropriations	\$129,553.00
Total Revenues and Credits	82,698.00
Net Town Appropriations	46,855.00
Net School Appropriations	299,167.00
County Tax Assessments	69,405.00
Total of Town, School & County	415,427.00
DEDUCT Total Business Profits Tax Reimb.	— 2,141.00
ADD War Service Credits	+ 6,750.00
ADD Overlay	+ 5,667.00
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$425,703.00



**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION  
TAX YEAR 1977**

Land		\$2,493,150.00
Buildings		6,325,090.00
Public Service Co. of NH		839,300.00
House trailers, mobile homes & Travel Trailers		
Assessed as Personal Property	39	37,127.00
Boats & Launches	73	32,475.00
		<u>                    </u>
<b>TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED</b>		<b>\$9,727,142.00</b>
Elderly Exemptions	33	\$ 96,000.00
School Dining Room, Dorm. and Kitchen Exemptions		150,000.00
		<u>                    </u>
<b>TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED</b>		<b>246,000.00</b>
		<u>                    </u>
<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED</b>		<b>\$9,481,142.00</b>

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Number of Inventories Distributed in 1977	1200
Date 1977 Inventories were Mailed	3/24/77
Number of Inventories Returned in 1977	554
Number of Individuals Applying for Elderly Exemption in 1977	14 at 5,000 13 at 10,000 6 at 20,000
Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption in 1977	14 at 5,000 13 at 10,000 6 at 20,000
Number of Property Owners who were granted Current Use Exemption in 1977 and total number of acres exempted:	
a/c Farm Land	2 Owners — 60.9 Acres

**WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS      ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS**

	Number	Exempt
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	1	\$ 700.00
All other qualified persons	121	6,050.00
		<u>                    </u>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>
<b>RESIDENT TAXES</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>\$8,380.00</b>

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977**

**CERTIFICATE**

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

LEON HUCKINS  
JOHN YOUNG  
GEORGE WALDRON, Selectmen

**ASSETS**

Cash:

In hands of treasurer	\$211,884.44	
TOTAL		\$211,884.44

Bonds or Long Term Notes		5,325.00
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Capital Reserve Funds:

Surplus Funds	10.22	
State purpose of fund — Tax Map	2,664.76	
Recreation Comm.	3,738.84	
Revenue Sharing	<u>1,432.51</u>	
TOTAL		7,846.33

Accounts Due to the Town:

Due from State: Bal. 1977 TRA Acct.	<u>1,049.87</u>	
TOTAL		1,049.87

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1976	2,336.79	
Levy of 1975	<u>392.75</u>	
TOTAL		2,729.54

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1977 including resident taxes	53,076.93	
Levy of 1976	<u>53.79</u>	
TOTAL		<u>53,130.72</u>

TOTAL ASSETS		\$281,965.90
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GRAND TOTAL		\$281,965.90
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Current Surplus, December 31, 1976	16,080.86	
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Current Surplus, December 31, 1977	18,418.79	
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Increase of Surplus — Change in Fin. Condition \$	2,337.93	
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# FINANCIAL REPORT (cont.)

## LIABILITIES

### Accounts Owed by the Town:

Unexpended Balances of Bond & Note Funds	\$ 5,325.00
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	1,432.51
Yield Tax Deposits	3,929.80
School District Tax Payable	218,167.00

### Other Liabilities

Water St. App.	1,500.00
Town Tax Map	8,239.33
Property Reappraisal	17,500.00

Total Accounts Owed by the Town \$256,093.64

### State and Town Joint Hgwy. Const. Acct.:

Unexpended balance,	
Bal. 1977 TRA Acct	1,049.87

TOTAL 1,049.87

Capital Reserve Funds 6,403.60

Total Liabilities \$263,547.11

Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities) 18,418.79

GRAND TOTAL \$281,965.90

**UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION  
RECEIPTS**

Current Revenue:	
From Local Taxes:	
Property Taxes — Current Year, 1977	\$361,930.65
Resident Taxes	7,970.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	176.12
Yield Taxes	<u>2,869.53</u>
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted	\$372,946.30
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes, Previous years	24,662.32
Resident Taxes — Previous years	800.00
Abatements	1,174.78
Interest received on delinquent taxes	878.01
Penalties: Resident Taxes — State Head Taxes	126.00
Tax sales redeemed	15,217.60
From State:	
Highway Subsidy	13,496.51
Interest and dividends tax	11,290.15
Savings Bank Tax	1,497.64
Fighting forest fires	259.62
Reimb. a-c Old Age Assistance	674.50
Meals and Rooms tax	8,191.49
Reimb. a-c Business Profits Tax	2,142.92
From Local Sources, Except Taxes	
Dog Licenses	616.30
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	44.00
Building permits	1,462.00
Recreation Comm. Swim Program	283.00
Interest received on deposits	2,210.88
Income from trust funds	245.96
Income from departments	362.56
History Books	105.00
Motor vehicle permits	<u>26,956.50</u>
Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$485,644.04
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	47,000.00
Proceeds of 1976 Rev. Sharing Funds	6,300.00
Proceeds of Invested Funds	140,000.00
Refunds	958.47
Sale of town property	2,162.00
Yield Tax Security Deposits	3,929.80
Grants from USA	
Revenue Sharing	6,000.00
Tax Sale	<u>11,490.03</u>
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	<u>217,840.30</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	703,484.34
Cash on hand January 1, 1977	<u>25,869.76</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$729,354.10</u>

## UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION PAYMENTS

### General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 5,879.86
Town officers' expenses	4,611.68
Election and registration expenses	383.50
Auto Permits	1,438.00
Expenses town hall & other bldgs.	76.46

### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	7,675.64
Fire Department: Town \$4,648.09	
Bow Lake \$ 800.00	5,448.09
Moth extermination -- Blister Rust & care of trees	45.00
Planning and Zoning	323.14
Damage by dogs	345.40
Insurance	1,071.35
Conservation Commission	117.00

### Health:

Health department, including	
hospitals & ambulance: \$1,660.50; \$1,950.00	3,610.50
Town dump and garbage removal	12,156.44

### Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	946.15
Town Maintenance Summer \$24,435.81	
Winter \$26,053.95	50,489.76
Street Lighting	1,156.95
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	7,586.30

### Libraries:

Libraries	3,576.66
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### Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	1,272.86
Town poor	645.14

### Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc. & Old Home Day	196.08
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### Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds, incl. band concerts	2,148.75
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### Unclassified:

Yield Tax	1,679.91
Taxes bought by town	11,312.04
Discounts, Abatements and refunds	1,204.78
Employees Retirement & Soc. Security	1,228.33

**TOTAL CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

126,625.77

**UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION (cont.)  
PAYMENTS**

Debt Service:		
Paid on tax anticipation notes	683.33	
Paid on long term notes	910.43	
TOTAL INTEREST PAYMENTS		1,593.76
Principal of Debt:		
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	47,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	7,666.00	
TOTAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS		54,666.00
Capital Outlay:		
Tax Maps	852.39	
TOTAL OUTLAY PAYMENTS		852.39
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	591.32	
Taxes paid to County	69,404.68	
Payments to School Districts		
1976 Tax \$182,735.84;		
1977 Tax \$81,000.00	263,735.84	
TOTAL PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOV. DIVISIONS		333,731.84
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES		517,469.66
Cash on hand December 31, 1977		211,884.44
GRAND TOTAL		\$729,354.10

## SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

As of December 31, 1977

### Long Term Notes Outstanding:

May 3, 1976 — Note 2

due May 3, 1978; Fire Truck \$ 7,666.00

May 3, 1976 — Note 3

due May 3, 1979 — Fire Truck 7,668.00

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Total long term notes outstanding \$ 15,334.00

Total Long Term Indebtedness

December 31, 1977 \$ 15,334.00

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## RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Long Term Debt — Dec. 31, 1976 \$ 15,334.00

Total \$ 15,334.00

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**  
**As of December 31, 1977**

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 20,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	3,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	6,000.00
Equipment	50,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	1,500.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	37,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	670,703.00
Equipment	25,000.00
All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds: 3 acres — Town Dump	300.00
½ Acre — Jose Celdron Lot & Bldg.	1,000.00
All other Property and equipment:	
5 Dumpsters	2,700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$822,703.00</b>



**DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS  
TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES**

Lester Huckins	\$1,200.00
John Young	811.00
George Waldron	1,000.00
Alan Corindia	189.00
Phyllis Lynbourn	1,400.00
Helen Sims	1,100.00
Loren Pierce	60.00
Roger Leighton	60.00
Donald Poppema	60.00

**TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES**

New England Telephone	\$ 436.01
George Waldron	261.30
Lester Huckins	3.87
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc.	10.00
Foss & Came Agency	300.10
Studley Florists	22.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	47.75
William Lynbourn	237.35
N.H. Assoc. of Assessing Officials	10.00
Ridings Press	1,062.14
Phyllis Lynbourn	157.55
Laura D. Carey	88.00
Fosters Daily Democrat	71.10
Dorothy VonKlock	837.00
Helen Sims	111.00
P.D.Q. Instant Printing	22.80
Meaders	7.95
N.H. Assoc. of City & Town Clerks	20.00
Treasurer — State of NH	43.50
N.H. Municipal Assoc.	224.48
George Thorne	198.15
Multigraphics	18.43
Cindy Cushing	21.00
Ellen J. White	7.50
US Postal Service	143.00
Cooper, Hall & Walker	105.00
Inst. of Rational Design	5.00
Thomas L. Davis	139.70
TOTAL	\$ 4,611.68

