

STRAFFORD, VERMONT
TOWN REPORTS



Year ending December 31, 2020

HISTORICAL NOTE

THE ROBINSON DISTRICT

Once upon a time in one of the farthest reaches of Strafford, a meetinghouse to rival the Strafford Town House once stood. It had seating for 200 and a gilded dome on its steeple. Anyone traveling a little more than a century ago along Brook Road in Strafford (Faye Brook Road in Sharon), could not have missed it. It was the Robinson Meetinghouse in what is now known as the Robinson District adjacent to the four corners of Strafford, Sharon, Tunbridge, and Royalton.

Eight generations of Robinsons have lived and farmed there, a family with a history that runs like a bright thread through the fabric of Strafford, and included the very first Daniel Robinson, who arrived in Strafford in 1788 from Massachusetts, originally purchasing 200 acres in what is now the Upper Village. We are indebted to his family for much, most notably the land on which now stands the soaring 1799 Town House as well as the Common that lies before it. Much of the planning of the construction of the Strafford Town House took place in the house and inn that he built there, owned for many years by Ned and Vi Coffin and now the home of Susan Cloke.

The story of the Robinson District starts in 1809, when Daniel Robinson Jr. (2nd Generation) purchased land near the Sharon town-line on which he and his family, including his father, had settled by 1817 and which would become, for reasons that will become increasingly obvious, the Robinson District. Daniel Robinson Sr. died there in 1820.

By the 3rd generation, Hiram Robinson, son of Daniel Jr., had taken over the farm and provided land for what by 1838 would be the Robinson Meetinghouse. It was built by the Union Society of Strafford and Sharon, a coalition of members of Christian, Baptist and Methodist churches. Its Constitution, patterned on that of the Stafford Town House, established that it would be shared equally by all denominations. All 12 signers of its Constitution, incidentally, were named Robinson, except for one who

was related to them by marriage.

Daniel Robinson III, (4th Generation) Hiram's only son, then inherited the farm, serving the Town in turns as a school director and selectman. He died in 1904 and it was just prior to that time, after the exodus of so many local residents westward from Vermont, that the Robinson Meetinghouse was abandoned and finally dismantled in 1917. It had stood for almost eighty years on the south side of Brook Road between the Robinson Road and the Nutting Road intersections. Little evidence of it remains.

It was Daniel III's son, Willard, (5th Generation) who expanded the farm's acreage and operations and who commissioned the construction of the famously photogenic "Round Barn," which was completed in 1917. It is in actuality a 10-sided 3-storey structure which was built by a Strafford man, Harvey Hawthorne, using local materials available on the farm, including cement made from stream gravel and mixed with the crushed stones reclaimed from old stone walls and home-grown timber sawn for posts, beams, planks and boards.

Here is a description of the "Round" Barn: There is on the 1st level a central calving pen surrounded by smaller calf pens with tie-ups for fifty cows. The hillside approach allows access to the 2nd and 3rd levels. Sheep pens were originally arranged around a large central hayloft on the 2nd level. The 3rd level's central hayloft included a wide circular corridor which allowed wagons to enter, unload, and exit, all without having to back up to turn around.

By 1945, Willard had deeded the farm to two of his sons, Howard and Elmer (6th Generation). A third son, Ralph, took over another farm. (Ralph, incidentally, was the father of Arthur.) Elmer's son, Daniel VI (7th Generation) and his wife, Marge, continued to live and farm the broad, lush, sweeping valley that straddles Brook Road, establishing their

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Round Robin Farm, which featured a bed-and-breakfast.

The Robinsons seem always to have had an eye for dramatic landscapes. As celebrated Vermont artist, Sabra Field, wrote after completing her famous Round Barn Quartet painting in 1986: “The subject is a valley, tucked into the hills of Strafford, which is farmed by the Robinson family, surely among the state’s finest stewards of the land.”

The last link in the chain of Robinsons and the Robinson District was broken when Daniel VI and Marge’s daughter, Linda Robinson Enright (8th Generation) and her husband, Dan, sold their property on the south side of Brook Road in 2020.

As might have been expected, there was a family cemetery, the Robinson Cemetery, located on the north side of Brook Road near the Strafford-Sharon town-line and within sight of the meeting-house. Of the 171 individuals interred there, 20 are Robinsons.

Recently, the Robinson District has been in the news. Donald Hall, a wealthy businessman from Utah, purchased nearly 1,500 acres in the 4-Corners vicinity of Royalton, Sharon, Tunbridge and Strafford and proposed the construction of a 20,000-person, gated community, to be called NewVistas, based on his interpretation of a community conceived by Mormon Prophet Joseph Smith.

The proposed site for the community was chosen because of its proximity to Joseph Smith’s birthplace and memorial, just two miles from the Robinson Farm. Joseph Smith was born in Sharon in 1805 and had moved with his family to Western New York by 1817, just as the Robinsons were settling nearby.

This NewVistas project, which was not supported by the Mormon Church, would have transformed the adjacent rural communities beyond recognition. Area residents and local town meeting resolutions opposed it. The Vermont Legislature passed a resolution against

it as well. In the effort to slow Hall’s real estate acquisitions, the Alliance of Vermont Communities (AVC) was formed and developed a strategy of acquiring and/or conserving properties abutting Hall’s. In 2019, Donald Hall, acknowledging the local resistance, abandoned his plans and began to sell off his properties.

It was the AVC’s purchase of the Ashley parcel, straddling the Strafford-Sharon border that effectively stopped Hall’s expansion. With financial support from public donations, the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the AVC was able to establish a bulwark against NewVistas, augmented by the Upper Valley Land Trust’s purchase of the development rights to the Manning Farm on Robinson Road, which is now owned by Strafford Organic Dairy, and abuts both the Ashley parcel and the Robinson Farm. The Vermont Land Trust purchased the Robinson Round Robin Farm from Daniel Robinson VI and conserved it. In 2020, it was then sold to the present owners, Hilary and Ben Minard.

Since the purchase of the Ashley parcel, the AVC’s goal has been to donate the 106.7 acres in Strafford to the Town of Strafford and the remaining 149.7 acres in Sharon to the Town of Sharon with the expectation that the towns will cooperate to create the Ashley Community Forest, which would be open to the public and reserved for recreation, education, wildlife preservation and sustainable forestry practices. The total acreage of the three conserved parcels is 912 acres, including 10 miles of conserved hiking trails extending through the three properties.

As a tribute to all that has happened and in consideration of what may yet happen in this unique and storied corner of Strafford, the Strafford Historical Society plans to request that the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation commemorate the Robinson District with a Vermont Roadside Historic Marker.

Stephen Willbanks

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator (Town & School):

David Grant Term expires March 2021

Town Clerk and Treasurer:

Lisa Bragg Term expires March 2021

Selectboard:

Mary Linehan Term expires March 2023

Rett Emerson Term expires March 2022

Patrik Kelly Term expires March 2022

Toni Pippy Term expires March 2021

Brent Cadwell Term expires March 2021

Listers:

Tim Denny Term expires March 2023

Kerrie Bushway Term expires March 2022

John Freitag Term expires March 2021

Auditors:

Suzanna Liepmann Term expires March 2023

June Solsaa Term expires March 2022

Nellie Pennington Term expires March 2021

School Directors:

Megan Teachout Term expires March 2023

Aaron Dotter Term expires March 2022

Sarah Root Term expires March 2022

Micaela Tucker Term expires March 2021

Glenn Wylie Term expires March 2021

Delinquent Tax Collector:

Jeanne Castro Term expires March 2021

Trustee of Public Funds:

John Hawkins Term expires March 2023

Elizabeth Ruml Term expires March 2022

Genevieve Gibson Term expires March 2021

Agent to Deed Real Estate:

Lisa Bragg Term expires March 2021

Harris Library Trustees:

Miriam Newman Term expires March 2022

Curt Albee..... Term expires March 2021

Carol Wilson (*Selectboard Trustee*)..... Term expires March 2021

Cemetery Commissioners:

Kerrie Bushway Term expires March 2023

Alan Donohue Term expires March 2023

Sherm Wilson Term expires March 2022

David Harris Term expires March 2021

Andrew Behrens Term expires March 2021

Justices of the Peace (Elected at General Elections)

R. Curtis Albee	Alan Donohue	Rosalind Finn
Andrew Lane	Sarah North	Vincent Robinson
	Shelby Coburn	

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

Road Foreman and Supervisor of Public Works	Jon MacKinnon
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	Regina J. Josler
Selectboard Assistant	Lisa Bragg
Town Constable	Edwin Eastman
Zoning Administrator	Brian Johnson
Zoning Administrator Alternate	Ed Eastman
Town House Overseer	Paul Kifner
Emergency Management Director	Josh Kahan
Deputy Emergency Management Director	<i>Vacant</i>
Emergency 9-1-1 Contact	Lisa Bragg
Town Health Officer	Stephen Marx
Dog Officer and Pound Keeper	Melissa MacDonald
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	Bob Wilson
Tree Warden	Bob Wilson
Town Service Officer	Susan Coburn
Recycling Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>
Fire Chief, elected by Firemen's Association	Shawn Harlow
Fire Warden, appointed by the State	Calvin Benjamin
Fence Viewers	Greg Lewis, Gary Kendall
South Royalton Area Senior Center Representative	Susan Coburn
Deputy Registrar	Dennis Cilley

Development Review Board:

Bonnie Bergeron (<i>Secretary</i>)	Term expires March 2023
Terrence Garrison (<i>Chair</i>)	Term expires March 2022
Dan Ruml	Term expires March 2022
Martha Walke	Term expires March 2022
Sean Lewis	Term expires March 2021
Alan Donohue (<i>Alternate</i>)	Term expires March 2023
Kip Lindsay (<i>Alternate</i>)	Term expires March 2021

*Front cover: Robinson Meetinghouse on Brook Road.
Built in 1838 for \$1,400; dismantled 1917. Seating for 200.
The steeple's dome was copper.*

Photo courtesy of Strafford Historical Society.

Appointive Officers (continued)

Planning Commission:

Martha Walke (<i>Secretary</i>)	Term expires March 2024
Chrissy Jamieson	Term expires March 2024
Alan Donohue	Term expires March 2022
Michael Scanlan	Term expires March 2022
Stuart Crocker	Term expires March 2022
Stephen Willbanks (<i>Chair</i>)	Term expires March 2022
Brian Johnson	Term expires March 2021
Donald Graham (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	Term expires March 2021
Greg Colling	Term expires March 2021

Conservation Commission:

Charles Sherman.....	Term expires March 2024
David Paganelli	Term expires March 2024
Steve Faccio (<i>Recording Secretary</i>)	Term expires March 2023
Stephen Willbanks (<i>Chair</i>)	Term expires March 2023
Micki Colbeck	Term expires March 2022
J. T. Horn	Term expires March 2022
Will Cooney	Term expires March 2022
Michael Hebb (<i>Trails Commissioner</i>)	Term expires March 2021
Kate Root.....	Term expires March 2021

Town House Advisory Group:

Curt Albee	Term expires March 2023
Rockwell Fuller	Term expires March 2022
Tim Bergeron	Term expires March 2021
Greg Colling	Term expires March 2021
Will Cooney	Term expires March 2021
Steve Handy	Term expires March 2021
Susan Lee	Term expires March 2021
Martha Manheim	Term expires March 2021
Silas Treadway	Term expires March 2021

Recreation Board:

Hilary Linehan	Term expires March 2023
David Taplin	Term expires March 2023
Leslie Berger	Term expires March 2022
Christa Wurm	Term expires March 2022
Jason Loomis	Term expires March 2022

Historic Preservation Commission:

Zach Mitchell	Term expires March 2022
Silas Treadway (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	Term expires March 2022
Ann Thorp (<i>Clerk</i>)	Term expires March 2021
Tim Utt	Term expires March 2021
David Taplin	Term expires March 2021

Appointive Officers (continued)

Regional Planning Commission:

John Echeverria Term expires March 2021
Vacant (Alternate)..... Term expires March 2021

East Central Vermont Community Fiber Network

Governing Board Representative:

Steve Willbanks Term expires March 2021
 David Webb (*Alternate*)..... Term expires March 2021

Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District Representative:

Stephen Willbanks Term expires March 2021
 Michael Scanlan (*Alternate*)..... Term expires March 2021

Upper Valley Ambulance Representative:

Elizabeth Preston Term expires March 2021

Robert Ordway Scholarship Fund Committee:

Diana Leddy Term expires March 2023
 Danette Harris Term expires March 2022
 Joanna Hawkins Term expires March 2021

Community-Building Award Committee:

Roz Finn Term expires March 2021
 John Freitag Term expires March 2021
 Kate Linehan Term expires March 2021
 Rebecca Seibel Term expires March 2021
 Lori Mikusa Term expires March 2021

Ruth Wallace Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee:

Rockwell Fuller Term expires March 2021
 Joanna Hawkins..... Term expires March 2021
 Rod Maclay Term expires March 2021
 Maureen Wilson Term expires March 2021

Carrie Sanborn Trust Committee:

Barbara Murray Term expires March 2021
 Susan Coburn..... Term expires March 2021
 Rose Silloway Term expires March 2021

Notaries Public

Susan Coburn	Alan Donohue	Regina J. Josler
Lisa Bragg	Roderick Maclay	Victoria Lloyd
	Sarah North	

ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

Senator Patrick Leahy	800-642-3193
Senator Bernard Sanders	800-339-9834
Congressman Peter Welch	888-605-7270
Governor Phil Scott	802-828-3333
Lt. Governor Molly Gray	802-828-2226
State Senator Mark MacDonald	802-433-5867
Representative Tim Briglin	802-785-2414
Representative James Masland	802-785-4146

While the Vermont Legislature is in session, you may call the Sergeant-at-Arms and leave a message at 1-800-322-5616.

Permit Fees

Zoning Application	\$ 70.00 + \$ 15.00 Recording Fee
Zoning Variance/Site Plan Appl.	\$100.00 + \$ 15.00 Recording Fee
Minor Subdivision Application	\$200.00 + \$ 15.00 Recording Fee
Major Subdivision Application	\$400.00 + \$100.00 per lot + \$ 15.00 Recording Fee
Highway Access Application	\$ 30.00 + \$ 15.00 Recording Fee

Regional Environmental Office

For information on Sewage Disposal, Water Supply, Act 250, Act 249, Electrical and Plumbing Inspection and Fire Safety, contact the Regional Environmental Office:

Act 250 Permits
Springfield Office
100 Mineral St., Suite 305
Springfield, VT 05156
885-8855

Act 249 Permits
Barre Office
5 Perry St., Suite 80
Barre, VT 05641
476-0190

**WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Strafford are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Strafford Town Office on March 2, 2021 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm to transact the following articles of business by Australian Ballot.

- Article 1:** To elect a Moderator who shall immediately assume office.
- Article 2:** Shall the town appropriate \$1,145,787 to defray 2021 budget expenses?
- Article 3:** Shall the town authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds from sources other than the property tax for Town purposes?
- Article 4:** Shall the town collect taxes in two installments, as follows: one half of the total tax bill is due at the Town Office by or before 4:30 pm on Wednesday, September 1, 2021; the balance of the tax bill is due at the Town Office by or before 4:30 pm on Wednesday, December 1, 2021? Mailed payments must bear an official US Postal Service postmark dated prior to the respective due dates. Postage machine dates are not acceptable. Late taxpayers are charged at a rate of 1% per month for the first 3 months, and at a rate of 1.5% per month for each month thereafter. After a 7-day grace period ending December 8, 2021 and additional 8% collection fee will be charged on delinquent taxes.
- Article 5:** To elect the following officers:
- For a term of three years:*
- Selectboard member
 - Lister
 - Auditor
 - Cemetery Commissioner
 - Cemetery Commissioner
 - Trustee of Public Funds
 - Town Clerk
 - Town Treasurer
- For a term of two years:*
- Selectboard member
 - Harris Library Trustee

For a term of one year:

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Agent to Deed Real Estate

Article 6: Shall the town authorize cannabis retailers and integrated licensees in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A.863?

Article 7: Shall the voters direct the Strafford Selectboard to acquire from the Alliance for Vermont Communities approximately 106.7 acres of land (Strafford land parcel number 05.488), contingent upon the Selectboard's subsequent agreement:

- on the terms of a conservation easement for the property;
- on the terms of an agreement for the acquisition of the property; and
- on other terms relating to future management of the property with the Town of Sharon (owner of an adjacent land parcel in Sharon), the Alliance for Vermont Communities, and the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board?

Polls are open March 2, 2021 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Strafford Town Office. Ballots must be dropped off, sent by mail, or deposited in the ballot drop box at the Town Office prior to March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Dated this 28th day January, 2021

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Strafford:

Toni Pippy

Patrik Kelly

Mary Linehan

Rett Emerson

Brent Cadwell

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

An informational hearing for Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Please check the town website:

www.straffordvt.org

for information about how to attend this hearing via Zoom, or use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83604862781?pwd=dkRSVkrRkeVRjdnAzdWRzd2pRMVd6Zz09>

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
TOWN OF STRAFFORD
ANNUAL MEETING**

March 3, 2020

The Chair of the Selectboard Toni Pippy called the meeting to order at 9 am. Ms. Pippy asked everyone to stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator.

First order of business is to elect a Moderator for a term of one year. David Grant is nominated and seconded. No other nominations, all in favor. David Grant was elected.

David Grant introduced himself. The meeting will be run with Robert's Rules of Order and explained the process for holding the meeting.

Our State Senator Mark Macdonald is here and if no objections will suspend rules and ask him to speak.

Article 2. To hear the report of the Auditors.

Article 2 was moved and seconded. Nellie Pennington indicated there were no corrections to report and once again thanked the Historical Society and Alan Donohue for the historical note in our Town Report. Nellie also thanked the town officials and volunteers that submit their reports and the Selectboard for managing to keep the budget within limits again this year and have done a really good job with control of spending.

Article 3. To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,078,787 to defray 2020 budget expenses.

Article 3 was moved and seconded. Toni Pippy reviewed the 2019 budget year that ended with an unrestricted surplus in the general fund of \$51,622 and in the Highway Fund an unrestricted balance of \$23,050. Before Toni speaks on the 2020 budget she spoke about the paving and that being the topic of discussion the last few days. Toni talked about the paved road inventory and that it's still being completed and how the town made it clear in 2015 they did not want taxes to go up and this is what the board has been using as a guide moving forward with the budget. Toni said that if the taxpayers want to amend the article and increase the budget it would be fine. Toni moved on to the 2020 budget. Toni thanked everyone that works on the committees and said she is very proud to be in this town.

John Freitag would like to make an amendment to the article to increase the paving budget by \$98,000 and it was seconded. The amendment was open for discussion. A vote on the amendment to increase the amount of money by \$98,000. The amendment passes.

Moderator asked if there was any further discussion on Article 3, No more discussion Article 3 was voted on. Article 3 passes.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend unanticipated funds from the sources other than the property tax for town purposes.

Motion to move the article and seconded, article is open for discussion. No objection will vote on Article 4. Article 4 passes.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes in two installments, as follows. One half of the total tax bill is due at the Town Office by or before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. The balance is due at the Town Office by or before Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Mailed payments must bear an official U.S. postmark before those dates. Postage machine dates are unacceptable. Late taxpayers are charged at a rate of 1% per month for the first 3 months, and a rate of 1.5% per month for each month thereafter. After a seven (7) day grace period ending 4:30 p.m. on December 9, 2020 an additional one-time 8% collection fee will be charged on delinquent taxes.

Article 5 was moved and seconded. No discussion, Moderator read the article to vote. Article 5 passes.

Article 6: To elect the following officers:

For a term of three years:

Selectman (paper ballot): Mary Linehan is nominated. With no other nominations, Moderator Grant instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Mary Linehan. Mary Linehan is elected.

Lister (paper ballot): Tim Denny is nominated. With no other nominations, Moderator Grant instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Tim Denny. Tim Denny is elected.

Auditor (paper ballot): Suzanna Liepmann is nominated. With no other nominations, Moderator Grant instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Suzanne. Suzanna Liepmann is elected.

Cemetery Commissioner: Kerrie Bushway is nominated. Kerrie Bushway is elected.

Cemetery Commissioner: Alan Donohue is nominated. Alan Donohue is elected.

Trustee of Public Funds: John Hawkins is nominated. John Hawkins is elected.

For a term of two years:

Selectman (paper ballot): Rett Emerson is nominated. With no other nominations, Moderator Grant instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Rett Emerson. Rett Emerson is elected. Selectman to complete a three year term: Patrik Kelly is nominated. With no other nominations,

Moderator Grant instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Patrik Kelly. Patrik Kelly is elected.

For a term of one year:

Delinquent Tax Collector: Jeanne Castro is nominated. Jeanne Castro is elected.

Town Grand Juror: Alan Donohue is nominated. Alan Donohue is elected.

Town Agent: Alan Donohue is nominated. Alan Donohue is elected.

Agent to Deed Real Estate: Lisa Bragg is nominated. Lisa Bragg is elected.

Robert's Rules were suspended to hear from Jim Masland and Tim Briglin.

Article 7: Shall the Town raise \$7,000 for a Regional Energy Coordinator?

Article 7 was moved and seconded. Doc Bagley as Chair of the Strafford Energy Committee spoke on the article. Doc gave a brief introduction about this article. Nick Clark from Thetford proposed the article to the Selectboard earlier this year. Basically putting together a position that would be administered through TRORC to oversee that position involving seven neighboring towns and the town will share in that cost. Based on population it would be \$7000 for our share of the cost. Move to vote on article 7. Article passes.

Article 8: Resolution to Declare a Climate Emergency

WHEREAS, the United Nations, climate scientists from around the world, and world leaders of 175 countries, all recognize and agree that to avoid catastrophic climate change, drastic reductions in global greenhouse emissions must be achieved by 2030.

WHEREAS, carbon emissions in Vermont are up 16% from 1990 levels, dramatically failing to meet our state goal of 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by 2012;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD:

- 1. Declare that a climate emergency threatens our town, the State of Vermont, and the whole world;**
- 2. Commit to integrating the need to act urgently on climate into all future decision-making, while incorporating transitions that are just and equitable, and to working toward a goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions in Strafford by 2030;**
- 3. Direct the Strafford Select Board to ask the Strafford Energy Committee, in collaboration with other organizations and individuals, to report periodically on the Town's greenhouse gas emissions and to**

present information and ideas for achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions in Strafford by 2030; and

4. Urge the government of the State of Vermont to promptly initiate and enact legislation needed to ensure that Vermont’s goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions are met, and take steps to mitigate any resulting harm to vulnerable populations in Vermont.

Article 8 was moved and seconded. Article is open for discussion. Susan Hodges spoke on the article. Byron Breese amended the article and seconded to read: 1. Declare that a climate emergency threatens “future generations”, our town, the State of Vermont, and the whole world; vote on the amendment passes. Moderator asked to suspend Robert’s Rules to hear from a non-voter on the article. Question was called on the article and vote to end discussion passed. Vote on the resolution passes.

Article 9: To transact any legal business to come before the meeting.

Rosalind Finn spoke about Safeline and the very important work they do and the service they provide to Strafford. David McWilliams, Barrett Hall Trustee announced this past month we lost one of our trustees, Bob Bushway and wanted to say a few words. Curt Albee spoke on the Municipal Building and the work needed. David Paganelli spoke on the Ashley Forest. Toni Pippy thanked Lauri Berkenkamp and Kate Siepmann for their service on the Selectboard and the fantastic job they did. Anne Peyton asked how we prepare for the coronavirus. Jim Schley acknowledges the sounding board and the legend of the hand. John Freitag spoke on the extra line and poles and encourages the selectboard to speak with someone to get them removed. Steve Marx thanked the road crew and the great job they do. As health officer, Steve has been in communication with the State of Vermont, and thanked the Selectboard as well for their work, and reminded residents to post their 9-1-1 signs. Doc Bagley from the Energy Committee also thanked the Strafford Climate Action Group. Meg Teachout thanked everyone for the lunch donations and the support to the PTA.

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 11:45 am.

David Grant
Moderator

Lisa M. Bragg
Town Clerk

Toni Pippy
Selectboard Chair

SELECTBOARD REPORT

The past year came with a number of unforeseen challenges for Strafford, the most momentous – the COVID-19 global pandemic – has altered virtually every aspect of our personal, family, work and community life. Just 10 days after the 2020 Town Meeting, Governor Scott announced a State of Emergency, which at the time of this writing has been extended to February 2021. The State-mandated lockdown during the spring months took place amid uncertainty about how the virus could be spread, when kids would be going back to school, how long we would live under COVID restrictions, and how to best prepare for a possible community outbreak. The Emergency Management Team quickly pulled together a plan and provided the Selectboard with regular updated guidance on how to deal with a possible outbreak in town.

Social distancing and safety guidelines presented a challenge for open board meetings. Several venues were tested to allow public participation, and new equipment was purchased to improve sound and visual quality for remote public participation. The board looks forward to meeting again in the same room someday. Despite the challenges of operating during the pandemic, the primary and national elections were successfully conducted, with a higher-than-average turnout of voters due in part to use of Australian Ballot, which was sent by mail to all voters in town. One of the casualties of the COVID pandemic is the annual Town Meeting, a cherished tradition in Strafford. In 2021 we will hold our Town Meeting using Australian Ballot, with an informational hearing held remotely prior to the March 2nd meeting date, serving as the opportunity for public discussion about articles for vote.

Strafford's roads continue to be a major issue for the selectboard and the town: because we receive no state funding for the upkeep of any of our roads, including Route 132, Strafford relies on grants and taxpayers to fund paving and maintenance. Despite COVID-related delays, and a challenging working environment, the road crew worked tirelessly to complete the planned paving and culvert work on Miller Pond and Brook Roads, as prioritized by the road inventory. Using 2019 grants, ditching work was conducted on Alger Brook, Freeman and Kendall Roads. A replacement for the 2007 International truck was purchased this year and has been placed in service, increasing hauling capacity.

And on to dogs: throughout the year, the board heard various dog complaints, ranging from loose and ill-mannered dogs to excessive barking and vicious dog complaints. The board wants to thank Janet Hardy, who stepped down from Dog Officer, and welcome Melissa MacDonald, who took on the role in September in time to help with a vicious dog hearing.

Other milestones: After almost 20 years, the EPA cleanup of the Elizabeth Mine site has been completed, and there are reports of deer and moose

present on the site. The EPA will support repair of the Tyson Bridge deck which is planned for the spring.

The Strafford Diversity Working Group prepared an Updated Ethical Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy for the Town of Strafford to incorporate anti-discrimination standards. The updated policy was published for public comment and adopted by the board in November.

Over the course of the year the board held repeated discussions with the Sharon selectboard, the Alliance for Vermont Communities and the Vermont Land Trust regarding the proposed acquisition by the two towns of the Ashley Community Forest. Each of the two selectboards decided to consider acquisition of only the land parcel within their own town boundaries rather than joint ownership of the Ashley Forest. Should both towns



Robinson Meetinghouse, Brook Road near Sharon line, c. 1895. It was constructed in 1838.

Robinson Meetinghouse: Approaching from Faye Brook Road in Sharon, c. 1895. Robinson Farm house on right.

Photo courtesy Strafford Historical Society

vote to acquire the land parcels, the details for future management of the forest will be negotiated by a committee representing both towns, Alliance for Vermont Communities, the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

The board used the approved \$5,000 for road-side ash tree removal to proactively manage the emerald ash borer, scourge of forests throughout New England, which has made its way to Orange County. Approximately 70 trees were removed along Mine Road.

The over-crowding and necessary repairs at the town office remain an important issue for the board. However, given the economic impact of COVID on livelihoods and tax revenue, the renovation plan is being revisited to consider less expensive options. Updated plans will be brought to the town for vote before proceeding.

Brian Johnson resigned from the board in May, and Brent Cadwell joined the board to complete Brian's term which ends on March 2, 2021. Brent will step down from the board at Town Meeting and Toni Pippy will complete her current 3-year term but will run again. Two selectboard positions will be on the ballot for this town meeting vote.

The 2020 General Fund and Highway Fund both had a surplus at the end of the year due to COVID-related delays in implementation of planned activities. The balances have been applied to the 2021 budget to complete planned activities. COVID-related expenses have been reimbursed by the State.

As always, the selectboard thanks the town for the opportunity to serve. This is not a job that we can do alone and we want to thank the many other elected and appointed townspeople who serve as board and committee members, as well as the many volunteers who make Strafford the best place to be during a crisis. We also thank Road Foreman, Jon MacKinnon, and his fine road crew for their exceptional dedication to maintaining and enhancing Strafford's roads; and to Lisa Bragg and Regina Josler for their dedication, professionalism, and expertise in keeping Strafford running smoothly, especially during this very challenging year.

Strafford Board of Selectmen

Toni Pippy
Rett Emerson
Patrik Kelly
Brent Cadwell
Mary Linehan

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

2020: the year COVID-19 came and changed how we managed our Town functions and our lives. We just made it through Town Meeting in March of 2020 and from that point on the Town Office was closed and doing business behind closed doors. We remained closed to follow the CDC guidelines, and later allowed researchers in by appointment and by June we opened back up to the public as well. With installed plexi glass and masks we were back to somewhat normal, until November came, and we closed the office once again. During our time closed we were able to work with the New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) and provide our land records online for anyone needing a copy of a recorded document. Other documents that were put online during this time were the Grand List, Tax Book, Lien Book and the day book that was updated weekly. Currently, as of January 2021, the office remains closed but will allow for appointments one person at a time.

While the office was closed Regina and I continued to work behind closed doors and I was bombarded with e-mails, sometime coming to work and finding 200 plus e-mails every single day. From multi departments from the State of Vermont, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC), Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT), to the Clerk list-serve and not just receiving one e-mail, but multiples of the same e-mail. Not just one person sending it from VLCT or TRORC, but multiple from the same place. The overwhelming number of e-mails seemed to go on forever, but each one had to be reviewed for COVID information and what changes were taking place, what executive orders were being put in place, and what deadlines were changing because of COVID.

March was the first cancellation with the annual dog clinic. In June was the first drive through voting for the Strafford School District Budget. In July tax bills were delayed due to the homestead filing deadline being pushed out, which changed our first installment tax due date to September 23, 2020. In August we were able to have the polls open for the August Primary with absentee requests for voting and then for the November Election, changes were made and everyone was mailed a ballot. We received back over 600 ballots and the remaining residents voted at the polls.

The State of Vermont Elections division provided funding up to \$1,000 for the drop box outside that was installed to assist with ballot returns. We also applied for FEMA COVID reimbursement expenses of over \$7,000 and spent many hours filing online documents to be told most were not eligible. We also applied for the State of Vermont Local Government Expenses Reimbursement (LGER) grant and those denied expenses from FEMA would be brought over to the LGER grant which were approved and we received back over \$7,700 in COVID related expenses.

2020 was the first time our boards met by Zoom to manage the town business as well and webinars became the next big thing in learning and trainings.

Still another change for the 2021 Town Meeting and voting by Australia Ballot, online Zoom informational meeting and candidate consent forms to be placed on the ballot. Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters on February 11, 2021 and are due back on March 2, 2021.

We want to thank everyone for their understanding during our time of closure. We will continue to work behind the scenes and do what we can to meet everyone's needs.

I want to give a special thank you to Regina Josler for her work and dedication during these difficult times. Congratulations to Jon MacKinnon for being a valued member of the Highway Department for 30 years now. To the outstanding selectboard and all the work they have done over the last year: you guys have truly done an amazing job guiding our Town, and to Brent Cadwell for stepping up when we needed another member for the Selectboard, thank you for joining us again this past year.

Sincerely,
Lisa M Bragg
Town Clerk/Treasurer

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

The auditors have examined the funds, accounts, and balance sheets of the Town of Strafford for 2020. Based upon our experience, and to the best of our knowledge, we feel that the financial statements and other related reports in this Town Report accurately present the financial status of the Town of Strafford. We have found audited accounts to be consistent and well-managed.

We would like to thank Lisa Bragg, Regina Josler, the Selectboard, and other town and school officials for their continued cooperation in the auditing process and in the preparation of the Town Report.

Nellie Pennington
June Solsaa
Suzanna Liepmann

LISTERS' REPORT

The Listers maintain Strafford's Grand List, a database with descriptions of real property parcels and their assessed values, which are the basis used in determining the amount of owners' property taxes. Each year the Listers track changes in ownership and mailing addresses, property assessments and reassessments (primarily due to new construction), sales and transfers and Homestead Declaration status. We also assist the State's Division of Property Valuation and Review in annually updating and certifying the

records for property enrolled in Vermont's Land Use program (Current Use). These responsibilities are performed by one contracted assessor working four hours one day a week and three elected Listers who devote many more hours throughout the week.

The Grand List for the tax year 2020 had 782 properties (684 of them taxable) assessed for about \$185 million. Of these, 175 properties comprising 17,905 acres are enrolled in the Land Use program, which makes Strafford one of the top ten towns in Vermont for its number of enrolled properties.

Each year the Department of Taxes performs an Equalization Study for all Vermont towns. This statistical analysis compares the value of properties sold during the last three years to their assessed values. Strafford's CLA has steadily decreased since 2018 and was at 97.67% as of December, 2020 (down from 101.65% the year before). When the CLA is less than 100% it means that the average sale value was more than the average assessed value and, unfortunately, will result in an upward adjustment of our tax rate. This trend is likely to continue, because in 2020 many towns in Vermont saw unexpectedly high sale prices, probably because interest in owning property in less crowded communities has increased during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Property owners who reside in Vermont are reminded to file a Homestead Declaration (form HS-122) each year on or before the due date for State tax returns. Most residents will also want to file the accompanying Form HI-144 to qualify for a Property Tax Credit, which can substantially reduce the amount of tax owed. Timely submission of these forms avoids taxpayers having to pay a penalty and helps the Listers and Town Clerk reduce the time and expense of sending revised tax bills.

All property owners should remember to notify the Listers if their mailing address changes, because all official Lister correspondence and tax bills are delivered by the US Postal Service. For security reasons, we require a signed change of address form be submitted to the Town Clerk (a phone or email request is not sufficient). A change of address form is available at the Town Office or can be downloaded from the Listers website.

We wish to thank John Freitag for volunteering to serve as a temporary, replacement Lister in the second half of 2020. John dutifully reported for office hours and completed a project to better organize the records of properties enrolled in the Land Use program.

We encourage town residents who have questions about assessments or other Grand List-related issues to contact the Listers. Check our website (<https://www.straffordvt.org/auditors--listers>) for office hours, when you can likely get immediate assistance. Outside of office hours, the best way to contact us is by email (Listers@straffordvt.org) or you can leave a message on the office phone (765-4360).

Kerrie Bushway

Tim Denny

John Freitag

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

In 2020 twenty building permits were applied for and twenty permits were issued. There were two house applications; five garages; one carport; two additions; four porches/decks; one yurt; one sign permit and four sheds/outbuildings. As always, if you built something without the required permit, your tardy application is welcome. Feel free to call (765-4514); if I don't know an answer I can always help you find out. I did not get any complaints about last year's lack of year to year comparison. Therefore I did not include it in this year's. Thanks to those that did apply for their permits.

Brian Johnson, Zoning Administrator

REPORT OF THE TOWN AGENT AND GRAND JUROR

During this past year of 2020, as Town Agent I did not have occasion or call to prosecute and/or defend suits in which Strafford or the Strafford school district had an interest. It is my understanding that this office is being eliminated and relegated to the history books. Further, as Grand Juror, I was not asked to prosecute any criminal offenses that occurred within the town by having to give information to state and/or local law enforcement. This office, it seems, shall henceforth be appointed, rather than elected. Both offices will become, and perhaps rightly so, a mere memory of a time of closer knit communities and deeper village responsibility. How fortunate we are, during these most difficult times, to have these villages, Strafford and South Strafford, to call home.

Alan Donohue
Grand Juror
Town Agent

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

This year we continued to keep the Evergreen cemetery mowed and clear of debris with Spring and Fall cleanups. Also the yearly cutting of some of the other cemeteries as well. We had Green Valley Memorials come in for a second time to plumb and repair many of the remaining stones in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Strafford Cemetery Commissioners
Andy Behrens
Kerrie Bushway
David Harris
Alan Donohue
Sherm Wilson

STRAFFORD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Strafford Development Review Board (DRB) is the quasi-judicial body in town that holds hearings for potential approval of land use applications including subdivisions, conditional use permits, variances from zoning ordinances and lot line adjustments. The DRB works with the Zoning Administrator (ZA) when building permits and other administrative decisions are not clear-cut to help clarify issues so that the proposed action supports the interests of the property owner and the Town of Strafford. The DRB also acts as a forum for the appeal of decisions of the ZA. The DRB interprets the Town Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, but does not write the ordinances. That is done by the Town Planning Commission with the Select board. In cases where the interpretation or intent is ambiguous, the Select board may seek legal counsel.

The volunteer members of the DRB are appointed by the Select board, as is the Zoning Administrator. Presently the DRB members are Terry Garrison, Chair, Bonnie Bergeron, Secretary, Dan Ruml, Martha Walke and Sean Lewis with Alan Donahue as an alternate when needed. The Zoning Administrator is Brian Johnson. The Clerk of the Board is Bonnie Bergeron.

The DRB meets on the third Wednesday of each month, usually at the Town Offices Building in Strafford when there is business before the Board. All meetings are open to the public, and the minutes are available to the public in the Town Records.

The DRB met seven times in 2020 to address business and hear applications.

Applications for Subdivisions, Conditional Use, and/or Variance are considered formally warned Hearings. Lot Line Adjustments do not require warned hearings and are now heard in front of the board not the Zoning Administrator. Decisions are publicly posted for a 15-day period to allow interested parties to appeal the decision.

In 2020, the DRB held two (2) subdivision hearings, one (1) variance, two (2) Conditional Use Permits, and five (5) Lot Line Adjustments.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bergeron
Clerk of the Strafford Development Review Board

REPORT OF THE STRAFFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Strafford Planning Commission (PC) devoted four of its first six meetings of 2020 to finalizing the draft Unified Bylaw. Two meetings (March and April) were cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns.

In July, however, the PC took up the offer by regional planner Tory Littlefield to discuss the Strafford Energy Committee's proposed draft Enhanced Energy Plan, based on the State's initiative to allow those towns adopting enhanced energy planning tools to have a voice in the siting of alternative energy facilities in their communities.

The Energy Committee was responding to the following mandate adopted at Town Meeting this past March:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD:

- 1. Declare that a climate emergency threatens our town, the State of Vermont, and the whole world;*
- 2. Commit to integrating the need to act urgently on climate into all future decision-making, while incorporating transitions that are just and equitable, and to working toward a goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions in Strafford by 2030;*
- 3. Direct the Strafford Select Board to ask the Strafford Energy Committee, in collaboration with other organizations and individuals, to report periodically on the Town's greenhouse gas emissions and to present information and ideas for achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions in Strafford by 2030; and*
- 4. Urge the government of the State of Vermont to promptly initiate and enact legislation needed to ensure that Vermont's goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions are met, and take steps to mitigate any resulting harm to vulnerable populations in Vermont.*

In addition to Tory, Kevin Grady and Doc Bagley, both representing the Energy Committee, participated in these discussions through the fall, answering questions and advising the Planning Commission on incorporating these energy planning tools and related recommendations and goals into the Town Plan's Energy Chapter.

Considering the Town Meeting resolution, it seemed advisable for the Planning Commission to take up any proposed changes to the Town Plan immediately rather than wait until the Town Plan's next required update in 2025. Therefore, the Planning Commission is anticipating amending the Town Plan in 2021. It is also our goal to put the draft Unitary Bylaw before the voters, if possible, in 2021 as well.

Geoff Martin, the new Regional Energy Coordinator, joined Tory in November to discuss his role in increasing energy-conservation awareness by collecting and comparing electricity and heating usage in municipal buildings in surrounding towns as well as, among other efforts, creating a regional inventory of greenhouse gas emissions.

In December, Tory, after providing siting standards for alternative energy facilities from surrounding towns, offered to develop a draft set of standards specifically tailored for Strafford. Also, at the December meeting, Michael Sacca and David Paganelli, on behalf of the Ashley Community Forest project, asked the Planning Commission to evaluate the project's conformance to the goals of the Strafford Town Plan.

Kevin Grady had been appointed to an open position on the Planning Commission in October, but sadly was able to serve only until December when a health crisis unexpectedly forced him to resign. We deeply appreciate his contributions in the limited time he was able to participate.

Currently, the PC includes Donald Graham, Vice Chair; Martha Walke, Secretary; Michael Scanlan; Chrissy Jamieson; Greg Colling; Brian Johnson; Stuart Crocker; and Steve Willbanks, Chair. The PC meets the 3rd Monday of each month in the Morrill Education Building or by Zoom. The public is always welcome to those meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Willbanks

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

What a year! Maintaining operations during a global pandemic is challenging, especially as guidance and expectations are being adjusted over time.

Thank you for your continued use of safe burning practices. It is greatly appreciated during these trying times.

This year's dry weather impacted soil and fuel moisture, increasing the likelihood of sustained ground fires.

This year there were 96 fires reported in 42 towns that burned approximately 133 acres.

Causes: Lightning: 3 fires, 2.19 acres; Campfire: 18 fires, 6.19 acres; Smoking: 5 fires, 5.28 acres; Debris (brush): 41 fires, 34.39 acres; Arson: 1 fire, 10 acres; Equipment Use: 7 fires, 4.56 acres; Miscellaneous: 21 fires, 70.08 acres.

I would like to add that even if conditions are favorable for the spring burning season, there may be burn bans in place to ensure the safety of our fire fighters because of the ongoing pandemic.

State law requires a permit for open burning with 200' of grass, woodlands or buildings, or if there is less than one inch of snow on the ground. Although no permit is required with snow cover, it is always a good idea to call the Fire Warden if you are going to have a large fire. If someone happen to see it and reports it, the fire department will not be dispatched unnecessarily. Burn permits are free of charge. To acquire one or get more information, call your local Fire Warden at 802-765-9920. Please remember, you cannot obtain a permit by leaving a message, you need to speak with the Fire Warden.

Thank you to all those who obtained fire permits.

Calvin Benjamin
Forest Fire Warden
802-765-9920

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This was a year unlike any other for the Strafford Conservation Commission (SCC). Despite the shadow of Covid-19 over the year, we saw a considerable expansion of our trail network and a surge in the use and activity on those trails. While it was otherwise a quiet year with fewer meetings and fewer guests, there was as much or more to report.

As you will note in Mike Hebb's Trail Report, we have added to the Strafford Trail System the Whiterock Trail into Tunbridge, an additional segment in the Cobb Town Forest trail system near the Vershire town-line and the Richardson Trail, which starts near the border with Thetford. Our thanks to the indefatigable Mike Hebb and his small army of trail-maintenance volunteers for their efforts.

In addition, another trail network is gradually being extended along Strafford's southwesterly border with Sharon on lands conserved by the Upper Valley Land Trust and the Vermont Land Trust. These include the Manning and Robinson properties and the proposed Ashley Community Forest, all with trail easements to ensure that these trails will be available into perpetuity.

Four members of the SCC have been involved with the efforts to create the Ashley Community Forest (ACF) through the donation by the Alliance of Vermont Communities of 106.7 acres to Strafford and 149.7 acres to Sharon: David Paganelli, J.T. Horn, Micki Colbeck and Steve Willbanks. The SCC has reviewed the Land Use Chapter of the Town Plan and concluded that the ACF project adheres closely to the recommendations and goals of the Town Plan in regards especially to recreation, forestry, open-space preservation and wildlife protection and the SCC will write a letter to the Selectboard in support of the ACF project.

There has also been progress on the Emerald Ash-Borer front. The Town of Strafford set aside \$5,000 in the Highway Budget and has started the removal of an estimated 1,200 ash trees of significant size within the Town's rights-of-way, based on a survey by Tree Warden Bob Wilson and Carol Wilson. Orange County Forester David Paganelli has also been advising the Selectboard on this project. There are at least a dozen known infestations now in Vermont.

Please visit the Conservation Commission & Natural Resources pages of the town website: Straffordvt.org. Town Clerk Lisa Bragg and SCC members Mike Hebb and Mickie Colbeck have spent many hours developing these webpages for your pleasure. They are literally crammed with maps, photos and information.

The SCC meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., in the Morrill Education Center or by Zoom. Members of the public are always welcome. The SCC has nine appointed members: Micki Colbeck, Steve Faccio, J.T. Horn, David Paganelli, Kate Root, Chuck Sherman, Will Cooney and Steve Willbanks.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Willbanks, Chair

STRAFFORD TRAIL SYSTEM

2020 has been an unprecedented year for our trail system.

Trail use has been higher than ever before. Hiking is a therapeutic activity and more people are taking advantage of our 26 miles of trail due to restrictions of the pandemic. It is something they can do without fear of infection.

The biggest news is 8 new landowners are allowing public access to their properties. This has allowed us to add six miles to the trail system. These new miles are exceptionally rewarding routes and are already seeing high traffic and favorable reviews.

The Whiterock Trail starts at the height of land between Strafford and Tunbridge on Orchard Road and ends in Strafford Village. Making this possible, are the Echeverria, Emerson, Phelps, Strafford Village Farm, Wetmore, Crocker, and Johnston families. It consists of 4.2 miles of scenic ridgeline with many varying habitats along the way. John Echeverria and Carin Pratt deserve the trail hosts of the year award. In addition to allowing the public on a mile of trail on their property, they maintain 3 miles of the trail system. There is no way to adequately express appreciation to the 40 trail hosts who make the trail system possible.

The Cobb Town Forest also has a new trail. The dense 50 acre wetland, below the parking lot, was difficult to access, but now provides viewing access via a new 0.8 mile loop and another species of lady slipper found recently.

Thanks to Dave Taplin, a mile of trail has been added that climbs Richardson Hill. This is part of the ridgeline sloping east off of Whitcomb Hill. A side trail leads to a historic site where there was once a farm but now one can see some of the most impressive stonework in Strafford in the form of cellar holes and walls. The farm belonged to S.A. Sargent who must have had some Inca ancestors.

The trails are in excellent condition thanks to the 10 volunteers who clear fallen branches, fight back intruding growth and keep them well marked. Damage from horses, wheeled vehicles, and erosion has been nonexistent. In addition, we have two new volunteer trail workers to maintain the new miles.

The most visited attraction is still the top of Whitcomb Hill. Thanks to Mary Louise Pierson and Shawn Ward for the annual mowing. It is the most attractive part of the trail and only a short 1.3 miles to the top from Alger Brook Road to its exceptional views.

Free maps of all 26 miles of trail are now available at Coburn's Store and the Town Office.

Special georeferenced PDF map files are now available on the website. Using these maps with a cell phone program called Avenza, a hiker can tell where he is in relation to the trail at all times.

More details and maps can be found at straffordtrails.yolasite.com.

Mike Hebb
Trails Manager
Strafford Conservation Commission



*Crazy Quilt Handmade by Abigail Robinson in 1848.
Preserved by five generations of Robinson women, including
most recently Betty Robinson Brown.*

Photo courtesy Strafford Historical Society

ASHLEY COMMUNITY FOREST

Before voters at the Sharon and Strafford town meetings in March of 2021, are articles put forth by the respective select boards in regards to accepting the donation of the 256-acre Ashley Community Forest. The parcel, which straddles the two towns (106.7-acres in Strafford and 149.7-acres in Sharon) was purchased by the non-profit Alliance for Vermont Communities (AVC) in June of 2018, as part of an effort to block the NewVistas Foundation development. AVC raised funds from the communities with further assistance from the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

Members from the Strafford and Sharon Conservation Committees, AVC, and the Vermont Land Trust have been working together since November of 2019, to craft management structures for potential town ownership and co-management of the Ashley Community Forest. Public comment and input will be critical in determining the management if the voters accept the gift.

There are several trails already on the property, which have been open to the public for hiking, hunting, skiing, wildlife observation, and education. AVC in association with the Vermont Center for Ecostudies has been sponsoring natural and cultural history walks hosted by local experts. They have been well attended by area residents. The Ashley Forest is enrolled in the Current Use Program with a forestry plan in place created by the Orange and Windsor County foresters. The proposal is the forest will be co-managed by both towns using revenue generated from periodic sustainable timber harvests and from a \$20,000 management fund also given by AVC, as well as from grants and donations. These resources will support normal maintenance and improvements of the forest. Sustainable timber harvesting will promote local jobs for foresters, loggers, truckers, and sawmills, all of which strengthens our rural economy.

The parcel is undeveloped and contains the stone remains of an 1830s working farm. Besides the addition of some trails, the forest will remain in an undeveloped state. School officials from both towns have shown an interest in using the Ashley Community Forest for outdoor sports and academic curricula.

Respectfully submitted,
Micki Colbeck, board member
Strafford Conservation Commission
and Alliance for Vermont Communities

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

2020 of course was a very challenging year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. A huge thank you is of course extended to the town employees, Strafford Fire and Rescue, and countless volunteers who continue to do an amazing job despite the additional COVID-19 mitigation challenges.

From an emergency management perspective, the Town Clerk's Office, road crew, and selectboard continue to address COVID-centric operational items. With respect to public communication matters, my approach has been to simply let State and Federal agencies continue to be root (source) information sources in order to ensure uniform messaging.

I would also like to acknowledge the endless support from the Coburns, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and folks in our community who are simply awesome neighbors. Thank you so much for all your efforts.

As for general Strafford-centric emergency management matters, 2020 was also a very sad milestone with the passing of Bill Burden, Strafford's long-time (25 years +) Emergency Management Director.

Looking ahead, my goal is to continue to ensure that emergency resources and plans are sufficient, well understood, and quickly deployable as needed. I look forward to publicly reviewing these topics in 2021.

Again, a huge thank you to the Town Clerk's office, the road crew, the selectboard, Strafford Fire & Rescue, and the tireless efforts of our neighbors.

Josh Kahan

Strafford Emergency Management Director

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Strafford Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) thanks Robert “Bob” Johnston, who retired as our commission’s first president, for his visionary, passionate, and steadfast leadership preserving and protecting Strafford’s history and culture.

Thanks to state grants the SHPC successfully completed over 140 surveys of Strafford’s historic sites and structures. This report is documented in our Town’s records and with the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. South Strafford village can now begin the process to be listed on the National Historic Register.

The SHPC will continue to explore and utilize grant opportunities for documenting and preserving Strafford’s history. A “Revolving Loan Fund” for historic preservation projects is being investigated. Further discussion and research between the SHPC, Selectboard, and Planning Commission regarding “Certified Local Government” guidelines, zoning, and historic districts are expected.

Respectfully submitted,
Silas Treadway, President
Andersen Thorp, Clerk
David Taplin
Tim Utt

STRAFFORD RECREATION BOARD

The Strafford Recreation Board continues to use our mission to guide us in our work: *The Strafford Recreation Board believes that recreation is critical to a healthy mind and body and that recreation enriches our community and our connection to one another.*

With that in mind, the goal of the Strafford Recreation Board is to provide well-maintained town recreation facilities and encourage outdoor recreation for all ages. This year, all of our programs were put on hold due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We hope to bring back Soccer camp, Jedi camp and art camp this year, if those activities are allowed this summer.

The skating rink did serve residents for most of the winter in the beginning of 2020, primarily thanks to Jason Loomis, who is the rec board lead on the rink and did most of the work. While we wanted to continue this tradition going into the new winter, we simply didn’t have enough volunteers, and with Covid restrictions still in place, the board decided not to try to operate the rink. In the future, an active rink will need more volunteers in order to remain an activity for the town. If you are interested in helping with the volunteer efforts in future winters, perhaps by adopting a week, or with other tasks, please contact Jason directly, as volunteer work is essential to keeping the rink open and skate-able throughout the season.

The tennis court also saw a lot of use this summer since many kids were at home, with no camps running. The court did take some damage over the summer, in the form of small divots - likely from hard objects. These could include things like bicycle pedals or scooter edges, or skateboard rails. While we don't actually know the cause, we do request that use by all wheeled equipment stay in the area outside the tennis court lines. We will put up signage to this affect, and repairs will take place as soon as it is warm enough.

The retaining wall next to the red barn was replaced with a generous donation by Dave Taplin, and should be safer for years to come. The Recreation Board did hold two open "red barn" dates for the community to borrow or turn in used athletic equipment. In case you are not aware, there is an equipment exchange area inside the red barn, which is primarily used for sports equipment like skis, skates and helmets, with a few odds and ends from other sports as well as limited medical equipment like crutches, wheel chairs and temporary beds. Please contact any of the board members if you need access to the equipment in the red barn, or if you want to place something you no longer need there.

We also encourage all community members to join the board or attend meetings. We always welcome new ideas as well as bodies to help maintain and improve recreational opportunities in the town. We try to schedule meetings every other month, and put notice of meetings in advance on the list serv.

Respectfully submitted,
Hilary Linehan, Chair
David Taplin, member
Christa Wurm, member
Jason Loomis, member
Leslie Berger, member

THE TOWN HOUSE ADVISORY GROUP

The mission of the Town House Advisory Group is to advise the Selectboard on policies and means of raising revenue for the purpose of using, maintaining, and preserving the historic Strafford Meeting House, and to implement such related procedures as approved by the Selectboard.

The Town House is used for a variety of events including Town Meeting, voting, musical concerts, seminars, weddings, Newton School graduation, memorial services and promotional events for the building itself.

This was the tenth year of pursuing our mission as the Town House Advisory Group. We currently have a core group of 9 official members plus the Overseer, Paul Kifner. If you would like to be on our email list to follow our activities please provide me with your address. Our activities are posted on the Strafford Webpage: www.straffordvt.org/townhouse. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to contribute.

This past year, due to the pandemic, we ceased all events at the Town House with the exception of one Selectboard meeting and elections. Several maintenance projects were postponed due to the fragmented schedules of contractors and safety concerns about the pandemic. Despite the elimination of programs, events and meetings, attention to the building did not stop. Before the end of the year we were able to start the electrical upgrades we have been planning. We have found a contractor to climb and paint the lantern area of the building. They are planning on starting the work as soon as it gets warm enough for the paint to dry. This upcoming season will include the 4th segment of exterior wall painting.

We are looking forward to when we can resume the use of the building so people can gather and be safe.

If you have questions about plans for the Town House or if you would like to help support our efforts with a contribution, please contact Rocky Fuller at rockwellfuller@gmail.com or call 802-763-8603

Respectfully submitted,

Rocky Fuller

Town House Advisory Group Chair

STRAFFORD ENERGY AND CLIMATE COMMITTEE

This year the Strafford Energy Committee's name was changed to the "Strafford Energy and Climate Committee" to emphasize the larger context and impacts of our local efforts. The Selectboard approved this change.

The mission of the Strafford Energy and Climate Committee (SECC) is to promote energy conservation and alternatives to fossil fuels in heating or cooling buildings, powering vehicles, and generating electricity. With the resolution to achieve zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 passed at Strafford's Town Meeting of March 2020, the SECC works as an advisory committee to the Selectboard, providing our town officials, members of other committees, and the residents of Strafford and South Strafford along with local farms, businesses, and forest managers information on energy-related matters, including options for reducing our carbon emissions through best practices and sustainability planning.

We recommend that all interested citizens of Strafford visit the SECC page on the town's website, where you can review the monthly minutes (meetings are second Tuesday of each month) for a closer look at committee's work over the past six years and more, and find valuable information and links to organizations that offer services and financial assistance for your future energy- and cash-saving projects: <https://www.straffordvt.org/energy-commission>.

Vermont has set a statewide goal of 90% renewable energy by 2050. This not only means increased renewables-derived electricity from our utilities, but also a reduction in home-heating fuel usage through weatherization, shifts to higher-efficiency equipment (heat pumps and woodchip/pellet boilers), and pursuit of cleaner options in transportation (including electric vehicles, mass transit, and carpooling).

In 2020, through Article 7 of the Town Meeting, Strafford along with five other towns (Sharon, Barnard, Woodstock, Fairlee, and Thetford) hired a Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator (IREC) to work at both a multi-town and town-specific level to help to inventory energy usage and help set goals to reduce our GHG emissions. Please see the separate report from IREC Geoff Martin in this Town Report. The contract for this position runs through June of 2021. We hope that the Selectboard renews the contract with Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission to help the SECC and Selectboard reach our zero-emissions goals in this time of climate emergency.

Our committee continues to pursue goals set out by the SECC and the Selectboard on several fronts:

Strafford Climate Action: We work collaboratively on our shared goals with Strafford Climate Action, an informal group made up of a number of Strafford citizens. Be sure to visit their blog site at: <https://straffordclimate-action.blogspot.com> and participate in conversation about climate-related

topics. For more information or to participate in Strafford Climate Action, contact Susan Hodges, moderator, at sshodges13@gmail.com.

Weatherization Programs: Our committee helps promote Button-Up, a yearly initiative coordinated by Efficiency Vermont to connect homeowners and businesses with Energy Star certified contractors for renovation, new construction, and weatherization projects. Assistance and rebates are available through Button-Up for work done and appliances purchased for higher-efficiency building performance. More information at: <https://buttonupvermont.org/>

In addition, Cover Home Repair and Capstone Community Action offer zero-cost weatherization assistance on an income-sensitive basis. Weatherization work and appliance-replacement projects can be completed at no cost to the homeowner. We are very eager to help Strafford folks interested in weatherization projects, so please contact the SECC at energy@straffordvt.org or call the Strafford town office at 765-4411 to be directed to the committee. More information at: <https://capstonevt.org/weatherization> and <https://coverhomerepair.org/>.

The Strafford Edible Pocket Park: The Pocket Park continues to prosper and grow. In 2020, we added one new tree: a Dolgo crabapple, which is a good cross-pollinator for many other fruit trees, and it produces bounteous, enjoyable (a bit tangy) fruit. The Park is being used by Newton School and Creative Preschool students for art, science, creative writing, and meditation. Because of the picnic tables, little beach, and swimming access, it is always busy in warm summer weather. After a cooling dip you can enjoy blueberries and gooseberries. The Morrill Memorial and Harris Library created a story walk, “Mole Music,” meandering through the garden. We also had a memorial gathering to honor John Lewis, promoting “Good Trouble.”

Unfortunately, because of Covid, we could not have our fall potluck and music celebration. We look forward to having this again in 2021. Because of the size of the park, it is quite easy to practice social distancing. Please visit whenever you can and bring your friends. It is restful in every season.

Forests and Farms: We have had public meetings on how our forests and farms can help reduce climate impacts by sequestering carbon and reducing other greenhouse gases that might otherwise be released into the atmosphere. We have been following what other towns and the state are doing in these areas, with the aim of providing local landowners with useful information. We look forward to working with the town Conservation Commission along with local farmers and foresters, and are interested in hosting more community forums on the subject.

WindowDressers: We had planned to have another session with WindowDressers (windowdressers.org) to provide highly effective interior storm windows for those who missed out last winter. Due to the pandemic, all WindowDressers activity has been postponed. We hope to be able to

host this program again in late summer or early fall of 2021. With volunteer help and low-cost materials, we've been able to provide inexpensive and removable interior storm windows that can greatly increase home comfort and reduce heating costs.

IREC Geoff Martin has been working with the town collecting municipal energy-usage data that will be the foundation of town wide efforts to reduce GHG emission. A no-cost energy audit will be performed by the energy services company EEI at our town garage and other facilities within the six-town IREC network, to better understand inefficiencies and identify measures to pursue for guaranteed energy cost savings. In the coming year, Geoff plans to work with Efficiency Vermont to provide resources to the Newton School, privately owned facilities, and local business in a similar data-collecting effort.

New Vermont Residential Building Code: On December 18, 2019, Vermont approved an update to its Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES), which went into effect with new permits starting September 1, 2020. The previous code had been in place since early 2015. This code update is significant, including not only much more rigorous energy-efficiency requirements, but also new enforcement requirements for local building officials. It includes a more active role for the local building official to review documents, perform site-inspections during construction, designate an agent to support inspections and reviews, and conduct a final inspection before approving for occupancy. However, as with most energy codes, this new code grants wide leeway for local enforcement officials and even allows them to waive inspections and document reviews.

The SECC has reached out to Efficiency Vermont to seek RBES training and support services on behalf of Strafford, has consulted with Geoff Martin to learn more about how to leverage the new code procedures regionally, and has volunteered to support Strafford's building-code officials as designated agents with inspections, document review, or general RBES explanation and knowledge transfer.

The new code covers both new construction, alteration, and additions. It works from a "package+points" premise, with a baseline code of mandatory minimum-efficiency requirement (package) for insulation, HVAC, water heating, and air-sealing. It then requires a building to accrue a certain quantity of extra points by installing above-baseline energy measures from those same categories. For homes that are electrically heated, the code requires that the primary heating source be a cold-climate heat pump listed on the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership's (NEEP's) qualifying products list, with an electric resistance lock-out at higher temperatures for supplemental electric heat.

Transportation: Strafford has a new regularly scheduled bus service with Tri-Valley Transit (formerly Stagecoach) offering the "Thetford Connector." The service has stops in Bradford, Fairlee, Thetford, Strafford, and Sharon,

and conveniently connects with the “89er” service for both morning and late afternoon trips to/from the Upper Valley. Currently, all rides are free! <https://stagecoach-rides.org/routes/thetford-connector/>

One of the biggest contributors to greenhouse gases in Vermont is our use of fossil fuels for transportation. Perhaps you should consider an electric vehicle (EV) or plug-in hybrid car, which can dramatically lower your carbon footprint? There are many incentives for all income levels. For instance, DriveElectricVermont has a great website that provides a ton of information to help you make an informed decision. You’ll find that there are many more options than a Tesla! www.driveelectricvt.com

All SECC meetings are open to the public. We are eager to welcome new people with fresh ideas to become involved and join the SECC. On occasion, the time and date of the meeting changes, so please contact energy@straffordvt.org to confirm prior to attending. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Contact us for Zoom meeting links during this time of social distancing.

Come join us in working toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing programs and strategies for helping our neighbors and the town reduce fossil fuel use and increase comfort and efficiency. Keep an eye out for climate- and energy-related postings on the Strafford list-serv, strafford@lists.vitalcommunities.org, and watch for information located at the town website and office, Coburns’ Store and the Morrill Memorial and Harris Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Doc Bagley and Kevin Grady, Co-Chairs
Jim Schley, Secretary
David Lutz
Tii McLane
Barbara Smith
Gus Speth
Susan Hodges
Matt Christie

INTERMUNICIPAL REGIONAL ENERGY COORDINATOR

In July, Strafford joined the Towns of Barnard, Fairlee, Sharon, Thetford, and Woodstock to form the first Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator (IREC) position in the state. The position is hosted by the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC), and a Steering Committee, comprised of members appointed by each participating town, guides the IREC's work. The purpose of the position is to work with the six towns to lessen overall energy use, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and move to renewable generation of electricity. These actions will further state, regional and local energy goals.

I began work in mid-August talking with Kevin Grady, Strafford's initial IREC Steering Committee representative (Doc Bagley of the Energy Committee is now serving in this role), reviewing the Energy Committee's work, and completing walk-throughs of Strafford's municipal buildings.

Next, with support from Town staff, data was gathered to establish a baseline of Strafford's energy consumption. We found that the Town spent over \$11,000 on heating fuel and electricity at town buildings in FY 20, the most recent year with complete information. The Town also spent close to \$38,000 on fuel for the vehicle fleet in FY 20, for a combined total energy bill of almost \$50,000. This baseline information allows for a better understanding of where Strafford is using the most energy and how best to target energy efficiency improvements and achieve related cost savings.

In addition to establishing a baseline of energy use and costs for the Town, we are conducting a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory of Town operations. This inventory will guide decisions related to meeting the net-zero GHG emissions by 2030 target established in the Climate Emergency Resolution that was passed last year.

There will be many more opportunities to move Strafford closer to its energy and climate goals in the coming year. I am looking forward to working with the Town to assess its vehicle fleet, use more renewable energy, and help residents enjoy the benefits of cleaner, renewable technologies. I am extremely grateful for all the support from Town staff, the Selectboard, and Kevin Grady and Doc Bagley. In addition, TRORC would like to thank the residents of Strafford for approving Strafford's participation in the IREC program and making this work possible.