## OTHER PAYMENTS

Phyllis F. Lynbourg — Auto Permits	\$ 1,418.00
Town Office — Telephone	62.96
Police	7,675.64
Fire (incl. forest fire)	3,505.60
Planning & Zoning	323.14
Insurance	1,071.35
CTR, Barnstead Ambulance Service	1,950.00
Vital Statistics	20.00
Rural District Health Council	1,660.50
Town Dump	12,156.44
Highways:	
Summer	24,435.81
Winter	26,053.95
General	7,586.30
TRA	946.15
Street Light	1,156.95
Libraries	3,576.66
Old Age Assistance	1,272.86
Town Poor	645.14
Memorial Day & 4th of July	196.08
Town Map	852.39
Recreation Commission	2,148.75
Expense of Dog Permits & Damage	345.40
Yield Tax Deposit	1,679.91
Taxes Bought by Town	11,312.04
Abatements	1,204.78
Social Security	1,228.33
Interest on Fire Truck Note	364.18
Bond Debt Tax	591.32
Temporary Loans Interest	683.23
Revenue Sharing to Savings Acct.	6,168.00
Conservation Commission	117.00
County Tax	69,404.68
Strafford School Tax	263,735.84

## HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Total Payments	\$ 58,076.06
1977 Appropriation	47,000.00
Over Expended	11,076.06

## STATE HIGHWAY SUBSIDY

1977 Highway Expenditures	\$ 58,076.06
Less Highway Subsidy Grant	<u>13,497.00</u>
Highway Money Raised by Property Tax	\$ 44,579.06

### REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Balance December 31, 1976	\$ 1,058.23
Payments Received from U.S. Treas.	6,168.00
Interest During 1976	<u>206.28</u>
	\$ 7,432.51
Less 1977 Appropriations for ambulance, roads, library and public welfare	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1977	\$ 1,432.51

### 1976 – 1977 SCHOOL ACCOUNT

School Appropriation	\$299,167.00
Payments to December 31, 1977	<u>81,000.00</u>
Balance due School District	\$218,167.00

### TOWN DUMP

Solid Waste Equip. Co., Dumpsters	\$ 2,585.00
Sears, Fence	140.15
Recycling Enterprise, Posters	30.00
Merrimac Farmers, Gates	366.00
Treas. NH, Signs	19.50
Brown & Bigelow, Decals	225.00
Eleanor Byrne, Paint	20.20
Walter Kellett	927.00
James M. Waldron	259.00
George I. Waldron	32.89
Peter Laurentz	702.00
Lester Huckins	67.20
Edgar Burrows	54.00
Rene Lavoie	113.50
Irving Bickford	906.00
Bradford Sargent	1,523.00
Herbert Scribner	<u>4,186.00</u>
Total	\$ 12,156.44
1977 Appropriation	<u>10,000.00</u>
Over Expended	\$ 2,156.44

**STRAFFORD TRA**  
**1977 - 1978**

**MONEY AVAILABLE**

Carried forward from last year	\$ 2,378.14
Town share 1977-78 appropriation	946.15
State share 1977-78 appropriation	6,307.69
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TOTAL	\$ 9,631.98

**MONEY SPENT**

Payroll — equipment w/e 8-13-77	\$ 1,216.00
Payroll — labor w/e 8-13-77	100.56
Payroll — equipment w/e 8-20-77	3,229.00
Warren Bros. — Hottop	2,758.09
Lester Huckins — gravel	384.00
Payroll — equipment w/e 10-1-77	223.60
Payroll — equipment w/e 10-1-77	333.60
Payroll — labor w/e 10-1-77	127.26
Triangle Atlantic — screened gravel	210.00
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TOTAL	\$ 8,582.11
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT	\$ 1,049.87

**TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1977**

**RECEIPTS**

Balance, January 1, 1977	\$ 25,869.76	
Receipts, 1977	703,484.34	
		\$729,354.10

**EXPENDITURES**

Expenditures, 1977	\$517,469.66	
Balance checking acct., Dec. 31, 1977	111,884.44	
First National Bank Rochester Certificate	100,000.00	
		\$729,354.10

Rochester Savings Bank and Trust Co.

Bank Book No. 105518

(Surplus Funds Acct.)

Balance, January 1, 1977	\$ 90,000.00	
Interest, 1977	+ 1,324.22	
Withdrawal, 1977	- 91,314.00	

Balance \$ 10.22

Bank Book No. N596

(Highway Acct. for Tax Map)

Balance, January 1, 1977	\$ 2,526.67	
Interest, 1977	+ 138.09	

Balance \$ 2,664.76

Bank Book No. 102462

(Recreation Commission)

Balance, January 1, 1977	\$ 3,545.05	
Interest, 1977	+ 193.79	

Balance \$ 3,738.84

Bank Book No. 97-781

(Revenue Sharing Acct.)

Balance, January 1, 1977	\$ 7,358.23	
Interest, 1977	+ 206.28	
Deposited, 1977	+ 6,168.00	
Withdrawal, 1977	- 12,300.00	

Balance \$ 1,432.51

Owed by the Town of Strafford to the First National Bank of Rochester

Notes to finance the New Fire Truck

May 3, 1976 — 2nd Note — \$7,666.00	due 1978
May 3, 1976 — 3rd Note — \$7,668.00	due 1979

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG  
Town Treasurer

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1977**

**RECEIPTS:**

1977 Motor Vehicle Permits

1530 Permits Issued	\$26,956.50
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1977 Dog Licenses

233 Licenses Issued	606.30
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1977 Filing Fees

8.00
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\$27,570.80

**REMITTANCE TO TOWN TREASURER:**

Motor Vehicle Permits

\$26,956.50
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Dog Licenses

606.30
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Filing Fees

8.00
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\$27,570.80

**PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG**

Town Clerk

## TOWN MEETING – MARCH 8, 1977

At the legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, the following action was taken on the Town Warrant on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1977.

The meeting at the Strafford Elementary School in Strafford was called to order by the Moderator, C. Russell Shillaber, at 10:00 a.m. The Polls were declared open for voting on Article I from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All other Articles to be voted at 8:00 p.m.

1. The following officers were declared elected and administered the oath of office before the Moderator, C. Russell Shillaber

Number of eligible voters on checklist:	807
Number of votes cast:	305
Selectman for 3 years	George I. Waldron — 233
Selectman for 2 years	John B. Young — 234
Town Clerk for 3 years	Phyllis F. Lynbourn — 303
Town Treasurer for 3 years	Phyllis F. Lynbourn — 302
Tax Collector for 3 years	Helen A. Sims — 297
Auditor for 2 years	Stephen J. Seeman — 253
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years (write in)	M. Justine Leighton — 8
Library Trustee for 3 years	Betty C. Davis — 277
Library Trustee for 1 year	Katrina Rhodes — 271
Road Agent for 1 year	Herbert H. Scribner — 272

The following candidates were not elected:

Selectman for 3 years	G. Frederic Wagner — 60
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The moderator declared all articles to be properly before the meeting and seconded, except where otherwise specifically proceeded.

2. Motion by Lester Huckins for Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,311.00 to defray town charges for the ensuing year. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

At this time Justine Leighton gave a report on The Bi Centennial Year (1976).

There were several individual celebrations throughout the town in the various organizations, but the events that the "Town" participated in were the "Picnic", "Flag Waiving" and the "Ball", The Town was designated a Bi Centennial Town and received its flag and certificate. The Picnic had a little money left over and this helped during the Flag Waiving. Among the items purchased — the Town now has a pole and standard for its Bi Centennial Flag — a standard for its beautiful Town Flag and a Bunker Hill Flag, pole and standard. The music of Flag Waiving will be divided between Strafford and Barrington and filed in the Library for public use. There will also be a cassette tape of the Rochester, Strafford and Barrington performance filed with the music.

Susan Gosselin gave a report on the Town Picnic and the scrapbook that she has made of the Bi Centennial Year. The scrapbook will be placed in the Hill Library.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Justine Leighton, chairman of the Bi Centennial Committee, and to Susan Gosselin, chairman of the Town Picnic, and to all the many people who participated in the various events of the celebration.

3. Motion by Lester Huckins the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the operation of the Police Department. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

4. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Town Fire Department. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

5. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for maintenance of the Bow Lake Fire Department. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

6. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,660.50 for support of the Rural District Health Council. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

7. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,950.00 as a donation to the Center Barnstead Fire Department to provide Ambulance Service for the Town of Strafford (\$1,950.00 from Revenue Sharing). Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

8. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to maintain the Strafford Recycling Center, and to support recycling procedures as follows:

1. Home Separation of:

a. Clear Glass

b. colored glass

c. metal cans

d. newsprint and corrugated paper

2. Sanitary landfill of other household wastes.

3. Collection of heavy metals.

4. Collection and burning of wooden materials, and to require the Selectmen to make such supplemental resolutions as necessary to operate the Recycling Center.

Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

The Dump Committee was asked to remain active. The committee includes Mark Thompson, Jerry Howe, Harold Burgess and John Bozak.

9. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,000.00 for Highways and Bridges (\$2,050.00 from Revenue Sharing). Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

10. Motion the Town accept Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of \$946.15 to which the State of New Hampshire will contribute \$6,207.69. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

11. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,400.00 for the operation of the Strafford Library. (\$1,000.00 from Revenue Sharing). Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

12. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for Public Welfare and Old Age Assistance. (\$1,000.00 from Revenue Sharing). Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

13. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for observance of Memorial Day. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

14. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 as a donation to the Bow Lake Community Club to help defray the cost of the 4th of July Fireworks Display. Seconded.

Amendment by Richard Brown — to increase the appropriation to

\$450.00. Seconded. Vote in the negative. Vote to the main motion in the affirmative.



15. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,290.00 for the support of the Recreation Commission. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.
16. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the support of the Conservation Commission. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.
17. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$45.00 for the control of White Pine Blister Rust Disease. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.
18. Motion the Town vote to appropriate and authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in amounts indicated herewith or take any other action hereon: Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Appropriation	Amount
Ambulance	\$1,950.00
Highways	2,050.00
Library	1,000.00
Town Poor and Old Age Assistance	1,000.00
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	\$6,000.00

19. Motion the Town accept approximately 1350 feet of the Whig Hill Road starting at Aspen Drive, ending at Critchett's Corner. This road was reconstructed to Town specifications in 1976 (open Town Road now ends at Aspen Drive). Seconded.

Don Black — move the question. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.  
Vote on motion in the affirmative.

20. Motion the Town accept the section of road known as "Hickory Way" approximately 475 feet in Whig Hill Development. This road is constructed to Town specifications (except asphalt surface, which shall be completed by David R. Witcher, Builder, Inc. August 1, 1977). Seconded.

Richard Brown — move the question. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Motion — Standing vote: yes — 65; no — 52. Vote in the affirmative.

21. Motion the Town vote to establish the following building regulation pursuant to RSA 156 as follows:

a. That the (Building Inspector or Board of Selectmen) shall review subdivision proposals and other proposed new developments to assure that (i) all such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage, (ii) all public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems are located, elevated, and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage, and (iii) adequate drainage is provided so as to reduce exposure to flood hazards: and

b. That the (Building Inspector or Board of Selectmen) shall require new or replacement water supply systems and/or sanitary sewage systems to be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters, and require on-site waste disposal systems to be located so as to avoid impairment of them or contamination from them during flooding.

Seconded.

Gerald Howe — move the question. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Vote on motion in the affirmative.

22. Motion the Town vote to have all property in the Town reappraised at 100% of market value at an estimated cost of \$35,000.00, \$17,500.00 to be raised in 1977 and the balance in 1978. Seconded.

Amendment by Paul Desmairais — add to motion — The Selectmen are directed to advertise for bids and to select that bid which the Selectmen in their discretion deem to be in the best interest of the Town. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Albert Leighton — move the question. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Motion with amendment — Standing vote. Vote in the affirmative.

23. Motion by Loren Pierce the Town vote to adopt RSA 154:24 which authorizes fire fighting aid to other towns. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

24. Motion by Loren Pierce the Town authorize the appointment of a committee, by the moderator, to study the needs of a new fire station at the Center of Town and report back to Town Meeting of March 1978. This committee to be comprised of seven people. Two firemen, two selectmen and three townspeople. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

25. Motion the Town will grant 2% discount on Taxes paid within ten days of mailing of Tax Bill. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

26. Motion the Town authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

27. A report was given by Raymond Richardson on what some other New Hampshire towns are doing about curbing, directing and restricting growth in their Towns.

Motion by Gerald Howe — Recommend the Planning Board commence work on a Master Plan for the Town and make a report of its progress at the next Town Meeting.

Amendment by Don Black — change word recommend to direct. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative. Motion and amendment voted in the affirmative.

Nellie Paine asked if an article on absentee voting could be in the warrant next year.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

A True Record, Attest:

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG  
Town Clerk

A True Copy of Record, Attest:

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG  
Town Clerk

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS  
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1977**

— DR —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$419,630.21	
Resident Taxes	8,380.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	176.12	
Total Warrants		\$428,186.33
<u>Yield Taxes</u>		3,206.97
<u>Added Taxes:</u>		
Resident Taxes	920.00	
		920.00
<u>Overpayments During Year:</u>		
a/c Property Taxes	2.16	
		2.16
<u>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes</u>		45.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b><u><u>\$432,360.46</u></u></b>

— CR —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$361,930.65	
Resident Taxes	7,970.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	176.12	
Yield Taxes	2,869.53	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	45.00	
		\$372,991.30
<u>Discounts Allowed</u>		5,711.92
<u>Abatements Made During Year:</u>		
Property Taxes	270.31	
Resident Taxes	310.00	
		580.31
<u>Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1977:</u>		
(As per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	51,719.49	
Resident Taxes	1,020.00	
Yield Taxes	337.44	
		53,076.93
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b><u><u>\$432,360.46</u></u></b>

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS  
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1976  
— DR —**

Uncollected Taxes — As of January 1, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$ 35,647.29	
Resident Taxes	1,030.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>.09</u>	
		\$ 36,677.38

Added Taxes:

Yield Taxes	36.60	
Resident Taxes	<u>140.00</u>	
		176.60

Overpayments:

a/c Property Taxes	<u>8.71</u>	
		8.71

<u>Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes</u>		1,612.97
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<u>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes</u>		<u>79.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$ 38,554.66</u>
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— CR —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Ended December 31, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$ 24,625.63	
Resident Taxes	800.00	
Yield Taxes	36.69	
Interest Collected During Year	875.05	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	79.00	
Property Taxes Sold to Town	11,312.04	
Property Taxes Sold to Private Part.	<u>177.99</u>	
		37,906.40

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	224.47	
Resident Taxes	<u>370.00</u>	
		594.47

Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1977:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	<u>53.79</u>	
		<u>53.79</u>

TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$ 38,554.66</u>
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SUMMARY OF WARRANTS  
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1975

-- DR --

<u>Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes</u>	\$2.96	
<u>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes</u>	2.00	
		<u>\$4.96</u>

TOTAL DEBITS

-- CR --

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Ended December 31, 1977:

Interest Collected During Year	\$2.96
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>2.00</u>

\$4.96

TOTAL CREDITS

\$4.96

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977**

— DR —

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of		
	1976	1975	1974
(a) Balance of Unredeemed			
Taxes — January 1, 1977		\$4710.69	\$518.59
(b) Taxes Sold to Private Indiv	\$ 177.99		
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During			
Current Fiscal Year	11,312.04		
<u>Interest Collected After Sale</u>	344.76	573.91	135.67
<u>Redemption Costs</u>	99.22	60.02	14.25
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$11,934.01</b>	<b>\$5,344.62</b>	<b>\$668.51</b>

— CR —

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:

Redemptions	\$ 9,153.24	\$4,317.94	\$518.59
Interest & Costs After Sale	443.98	633.93	149.92
<u>Unredeemed Taxes, Dec. 31, 1977</u>	<u>2,336.79</u>	<u>392.75</u>	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$11,934.01</b>	<b>\$5,344.62</b>	<b>\$668.51</b>

(a) “Balance of Unredeemed Taxes — January 1, 1977:”

Should include balances of Unredeemed Taxes, as of beginning of fiscal year January 1, 1977 from Tax Sales of Previous Years.

(b) “Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year:”

Tax Sales held during fiscal year ending December 31, 1977 should include total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale.

NOTE: TOTAL DEBITS AND TOTAL CREDITS should agree.

**UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES  
DECEMBER 31, 1977**

	Levies of	
	1976	1975
Allard, Doris	\$ 351.57	
Brown, Shephard	84.75	
Cummings, Phyllis	423.97	392.75
Foss, Harold	161.64	
Garneau, Penny & Dara	164.89	
Inland Acres Assoc.	277.36	
Jewell, Robert & Gloria	105.24	
Richard, Norman	294.74	
LeBrun, Robert	48.40	
Morrisette, Paul & Virginia	48.40	
Kenney, George	48.40	
Harris, Stephen	32.79	
Smith, Lawrence	294.64	
	\$2,336.79	\$392.65
<b>Total Unredeemed Taxes</b>	<b>\$2,336.79</b>	<b>\$392.65</b>

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of 31 December 1977, on account of the tax levy of 1976 and 1975, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**HELEN A. SIMS**  
Tax Collector

## REPORT OF THE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

As a result of a vote at the 1977 Town Meeting, it was voted to have the town study the possibility of a Master Plan for the Town. A series of public meetings were held in the fall and a committee of interested citizens was appointed by the Planning Board to develop a Master Plan. Jack Penney was appointed Chairman assisted by Mark Thompson.

The initial step has been to conduct an inventory of resources in the town. John Bozak was appointed to chair the Natural Resources Inventory Committee; Charles Matteson heads up the Community Resources Inventory Committee, and Jack Cresmer is at the helm of the Human Resources Inventory Committee.

These various committees, consisting of almost 50 interested citizens are hard at work at their various assigned tasks. Our goal is to finish the inventories and related mapping by April. We will then conduct a series of educational meetings designed to acquaint committee members with the various methods of growth control. Alternatives will be selected and evaluated and our suggestions towards a Master Plan and rules on Zoning changes will be presented at hearings for a vote at the General Election in November.

Any citizen interested in participating in this effort is urged to contact one of the Chairmen.

JOHN B. PENNEY  
MARK C. THOMPSON



**TOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STRAFFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The Conservation Commission, with the Strafford Women's Club, co-sponsored Miss Carole St.Clair for a week at Spruce Pond Conservation Camp. This is a conservation education program under the direction of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests at Bear Brook State Park.