Sincerely,
Geoff Martin
Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator, TRORC

TOWN OF STRAFFORD, VERMONT
BUDGET ANALYSIS AND STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Years Ending December 31, 2019, 2020, and Proposed 2021

	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	(Unfavorable) Favorable	2021 Proposed
GENERAL FUND Revenue					
Taxes/Fund Balance					
Balances Forward	\$ 46,942	\$ 51,622	\$ 51,622	\$ -	\$ 32,154 ^a
Current Taxes	304,419	313,859 *	330,804	16,945	340,960
Taxes/Fund Balance Total	\$ 351,361	\$ 365,481	\$ 382,426	\$ 16,945	\$ 373,114
Governmental					
PILOT/Fish and Game Tax	\$ 20,053	\$ 20,053	\$ 20,555	\$ 502	\$ 20,555
State of Vermont Hold Harmless	121,527	121,527	118,441	(3,086)	118,441
Governmental Total	\$ 141,580	\$ 141,580	\$ 138,996	\$ (2,584)	\$ 138,996
Interest					
1% Interest on First Payment	\$ 1,001	\$ 1,400	\$ 4,472	\$ 3,072	\$ 1,400
Delinquent Tax Interest	12,850	10,000	7,778	(2,222)	10,000
Interest	825	300	547	247	400
Interest Total	\$ 14,675	\$ 11,700	\$ 12,798	\$ 1,098	\$ 11,800
Penalty					
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$ 13,650	\$ 9,000	\$ 12,542	\$ 3,542	\$ 9,000 ^b
Penalty Total	\$ 13,650	\$ 9,000	\$ 12,542	\$ 3,542	\$ 9,000

a - Balance Forward uses a surplus from a prior year to offset taxes and/or represents spending from reserves

** - \$7,000 budget increase approved separately during Town Meeting 2020 in Article 7*

b - Delinquent Tax Penalty represents the 8% delinquent penalty, and is paid to the Delinquent Tax Collector

	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	(Unfavorable) Favorable	2021 Proposed
Fees Total					
Dog License Fees	\$ 1,484	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,492	\$ (8)	\$ 1,500
Dog Violation Fees	426	300	260	(40)	300
Liquor License Fees	185	185	185	-	185
Other Fees for Services	4,835	3,500	4,066	566	3,750
Recording Fees	11,556	8,500	14,363	5,863	12,000
Recording Surcharge	2,879	2,000	5,187	3,187	3,000
Subdivision Permit Fees	600	400	200	(200)	400
Zoning Permit Fees	2,200	1,500	1,950	450	1,500
Fees Total	\$ 24,165	\$ 17,885	\$ 27,703	\$ 9,818	\$ 22,635
Grants					
Miscellaneous Grants	-	-	-	-	7,613
Parcel Mapping	\$ 4	\$ 100	\$ 2	\$ (98)	\$ 100
State of Vermont Lister Education	-	400	-	(400)	-
Equal Education Grand List	701	-	707	707	-
State of Vermont Reappraisal Fund	5,959	6,600	6,010	(591)	6,600
Grants Total	\$ 6,664	\$ 7,100	\$ 6,719	\$ (382)	\$ 14,313
Donations					
Donations - Pocket Park	\$ 4,400	\$ -	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ -
Donations - Town House	3,553	500	550	50	500
Donations - Dogs	144	-	55	55	-
Town House Usage	600	1,200	550	(650)	1,200
Donations Total	\$ 8,697	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,280	\$ (420)	\$ 1,700
Miscellaneous					
Evergreen Cemetery	\$ 410	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ -
Miscellaneous Income	25,342	4,000	1,723	(2,277)	4,000
Recycling Revenue	2,020	500	1,166	666	1,000
Miscellaneous Total	\$ 27,771	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,906	\$ (1,594)	\$ 5,000

	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	(Unfavorable) Favorable	2021 Proposed
Independent Committees (Revenue & Expenses from Reserve)					
Carrie Sanborn Fund	\$ 9,500	\$ -	\$ 11,700	\$ 11,700	\$ -
Energy Committee	3,870	-	1,300	1,300	-
Recreation Revenue	2,635	1,000	-	(1,000)	1,000
Independent Committees Total	16,005	1,000	13,000	12,000	1,000
GENERAL FUND Total Revenue	\$ 604,568	\$ 559,946	\$ 598,370	\$ 38,424	\$ 577,558
GENERAL FUND Expenses					
Administration					
Select Board Salary	\$ 2,250	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ -	\$ 3,750
Select Board Expenses	394	515	126	389	515
Select Board Assistant	7,444	7,734	7,778	(44)	7,884
Town Clerk/Treasurer	42,193	43,829	44,077	(248)	44,678
Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer	35,985	39,826	36,163	3,663	40,625
Health/Dental/Vision Insurance	26,423	26,803	26,996	(193)	27,607
Municipal Retirement	3,539	3,933	3,796	137	4,236
Social Security Tax	8,290	9,691	8,098	1,593	9,829
Unemployment Insurance	168	651	652	(1)	-
Workers' Compensation	1,317	1,528	1,528	(0)	1,370
Property & Liability Insurance	9,795	10,457	10,457	(0)	10,192
Financial Services	4,000	6,300	6,169	131	6,300
Administration Total	\$ 141,798	\$ 155,017	\$ 149,590	\$ 5,427	\$ 156,986

c - These committees function independently and revenues are moved to their respective reserve funds

	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	(Unfavorable) Favorable	2021 Proposed
General Services					
Town Office	\$ 14,425	\$ 18,200	\$ 18,782	\$ (582)	\$ 21,250
Records Restoration	730	-	-	-	- ^d
VLCT Dues	2,338	2,433	2,433	-	2,433
Town Meeting & Elections	147	2,300	861	1,439	1,000
Town Report	2,757	2,900	2,792	108	2,900
Auditing	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	1,200
Outside Audit/Professional Services	3,800	5,000	2,869	2,131	5,000
Delinquent Tax Collector Salary	13,650	9,000	12,542	(3,542)	9,000
Listers	1,865	2,200	1,918	282	4,450
Lister Contract Services	12,561	12,615	14,420	(1,805)	14,490
Parcel Mapping	338	700	238	462	-
Police Services	25,074	30,500	28,246	2,254	25,500
Dog Officer	1,763	2,000	1,618	382	2,000
Fire Protection/FAST Squad	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	51,000
Emergency Management	25	1,500	-	1,500	10,150
Ambulance Service	48,312	48,712	48,312	400	50,904
Solid Waste	12,457	12,078	12,086	(8)	12,078
Recycling	19,894	19,000	20,943	(1,943)	19,500
General Services Total	\$ 211,337	\$ 220,338	\$ 219,260	\$ 1,078	\$ 232,855

d - Records restoration is paid from reserve funds from the recording surcharge

	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	(Unfavorable) Favorable	2021 Proposed
Community Services					
Adult Basic Education	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 800
Capstone Community Action	300	300	300	-	300
Clara Martin Center/OCMH	2,700	2,700	2,700	-	2,700
Council on Aging	750	750	750	-	750
Health HUB School Clinic	500	500	500	-	500
Historic Conservation	4,424	250	425	(175)	250
Library	34,000	34,000	34,000	-	34,000
Orange County Court Diversion	240	340	340	-	1,840
Public Health Council	110	111	111	-	111
Red Cross	500	575	575	-	575
Sateline	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Senior Citizens Center	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Stratford Historical Society	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	2,500
Streetlights	1,041	2,600	1,125	1,475	2,600
Vermont Center for Independent Living	200	200	200	-	200
Visiting Nurse Alliance	3,250	3,250	3,250	-	3,250
Community Services Total	\$ 54,816	\$ 52,376	\$ 51,075	\$ 1,301	\$ 54,376
Planning					
Development Review Board	\$ 660	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,125	\$ 125	\$ 1,750
Regional Planning	1,636	1,680	1,680	-	1,680
Regional Energy Coordinator	-	7,000 *	3,500	3,500	7,000
Town Planning	-	400	-	400	1,000
Zoning	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Planning Total	\$ 3,296	\$ 11,330	\$ 7,305	\$ 4,025	\$ 12,430
General Government					
County Tax	\$ 46,017	\$ 47,000	\$ 43,375	\$ 3,625	\$ 45,027
Leaseland Rent	85	85	-	85	85
Legal Fees & Consultants	2,013	3,000	1,011	1,989	4,000
General Government Total	\$ 48,115	\$ 50,085	\$ 44,386	\$ 5,699	\$ 49,112

* Budget amount approved separately during Town Meeting 2019 in Article 7

	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	(Unfavorable) Favorable	2021 Proposed
Municipal Property					
Municipal Building	\$ 13,549	\$ 36,100	\$ 7,344	\$ 28,756	\$ 36,100
Town House	15,048	13,450	7,676	5,774	13,450
Town House Restrooms	-	500	-	500	500
Cemeteries	13,038	10,800	12,700	(1,900)	11,800
Recreation Areas	6,503	5,700	2,958	2,742	5,700
Pocket Park	66	-	316	(316)	-
Municipal Property Total	\$ 48,205	\$ 66,550	\$ 30,994	\$ 35,556	\$ 67,550
Grant Expenditures					
Miscellaneous Grants	\$ 2,559	\$ -	\$ 399	\$ (399)	\$ -
Grant Expenditures Total	\$ 2,559	\$ -	\$ 399	\$ (399)	\$ -
Miscellaneous					
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 25,294	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,854	\$ 2,146	\$ 4,000
Miscellaneous Total	\$ 25,294	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,854	\$ 2,146	\$ 4,000
Independent Committees (Revenue & Expenses from Reserve)					
Carrie Sanborn	\$ 6,960	\$ -	\$ 12,228	\$ (12,228)	\$ -
Conservation Fund	-	-	87	(87)	-
Energy Committee	-	250	-	250	250
Independent Committees Total	\$ 6,960	\$ 250	\$ 12,315	\$ (12,065)	\$ 250
GENERAL FUND Total Expenses	\$ 542,379	\$ 559,946	\$ 517,179	\$ 42,767	\$ 577,558
General Fund Grand Total	\$ 62,189	\$ -	\$ 81,191	\$ 81,191	\$ -

e - These committees function independently and expenses are moved from their respective reserve funds

	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	(Unfavorable) Favorable	2021 Proposed
HIGHWAY FUND Revenue					
Taxes					
Balances Forward	\$ 73,029	\$ 23,050	\$ 23,050	\$ -	\$ 168,426 <i>f</i>
Current Taxes	743,275	869,928 *	869,928	-	804,827
Taxes Total	\$ 816,304	\$ 892,978	\$ 892,978	\$ -	\$ 973,253
Governmental					
FEMA	\$ 116,430	\$ -	\$ 7,717	\$ 7,717	\$ -
Grants	192,647	217,820	42,820	(175,000)	224,117
State of Vermont Emergency Fund	12,288	-	-	-	-
Vermont Gas Tax	144,697	144,697	148,971	4,274	144,697
Governmental Total	\$ 466,063	\$ 362,517	\$ 199,508	\$ (163,009)	\$ 368,814
Loans					
Loan Proceeds	\$ 456,856	\$ 195,000	\$ 174,631	\$ (20,369)	\$ - <i>g</i>
Loans Total	\$ 456,856	\$ 195,000	\$ 174,631	\$ (20,369)	\$ -
Miscellaneous					
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 13,660	\$ -	\$ 43,825	\$ 43,825	\$ -
Miscellaneous Total	\$ 13,660	\$ -	\$ 43,825	\$ 43,825	\$ -
HIGHWAY FUND Total Revenue	\$ 1,752,883	\$ 1,450,495	\$ 1,310,942	\$ (139,553)	\$ 1,342,067
HIGHWAY FUND Expenses					
Labor & Benefits					
Highway Department Labor	\$ 195,058	\$ 226,819	\$ 214,480	\$ 12,339	\$ 231,333
Health/Dental/Vision Insurance	44,365	47,945	46,118	1,827	39,952
Municipal Retirement	8,280	10,207	9,431	776	10,988
Social Security Tax	14,686	17,352	16,023	1,329	17,697
Workers' Compensation	13,536	14,630	14,629	1	13,328
Labor & Benefits Total	\$ 275,925	\$ 316,953	\$ 300,681	\$ 16,272	\$ 313,298

f - Balance forward includes a prior year surplus of \$148,426 and \$20,000 from the Equipment Reserve

* - \$98,000 budget increase for paving approved during Town Meeting 2020 as an amendment to Article 3

g - Loan for equipment, offset by purchase in Capital Expense

	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	(Unfavorable) Favorable	2021 Proposed
Municipal Property					
Contract Services	\$ 780	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,320	\$ (320)	\$ 6,000
Materials	2,067	3,000	1,629	1,371	3,000
Recycling	197	500	233	267	500
Sidewalks	6,120	9,000	7,740	1,260	9,000
Mowing	8,820	8,820	10,241	(1,421)	10,250
Town Garage	25,499	29,300	36,341	(7,041)	29,300
Municipal Roads Permit	240	240	1,830	(1,590)	1,590
Municipal Property Total	\$ 43,723	\$ 56,860	\$ 64,334	\$ (7,474)	\$ 59,640
Materials					
Chloride	\$ 9,056	\$ 12,000	\$ 18,571	\$ (6,571)	\$ 12,000
Gravel	38,478	31,800	49,277	(17,477)	31,800
Miscellaneous Materials	10,434	20,000	6,108	13,892	20,000
Salt	78,715	65,000	52,759	12,241	65,000
Sand	26,538	33,000	32,922	78	33,000
Contract Services	54,954	20,000	22,550	(2,550)	10,000
Contract Services-Hauling	19,525	15,000	5,308	9,693	5,000
Materials Total	\$ 237,698	\$ 196,800	\$ 187,494	\$ 9,306	\$ 176,800
Bridges					
Bridge Grant Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
Bridge Grant Town Match	-	50,000	-	50,000	50,000
Materials	-	5,000	-	5,000	80,000
Bridges Total	\$ -	\$ 230,000	\$ -	\$ 230,000	\$ 305,000
Paving					
Paving Grant Contract Services	\$ 95,343	\$ 98,000 *	\$ 97,986	\$ 14	\$ 98,000
Paving Grant Expenditures	151,647	-	-	-	-
Retreatment	29,750	30,000	29,750	250	35,000
Paving Total	\$ 276,740	\$ 128,000	\$ 127,736	\$ 264	\$ 133,000

h - Guard rails, culverts, ditching materials, fabric, etc.

* - \$98,000 budget increase for paving approved during Town Meeting 2020 as an amendment to Article 3

	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	(Unfavorable) Favorable	2021 Proposed
Grants for Public Works					
Highway Misc. Grants	\$ 52,919	\$ 54,302	\$ 48,585	\$ 5,717	\$ 71,396
Grants for Public Works Total	\$ 52,919	\$ 54,302	\$ 48,585	\$ 5,717	\$ 71,396
Equipment					
Capital Expense	\$ 494,239	\$ 195,000	\$ 174,631	\$ 20,369	\$ - <i>i</i>
Interest	5,267	19,190	15,361	3,829	19,190
Debt Service	53,615	116,933	81,664	35,269	116,933 <i>j</i>
Gas & Oil	40,467	55,000	38,661	16,339	55,000
Supplies	25,408	23,000	25,061	(2,061)	32,500
Insurance	7,988	8,457	8,457	(0)	9,311
Backhoe Repairs	869	1,500	3,328	(1,828)	3,000
Grader Repairs	19,606	18,500	13,448	5,052	18,000
Loader Repairs	913	3,000	1,836	1,164	3,000
Mower Repairs	1,933	2,000	1,258	742	2,000
Truck 1 Repairs	1,948	2,000	4,679	(2,679)	3,000
Truck 2 Repairs	13,133	10,000	15,300	(5,300)	15,000
Truck 3 Repairs	9,698	10,000	9,391	609	3,000
Truck 4 Repairs	8,301	3,000	384	2,616	3,000
Equipment Total	\$ 683,387	\$ 467,580	\$ 393,459	\$ 74,121	\$ 282,934

i - Represents capital purchase + principal of lease payments for equipment; offset by Loan Proceeds when loan is received

j - Principal payments for loans

	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	(Unfavorable) Favorable	2021 Proposed
FEMA					
Contract Services	\$ 134,710	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Labor	2,792	-	2,152	(2,152)	-
Materials	-	-	5,632	(5,632)	-
Miscellaneous Expense	53	-	182	(182)	-
FEMA Total	\$ 137,556	\$ -	\$ 7,966	\$ (7,966)	\$ -
Miscellaneous					
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	-	213	\$ (213)	\$ -
Miscellaneous Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213	\$ (213)	\$ -
HIGHWAY FUND Total Expenses	\$ 1,707,948	\$ 1,450,495	\$ 1,130,469	\$ 320,239	\$ 1,342,067
Highway Fund Grand Total	\$ 44,935	\$ -	\$ 180,473	\$ 180,686	\$ -
GARAGE BOND FUND Revenue					
Taxes					
Current Taxes	\$ 46,540	\$ 45,068	\$ 45,068	\$ -	\$ 43,434
Taxes Total	\$ 46,540	\$ 45,068	\$ 45,068	\$ -	\$ 43,434
TOWN GARAGE BOND Total Revenue	\$ 46,540	\$ 45,068	\$ 45,068	\$ -	\$ 43,434
GARAGE BOND FUND Expenses					
Bond					
Debt Service	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000
Interest	11,540	10,068	10,068	-	8,434
Bond Total	\$ 46,540	\$ 45,068	\$ 45,068	\$ -	\$ 43,434
TOWN GARAGE BOND Total Expenses	\$ 46,540	\$ 45,068	\$ 45,068	\$ -	\$ 43,434
Town Garage Bond Grand Total	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	(Unfavorable) Favorable	2021 Proposed
HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION BOND FUND Revenue					
Taxes					
Current Taxes	\$ 130,301	\$ 128,281	\$ 128,281	\$ -	\$ 126,262
Taxes Total	\$ 130,301	\$ 128,281	\$ 128,281	\$ -	\$ 126,262
HWY RECON BOND Total Revenue	\$ 130,301	\$ 128,281	\$ 128,281	\$ -	\$ 126,262
HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION BOND FUND Expenses					
Bond					
Debt Service	\$ 122,222	122,222	\$ 122,222	\$ (0)	122,222 ^k
Interest	10,099	6,059	6,059	(0)	4,040
Bond Total	\$ 132,321	\$ 128,281	\$ 128,281	\$ (0)	\$ 126,262
HWY RECON BOND Total Expenses	\$ 132,321	\$ 128,281	\$ 128,281	\$ (0)	\$ 126,262
Hwy Recon Bond Grand Total	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ -
<i>k - Principal payments for bonds; these are now recorded as expenses and borrowing as revenue</i>					
TOTALS					
General Fund Grand Total	\$ 62,189	\$ -	\$ 81,191	\$ 81,191	\$ -
Highway Fund Grand Total	\$ 44,935	\$ -	\$ 180,473	\$ 180,686	\$ -
Town Garage Fund Grand Total	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hwy Reconstr. Fund Grand Total	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ -
ALL FUNDS Revenue	\$ 2,534,292	\$ 2,078,790	\$ 2,082,660	\$ (101,130)	\$ 2,089,321
ALL FUNDS Expenses	\$ 2,429,188	\$ 2,078,790	\$ 1,820,997	\$ 363,006	\$ 2,089,321
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 163,187	\$ -	\$ 261,663	\$ 261,876	\$ -

TOWN OF STRAFFORD, VERMONT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET ALL FUNDS & ENDOWMENTS

For Years Ending December 31, 2019 and 2020 (Note 1)

	General	Highway	Town Garage	Hwy Reconstr.	Endowments (Note 2)	12/31/2020	12/31/2019
ASSETS							
Cash	\$ 294,296	\$ 195,835	\$ 19,782	\$ (452)	\$ 33,075	\$ 542,535	\$ 339,105
Delinquent Tax Receivable	98,782	-	-	-	-	98,782	93,218
Int. on Del. Tax Receivable	13,157	-	-	-	-	13,157	10,162
Accounts Receivable	1,551	93,056	-	-	-	94,608	93,791
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 407,786	\$ 288,891	\$ 19,782	\$ (452)	\$ 33,075	\$ 749,081	\$ 536,276
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE							
LIABILITIES							
Deferred Revenue	\$ 67,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,821	\$ 80,172
Accounts Payable	5,174	11,478	-	-	-	16,652	23,517
Accrued Payroll	4,184	8,886	-	-	-	13,070	10,122
Prepaid Taxes	4,074	-	-	-	-	4,074	923
Due to School District	80,572	-	-	-	-	80,572	44,984
Due to Tax Collector	6,459	-	-	-	-	6,459	4,000
Miscellaneous Liabilities	734	511	-	-	-	1,245	393
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 169,018	\$ 20,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 189,894	\$ 164,111
FUND BALANCE							
Restricted (Note 3)	\$ 206,614	\$ 119,591	\$ 19,782	\$ (452)	\$ 33,075	\$ 378,609	\$ 310,573
Unrestricted	32,154	148,426	-	-	-	180,579	54,671
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 238,768	\$ 268,016	\$ 19,782	\$ (452)	\$ 33,075	\$ 559,188	\$ 365,245
TOTAL LIABILITIES							
& FUND BALANCE	\$ 407,786	\$ 288,891	\$ 19,782	\$ (452)	\$ 33,075	\$ 749,081	\$ 529,356

The accompanying notes are a necessary part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF STRAFFORD, VERMONT
ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCES
Fiscal Years Ending December 31, 2019 and 2020

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Town Fund	Garage Fund	Hwy Recon Fund
Fund Balances Dec. 31, 2019	\$ 209,199	\$ 110,561	\$ 19,782	\$ -	\$ (452)
Prior Year Adj (<i>See Note 4</i>)		\$ 33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adj. Fund Bal. Dec. 31, 2019	\$ 209,199	\$ 110,593	\$ 19,782	\$ -	\$ (452)
Transfers Out (<i>See Note 5</i>)	\$ (51,622)	\$ (23,050)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers In (<i>See Note 5</i>)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenues	\$ 598,370	\$ 1,310,942	\$ 45,068	\$ -	\$ 128,281
Balances and Additions	\$ 755,947	\$ 1,398,485	\$ 64,850	\$ -	\$ 127,829
Expenditures:	\$ (517,179)	\$ (1,130,469)	\$ (45,068)	\$ -	\$ (128,281)
Fund Balances Dec. 31, 2020	\$ 238,768	\$ 268,016	\$ 19,782	\$ -	\$ (452)



*1912 Robinson District School House.
 Replaced Original Brick Building destroyed by fire.
 14 pupils in 1876; 4 pupils in 1896.
 Round Barn and Robinson Farm in distance.
 Photo courtesy Strafford Historical Society*

TOWN OF STRAFFORD
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS
Year Ending December 31, 2020

2018 John Deere 6110M Tractor/Mower

Payment Date	Payment	Interest	Principal	Balance
August 8, 2021	\$ 22,845	\$ 3,703	\$ 19,142	\$ 83,709
August 8, 2022	22,845	3,014	19,832	63,878
August 8, 2023	22,845	2,300	20,546	43,332
August 8, 2024	22,845	1,564	21,281	22,051
August 8, 2025	22,845	794	22,051	-

*Terms: 3.6% interest. Original amount borrowed \$139,153.
Mascoma Savings Bank*

2019 Int'l 4400 SBA 4x2 Fire Truck

Payment Date	Payment	Interest	Principal	Balance
April 11, 2021	\$ 38,143	\$ 9,399	\$ 28,744	\$ 232,344
April 11, 2022	38,143	8,364	29,779	202,565
April 11, 2023	38,143	7,292	30,851	171,714
April 11, 2024	38,143	6,199	31,945	139,769
April 11, 2025	38,143	5,032	33,112	106,657
April 11, 2026	38,143	3,840	34,304	72,353
April 11, 2027	38,143	2,605	35,539	36,815
April 11, 2028	38,143	1,329	36,815	-

*Terms: 3.6% interest. Original amount borrowed \$288,806.
Mascoma Savings Bank*

2020 Freightliner Model 108SD Dump Truck

Payment Date	Payment	Interest	Principal	Balance
October 31, 2021	\$ 36,037	\$ 3,345	\$ 32,692	\$ 68,657
October 31, 2022	36,037	2,266	33,771	34,886
October 31, 2023	36,037	1,151	34,886	-

*Terms: 3.3% interest. Original amount borrowed \$168,050.
Mascoma Savings Bank*

2021 Freightliner Model 114SD Dump Truck

Payment Date	Payment	Interest	Principal	Balance
September 15, 2021	\$ 38,133	\$ 5,239	\$ 32,894	\$ 141,737
September 15, 2022	38,133	4,252	33,881	107,857
September 15, 2023	38,133	3,236	34,897	72,960
September 15, 2024	38,133	2,195	35,938	37,022
September 15, 2025	38,133	1,111	37,022	-

*Terms: 3.0% interest. Original amount borrowed \$174,631.
Mascoma Savings Bank*

For other indebtedness information, please refer to Note 6 in the "Notes to Financial Statements."

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Equipment Inventory

- 2021 Freightliner Model 114SD Dump Truck
- 2020 Freightliner Model 108SD Dump Truck
- 2017 Ford Ton Truck with 2-way Everest Plow and MG 4-Season Side Dump 550
- 2014 Western Star 10-Wheeler with MG Side Dump Body and Everest Plow and Wing
- 2015 John Deere 544G Loader
- 2015 John Deere 410 Backhoe
- 2012 772G John Deere Grader
- 2018 John Deere 6110M Tractor
- 2005 Dump Trailer
- 1,000 Gallon Aboveground Fuel Tank with Pump
- 2 –Chloride Tanks – 3000 gallon each
- Chloride Sprayer Tank – 500 gallon
- Chloride Sprayer Tank – 1,000 gallon
 - 1 – Motorola Base Radio
- 10 – Motorola 16 channel Scan Mobile Radio
- 2 – Motorola 2 channel Hand Held Radios
- 1 – 20' x 20' Sand Screen
- 1 – Jonsered Chain Saw
- 4 – Husqvarna Chain Saws
- 1 – 225 Husqvarna Weed Cutter
- 1 – 325 Husqvarna Power Broom
- 1 – 8' Sweepster Power Broom
- 1 – Lincoln Mig Welder
- 1 – Yamaha 4500 Generator
- 1 – Landa Power Washer
- 1 – Hydraulic Hose Press
- 1 – Culvert Compactor
- 1 – Husqvarna Pole Saw
- 1 – Desktop Computer
- 1 – Printer

Highway Department

Buildings

- Town Garage Building
- Rear Storage Shed – Three bays
- Salt Shed
- Fuel Shed

**TOWN OF STRAFFORD, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Year Ending December 31, 2020

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FUND ACCOUNTING—The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operation of each fund is accounted for on the modified accrual basis with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues and expenditures, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

GENERAL FUND: The General Fund is the general operating fund of the town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS: *Highway Fund*—The operating fund for road maintenance and improvements funded by a specific revenue source and restricted for road maintenance use only. *Town Garage Fund*—The Town Garage Fund was established in 2006 to build a new town garage. *Highway Reconstruction Fund*—The Highway Reconstruction Fund was established in 2012 to finance road reconstruction and non-reimbursable expenses from Tropical Storm Irene.

Note 2: ENDOWMENTS—This number represents both principal and interest of all endowments/trust funds for which the trustees are the Selectboard. Each endowment is shown further on in these statements. As of the end of 2019, these funds will be managed by the Trustees of Public Funds.

Note 3: RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted fund revenue and expenditures are reflected in the General Fund and Highway Fund statements. Net changes to restricted funds in each year will be reported in these notes. In the Highway Fund, restricted funds represent the equipment reserve and any other highway restricted funds; unrestricted funds are still restricted to highway use.

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Net Change in 2020</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
GENERAL FUND:			
Reserve-Town House	\$ 32,497.20	\$ 7,374.14	\$ 39,871.34
Reserve-Town House Clock	338.03	-	338.03
Reserve-Town House Spec Proj	9,312.66	-	9,312.66
Reserve-Recording Surcharge	2,978.00	5,187.00	8,165.00
Reserve-Legal Fees	9.90	-	9.90

<i>GENERAL FUND (cont.)</i>	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Net Change in 2020</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
Reserve-Listing Reappraisals	\$ 44,802.79	\$ 6,716.50	\$ 51,519.29
Reserve-Recreation	5,808.39	2,741.83	8,550.22
Reserve-Municipal Building	26,021.48	27,662.57	53,684.05
Reserve-Whitcomb Hill	3,765.88	-	3,765.88
Reserve-Dogs	1,024.00	55.00	1,079.00
Reserve-Evergreen Cemetery	8,674.55	(1,444.76)	7,229.79
Reserve-Pocket Park	8,675.60	(190.77)	8,484.83
Reserve-Energy Committee	2,883.06	1,550.00	4,433.06
Reserve-Conservation Comm.	5,736.77	(86.95)	5,649.82
Reserve-Carrie Sanborn	5,049.63	(528.25)	4,521.38
Total General Reserve Funds	\$157,577.94	\$ 49,036.31	\$206,614.25

<i>HIGHWAY FUND:</i>	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Net Change in 2020</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
Reserve-Equipment	\$100,590.63	\$ 19,000.00	\$119,590.63
Total Highway Reserve Funds	\$100,590.63	\$ 19,000.00	\$119,590.63

Note 4: PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS

This section contains adjustments to fund balances in prior years:

HIGHWAY FUND TRANSFER IN:

2019 check voided in 2020 \$ 32.57

Note 5: TRANSFERS

GENERAL FUND TRANSFER OUT:

Balances Forward \$ 51,622.00

HIGHWAY FUND TRANSFER OUT:

Balances Forward \$ 23,050.00

Note 6: OTHER INDEBTEDNESS AND OBLIGATIONS

Strafford's share of indebtedness due to the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District, as of November 30, 2020, is \$52,219.

TOWN OF STRAFFORD
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020

Grand List				
Real Estate			207,528,000	
Plus Equipment			1,000	
Less Exemption			(120,000)	
Less Current Use			(18,964,900)	
Less Local Agreements			(215,000)	
Total			<u>188,229,100</u>	
Total Listed Value				
Residential			108,605,100	
Special Exemptions			2,550,300	
Non-approved Contracts			62,500	
Non-residential			77,073,700	
Taxes Billed				
			Tax rate	Tax
General Fund	1,882,291.00	x	0.1667	313,778
Highway Fund	1,882,291.00	x	0.4622	869,995
Town Garage	1,882,291.00	x	0.0239	44,987
Hwy Reconstruction	1,882,291.00	x	0.0682	128,372
Local Agreements	1,882,291.00	x	0.0013	2,447
Homestead Educ.	1,086,051.00	x	1.6482	1,790,029
Nonresidential Educ.	770,737.00	x	1.6016	1,234,412
Total				<u>4,384,020</u>
Adjustments to Taxes Due				
Lister errors and omissions				40
Current use change				(3,320)
State Homestead Declaration errors				(245)
Adjustments due to late filing of Homestead Declaration				1,566
Late-filed Homestead Declaration penalties				1,827
Tax bill rounding				(4)
Total Taxes Due				<u><u>4,383,885</u></u>
Taxes accounted for as follows:				
Collections				4,220,280
Late billed taxes not yet delinquent				1,262
Delinquent Taxes to Collector (December, 2020)				162,344
Total Taxes Collectible				<u><u>4,383,885</u></u>

REAL ESTATE and PERSONAL PROPERTY**2020 Listed Values**

Category	Municipal Listed Value	Education Listed Value (Homestead)	Education Listed Value (Nonresidential)	Total Education Listed Value
Residential less than 6 acres	46,438,700	36,363,000	10,075,700	46,438,700
Residential more than 6 acres	102,289,600	65,094,300	37,195,300	102,289,600
Mobile home without land	53,300	25,400	27,900	53,300
Mobile home with land	1,631,300	1,023,300	608,000	1,631,300
Vacation home less than 6 acres	944,400	261,900	682,500	944,400
Vacation home more than 6 acres	11,196,700	1,830,500	9,366,200	11,196,700
Commercial	1,878,600	537,700	1,340,900	1,878,600
Commercial Apartments	825,600	-	825,600	825,600
Utilities Electric	10,213,500	-	10,213,500	10,213,500
Farm	14,187,700	7,086,300	7,101,400	14,187,700
Woodland	12,632,200	1,273,500	11,358,700	12,632,200
Miscellaneous	5,236,400	1,535,500	3,700,900	5,236,400
TOTAL REAL ESTATE	207,528,000	115,031,400	92,496,600	207,528,000
Cable	1,000		1,000	1,000
TOTAL LISTED VALUE	207,529,000	115,031,400	92,497,600	207,529,000
Veterans' Exemptions	(120,000)	(20,000)	(10,000)	(30,000)
Current Use	(18,964,900)	(6,346,300)	(12,618,600)	(18,964,900)
Special Exemptions			(2,550,300)	(2,550,300)
Local Agreements	(215,000)	-	(152,500)	(152,500)
TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY	188,229,100	108,665,100	77,166,200	185,831,300
<i>2019 TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY</i>	<i>186,308,024</i>	<i>111,498,200</i>	<i>72,442,024</i>	<i>183,940,224</i>

TOWN OF STRAFFORD, VERMONT
Delinquent Real Estate Taxes
Year Ending December 31, 2020

Name	Total	Name	Total
* Badams, Jay/Harris	\$ 1,268.85	Lepenven, Larry	2,621.44
Begnoche, Jason (McPhee)	3,810.99	Matson, Timothy	598.06
Bousquet, Carmel	122.00	* Moran, Mark/Onega, Tracy	5,156.73
Bucchi, Peter & Linda	1,236.30	* Nutting, Rae, Dillon, Lacey	2,993.26
* Cadwell IV, Louis	235.87	Odell Revocable Trust	3,756.51
Claffey, Keran & Rachel	4,639.06	Owen, Kate	3,844.64
Coburn, David	1,486.72	* Pavlakis, K/Agliata, V	2,422.65
* Conant, James & David	2,862.31	* Perkins Revocable Trust	356.72
Consolidated Communications	3,378.94	* Ransom, Earl J & Amy	3,302.11
* Daly, Tate	6.46	* Ransom, Earl J	1,340.89
* Davis, Alan	6.27	* Ransom, Earl J & Amy	96.44
Gaudreau, Kevin	2,712.93	1 Scott T/Frisch/New Vista	2,296.00
Gritzmacher, Grey, Thad, Grant	1,571.41	Simon, Tristan	2,237.91
Jenks, Cheryl/Pixley, Sidney	3,360.36	Smith, Keston	1,575.60
Johnson/Badri/Langlais	450.64	Stanley, Henry	12,756.45
Johnson, John & Nancy/Bailey	2,759.40	Stone, Robert	1,183.62
Kidder, Christopher	5,312.44	* Traendly, K & Bohman, Y	1,351.18
Lawrence, Duane Sr	11,598.48	Traudt, Scott & Victoria	1,766.23
Leidinger, Anne	136.31	Ward, Dana & Moses, Kristina	2,169.65
		Delinquent total Dec. 31, 2020	<u>\$98,781.83</u>

1 Pending resolution

* Paid in full by January 26, 2021

	Total	2020	2019	Prior Years
Total Delinq. Dec. 31, 2020	\$ 98,781.93	\$ 83,951.66	\$ 4,737.68	\$ 10,092.59
Plus December Collections	80,362.43	78,392.25	1,970.18	-
	<u>\$179,144.36</u>	<u>\$162,343.91</u>	<u>\$ 6,707.86</u>	<u>\$10,092.59</u>
Previously uncollected		\$ 16,800.45		
2020 Delinq. Tax Warrant		162,343.91		
Total Delinquency		<u><u>\$179,144.36</u></u>		

Please Note: Due to legislative changes and a Supreme Court ruling regarding the confidentiality of tax bill information, individual delinquent tax information by year will no longer be reported.

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE**

Year Ending December 31, 2020

	Total	2020	2019	2018 & prior
Balance January 1, 2020	\$ 93,218.22		\$83,125.63	\$10,092.59
Delinquent to Collector	162,343.91	162,343.91		
Subtotal	255,562.13	162,343.91	83,125.63	10,092.59
Collections/abatements/discharges	(156,780.20)	(78,392.25)	(78,387.95)	-
Balance December 31, 2020	\$ 98,781.93	\$83,951.66	\$ 4,737.68	\$10,092.59

**TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES
COMPARED TO TOTAL TAXES BILLED**

		2011 - 2020		
	Delinquent Taxes	Tax Year	Total Taxes Billed	% of Taxes Delinquent
January 1, 2012	78,579.70	2011	3,342,306.13	2.35%
January 1, 2013	98,441.60	2012	3,331,810.12	2.95%
January 1, 2014	60,587.42	2013	3,409,992.00	1.78%
January 1, 2015	62,386.58	2014	3,703,651.00	1.68%
January 1, 2016	74,804.44	2015	3,785,861.56	1.98%
January 1, 2017	95,605.35	2016	3,899,828.07	2.45%
January 1, 2018	93,628.92	2017	3,866,892.28	2.42%
January 1, 2019	94,455.71	2018	3,897,401.78	2.42%
January 1, 2020	83,125.63	2019	4,058,332.15	2.05%
January 1, 2021	83,951.66	2020	4,383,885.30	1.92%

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

NAME OF CHILD	SEX	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAME	PARENT'S NAME
Carmen A. G. Wurm	F	2/7/17	Berlin, VT	Christa R. Wurm	Margaret C. Hooker
Linnea H. Swanson-Haggerty	F	4/3/20	Randolph, VT	Jennifer M. Swanson	David A. Haggerty
Anna T. Kutolowski	F	5/11/20	Strafford, VT	Lisa R. H. Kutolowski	Mark J. Kutolowski
Aurora M. Marchant	F	8/7/20	S. Strafford, VT	Jennie R. M. Marchant	Joshua B. Marchant
Elila M. Thibodeau	F	9/28/20	Randolph, VT	Blaize A. Schillinger	Benjamin J. Thibodeau

Civil Marriages

NAME	RESIDENCE	NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
Hilary E. McNamee	S. Strafford, VT	Wellington L. Ramssey III	S. Strafford, VT	8/29/2020	Strafford, VT
Jane Mann	Strafford, VT	Noah Onofrio Chute	Strafford, VT	12/21/2020	Strafford, VT

VITAL STATISTICS (cont.)**Deaths**

NAME OF DECEASED	SEX	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH	RESIDENCE
Robert C. Bushway	M	82	White River Jct., VT	2/8/2020	S. Strafford, VT
Shawn A. Pixley	M	35	Strafford, VT	2/28/2020	Strafford, VT
Frank E. Savery, Jr.	M	83	Strafford, VT	3/18/2020	Strafford, VT
Carl A. Yirka	M	68	Strafford, VT	4/4/2020	Strafford, VT
David N. Norton	M	70	S. Strafford, VT	5/24/2020	S. Strafford, VT
William A. Burden	M	84	Lebanon, NH	7/30/2020	Strafford, VT
Jackson A. Sweet	M	22	Vershire, VT	8/30/2020	Strafford, VT

Burials

NAME OF DECEASED	SEX	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL
Stephen W. Wetmore	M	68	Lebanon, NH	11/23/2019	Drew Cemetery
Maxine M. Bean	F	87	Lebanon, NH	2/9/2020	Evergreen Cemetery
Charles F. Whitaker	M	94	Irasburg, VT	3/1/2020	Evergreen Cemetery
Merton D. Partridge	M	87	Randolph, VT	1/3/2011	Evergreen Cemetery
Virginia V. Partridge	M	89	Powell Park, WY	4/13/2020	Evergreen Cemetery
Joseph P. Essex	M	61	Daytona Beach, FL	5/1/2020	Evergreen Cemetery

These vital statistics represent marriages, civil unions, births, deaths and burials recorded in the Strafford Town Office.