The Strafford Town Forest continues to be used by young and old alike. An upgrading of the nature trail system is being planned for this coming season.

Dredge and Fill Permits continue to be reviewed as they are filed with the Town. No unusual dredge or fill activities took place this year.

A number of present and past members of the Commission are deeply involved in the Town Plan process, especially in the subcommittee for Natural Resource Inventory. The past experiences and knowledge of these members should greatly assist the mapping and inventory process.

Robert J. Perry has been appointed to a term on the Conservation Commission. He succeeds Gerald Howe whose past service with the Commission is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL BERRY  
JOANN BROWN  
JOHN BOZAK, Secretary  
SPENCER SMITH, Chairman

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The library was fortunate to obtain Ellen Stiles as the new librarian. Theresa Sammis resigned in August after doing an excellent job. The Trustees have revised some policies and copies of these revisions are at the library.

Nelson McLean and the Delmar Goodwins each gave \$100. for a book drop which was installed by Davis Clarke.

Volunteers interested in the library have given their time so that the library is now open 15 instead of 12 hours weekly.

The photo exhibit by Robert Huckins and Barry Nation was very well received. It is hoped other exhibits will be shown making the library a center of town interest.

Our very active Strafford Library Association is responsible for new shelves which were installed by George R. Foss.

We commend the new librarian for her efficiency and organization.

DAVIS CLARKE  
KATRINA RHODES  
BETTY DAVIS

### PROPOSED LIBRARY BUDGET – 1978

Books		\$ 600.00
Insurance	(2 years)	140.00
Librarian		2,350.00
Heat and Lights		700.00
Custodian		300.00
Phone		150.00
Supplies		50.00
Miscellaneous		35.00
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		\$4,325.00

## LIBRARY REPORT

Library Hours — Hill Library

Tuesday 12:00 — 9:00 P.M.      Saturday 12:00 — 6:00 P.M.

(Subject to change)

Telephone: 664-2800

Books owned by library, January 1, 1977	3740
Books Donated (Paperbacks 124)	333
Books Purchased	177
Books Discarded	0
Books Lost	16
Books Owned January 1, 1978	4234
Encyclopedias Donated — Three sets	
1. Time — Life Library of Art, 25 Volumes	
2. Medical and Health encyclopedia, 14 Volumes	
3. Collier's Encyclopedia and Year Books, 32 volumes	
Books Circulated 1977	6623
Books Circulated Grades 1, 2, 3, 4	1636
Books Borrowed from Bookmobile, 2 Visits	731
Book Requests Filled through State Library	20
Magazine Subscriptions Donated	4
Statewide Library Cards Issued	49
One Year's Subscription to Consumer Reports	

In addition to books and magazines Hill Library offers Jigsaw puzzles, records and patterns. It also has on display an album of old photographs of people and buildings in Strafford's past. Any of the historical collection of books, maps and other items collected by the historical committee of the Strafford Library Association may be viewed upon request of the Librarian.

Hill Library may issue a New Hampshire Statewide Library Card to any borrower in good standing for three months. This card is good for one year and may be used at any library participating in the program.

We have something of interest for everyone. Do come in and get acquainted and browse around. You really might need us someday.

ELLEN E. STILES  
Librarian

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Balance as of January 1, 1977	\$ 55.56
Received in 1977:	
Interest	40.12
Warren Dow Foss Fund	185.96
From Town	3,400.00
TOTAL	<u>3,626.08</u>

### EXPENDITURES:

Librarians	\$1,755.00	
Custodian	300.00	
Heat & Lights	607.01	
Phone	146.19	
Supplies	22.97	
New Books	690.69	
Miscellaneous	54.80	
TOTAL		<u>\$3,576.66</u>
Balance December 31, 1977		\$ 49.42

### WARREN DOW FOSS FUND

Balance January 1, 1977		\$3,049.00
Interest — Jan. — Oct.		136.96
		<u>\$3,185.96</u>
\$3,000.00 Certificate of Deposit		
Remainder to library account	\$ 185.96	
		<u>\$3,000.00</u>

Interest on certificate to be deposited into regular library account.

## STRAFFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REPORT

The S.L.A. continues to serve the public via the library with an open membership of 43. Many new books have been purchased and a number of others donated, so new shelves have been added. The bookmobile comes 4 times a year bringing new and favorite books to our readers. A volunteer program has been set up, allowing the library to be open more hours and the outside book drop is also a welcomed addition. Betty Stiles was selected as our new librarian upon the resignation of Teresa Sammis last summer and our best wishes go to both of them in their new jobs.

The Jane Huckins Fund sponsored 36 excellent programs this year which were varied to interest all age groups. The Summer Reading Program was also a popular feature with the younger people and our appreciation is extended to all who used their time and talents to make it a success.

The Lena Leighton Fund was established 2 years ago from donations made to the library in her memory. The interest from this fund has been designated by her family for the purchase of books of historical or local significance and a number have already been acquired through this fund. An interesting Town of Strafford Historical Album has been compiled by the historical committee and is on display at the library. If anyone has any more items to donate or loan for copying, they will be greatly appreciated.

A number of money donations have been received in response to our semi-annual newsletter. The S.L.A. has also had some fund-raising activities to give the Association the means to better serve the public and any further donations will be gratefully accepted.

SHEILA RAINEY, Secretary  
Strafford Library Association

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD ON DECEMBER 31, 1977

PRINCIPAL

INCOME

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Income Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
6-6-25	Babb, John	Perpetual care	142306 NH Savings Bank	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 8.15		\$ 74.94
	Brown, Albert								
12-31-72	(Caveno, John)		191837	50.00		50.00	3.36		14.77
12-31-72	Brown, Albert								
12-31-72	(Crittchitt, Luther)		191836	50.00		50.00	3.36		14.77
12-10-37	Caswell, Dearborn		142316	200.00		200.00	23.68		284.19
4-21-27	Caverly, Abbie		142310	100.00		100.00	14.62		181.97
6-3-72	Caverly, Rev. John		188939	465.00		465.00	28.97		73.69
4-2-27	Clark, John D.		142312	100.00		100.00	21.51		310.76
9-3-71	Cooper, Lillian Foss		185292	200.00		200.00	14.39		72.49
9-2-33	Foss, Herbert		142314	200.00		200.00	14.16		102.76
9-10-30	Foss, Robert L.		142313	100.00		100.00	10.31		99.19
6-2-26	Garfield Eliza		142308	150.00		150.00	15.50		156.48
3-5-50	Ham, Llewlyn		134128	200.00		200.00	18.94		175.43
9-6-50	Hartwell, Elizabeth		134127	200.00		200.00	8.46		64.98
10-2-21	Hawkins, Betsy		142302	100.00		100.00	6.39		18.18
6-6-25	Hayes, Paul		142305	50.00		50.00	4.72		41.23
8-4-34	Holmes, Ella		142315	100.00		100.00	6.00		45.60
12-23-58	Jenness, John		146735	200.00		200.00	26.00		197.81
1-13-21	Jenness, Samuel		142303	200.00		200.00			
1-13-21	Jenness, Samuel		142303	200.00		200.00			
12-25-58	Jenness, Samuel		142303	200.00		200.00			
4-12-27	Jewell, John W.		142311	100.00		100.00			
8-11-57	Leighton & Winkley		148211	250.00		250.00			
6-3-21	Perkins, Nancy		142301	100.00		100.00			
9-9-57	Perkins, Paul		143751	175.00		175.00			
11-7-22	Seaway, Abbie		143304	100.00		100.00			
4-2-27	Smith, D. W.		142309	100.00		100.00			
8-12-44	Stanton, Fred		142318	200.00		200.00			
	Swain Annie,								
9-5-72	Gray, Bessie		190602	200.00		200.00			
1917	Wain, Mary J.		142299	400.00		400.00			
10-22-50	Waldron, John		138047	100.00		100.00			
5-11-55	Waldron & Caswell		139099	100.00		100.00			
12-10-37	Walker, James		142317	100.00		100.00			
6-2-26	Waterhouse, Ella		142307	200.00		200.00			
3-10-66	Webster & Tuttle		167082	375.00		375.00			
6-3-19	Welsh, Betsy		142300	200.00		200.00			
1899	Young, Lavina H.		142298	1,000.00		1,000.00			
10-28-77	Warren Dow Foss	Library Book Fund, Roch. Sav. Bank		0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00			0.00
		cert. No. 8680							
				\$6,565.00	\$3,000.00	\$9,565.00	\$ 615.65	\$ 57.60	\$4,247.33

TOTALS

CERTIFICATE: This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. 2-10-78

DONALD POPPEMA, Treasurer

**TOTAL OF CALLS ANSWERED  
FOR THE YEAR – JANUARY 1, 1977 to DECEMBER 31, 1977**

Community Services:	
Messages Delivered	2
Try and Locate	10
Motor Vehicles:	
Accidents Investigated	18
Stolen Vehicles Reported	4
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	5
Abandoned Vehicles	2
Warnings and Check ups	5
Complaints Answered:	
Malicious Damage	4
Breaking and entering	23
Dog Complaints	9
Animals at large	1
Miscellaneous	60
Buildings unlocked	3
House Checks in	3
Deer hit by cars	1
Assisted Ambulance	8
People Transported	10
Assisting other departments:	
Investigations	9
People Transported	5
Serving Summons	5
Actions:	
Court Actions	14

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## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The information given is the Eighth Annual Report of the Strafford Police Department. There were weekly patrols this year. This year with the help of the State Police and this Department, several subjects were apprehended. This includes breaking & entering, stolen cars, and other stolen articles.

We have travelled approximately 12,290 miles and put in approximately 1,175 hours.

It is also very helpful if the residents would call us when they observe any vehicles or subjects that they see around homes or camps that don't belong in the area. This also helps keep the crime rate down.

Several home owners have requested periodic checks of their homes while they are on vacation.

The Officers can be reached at 664-2837, 664-5500 and also through the Strafford Dispatch Center at 742-4968.

On behalf of the men on the department, I would like to thank the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford for their support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR E. BURROWS  
Chief of Police



## BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

	NUMBER OF PERMITS	ESTIMATED VALUE
New homes	48	\$1,176,888.00
Mobile homes	4	40,400.00
Alterations	17	58,970.00
New Garages	8	20,600.00
Utility Buildings	8	9,900.00
Docks & Bathhouses	6	16,350.00
	91	\$1,323,108.00

HAROLD E. McDONALD  
Building Inspector

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### HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

- 2 Homes inspected for Foster Children
- 5 Septic systems repaired and inspected

HAROLD E. McDONALD  
Health Officer

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### TAX RATES

	Prior Years Tax Rate 1976	1977 Approved Tax Rate
Town	.30	.61
School Dist.	2.95	3.15
County	.62	.73
Average Rate	\$3.87	\$4.49

**STRAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT – 1977**

The department had a 30% increase in calls over last year with a total of 39 as shown in the following breakdown.

Chimney	12
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8
Structural	4
Mutual Aid	4
Grass and Brush	3
Car and Truck fires	2
Burning Complaints	1
Flooded Cellars	2
Airplane Crash	1
Medical Aid	1
Flooded Oil Burner	1
False	<u>0</u>
Total	39

The above figures show the tremendous increase in wood stove related fires. Most all of our fire calls were caused by wood burning equipment. If anyone has any questions regarding their wood stove or would like us to give it a safety inspection, then feel free to call Chief Loren Pierce at 664-7715.

During the past year the men raised a little over \$1,300.00 which has been spent on new equipment or gear for the men. We bought a portable pump and suction hose for \$800.00 and the rest is going to be spent on radio equipment and helmets, coats and boots for the men.

**STRAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT (cont.)**

Last spring a 14 week pump class was held at our Center Station and it was attended by most everyone on the department. It was instructed by a State Fire Service Training Instructor.

The department is in need of more members especially those that are around during the day. Please call Chief Loren Pierce at 664-7715 if you are interested.

We wish to thank everyone for their continued support.

**LOREN W. PIERCE**  
Fire Chief

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**STRAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET - 1978**

Fire phones .....	\$ 450.00
Electricity and heat .....	1,400.00
Fire school .....	225.00
Insurance .....	775.00
Gas and oil ..	600.00
Radio repairs .....	200.00
Office Expense (Stationery, telephone, etc.) .....	150.00
Lakes Region Mutual Aid Dues .....	50.00
Miscellaneous (forest fires, unexpected repairs, insulation, etc.) .....	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,350.00</b>

## REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town/city responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town/city upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town/city and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between town/cities. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well, for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

### 1977 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,091	2,386
District	262	66.25
Town	2	2.50

CLARK M. DAVIS  
District Fire Chief

LOREN PIERCE  
Forest Fire Warden

# RURAL DISTRICT HEALTH COUNCIL, INC.

## ANNUAL REPORT – 1977

The Rural District Health Council, Inc. has experienced another year of growth and expansion of staff.

The skilled nursing remains as the priority service within the agency. The agency's staff also conducts adult health screenings weekly to member towns. This year a new program has been established in New Durham at the elementary school the first Wednesday of each month; the second Wednesday in Farmington Town Hall, the third Wednesday at the Northwood Town Hall, and the fourth Wednesday at the Milton Health Center.

The number of patients enrolled within this program being 429 with an average of 79 patients seen each month. This service is partly funded by the State Council on Aging, Title III and the Rural District Health Council. This program has become a very active one and the Council looks forward to increasing the type of screening in the new year.

The Referral Coordinator at Frisbie Memorial, Mrs. Marie Dexter, RN has seen an increase in referrals being made to other Home Health Agencies. With the increase in service and cost of the program the agency looks to other sources for financial help. Mrs. Marie Dexter, RN is on the State Discharge Planning Committee.

The agency also participates in the After Care Program in cooperation with the Strafford Guidance, and Seacoast Counseling Centers.

The Council continues Home Health Aide services through the contract with the Strafford County Home Maker, Home Health Aide Association, and also with the two Home Health Aides within the Agency; Gail LaRosa who covers the areas of Farmington, Milton, Middleton, New Durham and Barrington and Roberta LaFreniere covering the Northwood, Nottingham, Deerfield and Strafford areas. This enables a better utilization of the professional staff while continuing to provide quality care.

The Child Health Program has seen an increase in service within the past year. Miss Arlene Thorne, RN coordinator of the program has been appointed as a member for the State Child Health Conference Committee. This program offers physical examinations, immunizations, teaching and counseling for ages 0—6 years. This is funded in part by the U.S. Dept. of Health Education and Welfare, NH Division of Public Health, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health Grant and the Rural District Health Council. This program has an enrollment of

835 children from 0—6 years of age. This is a costly program as services are provided without charge to the residents. It does provide a needed service to the member towns as transportation is a problem and the services are provided in the areas. The Child Health program also provides home visits when necessary to assure continuity of care. Within this program there is a Dental program provided by the Division of Public Health, Bureau of Dental Health which provides cleaning and fluoride treatment every six months for children ages 3—6 years.

The State has joined forces with the Federal Government to implement an ongoing immunization program for all children ages 0—school. The agency is represented on this Task Force by Ardala Houle, RN.

Because transportation is a problem in the areas covered by the agency the Council offered space for the Strafford County Prenatal and Family Planning Clinic to hold a satellite program once a month at the office, the first one taking place on July 26, 1977. The program is providing a need and sees an increase in service. Throughout the year we have provided home visits to the patients of Strafford County Prenatal and Family Planning Program and the Exeter Area Family Planning Program.

The continued success of the program lies in the dedication of the Agency's personnel, and the capable professional staff assures the availability of quality care. Because of the growth of the agency and the many services provided, it was necessary to appoint Marie Dexter, RN as Nursing Supervisor, and Referral Coordinator, and Arlene Thorne, RN, Maternal and Child Health Coordinator covering all member towns; nurses being Barbara Drew, RN Farmington, Mary Timmons, RN Milton, Middleton, New Durham, Joanne Pearson, RN, B.S.N. Northwood, Nottingham, Deerfield. The Council is very fortunate to have Elizabeth Coons, RN on the staff covering Barrington and Strafford. Myrtle Walsh, RN and Alice Ziegler, RN, B.S.N. cover when needed. Kathleen Hansen, RPT and Carl Scholls, RPT cover for physical Therapy.

The office duties are efficiently handled by Eleanor Eaton and June Chase.

With the adoption of a new position and the salaries increased equal to the area, the Council is seeing a marked increase in the budget. The Council finds it necessary to increase the per capita request from each Town to \$1.50 in order to continue to provide these greatly needed services.

During the past year the Council has made 204 Skilled Nursing Visits, 0-0- Home health Aide Visits, 0-0- Physical Therapy Visits, and 50 Child Health Visits with a grand total of 254 for the town of Strafford.

Anyone interested in additional information is urged to contact the Rural District Health Council, Inc., P.O. Box 563, 6 So. Main St., Farmington, NH 03835 — Telephone 755-2202 — between the hours of 8 AM — 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The 1977 beach season at Bow Lake Dam was from June 26 through September 5, with supervision from 10 AM to 5 PM seven days a week, except in bad weather. Attendance continued high, with an estimated 200-plus persons present in the Dam area at the peak period on the busiest weekend. No doubt several times that number used the area during the entire day. There was little vandalism and injuries were few and slight.

We employed two qualified lifeguards, one for week days plus instructing, the other for weekends with some additional time during the teaching. 103 youngsters participated in the instruction, with 70 passing and qualifying for Red Cross certificates in six categories. Fees (\$3 per child, \$7 family maximum) totalled \$283 and were turned over to the Town.

We propose a somewhat lower appropriation for 1978 and, with fees unchanged, estimate a net expenditure of \$1700, compared to the actual figure of \$1862.75 for 1977. These figures allow for the addition of some sand to the beaches and for moderate increases in hourly wage rates. However, we propose to eliminate the soccer program and to reduce total lifeguard hours by having only one on duty, even though the week-day guard will be mostly occupied with teaching.

A 1975 petition to the State to provide a boat launching facility on Bow Lake was withdrawn this year by request of the Selectmen at the suggestion of this Commission. After three years of operation, we have concluded that the needs of boat owners are met by the south beach outside of swimming hours and by a ramp further up Water Street. We are still considering a town dock or "docking wall", the original purpose of the Recreation Fund. By 1979 Town Meeting we hope to have either a completed facility, definite plans for one or recommendations for disposition of the Fund. We no longer feel, as was originally proposed, that it would be desirable to fence the Dam area.

## RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT (cont.)

The 1977 season produced no significant operating problems other than that the members of the Commission are not prepared to give daily personal supervision. We were grateful to the Selectmen for assuming responsibility for trash removal; we believe most of the trash deposited at the Dam is brought there by persons other than those using the beaches, outside of posted hours and before and after the ten week season.

The Recreation Commission will have some recommendations for the Town's Comprehensive Master Plan now being formulated. In this regard we earnestly ask for suggestions as to our present and future programs and activities.

ERNEST B. BROWN, Chairman  
 LOIS FISTERE  
 ROBERT OMAND  
 JOHN B. PENNEY, Secretary  
 DENISE THORNE

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### TOWN OF STRAFFORD FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1977

Operating Expenses	Budget 1977	Spent 1977	Budget 1978
Attendants' Salaries	\$2,015.00	\$1,903.75	\$1,500.00
Toilet Rental	225.00	212.00	225.00
Grounds & Sand	50.00	33.00	275.00
	\$2,290.00	\$2,148.75	\$2,000.00
Less Fees	300.00	283.00	300.00
Net Cost to Town	\$1,990.00	\$1,865.75	\$1,700.00
 <u>Recreation Fund</u>			
Balance December 31, 1976			\$3,545.05
Interest earned (savings account No. 12462 at Rochester Savings Bank & Trust Co.)			\$ 193.79



## AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify that we have made an examination of the books and records of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk, and Trustees of Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1977.

That in our opinion the accompanying statements set forth the financial condition of the town of Strafford and the results of their operations for the year ending December 31, 1977.

LOREN W. PIERCE  
STEPHEN J. SEEMAN  
Auditors

Strafford, NH  
February 14, 1978

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## OFFICERS

### SCHOOL BOARD

Robert Dowst	Term Expires 1978
Carl T. Gustafson, Jr.	Term Expires 1979
Mrs. Erma Clark	Term Expires 1980

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Barry L. Clough, B.Ed., M.A., M.Ed.

### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Bernard R. Davis, B.A., M.A., C.A.G.S.

### TREASURER

Christine Bozak

### MODERATOR

Russell C. Shillaber

### CLERK

Sylvia Dowst

### AUDITORS

Carolyn Clarke

Dorothy Colwell

### ATTENDANCE OFFICER AND SCHOOL CENSUS

Leonard W. Davis

### SCHOOL NURSE

Lois Fistere, R.N.

## TENTATIVE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 14th day of March, 1978, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose Auditors, and all other necessary officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 23rd day of February 1978:

ROBERT DOWST  
CARL GUSTAFSON, JR.  
ERMA CLARK  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

ROBERT DOWST  
CARL GUSTAFSON, Jr.  
ERMA CLARK  
School Board

## TENTATIVE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 21st day of March 1978, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
3. To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
4. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district.
5. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for and to receive and expend, in the name of the district, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or state agencies.

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

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 23rd day of February 1978:

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

ROBERT DOWST  
CARL GUSTAFSON, Jr.  
ERMA CLARK  
School Board

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**  
**for Fiscal Year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1976	\$ 7,674.00
Received from Selectmen	268,735.84
Revenue from State Sources	18,118.60
Revenue from Federal Sources	9,010.53
Revenue from All Other Sources	6,645.72
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	310,184.69
Less School Board Orders Paid	294,496.22
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1977	\$ 15,688.47

**BUILDING FUND SUMMARY**

Cash on hand, July 1, 1976	\$ 1,390.39
Received from All Other Sources	18.49
	_____
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	1,408.88
Less School Board Orders Paid	1,408.88
	_____
Balance on Hand, June 30, 1977	NONE
July 18, 1977	CHRISTINE BOZAK
	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 Strafford and find them correct in all respects.

August 30, 1977

DOROTHY COLWELL  
CAROLYN CLARKE

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977**

Received from Local Sources	\$268,735.84
Current Appropriation:	
Other Revenue from Local Sources	
Earnings from Temporary Deposits	\$ 18.49
Other Revenue — Refund from Union	921.47
Rent	<u>10.00</u>
	949.96
Received from State Sources	
School Building Aid	\$ 6,994.99
Other Revenue From State Sources:	
Foster Children	200.00
Sweepstakes	9,195.61
Vocational Education Transportation	<u>880.00</u>
	17,270.60
Received from Federal Sources:	
School Lunch and Special Milk Program	\$ 7,584.74
Public Law 874	<u>1,425.79</u>
	9,010.53
Total Receipts From All Sources	\$295,966.93
Cash on Hand July 1, 1976:	
General Fund	\$ 7,674.00
Building Fund	<u>1,390.39</u>
	9,064.39
Item 60 (Reimb. Expenditures)	<u>6,562.25</u>
Total Gross Receipts	\$311,593.57
Expenditures:	
General Fund	\$294,496.22
Building Fund	<u>1,408.88</u>
	\$295,905.10
Cash on Hand June 30, 1977	
General Fund	\$ 15,688.47
Building Fund	<u>                    </u>
	<u>\$ 15,688.47</u>
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Accounts Due District	\$ 1,060.00
Cash — June 30, 1977	<u>15,688.47</u>
	\$ 16,748.47
Encumbered Funds	\$13,654.75
Unencumbered Balance	<u>3,093.72</u>
	\$ 16,748.47

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**BUILDING ADDITION No. 2**

Receipts:

Fiscal Year 1974	\$136,000.00
Fiscal Year 1975	13,040.39
Fiscal Year 1976	179.68
Fiscal Year 1977 – Interest on Savings Account	18.49

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Total Receipts	\$149,238.56
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Expenditures:

Fiscal Year 1974	\$ 5,000.00
Fiscal Year 1975	135,561.10
Fiscal Year 1976	7,268.58
Fiscal Year 1977 – Site Development	1,408.88

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Total Expenditures	\$149,238.56
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**STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS**  
**For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1977**

1.	Name of Building or Project for which Notes or Bonds were Issued	Strafford School	1st Addition	2nd Addition	Total
2.	Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 28,533.08	\$122,400.00	\$170,933.08
3.	Issued During Year				
4.	Total	20,000.00	28,533.08	122,400.00	170,933.08
5.	Payments of Principal of Debt	5,000.00	3,566.76	13,600.00	22,166.76
6.	Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 24,966.32	\$108,800.00	\$148,766.32



## DETAILED EXPENDITURES – 1976 – 1977

### Administration:

#### Salaries:

Erma Clark, School Board Member	\$	50.00
Philip Dame, School Board Member		150.00
Robert Dowst, School Board Member		200.00
Carl Gustafson, School Board Member		200.00
Christine Bozak, Treasurer		250.00
Robert Perry, School District Clerk		15.00
Russel Shilaber, Moderator		10.00
		10.00

\$ 875.00

#### Contracted Service:

Elizabeth Carlson, Bookkeeper	\$	450.00
Leonard Davis, Census		60.00
Raymond Martineau, Auditor		60.00
		60.00

570.00

#### Other Expenses for Administration

206.12

### Instruction:

#### Salaries:

Principal, 7th Grade Teacher & Phys. Ed.		
Richard Boyle	\$	10,400.00
Grade 1, Sally Low		9,200.00
Grade 2, Katrina Rhodes		3,191.04
Grade 2, Patricia Maize		4,876.92
Grade 3 & Phys. Ed., Maryellen Plante		8,600.00
Grade 4, Nancy Lake		8,700.00
Grade 5, Math, Georgia Hooker		8,700.00
Grade 6, Science, Patricia Sukduang		8,950.00
Grade 8, English, Mary Higgins		9,200.00
Teacher & Substitute, Darla Higgins		4,015.00
Teacher's Aide, Barbara Newsky		3,225.00
Teacher's Aide, Dorothy Colwell		1,515.00
Art Teacher, Eleanor Byrne		1,611.00
Music Teacher, Virginia Garlow		1,655.75
Substitutes		668.00
Josephine Soule		250.00
District Share of Blue Cross		174.72
		174.72

84,932.43

#### Textbooks

979.97

#### School Library and Audiovisual Materials

494.40

#### Teaching Supplies

3,847.49

#### Contracted Services:

Gesell Testing	\$	10.00
Strafford Learning Center		414.00
		414.00

424.00

#### Other Expenses for Instruction

160.42

## DETAILED EXPENDITURES (cont.)

Pupil Transportation:			
Contracted Service:			
Douglas Hatch	\$	7,600.00	
Richard Larson		2,100.44	
Herbert Scribner		<u>16,089.55</u>	
			\$ 25,789.99
Vocational Transportation			1,060.00
Operation of Plant:			
Bradford Sargent, Custodian Salary			6,100.00
Supplies			1,766.69
Contracted Service			64.50
Heat — James K. Horne, Inc.			5,176.81
Utilities — Public Service Co. & New England Tel.			3,319.16
Maintenance of Plant:			
Replacement of Equipment:			
Howard J. Lank, Inc.	\$	754.94	
Mainco School Supply		<u>357.30</u>	
			1,112.24
Repairs to Equipment:			
3M Business Products Sales, Inc.	\$	150.93	
Route 126 Service Center		40.00	
Seacoast Educational Services		28.40	
Eldredge W. Dame		46.50	
Raynold E. Bedard		75.00	
Maico Hearing Service		84.00	
Paul's Lawn & Garden Repair		<u>42.62</u>	
			467.45
Contracted Service:			
Honeywell	\$	202.41	
Kenneth Harrison		35.00	
Elkins Electrical		<u>71.25</u>	
			308.66
Repairs to Building:			
R. Daigle	\$	167.10	
Howard J. Lank, Inc.		409.82	
James K. Horne, Inc.		<u>543.08</u>	
			1,120.00
Fixed Charges:			
Teachers' Retirement	\$	2,403.25	
F.I.C.A. (Social Security)		<u>5,388.83</u>	
			7,792.08
Insurance			3,477.80
Attendance Services			50.00
Health Services:			
Lois Fistere, School Nurse	\$	2,790.00	
Film Strips and Cassettes		<u>158.90</u>	
			2,948.90