Certificates filed elsewhere are not automatically forwarded to the Town Office.

If you would like those statistics to be included in this report, please arrange for copies of the records to be sent.

If you would prefer not to have your vital statistics listed in the Town Report due to privacy concerns or for any other reason, please notify the Town Clerk's office.

ANIMAL LICENSING

19	Male dogs
157	Neutered dogs
12	Female dogs
152	Spayed female dogs

Total receipts for dogs \$1,492.00

All dogs or wolf-hybrids six months of age and older must be licensed annually on or before the first day of April. A late fee of \$20.00 shall be due if a license is obtained after April 1.

Before obtaining a license, a copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate must be presented to the Town Clerk. A dog or wolf-hybrid over three months of age must be vaccinated; the initial vaccination is valid for 12 months. Within 9-12 months of initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations following the initial vaccination will be valid for 36 months.

License fees are \$9 for a neutered male or spayed female, and \$13 for an unspayed female or unneutered male dog. Dog licenses issued after April 1st will be subject to an increase in the fee.

Proof of spaying or neutering, signed by a veterinarian, must be exhibited to the Town Clerk at the time of licensing.

Dogs should wear tags at all times, because if the dog is lost, it is more likely to be returned. If you should find or lose a dog, report it to the Dog Officer and/or the Town Clerk immediately.

Dog violations: First offense – \$30 penalty; Second offense – \$50 penalty; Third offense – \$100 penalty; Subsequent offenses – Impoundment & impoundment costs, plus \$200 penalty.

VERMONT RABIES HOTLINE: 1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)

Hours: 8:00-4:30 Daily

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS REPORT

FUND	12/31/2015 Market Value	12/31/2016 Market Value	12/31/2017 Market Value	12/31/2018 Market Value	12/31/2019 Market Value	12/31/2020 Market Value	Total Change	Amount Disbursed	Change Before Disbursements
Cobb	\$ 85,391.11	\$ 89,925.47	\$ 101,013.92	\$ 91,128.98	\$ 106,603.45	\$ 124,881.54	\$ 18,278.09	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 20,778.09
Gilman	8,718.92	9,386.12	10,773.12	9,953.52	11,916.77	14,239.47	2,322.70	-	2,322.70
Mix	83,981.80	90,408.31	103,768.11	80,873.64	109,325.32	130,633.94	21,308.62	-	21,308.62
Newton	100,172.14	107,837.57	121,452.37	112,212.51	134,345.54	160,530.85	26,185.31	-	26,185.31
Ordway	203,563.77	209,961.01	231,247.33	207,154.49	240,514.07	279,892.71	39,378.64	7,500.00	46,878.64
Robinson	7,706.33	8,296.04	9,521.96	8,797.55	10,532.79	12,585.74	2,052.95	-	2,052.95
RWW	20,619.36	22,197.20	25,477.32	23,539.06	28,181.95	33,674.90	5,492.95	-	5,492.95
SCE	5,635.24	5,866.47	6,523.37	5,827.08	6,726.43	7,787.48	1,061.05	250.00	1,311.05
SAA	51,569.33	3,901.46	4,477.99	4,137.31	4,953.36	5,918.82	965.46	-	965.46
ERF	12,820.13	13,801.16	15,840.58	14,635.46	17,522.19	20,937.44	3,415.25	-	3,415.25
CST *	370,023.11	390,752.19	438,204.47	396,639.46	467,913.60	550,386.49	82,472.89	12,228.24	91,201.13
C-B A	-	51,614.09	58,241.20	52,810.32	62,226.74	73,355.36	11,128.62	1,000.00	12,128.62
STF	-	-	-	-	33,074.53	39,521.09	6,446.56	-	6,446.56
Total	\$950,201.24	\$1,003,947.08	\$1,126,541.73	\$1,007,709.37	\$1,233,836.74	\$1,454,345.83	\$220,509.09	\$23,478.24	\$240,487.33
Disbursed	19,701.06	69,008.07	25,760.44	38,172.27	18,209.87	23,478.24			

Notes: * \$3,500 in donations were received by CST in FY20

These Town Funds are administered by the Trustees of Public Funds

Change before disbursements and additions

19.49%

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

INVESTMENTS

<u>Cash</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Mascoma Checking (total of 2 accounts)	\$ 10,190.07
Vanguard Federal MM (VMFXX)	34,159.10
VT Community Loan Fund	25,000.00
Total Cash	4.8% \$ 69,349.17
<u>Fixed Income</u>	
Vanguard Total Bond Market (VBTLX)	\$ 168,515.01
Vanguard ST Bond (VFSUX)	163,542.42
Total Fixed Income	22.8% \$ 332,057.43
Total Cash & Fixed Income	27.6% \$ 401,406.60
<u>Equity Funds</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Oakmark International (OAKIX)	\$ -
Primecap Odyssey Aggressive Growth (POAGX)	159,806.55
Vanguard Dividend Growth (VDIGX)	172,540.99
Vanguard Equity Income (VEIRX)	165,614.54
Vanguard Extended mkt index (VEXAX)	183,656.32
Vanguard REIT Index (VGSLX)	69,438.67
Vanguard International Growth (VWILX)	301,882.17
Total Equity Funds	72.4% \$1,052,939.24

GARDNER N. COBB CHILD WELFARE FUND

In 1968, the Town of Strafford received under the Will of Gardner N. Cobb \$10,000 to be held in Trust with the Corpus to be invested in direct obligations of the United States, with the net income to be disbursed by the Trustees for “the promotion of child hygiene, the treatment of remediable defects of needy children, including dental, or orthopedic or other medical care, routine immunizations against disease, and detection and elimination of tuberculosis and the dissemination of literature on the subject of Child Welfare.”

COMMUNITY-BUILDING AWARD FUND

This fund is the result of a \$50,000 bequest from the Edmund Coffin estate. It was established on September 1, 2016.

The purpose of the fund is to give an annual award to persons and/or organizations who, in the opinion of the selection committee, have made major contributions to building a sense of community in the town.

A committee, appointed by the Selectboard, recommends recipients annually.

EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

This fund was established in 2013 in concert with the wishes of Marion Slusser, who contributed \$10,000 to the Town of Strafford in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene.

The goal of this fund is to support efforts related to emergency management for the residents of the Town of Strafford. This includes, but is not limited to, maintenance of Town designated shelters, procuring and maintaining communications equipment, and assisting with grant matches when appropriate. The Selectboard shall act as advisors to the Trustees of Public Funds with regard to distributions from this Fund.

ROBERT I. GILMAN AND EVELYN ROBERTS GILMAN TRUST FUND

In 1988 \$2,000 was given by Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gadzinski to establish the Robert I. Gilman and Evelyn Roberts Gilman Trust Fund to be used to benefit the Municipal Building.

ROBIN MIX MEMORIAL FUND

On September 2, 1987 the Town of Strafford received, under a Trust Agreement, \$5,407.83 establishing the Robin Mix Memorial Fund for Preservation of the Strafford Town House. “The purpose of this Fund is to provide an augmenting source of funding for the accomplishment of extraordinary repairs to, and for major preservation and restoration projects for, the Strafford Town House.”

NEWTON FUND

In 1931 the Town of Strafford received, under the Will of William E. Newton, \$14,200 to be held in trust, the income from which is “to be used first in keeping the two Newton lots in the cemetery at South Strafford in good condition, and then in any public improvement or for any public purpose in the village of South Strafford.”

ROBERT H. ORDWAY FUND

In 1980 the Town of Strafford received a bequest under the Will of Robert H. Ordway of \$56,671.99 in trust, from which the income is “to be used in assisting a deserving high school graduate or graduates who are inhabitants of the town of Strafford, Vermont in obtaining education above the high school level.” See the Robert H. Ordway Scholarship Committee Report for further information.

WALTER C. ROBINSON FUND

On December 23, 1985 the Town of Strafford received \$1,000 under the Will of Walter C. Robinson “to be held in trust by the Trustees of Public Funds and to use the interest for the care of the Willard Robinson and Daniel Robinson cemetery lots in the Robinson Cemetery.”

CARRIE SANBORN TRUST

In May of 1986 the Carrie Sanborn Trust (CST) began providing assistance to aid the poor and needy of Strafford. In 2008 authority to manage this trust was transferred from TD Banknorth to the Trustees of Public Funds. The Trustees shall make funds available for distribution by the CST Committee who act on referrals or requests. Please contact Sue Coburn, Barbara Murray or Rose Silloway for assistance.

SELECTBOARD TRANSFERRED FUND

The Selectboard Transferred Fund (STF) was created when the Trustees of Public Funds accepted a lump sum of \$33,074.53 from the small endowments managed by the Selectboard. The Selectboard will decide how to disburse the funds (except those controlled by the Cemetery Commission). A report on the individual funds appears on page 48 in this report.

THE STRAFFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION FUND

This fund was established in December of 1999. The purpose of this fund is to receive and grant money to aid educational programs in the Town of Strafford, Vermont.

STRAFFORD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FUND

The SAA Fund was established on October 25, 2004 to provide continued and improved financial support for the enhancement of athletic and recreational facilities for the people of Strafford.

RUTH WAINWRIGHT WALLACE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Ruth Wainwright Wallace Scholarship Fund was established in 1971 and was turned over the Trustees of Public Funds for investment management in 1994. Ruth lived in Strafford and was a student advocate; the Newton School Library is named in her honor.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

The Trustees distributed a total of \$23,478.24 in 2020 from the following Town Funds:

The Carrie Sanborn Trust distributed a total of \$12,228.24 via the CST Committee to provide needed assistance to multiple families and individuals in our community. The Cobb Fund granted \$2,500 to the Strafford School Based Health Clinic.

The Community-Building Award Fund distributed a total of \$1,000 in 2020:

One \$500 award went to Newton School Principal's Account, for the Newton School staff.

One \$500 award went to Strafford Historical Society.

These awards are based on the CBA Committee's recommendation.

The Ordway fund distributed a total of \$7,500 in 2020:

The three 2020 recipients were each granted a one-time award of \$2,500 for a combined total of \$7,500.

The Strafford Community Education Fund granted the PTA \$250 to support supplemental programs for the benefit of our Newton Elementary School students.

The Trustees received \$3,500 in new funds in 2020, all donated for the Carrie Sanborn Trust by local individuals.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hawkins

Elizabeth Ruml

Genevieve Gibson

ROBERT H. ORDWAY FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

The Robert H. Ordway Fund Committee establishes guidelines, evaluates applications and determines award recipients. The awards are funded by proceeds derived from the Trust established by Robert H. Ordway's will. The Trustees of Public Funds manage the Trust and their financial statement and report appear elsewhere in this report.

The committee has developed criteria based on academic achievement, citizenship and character.

High school students must apply by June 1 of their senior year. Application forms may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office. All graduating seniors wishing to further their education beyond the high school level are encouraged to apply.

2019 Awards: Cassidy Lewis, Louisa Pyle, Laila Remainis

Robert H. Ordway Fund Committee:

Joey Hawkins Diana Leddy Danette Harris

RUTH WAINWRIGHT WALLACE SCHOLARSHIP

The Ruth Wainwright Wallace Scholarship Fund was established in 1971. Ruth lived in Strafford and was a student advocate. The Newton School Library is named in her honor.

The award is for Strafford residents recently graduated from High School who are preparing for teaching careers. It will be granted periodically at the discretion of the Ruth Wainwright Wallace Scholarship committee.

Donations to the fund are welcome and can be made through the Trustees of Public Funds. Applications can be picked up at the Strafford Town Clerk's Office, and sent to any member of the committee. Anyone who would like to be on the committee is encouraged to contact any committee member and express his or her interest.

Committee members: Maureen Wilson, Rod Maclay, Rockwell Fuller, and Joanna Hawkins.

COMMUNITY-BUILDING AWARD

The Strafford Community Building Award this year is split between the Newton School Staff and the Strafford Historical Society.

In this time of Covid-19, the care for the children of our town and dedication of our school staff is especially appreciated. The entire staff has worked tirelessly to maintain as much normalcy as possible during the pandemic while providing support for students and their families. While the staff has safeguarded everybody's health and safety by operating in a manner that strictly adheres to covid guidelines, they have continued to provide the best possible education for our students in these trying times.

The Strafford Historical Society, who this year will be moving into a new home, has long worked to help current Strafford residents understand and appreciate the history of their community. Through their research, collections and exhibits, they have shown how past residents have made our community the place it is.

The Community Building Award was set up as part of an endowment established in the will of Ned Coffin. Ned and his wife Vi made thier home in Strafford in the early 1970s. They had a deep love for the town and its beauty and a real appreciation for its people and institutions.

Their land above the Newton School has been used for school projects, the Lions Club Pond, and the Town Garage. Ned was deeply interested and involved in the day-to-day work of our community. He served for many years as a Lister where he diligently applied his talents to providing a fair and open process and served in many capacities with the United Church of Strafford, where his strong bass in the choir was especially appreciated. He approached each day with enthusiasm, good cheer and wit.

Ned's contributions to Strafford continued after his death by funding an award to be given annually to an organization or individual who has made a meaningful contribution to our community.

BARRETT MEMORIAL HALL

The life of Barrett Memorial Hall reflects that of its community. Thus 2020 was like no other year at the hall, but like our town, we continued on. The year opened with the sad loss of long-time trustee Bob Bushway, leaving us with big shoes to fill. Steve Marx stepped forward as a very welcome addition, bringing the Board back up to three. Though activity was scant in 2020, the Board used this time to maintain the building, making small improvements and repairs.

Our pre-Covid activities began with the usual winter events: Tai chi classes, the Driftskippers' Spaghetti Dinner, private birthday parties, Newton School assemblies, and the PTA Winter Carnival. But the coronavirus pandemic was coming, and cancellations started coming in. Barrett Hall closed on March 17 in response to Governor Scott's emergency order, and has not opened since.

There were a few physically-distanced meetings before everyone adjusted to Zoom. Ed Eastman cleaned and painted to keep the hall in readiness. Wednesday Senior Lunch was prepared each week for pick-up or delivery to shut-in seniors (which continues in 2021). At the end of the summer, the board offered Newton School the use of the upstairs auditorium. The school was glad to have more room for physical-distancing, and will be in residence through the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

The board quickly realized that it would be financially difficult to continue operating Barrett Hall without our normal rental income, and decided to send out a summer/fall fundraising appeal. We are pleased to say that the community very generously came to our aid, ensuring that the winter heating bills can be paid. We received two extremely generous anonymous matching grants, which were quickly matched and surpassed by many donations. We are grateful to everyone who answered our appeal. You have made it possible to operate the hall throughout this pandemic as well as to deal with the many necessary repairs that arise in our venerable building.

As this report is written in January 2021, the pandemic is still rising, and we cannot foresee when Barrett Hall will reopen. We look forward to the day when the community of Strafford and our country are safe from Covid-19 infection, and can gather again to celebrate together.

Steve Marx
David McWilliams
Gretchen Graner
Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees

MORRILL MEMORIAL AND HARRIS LIBRARY

Although the pandemic initially forced the library to close its doors and suspend operations, we were among the first libraries in the state to resume service by offering curbside pick-up. When the prevalence of the virus abated in the summer, we were able to arrange in-person browsing by appointment — our building’s size severely limits the number of people who can be inside while maintaining safe social distance — but that limited reopening ended when the number of cases started rising in the fall. In-person children’s programming has also been suspended, but we did offer an online summer reading program and established a separate website to promote children’s activities and resources. We will make future decisions about the extent to which we resume normal operations based on the directives and guidance of state public health authorities. Regardless of what happens, we believe we will be able to continue to meet most of the needs of the town through curbside service and our online offerings.

The pandemic resulted in a significant decrease in fundraising income, as it forced the Friends of the Morrill Memorial and Harris Library to cancel the summer book sale and scale back the Holiday Sale. Nevertheless, we remain in sound financial shape thanks to a couple of unexpected bequests, a generous response to our annual appeal letter, the support of the Friends and continuing support from the town. As has been the case for about a decade, we have level-funded our request to the town.

We did manage to replace the deteriorating sign on the front lawn and undertake some exterior painting this summer. Our hope is to do some landscaping work in the front of the building and interior painting in the near future.

Needless to say, we very much hope we’ll be able to fully reopen the library sometime this year. In the meantime, we’re grateful for our patrons’ understanding and patience as we adapt to the continuing and changing challenges of operating amid a pandemic.

The Trustees of the Morrill Memorial and Harris Library

Cindy Binzen
Curt Albee
Carol Wilson
Rachel Kurland
Miriam Newman
Martin Frank

MORRILL MEMORIAL AND HARRIS LIBRARY

January 1 - December 31, 2020

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	17,972
Income		
Town of Strafford	\$ 34,000	
Friends of the Morrill Library	5,778	
Endowed Funds	2,095	
Grants	520	
Contributions Income	26,740	
Miscellaneous Income	151	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	849	
Total Income + Transfers In	\$	70,133
Expenses		
Septic repair/Flood repair	\$ 289	
Materials and Programs	8,327	
Personnel	32,058	
Buildings and Grounds	5,470	
Utilities (including telephone)	2,972	
Administration	6,336	
Interlibrary loan service	825	
Electronic Catalog	460	
Total Expenses + Transfers Out	\$	56,737
Ending Balance	\$	31,368
Reserve Account		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	4,120
Transfer from Reserve		(849)
Interest		1
Ending Balance	\$	3,272
CD		
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	-
Transfer to CD		25,000
Interest		190
Ending Balance	\$	25,190

LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Market Value January 1, 2020	\$	357,935
Transfers to the Operating Fund		
Swan Fund transfer	292	
Downer Fund transfer	292	
Ordway/Steele/Mattison Fund transfer	1,512	
Subtotal	<u>355,840</u>	
Market Value December 31, 2020	\$	407,217

STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE

2020 turned out to be an interesting year for all of us, including our members. We responded to 89 calls for assistance which ranged from our routine medical calls to providing mutual aid assistance to neighboring towns that had large brush fires. We had two members complete the Vermont Fire Academy Firefighter 1/2 training program and three more members that are enrolled in both EMT and AEMT classes. These classes are a large commitment from our members that want to provide the town a higher level of service.

We put our new Rescue truck into service in March. Medical calls make up about 80% of our call volume and this new truck serves as our primary response vehicle for medical calls allowing for quicker response times.

We applied for the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant and were successfully awarded \$79,523.81. This allowed us to replace our 15 year old self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) at no additional cost to our taxpayers. We now have SCBA that meets current standards and can establish a replacement program allowing us to provide the highest level of personnel protection as possible to our members.

We would like to thank our great citizens for their continued support. Many of you made donations either after receiving our appeals letter or at another time last year and we greatly appreciate this after COVID took away all of our usual fundraising events.

Also please make sure you have a reflective 911 number marking your driveway that is visible from all directions so we can easily find you in your time of need.

The following officers were elected at our annual meeting in January: President: Erin Masteller; Vice President: P.D. Hardy; Treasurer: Aaron Dotter; Secretary: Andrew Lane; Fire Chief: Shawn Harlow; EMS Chief: Beth Preston.

Board of Directors: Mike Clark, Dustin Ray, Pat Kelly, Shawn Harlow, Beth Preston

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Harlow
Fire Chief

Beth Preston
EMS Chief

**STRAFFORD FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
and FIRST AID SQUAD, INC.
January 1 - December 31, 2020**

I. INCOME	Actual
<u>Category</u>	<u>2020</u>
Town Operating Income	\$ 50,000
Donations	24,225
FEMA Grant	79,524
Total Income	\$ 153,748
II. EXPENSES	Amount
<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 18,878
FAST Supplies	1,857
Utilities	6,301
Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	2,295
Insurance	12,658
Dues	12,373
Loan Payment	8,817
Other	1,688
Testing	9,841
Grant Writing	2,500
Training	520
Gear	4,458
Total Expenses	\$ 82,187

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

While we have all seen our share of despondency through the COVID pandemic of the last year, there have also been many rays of hope and heroism in our communities, including an overwhelming sentiment we share: we're so glad we live here. Looking around the country, we see many states where political toxicity has led to a paralyzed state government spawning a public health catastrophe. Not in Vermont. The governor listened to the scientists in managing our public health response, and he partnered with the legislature in prioritizing where to direct relief. Things have generally worked. And when they haven't, a Democratic legislature and a Republican governor found answers together to address the pandemic crisis.

The last year has also forced Vermonters to confront profound inequities in our communities that we have only tacitly acknowledged in the past. For those with financial security and those without; for those with childcare and those without; for those with access to broadband and those without; for those with sufficient food and those experiencing hunger, Vermonters have experienced very different levels of hardship in the past year. As the legislature works with the governor to apportion aid from the federal government, we will miss a one-in-a-generation opportunity if we simply focus our efforts on economic recovery. "Building back better" means overcoming these inequities with more resilient communities, stronger local food systems, more affordable housing, and education and health care that support all of us.

Many of us begin each day yearning for a time when life will get back to normal. A recent report on the effects of the pandemic across the state highlight that, "to many, 'normal' was not a sustainable place to go back to. In fact, the pandemic is a galvanizing crucible that is testing and calling on Vermonters for a new dedication." Sustainability, resilience, and recovery can mean a Vermont State College system that works, a public safety and judicial system that treats all fairly, and a state that generates more of its energy locally.

We will likely see another federal stimulus package this year, though we don't know when such a bill will pass. The most recent federal stimulus contained nothing to support state or local governments, even though there are large deficits in many locales. It will be the legislature's responsibility to develop a plan to allocate any federal stimulus funds once we unravel all the constraints the feds put on states to direct those funds.

The budgetary challenges facing Vermont are every bit as severe as those being addressed by local select- and school boards. While federal aid is helping plug some gaps in our state budget, the uncertainty around Vermont's tax revenue outlook and the massive systemic issues related to our state colleges and public pension system present multi-year fiscal

challenges. As usual, there will be more worthy causes to fund than our state budget can cover.

The state legislature is currently meeting remotely, an imperfect but necessary medium as we work through the pandemic. While gathering in “zoom rooms” is a far cry from convening around a table in a State House committee room to hammer out legislative solutions and compromise, we have found some upside to these remote meetings: transparency and access. All the legislature’s meetings are now broadcast on a YouTube channel accessible on the General Assembly’s website (<https://legislature.vermont.gov/>). We would be happy to help you find information at this virtual State House.

We live in challenging times when many of us question the direction of our nation and its leaders. Yet, Vermont stands apart, playing an important role to lead with civility at a time when our national civic society is crumbling. As always, thank you for playing your civic role. We look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact us through the medium of your choice at the coordinates below:

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STRAFFORD AREA LIONS CLUB

The Strafford Area Lions Club was started in 1987 to help meet the needs of our community. It is part of the largest service organization in the world. In this time of seemingly deep divisions, our Lions Club, which is dedicated to serving others and does not allow any discussion of politics or religion, is a welcoming place for all people interested in helping one another.

Even in this year of a pandemic, while a bit more limited than we would have liked, our Club has continued with many of our projects. These have included early in the year our annual food drive and mud season rose sale. Our annual Citizen of the Year event, this year honoring Beth Preston, was held outdoors rather than our usual Barrett Hall dinner. Lap blankets were made and distributed to local hospitals and both the pond and ski hill were run, albeit with Covid-19 safety precautions in place. The Lions Club also continued its collection of returnables at the Recycling Center and had its pie sale before Thanksgiving. Finally, the Lions Club this past year put together a welcome to Strafford booklet for the many newer residents of our community.

We are especially pleased this year to have younger members joining the Club, including Willis Phelps and Neal MacPhail who have taken the lead in running the Harrington Hill Rope Tow. As with so much in our community, it is essential that the organizations that mean so much to this place we call home have the next generations carry things on. If you are interested in perhaps joining in this organization dedicated to service no matter if you are young or old, please talk to Sue or Melvin Coburn.

Respectfully submitted,
John Freitag, Secretary

STRAFFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Year 2020, which was the 65th anniversary of the Strafford Historical Society's founding, might have been considerably more celebratory if it hadn't collided with the Covid-19 pandemic and then with the necessity for the SHS to pack up its collection and locate a new home.

As it turned out, the Masonic Lodge, a willing seller, and the Strafford Historical Society (SHS), a very willing buyer, have now negotiated and signed a purchase and sales agreement for the acquisition of the Masonic Lodge as the future home for the SHS, for the price of \$1. This was the deal we couldn't refuse.

So, as we enter the new year, we are still working out the final details of the purchase and hope to close on the property shortly. Our collection remains in storage in several locations, including the basement of the Morrill Education Center and the Pakvan storage unit parked with the Selectboard's permission in the Park & Ride. We hope soon to begin the necessary renovations of the Masonic Lodge.

The SHS will be sharing the Masonic building with the Masons for the foreseeable future. One of the important considerations of the sale was that the Masons, with an aging membership and for so long as they are able to maintain their organizational status, would be able to lease the second floor for their meetings and share use of the third floor with the SHS.

Our thanks to Masons for their willingness to support the community by making the Masonic Hall available to the Historical Society in our time of need. We wish also to thank the Mix family for their generosity in having provided the Historical Society with space in the Brick Store for so many years as we established ourselves as an institution in Strafford and slowly added to our collection of historical artifacts and documents.

In case you weren't aware of it, the Year 2020 was also the 102nd anniversary of that other pandemic, the infamous Spanish Flu outbreak in 1918. By comparison with Covid-19, the Spanish flu affected "about 10% of Strafford's population, killing nearly one in every seven people infected." I am quoting from Bob Johnston's essay on the Spanish Flu, which is included in his recent collection of historical footnotes to Strafford's history, "Smoke: Outtakes from Strafford, Vermont History," which is available at Coburns' Store.

Incidentally, SHS Board member, Susan Cloke, has been conducting interviews and compiling research materials on the impact of Covid-19 on current Strafford residents and how we are coping. We look forward to her account, especially if its completion signifies that we are looking at the pandemic in our rearview mirror.

This past fall was notable in that it marked the end of Stefanie Johnston's long tenure as Curator of the SHS. Fortunately, we have not lost her altogether,

because she remains a member of the SHS Board as Secretary. She and her husband, Bob, now retired as Historian, are still the SHS's institutional memory and we are lucky that they continue to support the SHS in so many ways. It was Stef who planned the packing of all our artifacts and how and where they would be situated. She even created a map to guide where each item was to be located in the Pakvan, so that the office furniture and any other items we might initially need in the Masonic Hall, would be the last items in and the first items out. No battle plan or invasion was ever so meticulously planned.

Stef was very ably assisted by our new Curator, Kate Siepmann. Carol Wilson was elected Registrar and Jessica Tidman and David Webb are our newest Board members. I have agreed to serve as Interim President. Other current Board members include: Laura Ogden, Vice President; Roberta Robinson, Treasurer; John Dumville; Susan Cloke; Scott Knoerlein; Gil Robertson; and, as mentioned, Stefanie Johnston.

Our Collection has been enhanced, once we have the ability to display our artifacts again, by the wedding dress of Adeline Chandler, from her 1847 marriage to David S. Barrett, which was given to the Society by Marguerite Lewis Condict. Made of black silk, with a lavender stripe, it was part of Olive Lewis' collection over the years. Also saved by Olive were photos and letters sent by the three Chandler brothers to their sister Adeline from California, telling of their trip by covered wagon and ship to the West, and of their farming and gold-mining experiences there. This correspondence, and Colby and Cummings family postcards and photographs, as well as the diaries of H. B. Cummings and Olive Lewis, were part of Marguerite Condict's donations. An important addition to the Historical Society's textile collection came from Diane Carini of Cattaraugus, New York. It is a beautiful 1841 overshot coverlet, woven of off-white flax and red and black wool, made by Abigail Carpenter in Strafford, near the time of her marriage to Edwin Hyde. Martha Manheim of Strafford has given the Society photographs of local residents in plays produced by the THISTLE drama group, directed by her late husband, Michael Manheim. Martha also provided type scripts of her fascinating interviews with Delia and Ralph Perkins and Olive Lewis. Our most recent donation is a particularly timely gift from Vicki Eastman. She made a commemorative face mask for us, embroidered with "2020" as a memento of the pandemic through which we have all had to navigate during this unusual year.

Our thanks to the outgoing President, John Whelihan, for his efforts during this especially trying time, and to his wife, Jane, who has been managing the SHS website and will continue to be involved in that effort. Also, we are indebted to the outgoing members: Martha Walke, Silas Treadway, and Francis Devlin.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Willbanks

THE FRIENDS OF THE MORRILL HOMESTEAD

The Justin Morrill State Historic Site and National Landmark is the homestead of Strafford's famous son, Senator Justin Smith Morrill – author of the Land Grant College Acts. The site is owned and operated by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP), with support from the Friends of the Morrill Homestead (Friends). As with many non-profit organizations, 2020 was a challenging year for the Friends. Yet, with the help of Strafford residents and businesses, we were able to adjust our programming to meet changing circumstances and to support the VDHP in operating and maintaining the Homestead under new health protocols and guidelines.

The pandemic may have canceled many of our most popular events, but by moving other programs outdoors and limiting the number of participants, we were still able to host several key programs. We set up tents in the garden for Jennifer Brown's watercolor workshops and hosted nature walks and orchard tours. New in 2020 was a Photo & Video Story Camp where, undeterred by mask-wearing and social distancing, eight teens enthusiastically created documentary videos about the life and home of Justin Morrill and took photographs for a show in the Strafford Post Office.

Support from the Friends made it possible for VDHP docents to offer guided tours of the historic house on Fridays, in addition to the weekend tours. Although 2020 did not bring the usual guests from afar, we were happy to see a marked increase in local visitors and other Vermonters seeking to explore historic sites closer to home. Always open even when the house is not, the Homestead's elegant Victorian grounds and blooming gardens were enjoyed by many Strafford residents seeking serenity during these challenging times. During the 2020 growing season the Friends hired a Master Gardener and Strafford teens, Laila and Charlotte Reimanis to maintain the health and beauty of the gardens with help from dedicated volunteers. The Friends have also hired orchard manager, Matt Perry to oversee the restoration and care of Morrill's historic orchard.

The Friends missed welcoming the community to our annual Gallery In The Garden this summer. Nevertheless, the "Minis For Morrill" auction moved online and was a huge success thanks to the many artists who contributed paintings, the businesses who sponsored the auction, and everyone who made bids. The Friends will again be hosting another online mini auction in July to kick off our summer season.

After the online auction, the Friends are cautiously planning Covid-appropriate 2021 programs including expanded art camps for children and teens, nature walks, garden talks, village tours, and adult workshops on painting, photography, and fiber-dyeing. We are planning to round off the season with a September speaker series exploring the historical and

present-day Abenaki experience. For descriptions of our 2021 programs please visit www.morrillhomestead.org

The Friends greatly appreciate VDHP's dedication to preserving the buildings and collections and the financial support from individuals, area businesses, and foundations whose generosity makes possible all of our activities.

Guided tours of Morrill's historic home are currently proposed to run from July 2 through October 10, 10 am-5 pm, Fri. - Sun. We look forward to sharing Sen. Morrill's historic treasure with you and your families in 2021. Again, we would like to thank our neighbors and friends for your continued support of our endeavors!

Respectfully Submitted

Tracey McFadden, Director

Peter Floeckher, Board Chair

STRAFFORD CREATIVE PRESCHOOL

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

Creative Preschool was again fortunate to have a fabulous educational team this school year- Jody Lowes (Director), Kate Reimanis (Teacher), Kiersten Harlow (Teacher) and Crystal Camp (Teacher Aide). The Preschool Board and the children are grateful for this wonderful group of individuals as they provide an incredible balance of fun, learning, and exploration in and outside the classroom every day!

Operating during a global pandemic presents many challenges and changes to individuals, families, and organizations. We have been able to adapt quickly while maintaining an in-person, child-focused, joyful learning community. From children we are shown the brilliance of adaptability, curiosity, and play to find light in even the hardest times. We deeply appreciate the families of our young children. They are raising our youngest learners and balancing the needs of their families – all while bearing sacrifices to keep our community healthy.

We continue to be a Vermont pre-qualified preschool program within Act 166. As such, every child aged 3, 4 and 5 years old by September 1st, 2020 enrolled at Creative Preschool is able to receive 10 hours a week, 35 weeks a year of free instruction – regardless of parental income or circumstance.

Respectfully submitted,

Creative Preschool Board

CABIN FEVER UNIVERSITY

Cabin Fever University, Strafford's institute of random learning, is a nonprofit adult education program based in Strafford. Established in 1995 by Eva Behrens, CFU focuses on the wealth of knowledge and experience among local people. Eva observed that craftspeople, artists, seasoned travelers, and tech wizards populate our community. With neighbors as faculty members, CFU provides affordable classes and workshops, offering enrichment and recreational opportunities while building a stronger community.

2020 was CFU's Silver Anniversary, and we were geared up for a celebratory season to acknowledge twenty-five years of community collaboration. Our pinnacle event was to be the Cabin F'Eva Dance Party with the Party Crashers at Barrett Hall. However, like every other organization in our town (and state, and country, and world), our plans were squelched by the onset of COVID, forcing us to cancel the majority of our season.

We were able to squeeze in a couple of events in early March – a pasta class and a presentation on plastics – before we all went into isolation.

We were able to offer a basket-making class online later in the Spring. Of course our highly anticipated dance party was cancelled as well. However, we will not be deterred from throwing a true 25 Year Anniversary party when restrictions lift. 25 years is something to celebrate.

As there is no 2021 season planned, we will revisit programming possibilities in early 2022. We welcome ideas for new or rerun classes from community members. At our institution, any topic is possible. The workshops are a wonderful chance to meet and learn from our neighbors. We welcome volunteers, as well as ideas for new or rerun classes.

Leslie Berger, Therese Linehan, and Barbara Masteller are the current board members. Contact any one of us with your suggestions.

Website: www.cabinfever.org

Contact: info@cabinfever.org

THE STRAFFORD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Strafford Cemetery Association is a private burial ground that is governed by the Executive Board, made up of trustees of the Association. The Executive Board oversees maintenance of the cemetery, the burials, installing of monuments, and the selling of the plots, as well as the rules that govern the cemetery.

Plots are available for purchase by residents, former residents, or relatives of residents. Plots are available in two sizes. A full plot will allow for four normal size caskets or up to twelve urns. Half plots allow for two regular size caskets or up to six urns. The purchase of a plot entitles the owner to full maintenance of the plot (i.e., mowing, leveling, repair of stones, and cleaning). The Association will, upon purchase of a plot, have corner stones installed.

The Association requests that the sexton be informed prior to any burial or installation of a monument.

Artificial flowers are allowed but must be removed by September 15. The Association does not allow solar lights and they will be removed if placed on a grave. The Association also voted not to allow green burials at this time.

The Association, in honor of our veterans, will place flags on their graves beginning Memorial Day extending to Veterans' Day. If anyone knows of a grave of a veteran without a flag, please notify a member of the Association.

If anyone owns a plot and does not have a copy of the deed, please notify the Association and a copy will be made available. Also, if your deed is not recorded in the town clerk's, we suggest that you have it done. The cost for the recording is \$15 to the town. Our membership is open to anyone that is interested in the cemetery and new members are encouraged to join.

Current Executive Board members are President - Gary Kendall; Vice-President - Greg Lewis; Secretary - Bob Murray; Treasurer - Kerry Claffey; Sexton - Punka Brown.

Robert Murray, Secretary

EAST CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY FIBER NETWORK

Strafford is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, a Vermont municipality dedicated to providing internet service to homes and businesses in its area. During the past year ECFiber added almost 1,200 new customers and now serves over 5,300 premises in 23 towns via 1,200 miles of fiber-optic cable. In recent months, the district approved the membership of eight additional municipalities and now includes 31 member towns. Taken together, there are about 31,500 premises in the district, located on almost 2,000 miles of roads.

In Strafford, ECFiber has completed construction of its network. As of November, 2020, there were 337 customers with service and 85 awaiting installation.

The global pandemic has, of course, proven beyond any doubt that rural Vermonters need access to world-class broadband. ECFiber is funded entirely by customer revenues, which in turn back tax-free municipal bonds issued by the district and which provide the capital to build our infrastructure. To subscribe or to learn more about ECFiber, we invite you to visit our website or call 802-763-2262. You will not be charged until we start service.

Strafford's delegates to the ECFiber Governing Board are Steve Willbanks and David Webb, Alternate: Strafford@ECFiber.net

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Willbanks

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

For the past 41 years, the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY2020 (10/2019-9/2020), VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies, and community groups for information, referral and assistance, and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors provided one-on-one peer counseling to 236 individuals to help increase their independent living skills, and 5 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program assisted 124 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 89 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund provided 61 individuals with information on assistive technology; 36

of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 573 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program, which served 41 people and provided 30 peers with adaptive telecommunications, enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing, and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic, VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE), which served 12 people in its first few months. The RISE program can provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland, and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English, and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil, and recreational settings.

During FY2020, 3 residents of Strafford received services from the following programs:

- Home Access Program
- Information Referral and Assistance

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at 1-800-639-1522, or visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE), a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Strafford residents for fifty-four years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16-90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Strafford is served by our learning center in Randolph. The site has welcoming learning rooms (with computers, laptops and internet access to support instruction). CVABE staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed.

On average, 1 Strafford resident enrolls with CVABE a year. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Strafford residents for generations to come.

CVABE provides free instruction to nearly 450 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$2,942 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Nearly all students are low income. Close to 100 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Strafford's voter-approved past support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life.

For more information regarding CVABE's adult education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

Randolph Learning Center
10 S. Main St., PO Box 84
Randolph, Vermont 05060
(802) 222-3282
www.cvabe.org

SOUTH ROYALTON AREA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The South Royalton Area Senior Citizen Center (SRASCC) serves the towns of Bethel, Royalton, Sharon and Strafford. Many times seniors from other towns will come to the center for meals and other activities, all are always welcome. To qualify as a senior you must be 60 years old or older.

The Board of Directors is composed of three representatives from each of the four towns. Sue Pirie is the director for both meal sites, one being in South Strafford at Barrett Hall, serving meals on Wednesday and the other in Royalton, at the Royalton Academy building, serving meals on Tuesday and Thursday. We are fortunate to have Ed Eastman as the cook for Strafford and Mary Lamb as the cook for Royalton. The nutritional program provides one-third of the daily adult nutritional required. We served a total of 15,838 meals for the year 2019-2020. The food cost per meal was \$2.26 total cost per meal \$12.33.

Each year fundraisers are held to help raise money for the services and trips. Fundraisers include raffles and 50% of the proceeds from the Thrift Shop. We have put jars out to area businesses to collect change to be used to help defray the expenses of the rising cost of meals on wheels and running the senior centers. However, due to COVID, all fundraising has been put on hold.

There is an established fund that offers assistance to any senior who may have a need. The funding comes from part of the Thrift Shop's profit. Any senior needing assistance may contact Sue Pirie, the Senior Director, Karen Eddy, the Senior Advisor, or one of your Senior Board Representatives with their request. Requests are reviewed in a confidential manner.

The Royalton Coop Market paid for free Congregate Dinners on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. They paid for 97 meals for this year, Please make sure to thank them for supporting the seniors. We were only able to do three months of the year due to some winter storms and COVID-19. Willing Hands donated approximately 4,300 pounds of fresh produce and eggs to the senior meal sites this year. Panera Bakery donated 70 large boxes of bread, sweets and bagels. Several local farms also donate lots of fresh produce and fruits. We thank them all.

In normal times, services offered include home delivered meals, transportation to the meal site and blood pressure clinics, foot clinics and flu shot clinic. A person is often available to help seniors with their taxes in April. Karen Eddy, the senior advisor, is available to assist seniors with any problems that they may have. Karen has an office at the Royalton Academy. Another service has been distribution of USDA commodities. Entertainment

is offered during many of the meals. Different trips are offered to the seniors. Sue Pirie works very hard to make each trip a memorable time.

Strafford's Senior Representatives are Susan Coburn, Barbara Murray, and Carol Wilson.

Submitted by,
SRASCC Board of Directors
Martha Fisk, President
Kay Ingraham, Vice-President
Corrine Ingraham, Secretary
Susan Coburn, Treasurer



Robinson Round Barn, built 1917, 3-stories, 10-sided.

Photo courtesy of Strafford Historical Society.

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

- CVCOA Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 44 Strafford (including South Strafford) residents. Case Manager Karen Eddy is designated to work directly with the seniors in Strafford.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Strafford for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, VNH made 1,050 homecare visits to 39 Strafford residents. This includes approximately \$25,623 in unreimbursed care to Strafford residents.

- Home Health Care: 726 home visits to 32 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- Long-Term Care: 128 home visits to 2 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- Hospice Services: 190 home visits to 3 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- Skilled Pediatric Care: 6 home visits to 2 residents for well-baby, preventative, and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were forced to suspend these services in March. Since then, we have been rethinking our community wellness programs to find a way to continue to offer them following the pandemic.

Strafford's annual appropriation to the VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Hilary Davis, Director

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VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here:
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

COVID-19 Testing:

- Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost COVID-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
- Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020

COVID-19 Cases:

- As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
- Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19

Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs: In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

Flu Vaccination: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020.) Approximately 213,000 Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season. Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25-35%.

WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC (Data is as of October 20, 2020). 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC.

Learn more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov>

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PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL OF THE UPPER VALLEY

Thank you to the residents of Strafford for supporting the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley (PHC) in 2020.

The PHC is the largest and broadest coalition of advocates on public health issues in the greater Upper Valley region. Our mission is to improve the health of Upper Valley residents through shared public health initiatives. We have become a trusted and solution-oriented convener that makes a positive difference in the lives of everyone in our region. The PHC is a force multiplier for the organizations, professionals, and citizens, who together make our communities healthier places to live, work, and play.

In 2020, PHC staff and partners worked together to increase collaboration, promote greater health equity, and address priority public health issues for the region. The greatest of these priorities was the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our region. Our work this year has included:

- Provided staff support to Upper Valley emergency response efforts and committees within Upper Valley Strong. Led a project to connect with, support, and gather information from over 50 towns to inform Upper Valley Strong efforts.
- Hosted five flu clinics in rural communities, providing over 1,350 free vaccines, with support from Dartmouth Hitchcock, Geisel School of Medicine and many local partners.
- Collaborated with Upper Valley Hunger Council, local school districts and Hartford Community Coalition to ensure availability of summer meals for children in the region.
- Continued health equity work by co-hosting several training events and organizing an Upper Valley Anti-Racism Council.
- Hosted regular meetings for PHC partners, Aging in Community Groups, and with Regional Planning colleagues to share information about pandemic resources and provide opportunities for sharing and problem solving.
- Hosted Lead-Safe Practices trainings for local contractors and started planning several childhood lead poisoning prevention education efforts.

PHC greatly appreciates the support we receive from Strafford and will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2021. For more information about PHC, visit us at www.uvpublichealth.org.

SAFELINE

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

Due to Covid-19 and the Stay-at-Home order, many victims were not able to call for assistance because their abuser was watching them. During the pandemic Safeline continued to be available 24/7 for survivors and their families. Calls to Safeline started to increase as survivors had more flexibility to reach out and as children went back to school where mandated reporters could contact authorities about potential abuse. Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 1,292 services for 316 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, 23 services were provided for 7 victims who identified themselves as residents of Strafford. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Strafford.

CLARA MARTIN CENTER

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency and one of the 10 Designated Agencies in Vermont, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services to the greater Orange County area for over 50 years. Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services.

Clara Martin Center’s broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, hospital diversion, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

With 50+ years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. During the current COVID pandemic, Clara Martin Center and its dedicated workforce have remained committed to the mission of service to all individuals, and have worked tirelessly to make sure that essential needs of those we serve were met, including assisting in food delivery to individuals isolating in their homes, providing for technology devices to allow services to continue uninterrupted through telemedicine, helping to acquire appropriate PPE for staff and community members in need, and maintaining ongoing distance learning opportunities for students enrolled at East Valley Academy, to name a few.

The agency continues to work with a wide variety of local partners to enhance community health and wellness including TriValley Transit, local police departments, primary care providers, schools and supervisory unions, Gifford Medical Center and Little Rivers Health Care.

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

<u>FY2020</u>	<u>Total Served</u>	<u>Strafford Clients</u>
Children & Family Services	532	2
School Services	61	0
JOBS	59	1
Adult Services	668	8
CSP Services	155	1
Supportive and Transitional Housing	22	0
Substance Abuse Services	459	5
Corrections Services	85	0
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	328	3
Access	1,025	8
Total Served by Program (unduplicated)	2,063	16
CVSAS	456	0

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC.

The mission of Upper Valley Ambulance is to provide around-the-clock emergency medical response to residents and visitors of the nine communities we serve. Emergency Medical Services is one of the three legs of public safety, along with law enforcement and fire/rescue. While we all hope that we never require the services of a public safety agency, having those services available is very important to our peace of mind.

The communities of Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Orford, Piermont, Thetford, Strafford, Vershire and West Fairlee have a combined population of over 12,000 full-time residents. We think of it as a single community with a population similar to the larger communities in our region, Hanover, Hartford, and Lebanon, but with a much larger area, over 340 square miles! Approximately 1,200 calls for medical aid came through the 9-1-1 system for our area in 2019.

When someone calls 9-1-1, they typically are experiencing an event that overwhelms their ability to cope with the situation. We and our community FAST squads respond and bring professional interventional skills, mostly medical but often just a helping hand and reassurance. Perhaps an individual has fallen and cannot get up without assistance. In that case, we conduct an assessment to determine if they are injured or have an underlying medical problem that caused them to fall. If not, we help them up and leave them with advice on how to stay safe in the future. Those kinds of calls make up about 39% of what we do and typically there is no ambulance transport. We provide that service at no charge to the patient. The next call could be a rollover accident on the highway with multiple injured patients. We have to be prepared to handle anything. That is what you, our constituents, expect of us.

UVA employs highly skilled, highly educated allied health professionals (EMTs, Advanced EMTs, Paramedics). Two providers are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We typically have a second and most days a third ambulance crew on duty during the daytime. Additionally, most nights of the year we also have 2 providers willing to come in at night to staff the second ambulance if needed. If our ambulances are already committed to calls when another call comes in, we pay for another ambulance service to respond to that call. You are thus ensured that if you call 9-1-1, an ambulance will always respond to help you.

Upper Valley Ambulance took delivery of a new ambulance in April, 2020. One other ambulance is going on seven years old while the third ambulance is now going on three years old. In order to help ensure that we have reliable equipment, these need to be replaced on a regular basis and we have developed a replacement schedule to ensure that at no time do we have any ambulances older than 7-8 years old. This will ensure that we have the

most reliable vehicles to do our job, caring for the sick and injured of the nine communities that we serve.

The expense of running UVA is split between the income we generate by billing for ambulance transport, and a fee that we charge the communities. The split is roughly 45% (town funds)-65% (bill for services). The fees that are paid by the towns are based upon the year-round population. The UVA Board of Directors and I are very careful with the public's money. We believe we run a tight financial ship, and welcome a comparison with any other public safety entity covering a community of 12,000 souls.

Finally, we are grateful to have the opportunity to serve you, although we sincerely hope you won't need us.

Alan Beebe, Executive Director



“Concealment Shoes” were placed in openings in houses to keep out evil spirits. Found in wall of 1790 Daniel Robinson House on Strafford Common during a 1972 renovation.

Photo courtesy Strafford Historical Society

AMERICAN RED CROSS - NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Disaster Response: In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to 13 disaster incidents, assisting 40 residents of Orange County. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disasters	Individuals
Bradford	6	20
Randolph	3	6
Randolph	1	1
Tunbridge	1	1
Washington	1	7
Williamstown	1	5

Home Fire Campaign: Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Orange County to educate residents on fire, safety, and preparedness. We installed 26 free smoke alarms in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Service to the Armed Forces: We proudly assisted 19 of Orange County's service members, veterans, and their families by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives: During the last fiscal year, we collected 778 pints of lifesaving blood in Orange County.

Training Services: Last year, 716 Orange County residents were taught a variety of lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, babysitting skills, and water safety.

Volunteer Services: Orange County is home to 3 American Red Cross volunteers. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.

ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER

Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJ), also known as Orange County Court Diversion, is a community based restorative justice program, offering cost effective alternatives to the criminal and civil court system. Our programs include:

- Court Diversion for youth and adults referred by the State’s Attorney who are facing criminal charges in court. A Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, works with clients to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Clients must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel.
- Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP) for youth receiving civil complaints for underage alcohol or marijuana possession;
- Driver’s License Suspension Program (DLS), helping Vermonters reinstate their licenses through income-sensitive fine repayment plans;
- Pre-Trial Services Program, providing support and services related to mental health and substance abuse for adults facing charges in criminal court.
- Reparative Panels, for adults found guilty of crimes. As part of probation, participants work with a Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Participants must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel.
- Restorative Re-entry, for adults returning to our communities after incarceration. A case manager works with participants to access housing, employment and, where applicable, services and treatment for underlying issues. Volunteers help support successful re-entry.
- Circles of Support and Accountability, for offenders re-entering community who are at a high risk for re-offense. Participants meet weekly with a case manager and volunteers for 12-18 months, to support their successful and safe re-entry into community.
- Victims Assistance, for those impacted by the crimes referred to OCRJ programs. A dedicated case manager works with harmed parties to address their concerns and needs related to the individuals and the incidents referred for restorative programs.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020, 324 clients were referred for services, a 22% increase from the previous year. Of those, 131 people were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, 42 were referred for YSASP, 8 for DLS, 39 for Pre-Trial Services, and 42 were

referred for re-entry services. With few exceptions, all cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. In FY20, OCRJ worked with 2 cases where the offense occurred in Strafford. Each case involved at least one person responsible and the individuals impacted by their actions.

OCRJ's FY20 operating budget was \$230,480. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. The town of Strafford appropriated \$350 for FY20 to support the Orange County Restorative Justice Center. OCRJ requests \$350 for 2021 to support ongoing programs.

Thank you for your support. For additional information contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, Orange County Restorative Justice Center at 802-685-3172 or jessie@ocrjvt.org.

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

About the League. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. In 2020, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to adapt town operations, hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.

- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, equity and inclusion, and ensuring the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are only available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each official and employee carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memborguide to download the VLCT Member Guide.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2020.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the marketing of the Region's creative economy sector. Staff hosted informational and networking events to enhance business promotion. TRORC also worked on public health projects with local hospitals and worked on including incorporating health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve on the State Emergency Response Committee, providing state officials with key local information to assist emergency planning. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials continued meeting the needs of our first responders. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Energy

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont.

Transportation

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically, this past year, TRORC helped complete Strafford's Local Emergency Management Plan, and provided assistance on the Town Plan

to include an Enhanced Energy Plan component. Staff assisted the town on a Better Roads grant to improve ditching and culverts on Alger Brook Road which was recently awarded. As part of the Grants in Aid Year 3 program, staff worked with the town to complete ditching and culvert improvements on Freeman Road and Kendall Road. We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard



*Robinson Round Barn.
Featured in Artist Sabra Fields 1986 painting:
Round Barn Quartet.
Photo courtesy Strafford Historical Society*

STRAFFORD RECYCLING

As with everything else in town, the big news in 2020 for recycling was Covid. We shut the Recycling Center for two weeks in March while people tried to figure out how to handle it. At the behest of the Selectboard, the Center was re-opened with a reduced group of volunteers and restrictions on the number of cars allowed at a time. We worked out the present system of allowing only four cars at a time in Recycling over about a month. We also gained some new volunteers to replace those who had reasons to be cautious about exposure to Covid. The present arrangements are a definite inconvenience for all involved, but seem to be the best we can do to offer recycling and protect our volunteers and recyclers. We hope for improvement at some point, but it is definitely conceivable that we will still have restrictions up to six months after Town Meeting. Of course, any suggestions are welcome.

For 2020 the cost of operating the Recycling Center came to about the budgeted amount of \$19,000. For lack of any better ideas, we have requested a slightly higher budget of \$19,500. This is roughly flat, but allows for the increases in charges from Casella for hauling. The amount we pay per ton for processing the stuff that is taken away has decreased in some cases, like the mixed paper, and has even turned slightly positive, as with cardboard. This presumably reflects some improvements in the market for recycled materials. You will see our volunteers trying to pack bins tightly, since our major cost is for the hauling of the full bins. Avoiding hauling loosely filled bins is one of the few things we can do to control costs.

People in town seem to have caught on to the rules for the glass bottle and jar bin. This cannot have any other kind of glass in it, because the material is actually reused and not ground up for fill material. It is taken to Quebec to be made into fiberglass insulation, and perhaps pellets to make more bottles and jars (I get sometimes conflicting information). Any other sort of glass such as mirrors, lightbulbs, drinking glasses, vases, decorations, lighting covers, etc. is contamination and makes the load unrecyclable. All of that material should go in your trash.

People often ask about bottle caps. These are just trash. They are too small for recycling plants to easily handle and sort, given the amount of material in the caps. If you leave them on your bottle, Casella will haul them to Rutland and then throw them in the trash there. If you do it at home, you save the bottle cap the long trip. The situation is the same on bottle caps for both glass and plastic bottles.

Recycling in Strafford only happens because of our hard-working volunteers. We can still use a couple more people to work on Saturdays (right now it is about every two and a half months). We should all thank them for being willing to spend sometimes uncomfortable Saturday mornings guiding recyclers and keeping the material moving.

Michael Scanlan, for the Recycling Committee: David Harris, Scott Moore

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The GUVSWMD comprises 10 Upper Valley towns, overseeing a system for proper management of solid and hazardous waste, recyclables, and food scraps. GUV also provides special collection events for bulky and household hazardous waste (HHW), paint, electronics, tires, metal, and fluorescent bulbs. In addition, the District offers technical assistance, outreach, and education programs to area residents, businesses, schools, and municipalities.

- Due to COVID-19, GUV held just two special collections in the fall of 2020, one in Thetford and one in Strafford. We collected 4 tons of tires; 5.17 tons of electronics; and 1.99 tons of “big” trash.
- GUV residents and businesses recycled 3,977 gallons of paint through the Paint Care program; 1,876 lbs. of batteries through Call2Recycle (as of 12/1); and thousands of fluorescent bulbs through the VT lamp recycle program (lamprecycle.org).
- Remember to take your batteries and fluorescent bulbs to the Recycling Center.
- 353 GUV residents (26 from Strafford) participated in two household hazardous waste events. 20.5 tons of HHW were collected.
- Food scraps were banned from trash as of July 1, 2020. An informal survey taken at both HHW events revealed that approximately 85% of participants were sorting food scraps from their trash. Please contact GUV if you need any information.
- We were able to assist a number of schools and businesses as they adjusted their food scrap sorting and collections due to COVID restrictions.
- GUV assisted in the first maple sap line collection event in our region at the South Woodstock Fire Station on November 7. It was organized primarily by the Windsor County Maple Sugar Producers, with help from the Northeast, Greater Upper Valley, and S. Windsor/Windham Counties solid waste management districts. Funding came from the WCMSPP and participants paid a nominal drop-off fee. 16 participants brought 6,000 lbs. of unwanted tubing. Bales will be shipped to a processing facility in Arkansas where they will be re-ground and made into another plastic product. We hope to hold another event in 2021.

2021 GUV collection event dates will be posted on our website, Facebook page, town list serves, and in newspapers. Scheduling of all events will depend on the status of the current pandemic.

In FY2020, Steve Willbanks once again represented Strafford on the GUVSWMD Board of Supervisors. We thank him for his dedication and ongoing support of our work.

For information call Ham Gillett at 802-674-4474, email hgillet@swcrpc.org, or visit www.guvsd.org.

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement.

Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administration, supplies (including 65,000 Green Up trash bags), promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the Washington Post.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website and follow us on Facebook (@greenupvermont) and Instagram (greenupvermont).

Green Up Day, May 1, 2021

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



Newton School Class of 2020

*Grace Solsaa, Chenoweth Donohue, Opal Erhard, Leo Breese,
Alford Manning III, Xander Waln, Justin Robinson,
Charlize Brown, Mia Bagnato. Not pictured: Ivy Pavick.*

(Photo by Amy Donohue)

**TOWN OF STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING**

March 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Strafford School District are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED to VOTE in accordance with Sections 3 and 4 of Act 92, 2020 Adjourned Session, BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT either via mail as provided by the School District and the Town Clerk or at the Town of Strafford's, Town Clerk's Office on March 2, 2021, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock AM (when the polls will open) and 7:00 o'clock PM (when the polls will close) and thereby act on the following question:

- Article 1.** To Elect a Moderator who shall immediately assume office.
- Article 2.** To fix the salaries in the amount of \$500 for the School District Officers for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Article 3.** Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?
- Article 4.** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,354,119 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,382.33 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is .22% lower than spending for the current year.
- Article 5.** Shall the voters authorize the School Board to transfer \$8,000 from the General Fund to the Tyson Gym Maintenance Reserve Fund?
- Article 6.** To Elect one (1) School Director for a term of three (3) years, one (1) School Director for a term of two (2) years.
- Article 7.** To fix the salary in the amount of \$1,600 for the School District Treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Article 8.** To fix the salary in the amount of \$600 for the School District Assistant Treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year.

Voters of the Town of Strafford will vote at the Strafford Town Clerk's Office located at 227 Justin Morrill Highway, Strafford VT 05072. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 9:00AM and close at 7:00 PM.

The legal voters of the Strafford School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated: February 26, 2021

Strafford Board of School Directors

Sarah Root, Chair

Glenn Wylie, Vice Chair

Micaela Tucker, Clerk

Aaron Dotter, Member

Meghan Teachout, Member

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

An informational hearing for the School District Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

You can use the link below to attend the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83604862781?pwd=dkRSVkrkeVRjdnAzdWRzd2pRMVd6Zz09>

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
TOWN OF STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING**

March 3, 2020

Sarah Root called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Article 1. To Elect a Moderator who shall immediately assume office.

Article 1 was moved and seconded. David Grant was nominated. David was elected moderator. David reminded the assembly that Robert's Rules of Order would be used unless superseded by Vermont Law. David recognized Bruce Labs, Superintendent; Tara Weatherell, WRVSU Business Manager; and Tracy Thompson, Newton Principal and suspended Robert's Rules, by unanimous consent, to allow them to answer questions throughout the meeting.

Article 2. To fix the salaries of the School District Officers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Article 2 was moved and seconded. Article 2 passed.

Article 3. To Hear and Act upon the report of the School Directors.

Article 3 was moved and seconded. Micaela Tucker reported on School Directors' work of the last year. Micaela Tucker acknowledged and thanked the Task Force Members.

Sarah Root thanked Bruce Labs, Superintendent and Deb Matthews (SPP) Director of Special Services for their service. Sarah Root thanked Jeff Solsaa and Sarah North for their service as Board Members.

Glenn Wylie reviewed the budget process.

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021?

Article 4 was moved and seconded. Vote was taken and Article 4 passed.

A 10 minute recess was requested to allow community members to review the 2019 actual expenditures. A 10 minute recess was approved.

Article 5. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,381,221 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,645.94 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 10.96% higher than spending for the current year.

THIS IS AN AMENDED ARTICLE.

Article 5 was moved and seconded. Sarah North reported on the increases and tax implications of the proposed budget. Glenn Wylie reviewed the highlights of the budget. Article 5 was called and seconded. David Grant read the article with updated numbers. (See Town Report for amounts published.) David Grant called a voice vote. The vote was too close to call. David called a division of the house. The Justice of the Peace counted the house for those in the affirmative and then those opposed. Ayes-39, Nays-54. The Article did not pass.

Article 6. To Vote a sum of \$8,000 from the 2019-2020 school year general fund balance to be added to the Tyson Gym Maintenance Reserve Fund.

Article 6 was moved and seconded. Question was moved. Article 6 passed.

Article 7. To Elect one (1) School Director for a term of three (3) years, one (1) School Director for a term of two (2) years.

Article 7 was moved and seconded. Lauren Phelps nominated Meghan Teachout for a term of 3 years. David closed the nominations and opened voting. Meghan Teachout was elected to a term of 3 years.

Christa Wurm nominated Peter North. Lauren Phelps nominated Aaron Dotter. A paper ballot was requested by 7 community members. Aaron Dotter was elected to a term of 2 years.

Article 8. To address any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Susan Hodges encouraged the School Board and Principal to have a list of volunteer opportunities at the school. Simone Pyle invited community members to subscribe to the Newton School Newsletter. John Echeverria asked that the School Meeting happen in the morning in 2021. Randy Coffin stated that she has not been to a School Meeting where the budget was voted down. She stated that those who voted for it did it with thought and those who voted for it did it with thought. Anne Peyton asked the new School Board to think about becoming an independent school district.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

David Grant
Moderator

Sarah Root
School Director

Lisa M. Bragg
Town Clerk

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

Our mission is to develop each child's potential for academic success, engagement and overall well being. Through this process we will enrich each child's education with community involvement, collaboration, and outreach.

What a year it has been!!!

The school board would like to take the opportunity to thank and acknowledge our incredible staff and administration! They have done an absolutely outstanding job keeping our school safe for everyone. Our students are doing a great job in this different learning environment. Again our thanks to the Newton Staff for being so dedicated and caring.

We have had many changes with our Supervisory Union in the last year. We have a new Superintendent, Jamie Kinnarney, and a new director of Special Education, Don McMahon. We welcome them and appreciate their leadership during these difficult times. Our Curriculum Coordinator, Mary Ellen Simmons, has left the SU. Her position is being redesigned to met the needs of the SU and a hire will be made for the next school year.

Volunteers this summer recreated our playground structure. For the cost of materials they were able to completely redo the structure so it is now safe and available for play. Thank you to Bethel Mills, BJ Miller, Willis Phelps, Aaron Dotter, Jason Loomis and Cabot Teachout for making this happen!

We outlined at our last annual meeting a timeline for community engagement and a vote on the Newton Middle School. That was sidelined for much of the year as we worked through how to have students and staff physically in school and how to keep them safe and healthy.

We have restarted our look into the Newton Middle School. Thanks to the leadership of Superintendent, Jamie Kinnarney, we invited Nancy Doda, an expert on Middle School to come and share with the board and the community her knowledge and expertise. This has given us all a baseline of knowledge that we can work from. Next we held another community meeting to talk about the financial implications of keeping our 7 and 8 grade students at Newton versus tuitioning them out to other schools. Now those who attended both meetings have a shared knowledge base on the big issues for us to look at as a town in deciding this matter. There will be more community meetings to discuss these issues.

We have formed a committee to look at the implications of the Strafford School District becoming a Pre-K-12 district rather than the K-12 we are now. The Strafford Cooperative Pre-School has done an outstanding job for 20+years. As we look at the Structure of Newton School it makes sense for us to include Pre-K in this discussion.

The Thetford Academy (TA) Board of Trustees are contemplating a vote to terminate the designated school agreement we have had for many years. The TA board approached the Strafford School Board about this. The statute allows either side to terminate the agreement. We believe maintaining a strong relationship with TA is very important and we are committed to that.

The School budget has a zero cent impact this year. Our principal, Tracy Thompson and the SU Business Manager, Tara Weatherell worked very hard on this budget. We started the budget process from the ground up and every dollar that went into the budget is justified by program need. It is also a true budget as it is a fully funded budget and there will be no surprises of unfunded or not fully funded programs. The board stands behind and supports this budget and hopes that you will also.

As our town works through some difficult issues around the structure of Newton School the board wants you to know that Newton offers an outstanding education to our students. The children who attend Newton are engaged, happy and learning exciting new things. Our teachers and staff go above and beyond everyday to meet the needs of their students and all students at Newton. Our principal is doing an outstanding job leading our school and assisting staff to do their best. We are proud of Newton School and the education it offers.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT THE NEWTON SCHOOL

The Newton School mission statement: “To develop each child’s potential for academic success, engagement and overall well-being. Through this process, we will enrich each child’s education with community involvement, collaboration and outreach.”

Like the rest of the world, the Newton School was stunned by the impact of COVID-19. The drastic shift in the delivery of instruction caused great concern for the academic, social-emotional, and physical wellbeing of our students and community. Friday, March 13, 2020 will forever be a day to remember, since it was the final day of in person learning at the Newton School for the 2019-2020 school year. Although initially hopeful that returning to school would be possible, this was not the case. Our students concluded the remaining twelve weeks of school in a distance learning model. The unexpected change in our structure was not simple and forced us to rely heavily on the families of our students. Parents were asked to become our learning partners and actively support the instruction of their children. We will always be grateful for the learning partnership created when teachers and families work closely together to benefit a child’s education. No matter how hard or cooperatively we work together, we must

consider the academic impact this structure may have had on our students and families.

Since the school year concluded with a great deal of uncertainty and we began to plan for multiple possibilities: continued full time distance learning, a return to full time in person learning, or a combination of the two. As summer passed it became evident that our school and community would continue to be impacted by the pandemic. This left the Newton School with many questions to be answered:

- How would academic skills be impacted by the additional time away from in person instruction?
- Would the academic slide typically seen during the summer months increase?
- What type of financial stress has this placed on our families?
- How will we help to support these families?
- What will the financial impact be to our school?
- How will we be prepared to respond to the social emotional needs of our students, staff, families, and the community?
- Are we prepared to deal with potential loss of life?
- How do we remain connected to our students and families?
- How do we take care of ourselves while doing all this work?

The 2020-2021 school year began after Labor Day. The additional time was taken to allow for the extensive preparation that would be required before students could return to the building. Additionally, entering the 2020-2021 school year, families were provided options for instruction. Students could return to in person instruction five days per week or participate in the WRVSU Virtual Academy, an online learning school created by the supervisory union. Several Newton School families elected to participate in the VLA and others opted to participate in Home Study through the state of Vermont. The chart below reflects the selections of Newton families.

	K-2	3-4	5-8
In Person Learning	32	21	23
Virtual Academy	2	1	8
Home Study	2	3	0

Strict guidelines for cleaning, student movement, classroom structures, lunch, field trips, building access, health screenings and transportation were developed to ensure our students were safe while in school. This required extensive staff training and the trust and understanding of our families. To date, we have experienced great success, and with the exception of one

planned week, the Newton School remains open for in person instruction five full days a week.

Academically, the SBAC assessment typically taken by our 3-8th grade students was not administered due to the distance learning model, so we do not have state data to report. The local assessment plan (represented below) is the measure being used to monitor student progress and measure any academic slide caused by the extended time away from school.

	K	1-2	3-8
September	PNOA Math Assessment	Reading Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) STAR 360 Math Assessment	Reading Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) STAR Math STAR Reading
January	Reading Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) PNOA Math Assessment	Reading Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) STAR Math	Reading Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) STAR Math STAR Reading
May	Reading Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) PNOA Math Assessment	Reading Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) STAR Math	Reading Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) STAR Math STAR Reading

At the time of this report only fall results are available. From these scores some conclusions can be drawn. As anticipated, the BAS reading results in September showed an academic slide for several students. 19.5% of our K-6 students (17 students) scored below grade level in reading.