## DETAILED EXPENDITURES (cont.)

School lunch and Special milk:		
Federal Contribution		\$ 7,584.74
Capital Outlay		4,592.70
Debt Service:		
Principal of Debt	\$ 22,166.76	
Interest on Debt	<u>8,074.65</u>	
		30,241.41
Outgoing Transfer Accounts:		
Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 64,608.26	
Tuition to Public Academies	21,503.30	
Tuition to Private Nonsectarian Schools	525.21	
Transportation	1,661.70	
District Share of Union Expenses	<u>5,581.42</u>	
		<u>93,879.89</u>
Total Net Expenditures		\$289,342.85
Item 60 (Reimbursed Expenditures)		<u>6,562.25</u>
Grand Total Detailed Expenditures		\$295,905.10

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET WORKSHEET 1978 -- 1979**

	Adopted 1976-77	Expended 1976-77	Adopted 1977-78	Proposed 1978-79
<b>Administration</b>				
Salaries	\$ 935.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 1,135.00
Contracted Services	480.00	570.00	650.00	825.00
Other Expenses	275.00	206.12	275.00	300.00
<b>Instruction</b>				
Salaries	82,850.00	84,932.43	95,848.00	104,812.00
Textbooks	1,120.00	979.97	1,200.00	1,200.00
Library & Audiovisual Materials	718.50	494.40	710.00	825.00
Teaching Supplies	3,700.00	3,847.49	4,150.00	4,500.00
Contracted Services	300.00	424.00	1,045.00	1,440.00
Other Expenses	130.00	160.42	240.00	290.00
Attendance Services	25.00	50.00	25.00	25.00
Health Services	3,040.00	2,948.90	3,160.00	3,275.00
Pupil Transportation	25,790.00	26,849.99	25,790.00	31,366.00
<b>Operation of Plant</b>				
Salaries	5,600.00	6,100.00	5,900.00	6,100.00
Supplies	1,300.00	1,766.69	1,800.00	2,000.00
Contracted Services	300.00	64.50	300.00	300.00
Heat	6,500.00	5,176.81	7,000.00	7,000.00
Utilities	3,300.00	3,319.16	3,700.00	4,150.00

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET WORKSHEET 1978 — 1979 (cont.)**

Maintenance of Plant	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 3,008.35	\$ 1,735.00	\$ 3,285.00
Fixed Charges				
Employee Retirement & FICA	7,838.21	7,792.68	8,956.28	11,742.03
Insurance	2,200.00	3,477.80	3,125.00	2,725.00
School Lunch & Special Milk Program	1,800.00	7,584.74	6,700.00	8,900.00
Student Body Activities			400.00	400.00
Capital Outlay				
Sites		3,183.82		
Equipment				500.00
Debt Service				
Principal of Debt	22,166.76	22,166.76	22,166.76	22,166.76
Interest on Debt	8,074.65	8,074.65	6,981.23	5,889.81
Outgoing Transfer Accounts in State				
Tuition	97,512.00	86,636.71	103,179.00	118,912.00
Transportation	1,221.00	1,661.70		
Supervisory Union Expenses	5,581.42	5,581.42	8,051.58	10,310.15
Expenditures to other than Public Schools			8,280.00	3,740.00
Total Appropriations	<u>\$287,157.54</u>	<u>\$287,933.97</u>	<u>\$322,452.85</u>	<u>\$358,113.75</u>

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REVENUES AND CREDITS**

Revenues and Credits Available	<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	
To Reduce School Taxes	Approved Budget 1977 - 78	Proposed Budget 1978 - 79
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Unencumbered Balance	\$ 3,093.72	
Revenue from State Sources:		
Sweepstakes	4,447.00	\$ 4,447.00
School Building Aid	6,995.00	6,995.00
Foster Children Aid	200.00	200.00
Revenues from Federal Sources:		
School Lunch and Special Milk	6,500.00	8,700.00
PL 874	2,050.00*	2,050.00
Local Revenue Except Taxes:		
Trust Fund Income		
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Total School Revenues and Credits	\$ 23,285.72	\$ 22,392.00
District Assessment (to be raised by Property Taxes)	322,452.85	358,113.75
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Total Appropriations	\$299,167.13	\$335,721.75

\*Received \$2,024.83 as of 11-28-77

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT — July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977**

Beginning Balance — July 1, 1976 \$ 604.07

Receipts:

Lunch Sales — Children	\$ 8,033.01	
Lunch Sales — Adult	541.20	
Reimbursement	7,584.74	
Misc. Cash	431.75	
Total Receipts		\$ 16,590.70
Total Available		\$ 17,194.77

Expenditures:

Food	\$ 8,751.36	
Labor	5,595.17	
Equipment	245.60	
All Other Expenditures	1,242.54	
Total Expenditures		\$ 15,834.67
Balance — June 30, 1977		\$ 1,360.10

Other Program Resources:

USDA commodities received (wholesale value)		\$ 2,585.00
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1977**

Assets:

Cash in Bank		\$ 1,360.10
Reimb. due Program		1,604.29
Food inventory — June 30		530.82
Total Assets		\$ 3,495.21

Liabilities:

NONE

DOROTHY L. SMITH

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of the Strafford School District:  
When the 1977 - 78 school year opened last September, the Strafford Elementary School was organized as indicated in the chart below:

Employee	Assignment
Mr. Richard Boyle	Grade 7 and Principal
Miss Janet Andrews	Grade 1 Readiness Aide
Mrs. Sally Low	Grade 1
Mrs. Katrina Rhodes	Grade 2
Mrs. Maryellen Plante	Grade 3
Mrs. Nancy Lake	Grade 4
Mrs. Georgia Hooker	Grade 5 — Math
Mrs. Patricia Sukduang	Grade 6 — Science
Mrs. Darla Higgins	Grade 5 — Social Studies
Mrs. Hary Higgins	Grade 8
Mrs. Lois Fistere	School Nurse
Mrs. Eleanor Byrne	Art - Part time
Mrs. Virginia Carlow	Music — part time
Mrs. Dorothy Colwell	Aide
Mrs. Linda Silver	Speech — one day
Miss Marianne Miller	Learning Specialist*
Mrs. Karen Schuster	Reading*
Mrs. Dorothy Smith	Lunch Program Manager
Mrs. Irma Messenger	Lunch Worker
Mr. Brad Sargent	Custodian

\*These positions are funded by the Title I/Special Education Cooperative Project operated by the Boards of Nottingham, Strafford, Barrington and Northwood. Mr. Conway is the Project Manager.

The enrollment by grade as reported at the beginning of the year was as follows:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Pupils	28	21	28	35	32	29	23	25	221

Strafford School District residents attending other schools at the District's expense was reported as indicated in the chart printed below:

School	Spec.	9	10	11	12	Total	Tuition Rate
Coe-Brown Academy	0	2	3	4	6	15	\$1249.00
Dover Vocational	0	1	2	2	0	5	\$1270.00
Dover High School	0	0	0	1	0	1	\$1270.00
Spaulding High	0	15	22	8	13	58	\$1008.00
Oyster River	0	0	0	1	0	1	\$1346.00
Somersworth High	1	0	0	0	0	1	\$1249.00
Pittsfield	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Totals	1	18	27	17	19	82	



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (cont)

The Supervisory Union Office has undergone extensive reorganization this past year with the specific objective being the improvement of services available to the School Districts in Supervisory Union No. 44. Improvements in the bookkeeping procedures for Federal funds and re-structuring the secretarial staff are examples of this reorganization. Other changes include the selection by the Supervisory Union School Board of Mr. Bernard R. Davis as our new Assistant Superintendent effective July 25, 1977. The position of Special Education Coordinator was created for the first time this year and Miss Sally D. Butler was selected for this position effective August 1, 1977. Her duties include working with Special Education teachers in each School District, monitoring out-of-district pupil placements, serving as liaison with the Strafford Learning Center and as the Supervisory Union's contact person with the Special Education section in the State Department of Education. As I indicated in last year's report, Public Law 94-142 is and will continue to have far reaching impact on local School District budgets. Miss Butler's position has become necessary due to the voluminous paperwork mandated by this new Federal legislation.

Curriculum development and refinement has been an objective of Mr. Boyle's and the teachers this year. They have been working diligently in this area and have continued to improve the educational opportunities available to the children of Strafford. This effort represents a State-wide trend to have local School District's identify meaningful guidelines to be used in developing on going processes which will (a) identify educational objectives, (b) identify student outcome, (c) identify curriculum modification and (d) developing effective testing procedures.

This year a new teacher evaluations process was adopted by the Supervisory Union School Board. The development of this process represented many hours of effort by a sub-committee composed of teachers, administrators and a School Board representative and was Chaired by Mr. Boyle. The development of this new process reflects the increased emphasis placed on evaluating the learning process throughout the Supervisory Union. During the 1975-76 school year 165 teacher evaluations were completed throughout the Union. Last year that figure increased to 209 evaluations and as of this date this year 204 evaluations have been completed.