In response to this need, intervention services, along with consistent and focused direct instruction, were delivered. Although the winter testing schedule is not yet complete, the data shows that one-third of the identified students now read at or above grade level and can be released from intervention. Additionally, the STAR assessments in reading and math demonstrate a continued increase in academic skills development and progress. At the conclusion of the assessment window, the final results will be used to identify students with a continued need for intervention.

Equally important is the social emotional health of our students. In an effort to measure this, the Newton School conducted the School Wide Information System (SWIS) Student Survey in November. Students in Kindergarten through grade two were given the survey 1-1, while grade 3-8 completed the survey independently. Results are shown below. Calculations in the far column indicate the percentage of students who answered “often” or “always” to the question.

Statement (Grades K-4) 43 students	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always	%
I like school.	0	10	18	15	76.7%
I feel like I do well in school.	1	11	20	11	72.1%
My school wants me to do well.	0	4	4	33	86.0%
My school has clear rules for my behavior.	0	4	8	32	93.0%
Teachers treat me with respect.	0	0	16	27	100.0%
Good behavior is noticed at my school.	0	5	19	20	90.7%
I get along with other students.	0	8	17	17	79.1%
I feel safe at school.	1	3	10	29	90.7%
Students treat each other well.	0	12	17	14	72.1%
There is an adult at my school who will help me if I need it.	0	2	11	30	95.3%
Students in my class behave so that teachers can teach.	0	14	20	9	67.4%
Statement (Middle School 5-8) 23 students	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	%
I like school.	0	2	15	6	91.3%
I feel successful at school.	0	2	16	5	91.3%
I feel my school has high standards for achievement.	2	2	15	4	82.6%
My school sets clear rules for behavior.	0	4	3	16	82.6%
Teachers treat me with respect.	0	1	6	16	95.7%
The behaviors in my class allow the teachers to teach.	0	4	13	6	82.6%
Students are frequently recognized for good behavior	0	3	17	3	87.0%
School is a place at which I feel safe.	1	2	10	10	87.0%
I know an adult at school that I can talk with if I need help.	1	2	9	11	87.0%

The Newton School is seeing positive results in social-emotional surveys and academic assessments, however there is always more work to do. A continued commitment to best practices in education, professional development, and additional understanding of the social-emotional health of our learning community must continue. These are the foundations of the 2020-2021 school budget.

I am endlessly grateful for the work of the Newton staff and community. The effects of COVID-19 have potentially made permanent changes to our education system. With that being said, it is important to acknowledge the positive outcomes that have come from this situation. For example, our teachers have learned to navigate education from a distance. Teachers and students now have enhanced technology abilities and challenged us in

ways that greatly improve our practice. Our students, teachers, families, and the community have become even stronger partners in learning leading to a deepened relationships between school and home. We have learned to communicate and participate virtually in community meetings allowing for more active participation and involvement. Even our learning environment has changed as we have taken steps to create additional outside learning spaces which better support the flexible learning environment our students desire and thrive in. Mostly, this experience has reminded us to be grateful for each day of learning. Education is a marathon that requires patience, commitment, and reflection.

I would like to thank the Newton School PTA for their continued support of our school. Our PTA is committed to providing enriching opportunities to the students of Newton. This school year, they financially sponsored a yearlong residency program in photography that will conclude in June with a community exhibit. I also wish to thank the families and community members of Strafford. Newton is one of few schools in our region committed to in person instruction five days a week. The community support for transportation and willingness to follow the necessary safety guidelines have allowed the Newton School to remain safely open and committed to the education of our students. Without your cooperations, we could not have achieved this. Finally, I want to express gratitude to the Newton staff. I am very proud of the work completed during the unexpected distance learning model, and I am even more proud of the commitment and dedication you show each and every day to our students. I am not alone in this recognition. On Monday, December 14, 2020, the Newton School staff was presented The Community Building Award, an award to be given annually to a person or organization who has made major contributions to building a sense of community in the town of Strafford. To quote from the letter, “The light you shine at the Newton School every day is bright, but this year each of you have become Super Heros” - (The Community Building Award Committee). We are grateful and committed to this continued dedication to the students, families and community of Strafford.

Tracy Thomspson
Principal

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I would like to begin by thanking all of our students, parents/guardians, teachers/staff, administrators, and district boards for navigating these unprecedented times of Covid-19. I'm so very pleased with our ability to have successfully navigated the reopening of schools for in-person learning beginning on Tuesday, September 8th. Not only did we open for five days per week of in-person instruction, but we also designed and implemented a fully staffed Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) across the eight schools and ten towns of WRVSU in order to provide a full virtual learning model for students in grades K-12. This was all possible due to the dedication and commitment we have to do what is best for our students.

I was provided the opportunity to begin planning/preparation for the 2020-21 school year immediately after my official hire in March. I took advantage of that time to analyze efficiencies across the WRVSU and begin implementation of a comprehensive Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). The further development and implementation of a MTSS is crucial to ensuring all students are regularly progress-monitored and to make certain appropriate rate of growth is realized academically, as well as socially/emotionally for all WRVSU students. To be candid, we don't have time to wait for a student to fail in order to get them the support they need. To this end, principals and teachers have been charged with creating systems to ensure that data is analyzed regularly, that interventions are prescriptive in nature, and that all students receive the necessary social/emotional support to flourish in our classrooms. This has resulted in increased academic achievement, and the identification of efficiency across WRVSU. The net result is better outcomes for students, while operating our schools at a reduced cost.

The WRVSU administrative team worked this summer to revise our WRVSU strategic plan. The summer work resulted in the WRVSU board and member districts adopting the following goals as their *Road Map for Success*:

The WRVSU will form and sustain a comprehensive MTSS that:

- *Utilizes evidence based best practices in instruction*
- *Utilizes student data to ensure student growth*
- *Encourages a rigorous, innovative and relevant learning environment*
- *Encourages the integration of PLP and Flexible Pathways to best meet the needs of all students.*

WRVSU will implement a PK-2 Proficiency Based Learning System. WRVSU school will utilize a comprehensive approach to ensure relevancy, rigor, and personalization. This will be achieved through the following:

- *Curriculum*
- *Instruction*
- *Assessment*

The WRVSU will improve student learning and increase equitable educational opportunities through the development of a culture that promotes

interdependence among all stakeholders and enhances student achievement, choice, and voice.

These overarching goals are now monitored and reported on a monthly basis by all administrators to the respective school boards. In addition, they serve as our focus for continuous improvement. Therefore, all WRVSU initiatives, professional development, etc., will be directly aligned with these aforementioned goals. This also provides a clear road map as we move forward ensuring that all of our schools best support our students in reaching their greatest potential.

We have also put in a great deal of effort laying the groundwork to expand opportunities for personalized learning, experiential learning, and alternative pathways. This looks slightly different from school to school based on where they started this school year. The focus is on working to create learner agency among our students and increase student voice and choice. We work to ensure that our students have strong foundational skills necessary in the arts, sciences, writing, reading, math, and wellness to seek whatever opportunities they so choose in secondary and post-secondary pursuits. I mention this because it is critical that personalized learning and multiple pathways is synonymous with relevance and rigor.

I am confident that this budget provides the resources necessary to provide a high quality and responsive education for all students in Strafford, while also making certain that it happens in a fiscally responsible manner. The State of Vermont continues to operate in a significant budget shortfall due to the financial impacts of Covid-19. This has resulted in higher taxes through the adjustment of the state yield and anywhere between 3.5 and 4 cents on tax rates across WRVSU. With that said, it behooves us to be fiscally prudent and to work on controlling costs while best managing the revenue provided to the member schools of WRVSU. You will note that the WRVSU 2021-22 budget at the Supervisory Union offices is up only slightly across all departments (Fiscal, Technology, Administrative Offices, Curriculum/Instruction, and Special Education). My goal was to make certain we did everything in our power to analyze our system and ensure efficiencies were identified, while making sure that opportunities for students were not impacted. I am confident that this budget supports just that!

In closing, I would like to thank you all for supporting your schools. Your support and involvement are critical in moving us forward with the vision of creating Schools of Excellence. We have the opportunity to create an education system throughout the ten towns of the WRVSU that is a destination for young families. This budget supports the work necessary for us to deliver on these important goals.

With great appreciation and optimism,
Jamie Kinnarney
Superintendent of Schools
White River Valley Supervisory Union

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

White River Valley Supervisory Union's Business office handles the financial management of the Supervisory Union and our six-member districts: First Branch Unified District, Granville Hancock Unified District, Rochester Stockbridge Unified District, Sharon School District, Strafford School District and White River Unified District. We have a five-member team: Tara Weatherell, Business Manager, Jason Rogers, Associate Business Manager, Rose Hemond, Senior Accountant, Lisa Blair, Human Resources/Administrative Assistant to the Business Office and Johanna Snelling, Accounts Payable.

In my role as the Business Manager I assist Superintendent Kinnarney and our Building Administration to develop budgets that align with the WRVSU's strategic plan and maintain those budgets throughout the fiscal year.

Developing the budgets for the 2021-2022 fiscal year had several challenges that were not within the Districts' control. The State of Vermont's significant budget shortfall due to the financial impacts of Covid-19; resulted in a decrease in the property yield from \$10,998 currently to a projected \$10,763 for the next fiscal year. This reduction impacts each Town's Tax Rate between 3.5 and 4 cents. The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) in the majority of our 10 towns also decreased resulting in an increase to each Town's Tax Rate. With the continued decline in enrollment there is also a decrease in the majority of our District's Equalized Pupil. These changes all directly impact the tax rate for each member town.

The Property Yield is determined by the State of Vermont Tax Commissioner using a statutory calculation and assumptions provided by the Agency of Education, Department of Taxes, Department of Finance and Management and the Joint Fiscal Office.

The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is used to make sure each town is paying their fair share of education property taxes to the State's Education Fund. The CLA is based on each Town's property value grand list as it compares to property sales over a three-year period. If the grand list value is less than sale prices the town will have a CLA of less than 100%; if the grand list value is more than the sale prices the CLA will be more than 100%. The CLA doesn't change the property value, it only impacts the education tax rate to be paid in the town. The CLA is also used to determine when a Town needs to be reappraised. When the CLA is below 85% or above 115% the Town must reappraise.

The following is an overview of the Strafford School District's 2021-22 projected budget:

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	2020-2021	2021-2022	DIFFERENCE
EXPENDITURE BUDGET	\$3,354,121	\$3,354,119	\$ (2)
REVENUE BUDGET	\$ 286,298	\$ 243,277	\$ (43,021)
EDUCATION SPENDING	\$3,067,823	\$3,110,841	\$ 43,018
EQUALIZED PUPIL	166.52	169.22	2.70
PER PUPIL SPENDING	\$ 18,423	\$ 18,383	\$ (40)
RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE BEFORE CLA	\$ 1.6931	\$ 1.7080	\$ 0.0149
NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE BEFORE CLA	\$ 1.6300	\$ 1.7300	\$ 0.1000
PROPERTY YIELD	\$ 10,998	\$ 10,763	\$ (235)
COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL (CLA)	101.65%	97.67%	-4%
RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE AFTER CLA	\$ 1.6482	\$ 1.7488	\$ 0.1006
NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE AFTER CLA	\$ 1.6016	\$ 1.7713	\$ 0.1697

The following provides a breakdown of the Tax Rate Increase:

- Expenditure/Revenue/Equalized Pupil Changes equates to a reduction of \$.0038
- Yield reduction equates to an increase of \$.0359
- CLA reduction equates to an increase of \$.0685

The following shows how we calculate the tax rate:

- 1) Take the ACT 68 Education Spending of \$3,110,841 divide it by the 169.22 Equalized Pupil; this results in the Per Pupil Spending of \$18,383.41
- 2) Divide the Per Pupil Spending of \$18,383.41 by the \$10,763 Yield; this is the Equalized Residential Tax Rate of 1.7080;
- 3) Take the Equalized Tax Rate of 1.7080 and divide by the CLA of 97.67%; this is the Residential Tax Rate after the CLA. This is the tax rate projected to be on your homestead property tax bill.

Superintendent Kinnarney, Principal Thompson, the Strafford School Board and I all feel that this budget supports what is necessary to provide high quality education to all students in Strafford.

Sincerely,
Tara Weatherell
Business Manager
White River Valley Supervisory Union

ONE PLANET PROGRAMS

First, we want to thank our communities and schools for the tremendous support you have provided us over the years. It is due to your support that One Planet has been recognized again and again by the state as a leader in after school and summer programming. Even in the face of Covid-19, we have been able to offer our children and families wonderful learning opportunities. Thank you!

Summer 2020

One Planet and WRVSU administrators took careful assessment of the risks and benefits to in-person camps and determined that operating summer camps could be done safely and would be in the best interest of our students and families. As one would expect, One Planet had to re-think many traditional elements of our summer camps. We considered: how do we keep kids safe in this Covid environment while also fostering much needed interpersonal connections? How do we make camp high-interest and engaging without off-site field trips, swimming lessons and outside instructors? How do we offer tutoring services effectively during a time of high-need, while also limiting exposure? Ultimately, the One Planet team developed a summer schedule that emphasized student voice and choice, leadership, responsibility and team building. Through intentionally designed programming and play, One Planet provided students with many opportunities to re-learn valuable social emotional skills. The responses from the 164 students who participated were empathetically positive; students were eager for the opportunity to engage and learn. In addition, One Planet staff successfully introduced students to important new behaviors, like physical distancing and mask wearing. And lastly, 30 WRVSU teachers accepted the challenge of virtually tutoring over 90 students, using best practices in intervention. Ultimately, students who participated in our summer camps and tutorial were well-prepared for returning to in-person instruction and ready to learn this fall.

Fall 2020

To start off the school year, One Planet worked collaboratively with the WRVSU schools to offer families an optional enrichment block from 1:30-3pm. Staffed by One Planet educators, WRVSU essential teachers, counselors and para-educators, the enrichment block focused on art, music, physical activity, outdoor education and social emotional learning. This new model allowed families to have the option of picking up their child early or extending their day until 3pm. Families were very appreciative of this flexibility and took advantage of both options. On average, we served 75%-80% of the in-person student population during this time.

In addition, One Planet has been operating an extended day program until 4:30pm throughout the fall. We understand that learning in the Covid environment is taxing on students, so our extended day program, much like

the summer, has focused on the physical, social and emotional needs of our kids, rather than a push towards a certain programmatic goal. We are finding that, despite the long day wearing masks, students still love coming to One Planet. Despite the uncertainty and challenges Covid poses, One Planet continues to be a place where kids feel safe, have a voice and feel belonging.

What’s Ahead

Over the next few months, we have a number of goals to address:

- Our staff will be participating in a variety of One Planet and school sponsored PD to optimize learning and engagement among our students.
- All sites will be working through the annual Program Quality Assessment, which allows us to evaluate our program quality, identify our strengths and weaknesses and create an improvement plan.
- One Planet administrators will be working with WRVSU administrators to begin the process of aligning our afterschool and summer work to the larger MTSS efforts.

We look forward to continued collaboration with our communities and schools!

One Planet Summer 2019 Stats

	Bethel	First Branch	Newton	Rockbridge	Royalton	Sharon	Summer Total
Camp Enrollment	54	45	40	44	57	53	293
Students Tutored	18	N/A	13	21	22	18	92
Counselors-in-Training	2	3	2	1	4	4	16
Total Served	66	48	48	58	68	66	354
% Receiving FULL Fin. Aid	43.8%	42.2%	28.3%	45.6%	46.9%	29.0%	39.3%
# of Meals Served	2,400	1,697	1,583	1,026	2,424	2,613	11,743
% of Students with IEP/504	15.6%	22.2%	17.4%	15.8%	21.9%	16.1%	18.2%
% School Day Teachers							60.0%

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL THETFORD ACADEMY

While most of us could not have anticipated what was coming a year ago when town meetings were taking place in communities around the state, we now know that 2020 would be defined by the global pandemic. This was certainly true at Thetford Academy, like it was for schools across the country and the globe.

The 2019-2020 school year concluded with three months of campus closure and all students learning remotely from home. During the summer months, educators at Thetford Academy, like our colleagues elsewhere, started the process of reflecting on the spring experience and designing a school program that would allow us to reopen safely. Our key priorities for TA's fall reopening plan were to bring students back on campus, provide families with choices and flexibility, create a safe and healthy environment at school, and ensure academic equity.

TA's plan centered on a pod model, organizing the school into small groups of students in the same grade connected to one teacher, using an elementary school structure as our design inspiration. Pods have proven to be an important anchor to the TA reopening plan, with each pod serving as both a virtual and physical classroom. Essentially, we have 22 small, safe learning communities in which students engage in their daily activities and learning, with the support of a teacher who knows them well and can provide support. Meanwhile, we maintained remote learning as the primary delivery of teaching and learning for the fall semester, using the Google Classroom platform.

Over three-quarters of the student population opted to be on campus during the first semester, and for these students many activities took place outdoors. Before the weather turned chilly with winter's arrival, TA students studied in open-air tent classrooms and spent time daily outdoors with their pods. Even now, with snow on the ground, pods are getting out to walk, ski, and snowshoe, as a way to get exercise, take mask breaks, and connect with one another. Integrating the outdoor environment into the school experience has been a collective effort, with leadership from our outdoor learning coordinator Scott Ellis coupled with the willingness of the TA faculty to embrace this special element of the program. Thetford Academy's 295-acre campus and extensive trail network have been enormous assets for the school community during Covid.

At the same time that 2020 was shaped by navigating the challenges of the global pandemic, the country also experienced dramatic upheaval and social action related to racist acts and antiracism movements. Following the death of George Floyd, communities and schools in Vermont and around the country engaged in hard conversations, took a deep look at their own roles

in society's inequities, and challenged themselves to meet the moment. This was true for us at Thetford Academy.

In July, the board of trustees issued a public commitment to antiracism efforts at the school. This led to the launch of an antiracism task force in the fall, with faculty, board, alumni, and community representation. The group's purpose is to examine TA's culture and practices and make recommendations that advance antiracism, to support students and staff in this work, and to provide antiracism education in the school community. In addition to the important leadership of the task force, activities are happening on campus as well. TA middle school teams participated in racial justice conferences with peers from around New England, and teachers are pursuing a range of professional development activities on the topic.

The obstacles and disruptions of the past year are not without silver linings. Rapid innovation is not easy but can be transformative. As a school community, we have learned and adapted – and we have done so together. We have discovered new approaches to teaching and learning that I am confident we will carry with us into the post-covid future of Thetford Academy.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Brennan, Head of School
Thetford Academy

THE SHARON ACADEMY

As the newest Head of School for The Sharon Academy, it is my pleasure and privilege to write this summary of 2020. The year has been very eventful at The Sharon Academy (TSA), just as it has been for everyone. Through all of the unexpected challenges that COVID-19 has presented to us all, we are grateful for the equally unexpected kindnesses, support, and commitment we have witnessed in our community. We have all—parents, teachers, community members, and students—stepped up to support each other, and we thank the residents of Strafford for your continued commitment to education and young people.

Like all schools in our area, TSA went to online learning in the Spring of 2020. Our teachers had spent weeks developing curricula for a possible online learning scenario, so we were able to hit the ground running when schools were closed. We even found a way to hold our signature graduation ceremonies, keeping the incredibly personalized approach for which we are known. Through careful monitoring and research, we refined our remote learning model through the Spring. This summer, all of our teachers worked to shift their curricula to include an element of remote learning.

This fall, students returned to school in a hybrid model with the student population split into two cohorts. All students have two days of in-person

learning and three days of remote learning, and only half of our students are on campus at any one time. We know that the genuine connections made among adults and students are the single most important ingredients to meaningful learning. Knowing who they are, how they work and learn, what motivates them, what drives them, what scares them, what gives them hope, and what helps them grow is how we nurture their learning. It is how we challenge them to do more while also supporting them when they need it. The hybrid model allows us to be together some of the time so that we can make those connections and to set them up for success off campus.

In June, we also released a Statement of Solidarity, to do our part to address racism. Our newly formed Equity Committee is meeting regularly to identify the ways we as a school can do better for our staff and students, so that we can fulfill our mission to help students “realize their immense potential”.

Another of the many exciting projects TSA is undertaking involves making capital improvements to our high school campus. In particular, we are looking forward to adding classroom space for arts and sciences for hands-on learning that will improve our student’s learning experiences. We expect to begin construction in the spring of 2021. For more information or to make a donation, please visit www.sharonacademy.org/campaign.

This Spring, TSA will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a virtual gala. Save the date: Saturday, May 1, 2021.

We look forward to serving Strafford and the many children and families from surrounding towns in the years to come. Thank you, Strafford residents, for your continued support. Please feel free to call us at 763-2500 to schedule a virtual visit. And as soon as it is safe to do so, we look forward to being able to welcome you into our building once again.

Until then, we leave you with the words I opened the school year with this fall:

The connections between and among us have the power to heal, to teach, and to grow. We are in this together, and collectively we have the ability to not just overcome the challenges, but to find meaning in them, learn and grow from them, and look back with pride at how we navigated them with grace, and with love.

Mary Newman
Head of School
The Sharon Academy

NEWTON SCHOOL PTA

The Newton School Parent Teacher Association is an organization dedicated to supporting Strafford's school and community. The PTA, which is composed of parents, school personnel, and community members, works to provide and support programs which benefit the entire student body and school community. The PTA typically coordinates and supports a number of events throughout the year, including Winter Carnival, Bike and Walk to School Day, the Fourth of July Fair, Halloween events, Artists In Residence, Staff Appreciation, field trips, and after-school workshops. The PTA also grants teacher and staff requests for classroom enrichment materials.

As we are all aware, this past year has not been a typical year. Looking back, we were lucky that one of our most popular events, Winter Carnival, occurred right before COVID-19 became a part of our daily way of life. Though we had to cancel another perennial favorite – the Fourth of July fair – we were able to modify our Halloween activities: the PTA and staff at Newton were able to work together to create alternative fun! Typically, candy collected by the PTA is delivered to residents in the Upper and Lower villages for distribution during trick-or-treating. Instead, we created treat bags to be handed out to all children enrolled at Newton and the Creative Preschool. We purchased enough pumpkins that, with the support of the staff at Newton, each child was able to carve a pumpkin at school. These pumpkins were then transported to the Common for a Halloween night display of well over 100 pumpkins! Though it was not the typical Halloween night with ghosts, ghouls and goblins roaming the streets for candy, Strafford children were still able to enjoy the three key parts of Halloween: costumes, pumpkins, and candy!

The PTA also modified the Artist In Residence (AIR) Program this year. Typically, an artist is welcomed into the school for a short period of time in December. The past few years have included Circus Smirkus, No Strings Marionette Company and Liz Van Saun (a mosaic artist). While trying to plan the AIR program for the 2020-2021 school year, we were met with a few big unknowns: Would children still be in school in December? Would an outside artist be allowed into the building? Laura DeCapua, a talented local photographer who also happens to be an educator, came up with AIR programming that could offer the flexibility of time and place that we needed this year.

Laura gave the PTA the opportunity to have an (extremely local) artist visit Newton and work with the students periodically throughout the entire school year. "In Our Eyes" was a chance to immerse our students in "photographic story-telling." In her proposal for the committee, Laura wrote the following: "This will be a unique school year for students across the world. Projects are designed around celebrating self and community, and how these things commingle. This collaborative endeavor by nature becomes a historical

record of this time and place for Newton and Strafford-a documentary project for generations to take in and learn from for years to come.”

The PTA would like to especially thank the teachers and staff at Newton for their support of the AIR program this year. They were immediately enthusiastic about taking this on, at a time when they were already facing major changes to their day-to-day routines. We would also like to thank Laura for investing her time, talent, and heart in creating this incredible opportunity for the Newton community. The final piece of the expanded AIR program will be a show for the entire community to view. Our hope is that it will occur in Barrett Hall at the end of the school year in June, but that will be determined by regulations set forth by the Governor at that time.

Two other perennial favorite programs funded by the PTA are also art programs: “Art Start” and “Images.” These programs typically have our 3rd and 4th graders traveling to the Hood Museum of Art to explore and create art. Like many events this past year, the programming went virtual. Though they have not been able to physically travel to the Hood Museum this year, our 3rd and 4th graders have already completed multiple virtual field trips to the Hood! We are incredibly grateful for past generous donors that bookmarked their funds to support the arts at Newton.

As always, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to Strafford- the PTA would not be able to meet our goals without the continued generosity and volunteer efforts of the Strafford community! Your contributions of time, talent, and funds support great programming for the children of Strafford. The PTA always welcomes new members and ideas. Anyone interested in participating in the PTA is invited to our monthly meetings. This year, they are being held virtually, usually on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. You may also reach out to a board member regarding ideas or concerns.

Sincerely,
Kira Campbell, Co-President
Lauren Phelps, Co-President
Hillary Miner, Secretary
Kiersten Harlow, Treasurer

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET - SUMMARY

FUNCTION DESCRIPTION	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	DIFFERENCE
	APPROVED	ACTUAL	APPROVED	ACTUAL	APPROVED	UNAUDITED ACTUAL	APPROVED	PROPOSED	
0000 TRANSFER TO TYSON GYM FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1100 REGULAR ED INSTRUCTION	1,889,904	1,813,854	1,817,370	1,913,417	1,948,410	2,039,580	1,994,889	1,977,497	(17,391)
1102 ART	22,220	23,337	25,399	16,262	18,084	956	25,437	18,895	(6,542)
1106 FOREIGN LANGUAGE	22,100	24,655	21,787	25,281	24,785	-	13,561	14,803	1,242
1108 PE	33,996	30,710	34,900	41,550	43,555	33,580	45,326	38,116	(7,210)
1112 MUSIC	14,696	15,123	15,794	17,562	18,541	18,229	24,575	18,976	(5,599)
1200 SPECIAL ED INSTRUCTION	251,020	412,862	258,446	281,869	251,952	251,952	296,523	270,753	(25,770)
1300 VOC TECH TUITION	25,443	27,843	30,000	10,256	-	-	-	6,622	6,622
1400 ATHLETICS & COCURRICULAR	3,690	3,095	2,690	1,213	2,747	2,393	2,747	2,677	(70)
2120 GUIDANCE	65,675	64,247	63,449	67,685	66,028	82,557	75,259	63,818	(11,441)
2130 HEALTH SERVICES	56,925	42,626	38,109	41,592	41,406	36,860	53,865	71,521	17,656
2212 CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION	9,136	9,136	7,595	7,596	7,849	7,849	8,838	13,598	4,761
2213 STAFF TRAINING	27,550	33,712	24,153	17,769	21,405	6,167	21,405	26,000	4,596
2220 LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES	36,304	36,265	37,387	37,061	45,799	50,753	49,254	41,500	(7,754)
2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION	7,780	5,656	40,946	17,771	8,601	27,108	8,601	8,774	173
2313 BOARD TREASURER	2,307	1,878	2,918	2,739	2,916	2,759	2,916	2,918	2

FUNCTION DESCRIPTION	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020	2019-2020		2020-2021	2021-2022	DIFFERENCE
	APPROVED	ACTUAL	APPROVED	ACTUAL	APPROVED	UNAUDITED	ACTUAL	APPROVED	PROPOSED	
2314 AUDITING	2,750	2,750	2,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2315 LEGAL SERVICES	2,500	2,856	1,000	-	2,500	398	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
2320 EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION	30,845	30,845	31,785	31,784	32,846	32,846	36,985	42,291	42,291	5,306
2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	196,328	191,426	191,292	216,667	202,919	213,872	212,492	239,381	239,381	26,889
2490 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	-	-	-	-	14,717	2,042	15,656	12,708	12,708	(2,948)
2510 FISCAL SERVICES	63,968	66,081	68,311	78,581	69,957	63,227	76,378	84,610	84,610	8,232
2570 PERSONNEL SERVICES	-	-	-	27,104	-	104	-	660	660	660
2580 ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY	45,545	32,586	45,419	26,938	35,346	32,829	33,150	50,840	50,840	17,690
2590 OTHER CENTRAL SUPPORT	2,525	2,525	5,165	5,164	5,337	5,337	6,110	-	-	(6,110)
2610 OPERATION OF BUILDING	150,613	120,307	142,588	138,848	137,956	118,980	137,375	139,856	139,856	2,481
2620 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING	47,000	32,711	50,500	22,631	46,600	40,130	44,600	44,600	44,600	-
2630 GROUNDS	7,000	11,740	10,000	10,428	8,000	8,747	11,500	11,000	11,000	(500)
2711 TRANSPORTATION-RESIDENT	81,000	79,925	87,918	82,530	94,451	89,420	97,285	100,203	100,203	2,918
2713 TECH TRANSPORTATION	-	-	-	-	-	1,414	-	-	-	-
2715 TRANSPORTION-FIELD TRIPS	5,000	4,765	10,000	4,571	7,000	3,107	7,600	9,000	9,000	1,400
2790 OTHER TRANSPORTATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3100 FOOD SERVICES	25,000	25,000	40,000	40,000	49,295	49,295	49,295	40,000	40,000	(9,295)
5020 DEBT SERVICE-LONG TERM	21,201	21,201	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	\$3,150,021	\$3,169,717	\$3,107,673	\$3,184,870	\$3,209,002	\$3,230,492	\$3,354,121	\$3,354,119	\$3,354,119	\$ (2)

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Function & Object Description	2019-20						2020-21 APPROVED	2021-22 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
	2017-18 APPROVED	2017-18 ACTUAL	2018-19 APPROVED	2018-19 ACTUAL	2019-20 APPROVED	2019-20 UNAUDITED ACTUAL			
0000 INTERFUND TRANSFER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
910 TRANSFER TO TYSON GYM									
FUND	-	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	-	-
1100 REGULAR ED INSTRUCTION	\$ 1,889,904	\$ 1,813,854	\$ 1,817,370	\$ 1,913,417	\$ 1,948,410	\$ 2,039,580	\$ 1,994,889	\$ 1,977,497	\$ (17,391)
101 TEACHER SALARY	\$ 531,087	\$ 518,952	\$ 497,522	\$ 508,799	\$ 562,005	\$ 568,613	\$ 517,805	\$ 532,886	\$ 15,081
102 PARA SALARY	22,249	1,115	1,875	25,868	1,330	41,430	-	-	-
103 SALARY SUB	6,000	7,120	6,000	11,790	8,000	4,185	8,800	10,000	1,200
108 SALARY- GENERAL	-	-	-	4,000	-	1,800	-	-	-
109 OTHER SALARY	2,000	2,355	25,186	1,600	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
130 OVERTIME SALARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210 HEALTH INSURANCE	126,804	90,143	76,286	73,712	82,266	89,868	94,695	106,282	11,587
211 HRA	-	-	14,034	26,371	16,964	17,614	16,025	25,200	9,175
220 FICA	42,706	39,464	44,608	44,912	41,011	45,361	38,457	40,234	1,777
232 OPEB RETIREMENT	4,082	285	286	2,550	3,686	4,277	1,782	2,658	876
234 RETIREMENT-VMERS	890	-	1,082	441	2,578	(1)	3,500	-	(3,500)
260 UNEMPLOYMENT	5,500	5,161	5,500	2,178	6,233	89	6,316	1,300	(5,016)
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	4,754	4,848	4,538	12,147	2,990	-	4,193	3,607	(586)
280 DENTAL INS	2,894	1,712	2,956	2,956	4,195	3,208	3,927	3,798	(129)
291 LIFE	341	309	679	828	1,072	765	816	547	(269)
293 LTD	-	-	-	-	1,433	1,084	1,448	1,351	(97)
320 CONTRACTED									
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	12,770	17,258	7,000	10,204	28,378	5,855	31,116	12,000	(19,116)
332 PURCHASED SERVICE	-	-	-	-	1,931	83	9,740	8,000	(1,740)
349 OTHER PROFESSIONAL									
SERVICES	-	2,000	6,250	546	6,250	150	9,250	10,000	750
561 TUITION TO VT LEA	474,584	487,146	529,424	249,323	482,296	64,478	518,875	576,800	57,925
562 TUITION TO NON- VT LEA	275,992	242,773	207,988	277,610	213,169	221,116	234,763	221,076	(13,687)
563 TUITION TO PRIVATE SOURCES	298,800	361,205	341,680	632,101	442,436	931,966	453,445	394,801	(58,644)
568 VOC TECH ON BEHALF	58,000	19,217	-	-	5,817	16,128	7,351	7,358	7
569 TUITION-OTHER VOC	2,500	-	23,775	2,500	4,449	6,077	4,449	5,000	551
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	9,585	9,035	10,085	9,322	10,604	7,075	10,604	6,800	(3,804)

Function & Object Description	2019-20								
	2017-18 APPROVED	2017-18 ACTUAL	2018-19 APPROVED	2018-19 ACTUAL	2019-20 APPROVED	UNAUDITED ACTUAL	2020-21 APPROVED	2021-22 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
640 BOOKS & PERIODICALS	8,366	3,756	8,366	12,446	9,067	5,130	7,282	4,800	(2,482)
650 SUPPLIES TECHNOLOGY	-	-	-	687	-	-	-	-	-
739 EQUIPMENT-OTHER	-	-	-	495	-	-	-	-	-
810 DUES & FEES	-	-	2,250	32	7,250	228	7,250	-	(7,250)
1102 ART	\$ 22,220	\$ 23,337	\$ 25,399	\$ 16,262	\$ 18,084	\$ 956	\$ 25,437	\$ 18,895	\$ (6,542)
101 TEACHER SALARY	\$ 18,884	\$ 21,163	\$ 21,538	\$ 14,387	\$ 14,853	\$ -	\$ 20,399	\$ 15,290	\$ (5,109)
210 HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
220 FICA	1,445	1,619	1,648	1,078	1,137	-	1,515	1,170	(345)
232 OPEB RETIREMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,329	1,329
260 UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	161	162	183	-	13	-	17	106	89
280 DENTAL INS	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	(17)
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	1,730	393	2,030	797	2,081	956	3,490	1,000	(2,490)
1106 FOREIGN LANGUAGE	\$ 22,100	\$ 24,655	\$ 21,787	\$ 25,281	\$ 24,785	\$ -	\$ 13,561	\$ 14,803	\$ 1,242
101 TEACHER SALARY	\$ 17,062	\$ -	\$ 17,563	\$ 21,820	\$ 22,660	\$ -	\$ 11,670	\$ 13,221	\$ 1,551
210 HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	2,323	-	-	-	-	-	-
220 FICA	1,305	-	1,344	2,236	1,734	-	867	992	125
232 OPEB RETIREMENT	-	-	118	638	-	-	-	-	-
260 UNEMPLOYMENT	3,296	-	-	-	59	-	15	-	(15)
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	137	146	141	-	39	-	10	90	80
280 DENTAL INS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
291 LIFE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
330 INSERVICES & TRAINING	-	24,326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	150	168	150	8	147	-	1,000	500	(500)
640 BOOKS & PERIODICALS	150	15	150	579	147	-	-	-	-
1108 PE	\$ 33,996	\$ 30,710	\$ 34,900	\$ 41,550	\$ 43,555	\$ 33,580	\$ 45,326	\$ 38,116	\$ (7,210)
101 TEACHER SALARY	\$ 28,638	\$ 28,789	\$ 29,539	\$ 37,036	\$ 30,564	\$ 30,563	\$ 31,481	\$ 32,397	\$ 916
210 HEALTH INSURANCE	375	(1,131)	300	1,125	7,154	414	8,058	1,500	(6,558)
211 HRA	-	-	-	-	480	-	546	-	(546)
220 FICA	2,191	2,202	2,260	2,267	2,338	2,338	2,339	2,432	93
232 OPEB RETIREMENT	-	-	-	638	-	-	-	-	-
260 UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	106	-	(106)
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	243	245	251	-	190	-	195	220	25

Function & Object Description	2019-20								
	2017-18 APPROVED	2017-18 ACTUAL	2018-19 APPROVED	2018-19 ACTUAL	2019-20 APPROVED	2019-20 UNAUDITED ACTUAL	2020-21 APPROVED	2021-22 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
280 DENTAL INS	-	-	-	60	253	66	255	422	167
291 LIFE	29	-	30	136	27	132	52	61	9
293 LTD	-	-	-	19	79	66	34	84	50
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	1,845	438	1,215	169	2,470	-	1,715	1,000	(715)
739 EQUIPMENT-OTHER	675	167	1,305	102	-	-	545	-	(545)
1112 MUSIC	\$ 14,696	\$ 15,123	\$ 15,794	\$ 17,562	\$ 18,541	\$ 18,229	\$ 24,575	\$ 18,976	\$ (5,599)
101 TEACHER SALARY	\$ 12,290	\$ 12,916	\$ 13,292	\$ 14,814	\$ 15,282	\$ 15,282	\$ 20,987	\$ 16,199	\$ (4,788)
210 HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
220 FICA	940	988	1,017	1,133	1,169	1,169	1,559	1,240	(319)
260 UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	101	106	111	-	130	-	69	112	43
291 LIFE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
293 LTD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
430 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE SERVICES	200	-	200	-	325	-	325	325	-
431 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE NON-TECHNOLOGY	225	-	225	-	100	-	100	100	-
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	740	913	750	1,418	1,535	1,778	1,535	1,000	(535)
640 BOOKS & PERIODICALS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
739 EQUIPMENT-OTHER	200	200	200	196	-	-	-	-	-
810 DUES & FEES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1200 SPECIAL ED INSTRUCTION	\$ 251,020	\$ 412,862	\$ 258,446	\$ 281,869	\$ 251,952	\$ 251,952	\$ 296,523	\$ 270,753	\$ (25,770)
593 SU-ASSESSMENT	\$ 251,020	\$ 412,862	\$ 258,446	\$ 281,869	\$ 251,952	\$ 251,952	\$ 296,523	\$ 270,753	\$ (25,770)
1300 VOC TECH TUITION	\$ 25,443	\$ 27,843	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,622	\$ 6,622
561 TUITION TO VT LEA	\$ 25,443	\$ 27,843	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,622	\$ 6,622
1400 ATHLETICS & COCURRICULAR	\$ 3,690	\$ 3,095	\$ 2,690	\$ 1,213	\$ 2,747	\$ 2,393	\$ 2,747	\$ 2,677	\$ (70)
109 OTHER SALARY	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,011	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
220 FICA	-	107	-	-	77	153	77	77	-
234 RETIREMENT-VMERS	-	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	990	577	990	863	970	-	970	900	(70)
810 DUES & FEES	700	345	700	350	700	240	700	700	-

Function & Object Description	2019-20								
	2017-18 APPROVED	2017-18 ACTUAL	2018-19 APPROVED	2018-19 ACTUAL	2019-20 APPROVED	2019-20 UNAUDITED ACTUAL	2020-21 APPROVED	2021-22 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
2120 GUIDANCE	\$ 65,675	\$ 64,247	\$ 63,449	\$ 67,685	\$ 66,028	\$ 82,557	\$ 75,259	\$ 63,818	\$ (11,441)
101 TEACHER SALARY	\$ 44,348	\$ 44,698	\$ 45,948	\$ 47,956	\$ 48,082	\$ 58,080	\$ 59,823	\$ 49,252	\$ (10,571)
210 HEALTH INSURANCE	15,618	11,602	10,906	13,584	11,924	16,982	7,140	6,250	(890)
211 HRA	-	-	-	-	-	1,295	1,365	2,100	735
220 FICA	3,393	3,238	3,515	3,589	3,678	4,342	4,443	3,768	(675)
232 OPEB RETIREMENT	-	-	-	1,275	-	1,308	-	1,329	1,329
260 UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	377	380	391	-	409	-	494	340	(154)
280 DENTAL INS	294	209	294	294	422	568	422	340	(82)
291 LIFE	30	-	30	-	30	(18)	87	61	(26)
293 LTD	-	-	-	-	24	-	13	128	115
320 CONTRACTED									
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	1,350	222	1,200	521	1,200	-	1,200	-	(1,200)
340 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	90	3,772	990	282	88	-	100	100	-
640 BOOKS & PERIODICALS	175	126	175	184	172	-	172	150	(22)
2130 HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 56,925	\$ 42,626	\$ 38,109	\$ 41,592	\$ 41,406	\$ 36,860	\$ 53,865	\$ 71,521	\$ 17,656
101 TEACHER SALARY	\$ 35,741	\$ 24,921	\$ 23,814	\$ 27,919	\$ 28,849	\$ 28,849	\$ 39,620	\$ 50,997	\$ 11,377
210 HEALTH INSURANCE	15,703	13,149	9,652	9,652	7,154	2,851	5,712	7,812	2,100
211 HRA	-	-	-	-	-	-	819	2,100	1,281
220 FICA	2,734	1,927	1,822	2,123	2,207	2,092	2,943	3,825	882
232 OPEB RETIREMENT	-	-	-	1,275	-	1,308	-	1,329	1,329
260 UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	304	306	202	-	88	-	262	345	83
280 DENTAL INS	-	-	177	233	253	739	422	422	-
291 LIFE	23	-	23	35	18	35	69	61	(8)
293 LTD	-	-	-	-	14	-	9	130	121
320 CONTRACTED									
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	1,800	1,175	1,800	-	2,210	-	2,210	1,500	(710)
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	400	1,033	-	239	613	737	1,800	2,500	700
640 BOOKS & PERIODICALS	105	-	105	-	-	-	-	-	-
650 SUPPLIES TECHNOLOGY	115	115	400	-	-	249	-	500	500
739 EQUIPMENT-OTHER	-	-	115	116	-	-	-	-	-

Function & Object Description	2019-20								
	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2019-20	UNAUDITED	2020-21	2021-22	DIFFERENCE
	APPROVED	ACTUAL	APPROVED	ACTUAL	APPROVED	ACTUAL	APPROVED	PROPOSED	
2212 CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION	\$ 9,136	\$ 9,136	\$ 7,595	\$ 7,596	\$ 7,849	\$ 7,849	\$ 8,838	\$ 13,598	\$ 4,761
593 SU-ASSESSMENT	\$ 9,136	\$ 9,136	\$ 7,595	\$ 7,596	\$ 7,849	\$ 7,849	\$ 8,838	\$ 13,598	\$ 4,761
2213 STAFF TRAINING	\$ 27,550	\$ 33,712	\$ 24,153	\$ 17,769	\$ 21,405	\$ 6,167	\$ 21,405	\$ 26,000	\$ 4,596
105 SUPERVISOR SALARY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
220 FICA	-	-	153	-	-	-	-	-	-
232 OPEB RETIREMENT	4,000	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
250 TUITION BENEFIT	13,000	14,757	13,000	2,022	14,000	6,084	14,000	14,000	-
293 LTD	1,300	1,382	1,600	3,329	5	-	5	-	(5)
330 INSERVICES & TRAINING	7,850	16,485	8,000	11,238	6,000	-	6,000	11,000	5,000
580 TRAVEL	1,400	1,085	1,400	1,180	1,400	84	1,400	1,000	(400)
2220 LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES	\$ 36,304	\$ 36,265	\$ 37,387	\$ 37,061	\$ 45,799	\$ 50,753	\$ 49,254	\$ 41,500	\$ (7,754)
101 TEACHER SALARY	\$ 30,667	\$ 30,760	\$ 31,509	\$ 31,337	\$ 32,277	\$ 43,036	\$ 33,245	\$ 34,214	\$ 969
102 PARA SALARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210 HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	-	450	7,154	1,200	8,046	806	(7,240)
211 HRA	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,638	-	(1,638)
220 FICA	2,346	2,353	2,410	2,432	2,469	3,384	2,469	2,617	148
260 UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	261	263	268	-	274	-	165	232	67
280 DENTAL INS	-	-	-	-	253	-	253	253	(0)
291 LIFE	-	-	-	-	18	-	52	61	9
293 LTD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87	87
431 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NON-TECHNOLOGY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	180	163	150	195	147	151	180	180	-
640 BOOKS & PERIODICALS	1,770	1,786	2,000	1,748	2,156	1,995	2,156	2,400	244
650 SUPPLIES TECHNOLOGY	400	255	300	145	450	372	450	450	-
739 EQUIPMENT-OTHER	380	189	150	315	-	140	-	-	-
810 DUES & FEES	300	496	600	439	600	475	600	200	(400)
2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 7,780	\$ 5,656	\$ 40,946	\$ 17,771	\$ 8,601	\$ 27,108	\$ 8,601	\$ 8,774	\$ 173
104 ADMIN SALARY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
106 CLERICAL SALARY	1,100	825	1,000	150	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
220 FICA	-	-	-	-	268	38	268	191	(77)
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	-	-	250	-	-	14,576	-	-	-

Function & Object Description	2019-20								
	2017-18 APPROVED	2017-18 ACTUAL	2018-19 APPROVED	2018-19 ACTUAL	2019-20 APPROVED	UNAUDITED ACTUAL	2020-21 APPROVED	2021-22 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
310 HRA ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	500	1,166	100	67	400	271	400	660	260
349 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	-	657	2,850	-	100	-	100	100	-
520 INSURANCE OTHER THAN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,000	2,281	35,146	2,492	2,936	2,993	2,936	2,923	(13)
540 ADVERTISING	1,500	561	-	1,355	800	420	800	800	-
580 TRAVEL	-	26	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	180	-	1,500	46	98	2,032	98	100	2
810 DUES & FEES	1,500	140	-	13,660	500	4,778	500	500	-
2313 BOARD TREASURER	\$ 2,307	\$ 1,878	\$ 2,918	\$ 2,739	\$ 2,916	\$ 2,759	\$ 2,916	\$ 2,918	\$ 2
104 ADMIN SALARY	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ -
220 FICA	107	107	168	168	168	168	168	168	-
533 POSTAGE	400	316	350	295	350	359	350	350	-
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	-	-	100	-	98	-	98	100	2
810 DUES & FEES	400	55	100	75	100	33	100	100	-
2314 AUDITING	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
341 AUDITING SERVICES	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2315 LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,856	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 398	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
342 LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,856	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 398	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
2320 EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION	\$ 30,845	\$ 30,845	\$ 31,785	\$ 31,784	\$ 32,846	\$ 32,846	\$ 36,985	\$ 42,291	\$ 5,306
593 SU-ASSESSMENT	\$ 30,845	\$ 30,845	\$ 31,785	\$ 31,784	\$ 32,846	\$ 32,846	\$ 36,985	\$ 42,291	\$ 5,306
2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$ 196,328	\$ 191,426	\$ 191,292	\$ 216,667	\$ 202,919	\$ 213,872	\$ 212,492	\$ 239,381	\$ 26,889
104 ADMIN SALARY	\$ 92,616	\$ 92,616	\$ 93,866	\$ 94,116	\$ 96,938	\$ 90,792	\$ 87,550	\$ 95,000	\$ 7,450
106 CLERICAL SALARY	35,466	35,317	36,558	37,465	38,027	44,157	41,406	45,792	4,386
210 HEALTH INSURANCE	39,970	31,310	30,640	43,444	35,175	35,816	39,557	43,281	3,724
211 HRA	-	-	-	-	-	9,991	5,460	8,600	3,140
220 FICA	9,798	9,032	9,977	9,215	10,325	9,270	9,578	10,597	1,019
234 RETIREMENT-VMERS	1,419	1,393	1,462	1,523	1,462	1,856	2,000	2,134	134
250 TUITION BENEFIT	500	846	500	182	500	605	3,876	2,200	(1,676)
260 UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,089	1,096	1,109	-	1,147	-	683	956	273
280 DENTAL INS	640	465	640	640	844	698	844	844	-

Function & Object Description	2019-20								
	2017-18 APPROVED	2017-18 ACTUAL	2018-19 APPROVED	2018-19 ACTUAL	2019-20 APPROVED	UNAUDITED ACTUAL	2020-21 APPROVED	2021-22 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
291 LIFE	330	299	300	347	300	673	435	267	(168)
293 LTD	-	-	-	-	31	-	30	360	330
330 INSERVICES & TRAINING	-	2,000	-	2,203	850	1,689	850	-	(850)
443 RENTALS OF COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY	6,000	6,267	6,000	4,959	6,000	6,184	6,000	6,000	-
531 TELEPHONE SERVICES	1,800	3,042	3,240	6,157	3,800	5,694	5,000	6,000	1,000
550 PRINTING & BINDING	600	1,134	700	302	800	1,025	800	800	-
580 TRAVEL	300	789	500	531	1,000	1,401	1,000	1,000	-
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	4,000	4,206	4,000	2,851	3,920	3,536	5,623	6,500	877
739 EQUIPMENT-OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-
810 DUES & FEES	1,800	1,614	1,800	12,733	1,800	472	1,800	9,050	7,250
2490 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,717	\$ 2,042	\$ 15,656	\$ 12,708	\$ (2,948)
101 TEACHER SALARY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,759	\$ 1,261	\$ 11,082	\$ 11,405	\$ 323
210 HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	2,385	478	2,682	269	(2,413)
211 HRA	-	-	-	-	-	-	546	-	(546)
220 FICA	-	-	-	-	823	96	823	873	50
234 RETIREMENT-VMERS	-	-	-	-	420	85	420	-	(420)
260 UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	-	-	-	-	245	-	18	77	59
280 DENTAL INS	-	-	-	-	84	82	85	84	(1)
580 TRAVEL	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-
2510 FISCAL SERVICES	\$ 63,968	\$ 66,081	\$ 68,311	\$ 78,581	\$ 69,957	\$ 63,227	\$ 76,378	\$ 84,610	\$ 8,232
593 SU-ASSESSMENT	\$ 44,968	\$ 44,968	\$ 49,311	\$ 78,581	\$ 50,957	\$ 50,957	\$ 57,378	\$ 65,610	\$ 8,232
835 INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT	19,000	21,113	19,000	-	19,000	12,270	19,000	19,000	-
2570 PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,104	\$ -	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ 660	\$ 660
211 HRA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,217	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
310 HRA ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	-	-	-	3,887	-	104	-	660	660
2580 ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 45,545	\$ 32,586	\$ 45,419	\$ 26,938	\$ 35,346	\$ 32,829	\$ 33,150	\$ 50,840	\$ 17,690
352 OTHER TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$ 16,000	\$ 3,604	\$ 15,000	\$ 789	\$ 6,000	\$ 618	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
432 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY	900	-	900	169	500	-	500	500	-

Function & Object Description	2019-20								
	2017-18 APPROVED	2017-18 ACTUAL	2018-19 APPROVED	2018-19 ACTUAL	2019-20 APPROVED	2019-20 UNAUDITED ACTUAL	2020-21 APPROVED	2021-22 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
532 INTERNET SERVICES	3,800	2,453	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
593 SU-ASSESSMENT	9,745	9,745	10,012	15,101	10,346	10,346	11,650	16,815	5,165
650 SUPPLIES TECHNOLOGY	600	2,528	5,007	3,055	3,000	9,784	3,000	19,075	16,075
734 TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE	14,500	14,256	14,500	7,824	15,500	12,082	15,500	11,950	(3,550)
2590 OTHER CENTRAL SUPPORT	\$ 2,525	\$ 2,525	\$ 5,165	\$ 5,164	\$ 5,337	\$ 5,337	\$ 6,110	\$ -	\$ (6,110)
593 SU-ASSESSMENT	\$ 2,525	\$ 2,525	\$ 5,165	\$ 5,164	\$ 5,337	\$ 5,337	\$ 6,110	\$ -	\$ (6,110)
2610 OPERATION OF BUILDING	\$ 150,613	\$ 120,307	\$ 142,588	\$ 138,848	\$ 137,956	\$ 118,980	\$ 137,375	\$ 139,856	\$ 2,481
105 SUPERVISOR SALARY	\$ 41,000	\$ 38,625	\$ 43,050	\$ 43,086	\$ 44,342	\$ 44,298	\$ 45,627	\$ 46,962	\$ 1,335
108 SALARY- GENERAL	17,920	19,342	18,544	18,457	18,743	20,314	19,314	19,876	562
130 OVERTIME SALARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210 HEALTH INSURANCE	21,187	-	15,570	750	6,349	1,535	1,500	1,500	-
220 FICA	4,507	4,388	4,712	4,689	4,826	4,981	4,823	5,113	290
234 RETIREMENT-VMERS	1,640	1,604	1,722	1,808	1,722	1,946	1,722	2,189	467
250 TUITION BENEFIT	200	-	200	-	200	-	200	200	-
260 UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
270 WORKERS COMPENSATION	3,535	3,656	3,696	(50)	3,736	-	5,000	2,911	(2,089)
280 DENTAL INS	294	128	294	294	294	533	844	422	(422)
291 LIFE	30	13	-	-	30	28	130	61	(69)
293 LTD	6,000	5,614	-	-	14	-	15	122	107
340 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	1,500	1,305	1,500	-	3,500	1,000	3,500	4,000	500
410 UTILITY SERVICES	-	2,030	-	2,425	-	-	500	-	(500)
421 WASTE REMOVAL	5,000	2,448	4,000	2,335	3,000	3,238	3,000	3,000	-
431 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE NON-TECHNOLOGY	-	-	-	17,298	-	-	-	-	-
441 MAINTENANCE RENTALS OF LAND & BUILDINGS	1,500	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
520 INSURANCE OTHER THAN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	-	-	6,000	5,615	6,180	6,416	6,180	7,000	820
610 SUPPLIES GENERAL	11,000	9,783	11,000	8,753	13,720	10,960	13,720	13,500	(220)
622 ENERGY ELECTRICITY	17,000	11,944	17,000	17,528	16,000	14,655	16,000	18,000	2,000
624 ENERGY FUEL OIL	15,000	13,464	15,000	14,848	15,000	7,000	15,000	15,000	-
733 FURNITURE & FIXTURES	3,000	4,313	-	940	-	2,075	-	-	-
810 DUES & FEES	300	150	300	70	300	-	300	-	(300)

Function & Object Description	2019-20								
	2017-18 APPROVED	2017-18 ACTUAL	2018-19 APPROVED	2018-19 ACTUAL	2019-20 APPROVED	2019-20 UNAUDITED ACTUAL	2020-21 APPROVED	2021-22 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
2620 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING	\$ 47,000	\$ 32,711	\$ 50,500	\$ 22,631	\$ 46,600	\$ 40,130	\$ 44,600	\$ 44,600	\$ -
340 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
410 UTILITY SERVICES	-	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
431 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE NON-TECHNOLOGY	47,000	32,711	45,000	22,631	42,000	35,530	40,000	40,000	-
441 MAINTENANCE RENTALS OF LAND & BUILDINGS	-	-	1,500	-	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	-
2630 GROUNDS	\$ 7,000	\$ 11,740	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,428	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,747	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,000	\$ (500)
422 SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 7,000	\$ 9,340	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,555	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,747	\$ 9,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 2,000
431 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE NON-TECHNOLOGY	-	2,400	-	3,873	-	-	-	-	-
733 FURNITURE & FIXTURES	-	-	3,000	-	-	-	2,500	-	(2,500)
2711 TRANSPORTATION-RESIDENT	\$ 81,000	\$ 79,925	\$ 87,918	\$ 82,530	\$ 94,451	\$ 89,420	\$ 97,285	\$ 100,203	\$ 2,918
593 SU-ASSESSMENT	\$ 81,000	\$ 79,925	\$ 87,918	\$ 82,530	\$ 94,451	\$ 89,420	\$ 97,285	\$ 100,203	\$ 2,918
2713 TECH TRANSPORTATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,414	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
519 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,414	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2715 TRANSPORTION-FIELD TRIPS	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,765	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,571	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,107	\$ 7,600	\$ 9,000	\$ 1,400
519 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,765	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,571	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,107	\$ 7,600	\$ 9,000	\$ 1,400
2790 OTHER TRANSPORTATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
519 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3100 FOOD SERVICES	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 49,295	\$ 49,295	\$ 49,295	\$ 40,000	\$ (9,295)
912 TRANSFER TO FOOD SERVICE	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 49,295	\$ 49,295	\$ 49,295	\$ 40,000	\$ (9,295)
5020 DEBT SERVICE-LONG TERM	\$ 21,201	\$ 21,201	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
831 REDEMPTION OF PRINCIPAL	\$ 21,201	\$ 21,201	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
832 INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	\$3,150,021	\$3,169,717	\$3,107,673	\$3,184,870	\$3,209,002	\$3,230,492	\$3,354,121	\$3,354,119	\$ (2)

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET - REVENUE

Description	STRAFFORD Budget 2018	STRAFFORD Actual 2018	STRAFFORD Budget 2019	STRAFFORD Actual 2019	STRAFFORD Budget 2020	STRAFFORD Unaudited Actual 2020	STRAFFORD Budget 2021	STRAFFORD Budget 21-22
BAL. CARRYOVER FROM PRIOR YRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,205	\$ 7,205	\$ 30,233	\$ 30,233	\$ -	\$ -
<u>REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES</u>								
Interest	\$ 20,000	\$ 24,823	\$ 23,000	\$ 4,920	\$ 25,000	\$ 2,112	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,000
Tuition	-	14,700	-	-	14,700	-	16,300	-
TuitionPK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous/RENTALS	5,000	5,802	5,600	3,792	5,600	13,990	5,000	5,000
Prior Year Adjustments	-	(1,300)	-	5,268	-	11,037	-	-
Transfer from Tuition Reserve Fund	-	-	122,500	122,500	50,000	50,000	10,000	-
Donations	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	-
Total Local Source Revenues	\$ 25,000	\$ 44,025	\$ 151,100	\$ 141,480	\$ 95,300	\$ 77,139	\$ 56,300	\$ 10,000
<u>REV. FROM STATE/FED. SOURCES</u>								
Education Spending Revenue (ACT 68)	\$2,902,134	\$2,900,033	\$2,729,380	\$2,789,037	\$2,867,216	\$2,857,333	\$3,060,471	\$3,110,841
ACT 60 Related Transportation	34,363	34,490	34,363	39,705	36,766	35,996	42,182	43,447
Vocational Transportation Reimbursement	-	3,939	-	-	-	-	-	-
SMALL SCHOOLS	99,687	103,024	109,850	114,953	123,316	122,677	123,316	123,316
Medicaid Reimbursement (IEP & EPSDT)	30,000	32,000	25,000	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	66,514
Total Rev. From State/Fed. Sources	\$ 3,066,184	\$ 3,073,486	\$ 2,898,593	\$ 2,943,695	\$ 3,052,297	\$ 3,041,006	\$ 3,250,969	\$ 3,344,119
<u>OTHER FEDERAL GRANTS</u>								
School Wide CFP/previously Title I/other	\$ 33,394	\$ 32,900	\$ 27,000	\$ 26,979	\$ 25,355	\$ 20,043	\$ 39,500	\$ -
Total Other FEDERAL Grants	\$ 33,394	\$ 32,900	\$ 27,000	\$ 26,979	\$ 25,355	\$ 20,043	\$ 39,500	\$ -
<u>Vocational Education</u>								
Tech Ctr from State to the Tech Ctr	\$ 25,443	\$ 25,443	\$ 23,775	\$ 23,775	\$ 5,817	\$ 16,128	\$ 7,351	\$ 7,358
Grand Total All Revenues	\$ 3,150,021	\$ 3,175,854	\$ 3,107,673	\$ 3,143,134	\$ 3,209,002	\$ 3,184,549	\$ 3,354,121	\$ 3,354,119
	FY18 BUDGET	FY18 ACTUAL	FY19 BUDGET	FY19 ACTUAL	FY20 BUDGET	FY20 YTD	FY21 BUDGET	FY22 BUDGET
Expenditures	\$3,150,021	\$3,169,717	\$3,107,673	\$3,157,766	\$3,209,002	\$3,184,549	\$3,354,121	\$3,354,119
Less local revenue	\$ (222,444)	\$ (246,439)	\$ (354,518)	\$ (330,322)	\$ (335,970)	\$ (311,088)	\$ (286,298)	\$ (243,277)
Education Spending	\$2,927,577	\$2,923,278	\$2,753,155	\$2,827,444	\$2,873,033	\$2,873,461	\$3,067,823	\$3,110,841
Equalized Pupils	179.07	179.07	177.20	177.20	171	171.00	166.52	169.22
Per Pupil Spending	\$16,348.79	\$16,324.78	\$15,536.99	\$15,956.23	\$16,801.36	\$ 16,804	\$18,423.15	\$18,383.41

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2021-2022 PROPOSED TAX RATES**

	Act 68 Tax Factors	
Budget	\$ 3,354,119	
Changes	0	
Total	\$ 3,354,119	
- Local Revenue	(243,277)	
Education Spending	\$ 3,110,841	
Equalized Pupils	169.22	FY21 166.52
Education Spending Per Pupil	\$ 18,383.41	\$18,789.00
Less Exclusions	\$ 48	
PP over cap amount	\$ -	\$0.00
Revised PP spending	\$ 18,383.41	
Equalized Residential Tax Rate BEFORE CLA	1.7080	
Equalized Non-Residential Rate BEFORE CLA	1.7300	
Prior Year Per Pupil Cost	\$ 18,423.15	
Act 68 per pupil change	-0.22%	

		CHG %
PRIOR YR BUDGET	\$3,354,121	0.00%
PRIOR YR ED FUND	\$3,067,823	1.40%
PRIOR YR PER PUPIL	\$ 18,423	-0.22%
PRIOR YR TAX RATE BEFORE CLA	1.6931	0.88%
Properl Property Yield	\$ 10,763	\$ 10,998
Commc Common Level of Appraisal	97.67%	101.65%
Base rate fixed	1.0000	
VT Non-Residential rate	1.7300	1.6300
Adjustment for CLA		
Estimated Actual Residential FY22 Tax Rate	1.7488	AFTER CLA
Estimate Actual Non-Residential FY22 Rate	1.7713	AFTER CLA
Actual Residential Tax Rate FY21	1.6482	AS OF 8/5/2020
Actual Non-Residential Rate FY21	1.6016	AS OF 8/5/2020
Change in Tax Rates from FY21 to FY22		
Actual Residential Tax Rate	0.1006	
Actual Non-Residential Rate	0.1697	
\$18,213.15 amount to cut .01 cent of tax		

INCOME SENSITIVITY CALCULATION	
PER PUPIL SPENDING/INCOME YIELD X INCOME % = TAX AMOUNT	INCOME SENSITIVITY
\$18,383.41 PER PUPIL SPENDING	
\$12,825.00 INCOME YIELD	
2.74% INCOME PERCENT	
3.93% INCOME SENSITIVITY	

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
DRAFT UNAUDITED
FUND BALANCE REPORT OF MAJOR FUNDS
FYE June 30, 2020**

General Fund	\$ (130,330)
Food Service Program	\$ (22,776.39)
Tyson Gym Reserve	\$ 25,294
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 59,241
Tuition Reserve	\$ 122,250

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS
FYE June 30, 2020**

The Strafford School District had no outstanding long-term debt at the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Short-term debt included a tax-anticipation note in the amount of \$223,016.

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDIT REPORT
FYE June 30, 2020**

The Strafford School District has hired RHR Smith and Company, a professional audit firm, to review the district's finances. A copy of the audit will be available upon completion for review at the White River Valley Supervisory Union Business Office located at 461 Waterman Road Royalton, Vermont and online at <https://wrvsu.org/approved-budgets-and-audits>

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: Stratford SU: White River Valley		T199 Orange County		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,763 of spending per equalized pupil	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
				10,763	1.00	
				12,825		
Expenditures		FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$3,107,673	\$3,209,430	\$3,354,621	\$3,354,119	1.
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-		2.
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	NA	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$3,107,673	\$3,209,430	\$3,354,621	\$3,354,119	4.
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-		5.
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-		6.
7.	Total Budget	\$3,107,673	\$3,209,430	\$3,354,621	\$3,354,119	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-		8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$354,518	\$335,970	\$286,299	\$243,277	10.
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-		11.
12.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	NA	NA	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$354,518	\$335,970	\$286,299	\$243,277	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$2,753,155	\$2,873,460	\$3,068,322	\$3,110,842	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	177.20	171.00	166.52	169.23	15.