In addition to increased emphasis on teacher evaluations many hours have been devoted by School Board members and administration to refining and updating school board policies in the individual districts. Strafford is no exception. Clearly stated board policies provide clear direction to the principal and staff concerning the operation of the school. I commend the Strafford School Board for accomplishing the task of updating the School Board Policies in a thoughtful and productive fashion.

In summary, we wish to express our appreciation to the members of the School Board, the teachers, pupils and citizens for the cooperation exhibited during the past year. We look forward to a long and productive relationship in which our mutual goal will continue to be the best possible education for our young people.

Respectfully submitted,  
BARRY L. CLOUGH, Superintendent  
BERNARD R. DAVIS, Assistant Superintendent

**SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT AND  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

**1976 - 1977**

(R.S.A. Chapter 189:48 - New Hampshire Laws)

School District	% Local Share	Superintendent	Assistant Superintendent
BARRINGTON	12.875	\$ 2,038.54	\$ 2,011.07
FARMINGTON	24.515	3,881.54	3,829.24
MIDDLETON	1.855	293.71	289.75
MILTON	16.045	2,540.46	2,506.23
NORTHWOOD	11.83	1,873.09	1,847.85
NOTTINGHAM	9.165	1,451.13	1,431.57
STRAFFORD	8.23	1,303.08	1,285.53
WAKEFIELD	15.485	2,451.79	2,418.76
	100.000	\$ 15,833.34	\$ 15,620.00
State's Share		2,500.00	2,380.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 18,333.34</b>	<b>\$ 18,000.00</b>

**PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR 1978 - 1979**

First Term	September 6, 1978 to November 10, 1978
Second Term	November 13, 1978 to February 2, 1979
Third Term	February 5, 1979 to April 6, 1979
Fourth Term	April 9, 1979 to June 15, 1979
September through January - 93 days	
February through June - 98 days	

**DAYS OUT**

- September 4 - Labor Day
- October 9 - Columbus Day
- October 13 - Teachers' Convention (tentative)
- November 23 - 24 - Thanksgiving Recess
- December 25 - January 12 - Christmas Vacation and Energy Break
- April 20 & April 23 - Spring Recess
- May 30 - Memorial Day

185 Days - 180 Days Required Attendance for  
Instructional Purposes

This calendar is subject to revision by the School Board

## HEALTH SERVICES 1976 – 1977

The health services continues to expand its educational programs in all grades, and includes information on nutrition, hygiene, dental care, safety, drugs and alcohol, and life education. Visual and auditory screenings are done yearly and parents are notified when defects are noted or attention and referrals are needed in areas of dental or physical health.

S.A.Y. sponsored the dental prophylaxis program, providing topical fluoride application to 153 students K-8. We are grateful to Anne Huckins, our hygienist, who has been so faithful since this program began, and the continued interest and support of the S.A.Y.

New this year was the "Self evaluation" workshop, conducted by Jill Grossman and Deborah Willey, seniors at UNH, under the direction of school psychologist, Tony Cavalaro. This was a rewarding experience for all twenty-one students whose parents gave permission to participate. It was a ten week program, meeting once a week.

Our new film library began with the purchase of a "Health and Growth Series", which includes four film strips with tapes, "There's a New You Comin", (Girls), "There's a New You Comin" (Boys), "The Growing Trip", and "VD—20th Century Plague". The opportunity was made available for parents to view these approved additions to our curriculum when S.A.Y. had us present its April program. Our "captive" audience responded favorably to the presentation of this material. Another opportunity to view this material was made at an "open" house, both afternoon and evening. THREE interested parents saw these films, and NONE came to see "I'm Seventeen and Pregnant".

Our second series of films include an excellent drug program for grades 1-8. In June the arrival of seven film strips and tapes on safety; bicycle, water, pedestrian, fire, etc. and eight more on "You and Your Health"; Body senses, touch, sound, smell, etc., will be of great benefit to the students and add to our teaching materials. These were purchased through the efforts of Bernice Omand, by the S.A.Y., Strafford Women's Club, Bow Lake Ladies Circle and Bow Lake Community Club. Our sincere thanks for your continued interest and concern.

My special thanks to all our staff members, whose cooperation and dedication continue to aid our students in becoming contributing members of our community. We consider our students, individuals who need the support and guidance from school, community, and home. The staff welcomes the opportunity to share our teaching material with parents, arrange conferences to answer questions and help with problems. Our doors are always open and we welcome your knock.

Sincerely,  
LOIS FISTERE, R.N.

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1977**

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Sex	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1977					
Jan. 21	Rochester	M	Michael J. Rhodes	Donald B. Rhodes	Katrina Ann VandeBogart
Jan. 22	Dover	F	Amy L. Colbath	Robert N. Colbath III	Priscilla E. Lodge
Mar. 1	Concord	M	Richard W. Larson II	Richard W. Larson	Debra S. Sanborn
June 24	Rochester	F	Amanda F. Dame	John E. Dame	Cynthia H. Brown
June 24	Dover	M	Jason T. McDonald	Wayne T. McDonald	Marie T. Metta
June 27	Strafford	F	Heather L. Kahn	Barry Kahn	Jean A. Regan
July 28	Rochester	F	Sabrina L. Bell	James E. Bell	Susan L. Sanfacon
Aug. 29	Concord	M	Daniel A. Corindia	Alan M. Corindia	Elizabeth S. Waste
Oct. 4	Portsmouth	M	Nathan D. Kalil	Earl L. Kalil Jr.	Christine R. Mullen
Oct. 4	Rochester	M	Corey M. Desilets	Donald F. Desilets	Elizabeth A. Dionne
Oct. 10	Rochester	M	Michael D. LeBrecque	Norman J. LeBrecque, Jr.	Barbara S. Phillips
Oct. 15	Dover	F	Sarah Buckovitch	Keith A. Buckovitch	Jeanne M. Martin
Oct. 18	Exeter	M	Tristian M. Shone	Robert Shone	Jennifer A. Gifford
Nov. 9	Rochester	M	Nathaniel A. Berry	Kenneth A. Berry	Charlotte M. Tudor
Nov. 10	Dover	F	Erin E. Kenney	Michael R. Kenney	Jessica R. Bachman
Nov. 16	Rochester	M	Matthew E. Meserve	David A. Meserve	Linda B. Swan
Nov. 23	Dover	F	Crystal G. Sargent	Brad R. Sargent	Cheryle D. Anthony

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG, Town Clerk

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 25	Portsmouth	Mabel C. Dame	91	NH	Professor	John E. Dame	Luanna L. Montgomery
Feb. 8	Strafford	Richard H. Maloney	4 mos	NH	N/A	Richard H. Hastings	Pamela J. Maloney
Mar. 10	Rochester	Lillian L. Enroth	70	MA	Housewife	Edwin K. Lummus	Josephine Smith
Mar. 24	Rochester	Albert H. Brown	90	NH	Farmer	William Brown	Angie Strachan
Apr. 17	Rochester	Esther B. Caverly	83	NH	Housewife	Charles S. Hanson	Viva Tibbits
June 18	Rochester	Edson J. Clark	90	NH	Factory Worker	John D. Clark	Ella Caverly
June 19	Strafford	Jennie M. Purrington	63	MA	Assembler	Clarence F. Bell	Mary Colclough
June 26	Rochester	Edwin W. King, Jr.	62	MA	Carpenter	Edwin A. King	Daisy Cox
July 23	Strafford	Agnes S. Sanborn	83	NH	Housewife	Charles Seymour	Laura A. Dame
Oct. 26	Rochester	Carrie Felker	91	NH	Rug Maker	Charles Felker	Betsy Brock
Nov. 7	Rochester	Helen G. Wyatt	74	MA	Housekeeper	Charles N. Sayles	Minnie Pierce
Dec. 6	Concord	Maurice H. Caswell	72	NH	Highway Dept.	Fred O. Caswell	Mary Caverly
Dec. 22	Rochester	Oscar F. Hall	80	MA	Mobile Oil Co. Employee	Hall	Lily Berry

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PHYLLIS F. LYNNBOURG, Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977**

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each At Time of Marriage	Name and Designation of Officiant
Jan. 15	Strafford	Daniel G. Stanton Jr. Muriel J. Smith	Strafford Kittery, Me.	Rev. Howard B. Higgins Pastor
Feb. 12	Nashua	Philip A. Auger Carolyn D. Jackson	Strafford Nashua	Daniel Proctor Rev.
July 2	Barnstead	Richard A. Dextraze Sharon M. Courtemanche	Strafford Strafford	Gordon L. Johnson Minister
July 16	Strafford	Karl B. vonKlock Dorothy J. Chandler	Strafford Strafford	Rev. Howard B. Higgins Pastor
July 23	Strafford	Rene D. Lavoie Brett Young	Strafford Strafford	Rev. Howard B. Higgins Pastor
Aug. 12	Chichester	William J. Cahill Hortense L. Goodwin	Pittsfield Strafford	Rev. H. Franklin Parker Clergyman
Aug. 27	Strafford	Hammond F. Brown Anne E. Evans	Strafford Strafford	Nancy W. Irving Justice of the Peace
Sept. 1	Conway	Gerald E. Stevens Joanne M. Henderson	Strafford Strafford	Charles V. Sturdivant Justice of the Peace

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG, Town Clerk