		\$15,536.99	\$16,803.86	\$18,426.15	\$18,382.33	
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil					16.
17.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-		17.
18.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$60,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	\$22.62	\$22.34	\$28.88		18.
19.	<i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-		19.
20.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-		20.
21.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-		21.
22.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-		22.
23.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-		23.
24.	<i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	\$9.00	-		24.
		threshold = \$17,816	threshold = \$18,311	threshold = \$18,756	threshold = \$18,789	
25.	Excess spending threshold	\$17,816.00	\$18,311.00	\$18,756.00	\$18,789.00	25.
26.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$15,537	\$16,804	\$18,426	\$18,382.33	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	152.025%	157.812%	167.541%	170.792%	28.
		based on yield \$10,220	based on yield \$10,648	based on \$10,883	based on yield \$10,763	

Prorating the local tax rate

29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$18,382.33 ÷ (\$10,763 / \$1.00)]	\$1.5203 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.5781 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.6754 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.7079 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	29.
30.	Percent of Stratford equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.71)	\$1.5203	\$1.5781	\$1.6754	\$1.7079	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	103.72%	103.07%	101.65%	97.67%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.7079 / 97.67%)	\$1.4658 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.5311 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.6482 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.7486 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	33.
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>						
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$18,382.33 + \$12,825) x 2.00%]	2.51% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.57% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.72% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.87% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.87%)	2.51% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.57% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.72% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.87% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	35.
36.	#/A	-	-	-	-	36.
37.	#/A	-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,763 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$12,825 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.73. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY SUPERVISORY UNION

2021-2022 Central Office Budget

Description	FY17-18 Budget	FY17-18 Actual	FY18-19 Budget	FY18-19 Actual	FY19-20 Budget	FY19-20 Actual	FY20-21 Budget	FY21-22 Proposed	DIFFERENCE FY21 to FY22
DISTRICT MUSIC PROG - SALARIES	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 123	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DISTRICT MUSIC PROG - EMPER TAXES	115	-	-	-	230	-	-	-	-
DISTRICT MUSIC PROG - CONTR SERVICES	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-
DISTRICT MUSIC PROG - SUPPLIES	1,500	-	-	-	770	-	-	-	-
SU COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS	885	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 123	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CURRICULUM - SALARIES	\$ 140,280	\$ 97,854	\$ 90,000	\$ 111,038	\$ 88,000	\$ 72,195	\$ 3,461	\$ 14,000	\$ 10,539
CURRICULUM - COORDINATOR SALARY	-	-	38,000	-	121,005	39,181	92,610	98,000	5,390
CURRICULUM - HEALTH INS	22,362	6,397	9,724	4,870	7,099	20,630	11,924	21,911	9,987
CURRICULUM - HRA	-	-	-	-	-	5,018	2,569	4,400	1,831
CURRICULUM - CURR EMPER TAXES	10,731	7,316	9,792	8,370	13,593	8,376	7,350	8,568	1,218
CURRICULUM - LIFE INS	310	678	310	370	524	211	524	243	(281)
CURRICULUM - RETIREMENT CONTR	-	-	-	42	-	62	50	1,500	1,450
CURRICULUM - WORKERS COMP	1,263	(396)	1,218	-	902	-	523	676	153
CURRICULUM - UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	(41)
CURRICULUM - PROF DEV	2,000	3,820	2,500	9,196	5,000	6,004	5,000	5,000	-
CURRICULUM - DENTAL INS	444	268	600	(325)	770	850	462	435	(27)
CURRICULUM - CONTR CURRICULUM SERV	-	-	-	-	35,000	9,559	10,000	5,000	(5,000)
CURRICULUM - ADMIN PROF DEV	-	-	-	-	20,000	-	-	-	-
CURRICULUM - TRAVEL	3,000	1,674	2,500	4,171	7,500	2,794	2,500	-	(2,500)
CURRICULUM - SUPPLIES	1,500	1,627	1,250	2,328	24,750	2,531	1,500	1,500	-
CURRICULUM - CURR-BOOKS & PERIODICALS	500	59	400	26	28,900	-	500	500	-
CURRICULUM - TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE	-	594	-	1,199	-	-	-	-	-
CURRICULUM - DUES & FEES	600	806	600	633	4,850	930	4,500	500	(4,000)
	\$ 182,990	\$ 120,697	\$ 156,894	\$ 141,918	\$ 357,893	\$ 168,340	\$ 143,514	\$ 162,233	\$ 18,719
TECHNOLOGY - SALARIES	\$ 76,875	\$ 76,875	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 87,400	\$ 82,000	\$ 104,266	\$ 263,222	\$ 158,956
TECHNOLOGY - HEALTH INS	7,855	8,806	5,531	4,367	6,349	-	7,238	88,410	81,172
TECHNOLOGY - HRA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,900	18,900
TECHNOLOGY - EMPER TAXES	5,881	5,783	6,120	5,900	6,686	6,311	6,887	20,137	13,250
TECHNOLOGY - LIFE INS	30	289	30	24	34	364	34	485	451
TECHNOLOGY - RETIREMENT CONTR	4,228	4,338	4,400	4,485	4,530	4,758	4,757	13,721	8,964

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TECHNOLOGY - WORKERS COMP	-	-	600	-	448	-	896	1,515	619
TECHNOLOGY - UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TECHNOLOGY - TRAVEL/CONF	1,500	1,783	900	714	2,876	722	2,876	2,800	(76)
TECHNOLOGY - DENTAL INS	444	479	444	229	444	-	444	2,175	1,731
TECHNOLOGY - CONTR SERV	7,500	1,419	5,000	6,211	3,000	1,782	4,100	10,000	5,900
TECHNOLOGY - REPAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	500
TECHNOLOGY - TRAVEL	1,000	3,756	1,250	3,179	3,500	1,288	3,500	3,500	-
TECHNOLOGY - SUPPLIES	-	529	500	2,439	3,000	1,795	4,500	6,300	1,800
TECHNOLOGY - SOFTWARE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TECHNOLOGY - EQUIPMENT	500	459	2,500	-	-	-	6,000	7,000	1,000
	\$ 105,813	\$ 104,517	\$ 107,275	\$ 107,546	\$ 118,268	\$ 99,019	\$ 145,498	\$ 438,665	\$ 293,167
OFFICE OF SUPER -SUPERINTENDENT SALS	\$ 121,729	\$ 122,641	\$ 122,979	\$ 165,993	\$ 126,668	\$ 138,875	\$ 130,468	\$ 137,550	\$ 7,082
OFFICE OF SUPER - ADMIN SUPPORT	90,220	66,389	94,720	28,215	49,514	46,868	50,999	48,179	(2,820)
BOARD CLERK - SALARIES	2,000	-	-	304	-	-	3,000	3,000	-
OFFICE OF SUPER - HEALTH INS	42,035	27,878	31,237	16,272	29,511	28,944	33,643	23,218	(10,425)
OFFICE OF SUPER - HRA	-	-	-	-	-	4,096	-	6,300	6,300
OFFICE OF SUPER - EMPLOYER TAXES	16,367	13,856	16,501	13,838	13,320	13,418	13,720	14,208	488
OFFICE OF SUPER - LIFE INSURANCE	340	769	340	431	340	480	340	303	(37)
OFFICE OF SUPER - RETIREMENT CONTR	4,962	3,651	6,764	3,564	2,525	2,695	2,651	5,511	2,860
OFFICE OF SUPER - WORKERS COMP	1,926	1,926	834	7,360	381	-	763	1,282	519
OFFICE OF SUPER - COURSE REIMB	6,500	3,582	4,000	5,004	4,000	3,481	4,000	5,000	1,000
OFFICE OF SUPER - DENTAL INS	1,332	1,352	1,455	701	888	1,094	888	870	(18)
OFFICE OF SUPER - CONTR SERV	1,500	3,452	11,500	-	5,000	70	5,000	5,000	-
OFFICE OF SUPER - LEGAL FEES	15,000	57,526	20,000	31,787	20,000	12,098	20,000	15,000	(5,000)
OFFICE OF SUPER - REPAIRS/MAINTENANC	1,000	-	500	-	500	-	500	500	-
OFFICE OF SUPER - SUPERINTENDENTS TRAVEL	5,000	5,424	5,000	4,996	5,500	3,691	5,500	-	(5,500)
OFFICE OF SUPER - IN-SERVICE MTGS, ETC	4,000	5,534	4,000	4,205	5,000	2,557	4,500	2,500	(2,000)
OFFICE OF SUPER - BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	500	1,144	400	525	400	957	200	-	(200)
OFFICE OF SUPER - EQUIPMENT	1,500	641	1,000	-	-	2,018	-	-	-
OFFICE OF SUPER - DUES AND FEES	7,000	12,659	15,000	15,146	11,500	18,000	12,000	15,000	3,000
OFFICE OF SUPER - FINGERPRINTING EXP	7,000	4,081	6,000	3,849	6,000	2,860	4,000	4,000	-
GEN FUND TRANSFER	-	4,178	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	\$ 329,911	\$ 336,684	\$ 342,230	\$ 302,189	\$ 281,048	\$ 282,203	\$ 292,172	\$ 287,421	\$ (4,752)
PRESCHOOL COORD - SALARY	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,914	\$ -	\$ 22,677	\$ 31,303	\$ 39,169	\$ 39,233	\$ 64

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PRESCHOOL COORD - BENEFITS & TAXES	765	-	835	-	1,935	2,395	3,746	3,001	(745)
PRESCHOOL COORD - SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-	(147)	-	890	890
PRESCHOOL COORD - TRAVEL	-	-	-	-	1,500	170	1,500	1,000	(500)
PRESCHL COORD-WINOOSKI VALLEY	-	-	9,676	7,971	11,000	11,956	12,000	11,426	(574)
PRESCHOOL COORD - PROFESSIONAL DEV	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-
	\$ 10,765	\$ -	\$ 21,425	\$ 7,971	\$ 37,112	\$ 45,677	\$ 58,415	\$ 57,551	\$ (864)
FISCAL SERVICES - TREASURER SALS	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ 900	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,236	\$ 1,200	\$ (36)
FISCAL SERVICES - TREASURER FICA	-	-	-	-	91	-	94	92	(2)
FISCAL SERVICES - ADMIN SALARY	156,997	102,309	90,000	79,919	232,212	95,000	97,850	99,750	1,900
FISCAL SERVICES - SUPPORT SALS	99,284	167,416	187,572	174,969	102,700	239,901	293,817	262,858	(30,959)
FISCAL SERVICES - HEALTH INS	55,961	52,503	46,048	52,266	78,791	71,105	75,969	104,477	28,508
FISCAL SERVICES - HRA	-	-	-	-	-	11,268	15,600	21,000	5,400
FISCAL SERVICES - EMPLOYER TAXES	19,605	19,679	20,852	18,493	25,621	24,104	29,963	27,740	(2,223)
FISCAL SERVICES - LIFE INS	370	839	400	559	1,574	1,116	1,574	909	(665)
FISCAL SERVICES - RETIREMENT CONTR	15,820	13,206	14,991	13,418	14,991	18,837	15,741	24,163	8,422
FISCAL SERVICES - WORKERS COMP	2,307	1,504	2,000	-	1,805	-	3,609	2,502	(1,107)
FISCAL SERVICES - COURSE REIMB	2,000	815	2,000	2,193	2,000	2,128	2,000	2,000	-
FISCAL SERVICES - UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FISCAL SERVICES - DENTAL INS	1,721	1,707	2,132	1,036	2,509	2,925	2,509	2,610	101
FISCAL SERVICES - OTHER CONTR SERV	-	11,938	15,254	86,063	13,254	82,668	13,254	10,000	(3,254)
FISCAL SERVICES-AUDIT	-	-	-	12,784	-	-	-	-	-
FISCAL SERVICES - COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	16,000	28,825	500	12,682	500	1,476	500	500	-
FISCAL SERVICES - TRAVEL/CONF	6,000	4,778	4,500	2,815	4,600	2,104	4,600	3,000	(1,600)
FISCAL SERVICES - SUPPLIES	5,000	7,199	5,000	6,160	7,000	6,664	5,000	5,000	-
FISCAL SERVICES - SOFTWARE	-	-	-	31,677	-	138	5,000	30,000	25,000
FISCAL SERVICES - EQUIPMENT	2,500	1,659	3,074	-	-	1,912	-	-	-
FISCAL SERVICES - DUES AND FEES	1,000	933	600	6,547	600	1,775	1,000	1,000	-
FISCAL SERVICES - AUDIT	7,300	10,300	10,300	33,608	47,694	117,075	50,000	50,000	-
	\$ 392,865	\$ 425,609	\$ 406,423	\$ 536,090	\$ 537,141	\$ 680,197	\$ 619,315	\$ 648,801	\$ 29,486
CENTRAL OFFICE - BLDG/GRDS CONSULT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,457	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
CENTRAL OFFICE - HRA	-	-	-	115,795	-	-	110,000	-	(110,000)
CENTRAL OFFICE - EMPLOYER TAXES	-	-	-	176	-	383	-	-	-
CENTRAL OFFICE - UNEMPLOYMENT TAX	4,500	-	4,000	2,056	4,000	9,519	4,000	1,200	(2,800)
CENTRAL OFFICE-LTD	-	-	9,000	1,962	4,000	2,986	4,000	3,100	(900)
CENTRAL OFFICE-HRA OOP COSTS	-	-	8,128	4,978	8,372	8,166	10,000	-	(10,000)

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CENTRAL OFFICE-HRA ADMIN	-	-	3,503	13,904	3,503	2,525	5,000	1,200	(3,800)
CENTRAL OFFICE - CUSTODIAL SERVICES	5,500	7,019	5,000	2,296	5,000	5,011	5,000	5,000	-
CENTRAL OFFICE - SECT 125 ADMIN	2,500	1,121	-	874	-	296	1,000	1,000	-
CENTRAL OFFICE - DISPOSAL SERVICES	2,200	1,211	1,500	713	1,500	1,308	1,500	1,500	-
CENTRAL OFFICE - REPAIRS AND MAINT	3,000	2,026	2,000	11	2,000	515	2,000	2,000	-
CENTRAL OFFICE - RENTAL OF BUILDINGS	55,483	55,608	56,593	46,432	58,121	57,055	58,121	58,821	700
CENTRAL OFFICE - PROPERTY/LIABILITY INS	7,200	7,899	7,500	10,254	7,875	55,793	11,254	1,431	(9,823)
CENTRAL OFFICE - TELEPHONE EXP	3,200	5,941	5,980	7,863	6,142	13,223	6,142	6,142	-
CENTRAL OFFICE - POSTAGE	4,000	5,849	5,000	4,048	5,135	8,273	5,135	5,135	-
CENTRAL OFFICE - ADVERTISING	4,000	3,766	2,000	1,707	2,000	2,580	2,000	2,000	-
CENTRAL OFFICE - SUPPLIES	9,000	9,005	12,000	7,820	12,000	5,829	10,000	10,000	-
CENTRAL OFFICE - SOFTWARE (504)	-	-	-	299	8,500	364	5,000	1,000	(4,000)
CENTRAL OFFICE - COPIER LEASE	8,500	6,758	8,500	7,626	-	7,507	8,000	5,000	(3,000)
OTHER - SAL/BEN POOL	-	-	-	348	-	-	-	-	-
	\$ 109,083	\$ 106,202	\$ 130,704	\$ 240,619	\$ 128,147	\$ 181,332	\$ 248,152	\$ 129,528	\$ (118,623)
INSTRUCTION SALARY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,104	\$ -	\$ 36,859	\$ 36,859
INSTRUCTION BENEFITS	-	-	-	-	-	(881)	-	21,911	21,911
INSTRUCTION HRA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,200	4,200
INSTRUCTION FICA	-	-	-	-	-	2,338	-	7,497	7,497
INSTRUCTION LIFE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	61
INSTRUCTION RETIREMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSTRUCTION WC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	254	254
INSTRUCTION DENTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	435	435
INSTRUCTION PURCHASED SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSTRUCTION TRAVEL	-	-	-	-	-	351	-	811	811
INSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-	26,228	-	5,000	5,000
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,140	\$ -	\$ 77,028	\$ 77,028
GRANT ADMIN - SALARIES	\$ 53,871	\$ 53,871	\$ 55,217	\$ 15,118	\$ 56,874	\$ 17,053	\$ 28,744	\$ -	\$ (28,744)
GRANT ADMIN - HEALTH INS	1,600	1,600	1,600	761	1,600	(91)	1,135	-	(1,135)
GRANT ADMIN - EMPLOYER TAXES	4,121	4,217	4,224	1,211	4,351	1,305	2,199	-	(2,199)
GRANT ADMIN - LIFE INS	280	133	280	12	280	-	280	-	(280)
GRANT ADMIN - WORKERS COMP	485	485	424	-	443	-	186	-	(186)
GRANT ADMIN - PROF DEVELOPMENT	1,000	160	1,000	197	1,000	3,310	1,000	-	(1,000)
GRANT ADMIN - DENTAL INS	355	405	355	389	444	(139)	285	-	(285)
GRANT ADMIN - AUDIT	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-

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GRANT ADMIN - POSTAGE	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	800	4	800	-	800	-	800	-	(800)
GRANT ADMIN - SUPPLIES	500	566	500	2,067	650	1,113	2,000	-	(2,000)
GRANT ADMIN - BOOKS & PERIODICALS	500	-	250	-	250	-	250	-	(250)
GRANT ADMIN - SOFTWARE	100	-	150	-	-	-	100	-	(100)
GRANT ADMIN - OTHER EXPENDITURES	-	90	-	-	-	138	200	-	(200)
GRANT ADMIN - SALARIES	-	-	-	-	-	36,366	11,312	-	(11,312)
GRANT ADMIN - HEALTH INS	-	-	-	-	-	998	343	-	(343)
GRANT ADMIN - EMPLOYER TAXES	-	-	-	-	-	2,789	865	-	(865)
GRANT ADMIN - LIFE INS	-	-	-	-	-	-	280	-	(280)
GRANT ADMIN - WORKERS COMP	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	-	(54)
GRANT ADMIN - PROF DEVELOPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	(1,000)
GRANT ADMIN - DENTAL INS	-	-	-	-	-	-	83	-	(83)
GRANT ADMIN - AUDIT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - POSTAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	-	(800)
GRANT ADMIN - SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	(2,000)
GRANT ADMIN - BOOKS & PERIODICALS	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	-	(250)
GRANT ADMIN - SOFTWARE	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	(100)
GRANT ADMIN - OTHER EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	(200)
GRANT ADMIN - SALARIES	38,744	(18,130)	-	-	-	-	7,383	-	(7,383)
GRANT ADMIN - HEALTH INS	1,135	(465)	-	-	-	-	212	-	(212)
GRANT ADMIN - EMPLOYER TAXES	2,964	(1,387)	-	-	-	-	565	-	(565)
GRANT ADMIN - LIFE INS	280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - WORKERS COMP	186	(257)	-	-	-	-	35	-	(35)
GRANT ADMIN - PROF DEVELOPMENT	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - DENTAL INS	285	(159)	-	-	-	-	54	-	(54)
GRANT ADMIN - AUDIT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - POSTAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - SUPPLIES	2,000	1,350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - BOOKS & PERIODICALS	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - SOFTWARE	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - OTHER EXPENDITURES	200	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - SALARIES	7,383	7,383	-	-	-	-	928	-	(928)
GRANT ADMIN - HEALTH INS	212	212	-	-	-	-	20	-	(20)

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GRANT ADMIN - EMPLOYER TAXES	565	565	-	-	-	-	71	-	(71)
GRANT ADMIN - LIFE INS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - WORKERS COMP	35	35	-	-	-	-	4	-	(4)
GRANT ADMIN - PROF DEVELOPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - DENTAL INS	54	54	-	-	-	-	7	-	(7)
GRANT ADMIN - AUDIT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - POSTAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - BOOKS & PERIODICALS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - SOFTWARE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT ADMIN - OTHER EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	\$ 122,806	\$ 51,057	\$ 67,800	\$ 19,756	\$ 66,692	\$ 62,842	\$ 63,746	\$ -	\$ (63,746)
DISTRICT WIDE - IMPROVE OF INSTR	\$ 41,777	\$ 33,443	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 89,000	\$ -	\$ 98,213	\$ -	\$ (98,213)
DISTRICT WIDE - HEALTH INS	14,908	11,920	18,216	-	11,924	-	17,402	-	(17,402)
DISTRICT WIDE - CURR EMPER TAXES	3,196	2,328	3,998	-	6,809	-	7,513	-	(7,513)
DISTRICT WIDE - LIFE INS	-	-	-	-	-	-	295	-	(295)
DISTRICT WIDE RETIREMENT CONTR	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,152	-	(19,152)
DISTRICT WIDE - WORKERS COMP	376	-	400	-	378	-	534	-	(534)
DISTRICT WIDE - PROF DEV	1,500	375	1,000	-	-	(300)	3,000	-	(3,000)
DISTRICT WIDE - DENTAL INS	444	262	355	-	444	-	699	-	(699)
DISTRICT WIDE - CONTR CURRICULUM	1,000	126	1,000	-	1,000	1,466	1,000	4,000	3,000
DISTRICT WIDE - TRAVEL	1,500	2,579	2,500	-	2,500	3,267	2,500	-	(2,500)
DISTRICT WIDE- SUPPLIES	1,000	188	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
DISTRICT WIDE - CURR-BOOKS & PERIODICALS	400	-	200	-	200	-	200	200	-
DISTRICT WIDE- DUES & FEES	500	-	500	-	500	-	500	500	-
	\$ 66,601	\$ 51,221	\$ 74,169	\$ -	\$ 113,755	\$ 4,433	\$ 152,008	\$ 5,700	\$ (146,308)
Total Projected WRVSU									
Budgeted Expenditures:	\$ 1,325,834	\$ 1,195,987	\$ 1,306,920	\$ 1,356,090	\$ 1,645,055	\$ 1,587,307	\$ 1,722,819	\$ 1,806,927	\$ 84,108
									4.88%

**WHITE RIVER VALLEY SUPERVISORY UNION
FY22 Member Assessment Allocation**

	FY19 SU Assessment		FY20 Assessment		FY21 Assessment		FY22 Assessment		\$\$ Change
	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	
FBUD	19.6%	\$ 218,520	20.10%	\$ 242,411	20.20%	\$ 259,326	19.60%	\$ 279,482	\$ 20,156
GHUD	2.8%	\$ 31,037	3.30%	\$ 39,799	3.00%	\$ 38,514	3.10%	\$ 44,204	\$ 5,690
RSUD	11.5%	\$ 127,784	10.90%	\$ 131,457	10.60%	\$ 136,082	10.40%	\$ 148,296	\$ 12,215
SHARON	13.4%	\$ 149,232	14.70%	\$ 177,286	14.20%	\$ 182,298	15.80%	\$ 225,296	\$ 42,998
STRAFFORD	9.3%	\$ 103,868	8.90%	\$ 107,336	9.50%	\$ 121,960	9.70%	\$ 138,315	\$ 16,355
WRUD	43.4%	\$ 482,464	42.10%	\$ 507,737	42.50%	\$ 545,611	41.40%	\$ 590,334	\$ 44,723
	100.0%	\$1,112,905	100.00%	\$1,206,027	100.00%	\$1,283,790	100.00%	\$ 1,425,927	\$ 142,137

WRVSU Revenue / Assessment Sources:	FY21 Budget	FY22 Budget	\$\$ Change
WRVSU BUDGET EXPENDITURES (Non SpEd)	\$ 1,722,819	\$ 1,806,927	\$ 84,108
LESS LOCAL SOURCE REVENUES:			
INDIRECT RATE	\$ (24,000)	\$ (24,000)	\$ -
INTEREST	\$ (2,000)	\$ (2,000)	\$ -
LESS DIRECT GRANT REVENUE			
MEDICAID	\$ (318,021)	\$ (180,000)	\$ 138,021
EPSDT / MAC	\$ -	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)
FEDERAL TITLE FUNDS:	\$ (95,008)		\$ 95,008
IDEA B		\$ -	\$ -
Title II - Curriculum		\$ (48,000)	\$ (48,000)
Title I - Prek		\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)
Title I - Prek Reading / Math Intervention		\$ (77,000)	\$ (77,000)
Local Assessment Amount:	\$ 1,283,790	\$ 1,425,927	\$ 142,137

**WHITE RIVER VALLEY SUPERVISORY UNION
2021-2022 Special Education Budget**

	FY18-19	FY18-19	FY19-20	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22	Difference	
	Budget	Actual	Revised	Actual	Approved	Proposed		
32-211-11-1200-5110-00	EEE TEACHER SALS	\$ 134,216	\$ 126,143	\$ 120,140	\$ 124,338	\$ 128,070	\$ 114,853	\$ (13,217)
32-211-11-1200-5115-00	EEE SUPPORT STAFF SALS	12,958	-	1,802	3,780	11,000	-	(11,000)
32-211-11-1200-5210-00	EEE INSTR - HEALTH INS	20,773	19,612	23,059	25,465	33,533	29,868	(3,665)
32-211-11-1200-5220-00	EEE INSTR - EMPLOYER TAXES	11,259	9,439	10,284	9,210	10,956	8,786	(2,170)
32-211-11-1200-5211-00	EEE INSTR - HRA	-	-	-	4,133	-	8,400	8,400
32-211-11-1200-5230-00	EEE INSTR - LIFE INS	-	33	380	(6)	-	122	122
32-211-11-1200-5240-00	EEE INSTR - EMPLER RETIREMENT	8,163	100	9,551	44	-	-	-
32-211-11-1200-5250-00	EEE INSTR - WORKERS COMP	1,325	-	1,563	-	1,600	793	(807)
32-211-11-1200-5260-00	EEE INSTR - UNEMPLOYMENT	320	960	340	-	500	793	293
32-211-11-1200-5270-00	EEE INSTR - PROF DEV	4,000	2,792	4,000	(362)	4,000	4,000	-
32-211-11-1200-5290-00	EEE INSTR - DENTAL INS	915	900	888	1,951	900	900	-
32-211-11-1200-5290-01	EEE INSTR - DISABILITY INS	400	28	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-1200-5330-00	EEE - CONTRACTED SERVICES	10,100	5,900	12,200	-	12,000	6,000	(6,000)
32-211-11-1200-5560-00	EEE - TUITION	3,300	72	3,000	-	3,000	500	(2,500)
32-211-11-1200-5580-00	EEE INSTR - TRAVEL	3,000	2,346	3,300	1,596	3,300	3,300	-
32-211-11-1200-5610-00	EEE - SUPPLIES	1,000	858	1,200	765	1,200	2,500	1,300
32-211-11-1200-5730-00	EEE - EQUIPMENT	500	584	5,000	7,022	1,500	-	(1,500)
32-211-11-1200-5810-00	EEE-DIRECT INSTR.-DUES&FEES	-	-	1,000	140	1,000	300	(700)
TOTAL 1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$ 212,229	\$ 169,768	\$ 197,707	\$ 178,075	\$ 212,559	\$ 181,115	\$ (31,444)	
32-211-11-1210-5110-00	IDEA B PK - TEACHER SALS	\$ 8,229	\$ 8,229	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32-211-11-1210-5210-00	IDEA B PK - HEALTH INS	1,295	1,187	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-1210-5220-00	IDEA B PK - EMPLOYER TAXES	629	629	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-1210-5230-00	IDEA B PK - LIFE INS	38	-	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-1210-5240-01	IDEA B PK - VSTR CONTR FED FUNDED SALS	1,296	897	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-1210-5250-00	IDEA B PK - WORKERS COMP	23	299	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-1210-5290-00	IDEA B PK - DENTAL INS	58	-	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-1210-5290-01	IDEA B PK - DISABILITY INS	36	-	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-1210-5610-00	IDEA B PRE-K - SUPPLIES	-	-	12,500	7,730	12,500	-	(12,500)
TOTAL 1210 IDEA B PK	\$ 11,603	\$ 11,241	\$ 12,500	\$ 7,730	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ (12,500)	
32-211-11-1211-5110-00	IDEA B PK BASIC - SALARIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32-211-11-1211-5210-00	IDEA B PK BASIC - HEALTH INS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-1211-5220-00	IDEA B PK BASIC - EMPLYR TAXES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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32-211-11-1211-5240-01 IDEA B PK BASIC - VSTR RETIR CONTR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL 1211 IDEA B PK BASIC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32-211-11-2150-5110-00 EEE - SLP SALS	\$ 43,383	\$ 43,383	\$ 24,511	\$ 39,059	\$ 73,809	\$ -	\$ (73,809)
32-211-11-2150-5210-00 EEE-SLP HEALTH INS PREM	2,321	2,172	-	-	7,586	-	(7,586)
32-211-11-2150-5220-00 EEE - SLP EMPLOYER TAXES	3,319	3,284	7,609	2,988	5,647	-	(5,647)
32-211-11-2150-5240-00 EEE - SLP RETIREMENT CONTR	7,119	1,701	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-2150-5250-00 EEE-SLP WORKERS COMP	200	-	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-2150-5290-00 EEE- SLP DENTAL INS PREM	119	119	-	-	453	-	(453)
32-211-11-2150-5330-00 EEE - SLP CONTR SERVICES	500	500	-	-	500	-	(500)
32-211-11-2150-5580-00 EEE- SLP TRAVEL	-	-	500	-	500	-	(500)
TOTAL 2150 SPEECH SERVICES	\$ 56,961	\$ 51,159	\$ 32,620	\$ 42,047	\$ 88,495	\$ -	\$ (88,495)
32-211-11-2160-5110-00 EEE - OT SALARIES	\$ 21,836	\$ 21,836	\$ 20,294	\$ 20,105	\$ 33,364	\$ -	\$ (33,364)
32-211-11-2160-5210-00 EEE-OT HEALTH INS	2,292	2,292	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-2160-5220-00 EEE - OT EMPLOYER TAXES	1,671	1,671	3,346	1,538	2,552	-	(2,552)
32-211-11-2160-5240-00 EEE - OT EMPLOYER RETIREMENT BENIES	2,839	2,839	-	-	1,860	-	(1,860)
32-211-11-2160-5250-00 EEE-OT WORKERS COMP	199	-	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-11-2160-5290-00 EEE-OT DENTAL INS	200	200	-	-	435	-	(435)
32-211-11-2160-5330-00 EEE - OT CONTR SERVICES	4,000	2,390	5,000	11,847	4,000	4,000	-
32-211-11-2160-5580-00 EEE - OT TRAVEL	500	557	500	249	500	500	-
TOTAL 2160 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	\$ 33,537	\$ 31,785	\$ 29,140	\$ 33,739	\$ 42,711	\$ 4,500	\$ (38,211)
32-211-39-1200-5110-00 SPEC ED - TEACHER SALS	\$ 966,562	\$1,141,085	\$1,065,337	\$1,211,718	\$1,254,077	\$ 1,153,070	\$ (101,007)
32-211-39-1200-5115-00 SPEC ED - SUPPORT STAFF SALS	1,207,768	1,280,006	1,217,657	1,291,973	1,066,062	953,574	(112,488)
32-211-39-1200-5116-00 SPEC ED - SUMMER SALS	35,000	29,342	36,343	44,794	38,000	38,000	-
32-211-39-1200-5120-00 SPEC ED - SUBSTITUTES	60,000	73,592	60,000	36,180	70,000	70,000	-
32-211-39-1200-5210-00 SPEC ED - HEALTH INS	426,077	423,284	438,316	494,374	460,000	551,359	91,359
32-211-39-1200-5211-00 SPEC ED - HRA	-	-	-	73,644	-	125,400	125,400
32-211-39-1200-5220-00 SPEC ED - EMPLOYER TAXES	173,604	188,504	171,439	192,369	190,000	161,158	(28,842)
32-211-39-1200-5230-00 SPEC ED - LIFE INS	1,900	(689)	1,562	(187)	1,600	3,582	1,982
32-211-39-1200-5232-00 SPED-VSTRS OPEB	-	8,288	-	12,204	-	-	-
32-211-39-1200-5240-00 SPEC ED - RETIREMENT CONTR	66,427	60,509	72,240	71,486	72,240	59,598	(12,642)
32-211-39-1200-5250-00 SPEC ED - WORKERS COMP INS	19,884	34,348	13,353	-	13,353	14,536	1,183
32-211-39-1200-5260-00 SPEC ED - UNEMPLOYMENT	9,000	4,314	5,875	-	5,875	14,536	8,661
32-211-39-1200-5270-00 SPEC ED - PROF DEV	-	50,853	3,500	18,081	3,500	3,500	-
32-211-39-1200-5290-00 SPEC ED - DENTAL INS	29,734	20,318	30,689	26,970	28,000	25,520	(2,480)

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32-211-39-1200-5291-00 SPECIAL ED- OTHER EMPEE BEN	6,523	171	6,138	-	-	-	-
32-211-39-1200-5330-00 SPEC ED - CONTRACTED SERVICES	168,200	159,559	256,000	80,984	260,000	200,000	(60,000)
32-211-39-1200-5530-00 SPEC ED - TELEPHONE	3,800	-	4,200	-	1,500	1,500	-
32-211-39-1200-5531-00 SPEC ED - POSTAGE	200	-	-	85	-	-	-
32-211-39-1200-5540-00 SPEC ED - ADVERTISING	200	-	-	-	-	-	-
32-211-39-1200-5560-00 SPEC ED - TUITION	918,400	991,105	799,700	949,885	888,532	893,532	5,000
32-211-39-1200-5580-00 SPEC ED - TRAVEL	10,000	6,530	11,000	4,525	10,000	6,000	(4,000)
32-211-39-1200-5594-00 SPEC ED - EXCESS COSTS	632,000	482,601	764,000	520,360	650,000	645,000	(5,000)
32-211-39-1200-5610-00 SPEC ED - SUPPLIES	43,000	18,464	32,813	26,015	43,500	30,000	(13,500)
32-211-39-1200-5670-00 SPEC ED - SOFTWARE	5,000	10,545	5,000	7,240	6,000	6,000	-
32-211-39-1200-5730-00 SPEC ED - EQUIPMENT	20,000	18,927	25,000	16,282	26,000	15,000	(11,000)
TOTAL 1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$4,803,279	\$5,001,657	\$5,020,162	\$5,078,981	\$5,088,239	\$ 4,970,865	\$ (117,374)
32-211-39-1201-5330-00 IDEA B- PROPORTIONATE SHARE EXP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32-211-39-1201-5610-00 IDEA B PROP SHARE SUPPLIES	-	-	5,806	5,806	5,806	5,806	-
TOTAL 1201 PROPORTIONATE SHARE EXP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,806	\$ 5,806	\$ 5,806	\$ 5,806	\$ -
32-211-39-1202-5560-01 IDEA B - TUITION	\$ 290,115	\$ 289,515	\$ 300,300	\$ 226,725	\$ 300,500	\$ 300,500	\$ -
32-211-39-1202-5610-01 IDEA B - DIRECT INSTR SUPPLIES	-	-	7,187	7,027	-	-	-
TOTAL 1202 IDEAB	\$ 290,115	\$ 289,515	\$ 307,487	\$ 233,752	\$ 300,500	\$ 300,500	\$ -
32-211-39-2140-5110-00 SPEC ED - PSYCH SRVCS SALARY	\$ 7,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39	\$ -	\$ 229,606	\$ 229,606
32-211-39-2140-5210-00 SPEC ED - PSYCH HEALTH INS	300	-	-	-	-	86,053	86,053
32-211-39-2140-5220-00 SPEC ED - PSYCH EMPLOYER TAXES	551	-	-	-	-	17,565	17,565
32-211-39-2140-5240-00 SPEC ED - PSYCH RETIREMENT	-	-	-	-	-	14,350	14,350
32-211-39-2140-5250-00 SPEC ED - PSYCH WORKERS COMP	-	-	-	-	-	1,584	1,584
32-211-39-2140-5290-00 SPEC ED - PSYCH DENTAL INS	-	-	-	-	-	1,760	1,760
32-211-39-2140-5330-00 SPEC ED - PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	307,949	351,060	395,371	312,241	572,280	572,280	-
TOTAL 2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$ 316,000	\$ 351,060	\$ 395,371	\$ 312,280	\$ 572,280	\$ 923,198	\$ 350,918
32-211-39-2141-5330-00 IDEA B - PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL 2141 PSYCHOLOGICAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32-211-39-2150-5110-00 SPEC ED - SLP SALS	\$ 151,669	\$ 228,081	\$ 195,924	\$ 326,813	\$ 299,202	\$ 300,780	\$ 1,578
32-211-39-2150-5210-00 SPEC ED - SLP HEALTH INS	-	31,952	-	51,468	53,205	61,158	7,953
32-211-39-2150-5211-00 SPEC ED - SLP HRA	-	-	-	3,941	-	12,800	12,800
32-211-39-2150-5220-00 SPEC ED - SLP EMPLOYER TAXES	11,603	16,762	64,365	23,963	22,889	20,352	(2,537)
32-211-39-2150-5230-00 SPEC ED - SLP LIFE INS	-	107	-	508	110	304	194
32-211-39-2150-5240-00 SPEC ED - SLP RETIREMENT CONTR	7,537	2,605	-	2,388	2,500	18,798	16,298

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32-211-39-2150-5250-00 SPEC ED - SLP WORKERS COMP	-	-	-	-	-	1,836	1,836
32-211-39-2150-5270-00 SPEC ED - PROF DEV	-	5,171	-	-	5,200	5,200	-
32-211-39-2150-5290-00 SPEC ED - DENTAL INS	-	(36)	-	2,429	880	2,200	1,320
32-211-39-2150-5270-01 SPEC ED - DISABILITY	-	41	-	-	-	782	782
32-211-39-2150-5330-00 SPEC ED- SLP CONTRACTED SERVICES	50,000	32,730	75,612	24,037	35,000	35,000	-
32-211-39-2150-5330-01 IDEA B BASIC-SLP CONSULTING	-	-	12,188	9,443	12,188	-	(12,188)
32-211-39-2150-5580-00 SPEC ED - SLP TRAVEL	3,000	2,453	3,000	1,269	3,000	3,000	-
32-211-39-2150-5610-00 SPEC ED - SLP SUPPLIES	4,000	3,795	3,000	2,753	3,000	3,000	-
32-211-39-2150-5810-00 SPEC ED - SLP DUES & FEES	1,500	788	2,000	1,043	1,000	1,000	-
TOTAL 2150 SPEECH SERVICES	\$ 229,309	\$ 324,449	\$ 356,089	\$ 450,052	\$ 438,174	\$ 466,210	\$ 28,036
32-211-39-2154-5290-00 IDEA B - SPEECH DENTAL INS	\$ -	\$ (41)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32-211-39-2154-5290-01 IDEA B - SPEECH DISABILITY INS	-	41	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL 2154 SPEC ED IDEA B SPEECH	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32-211-39-2160-5110-00 SPEC ED - OT SALARIES	\$ 130,351	\$ 132,311	\$ 67,645	\$ 191,135	\$ 183,432	\$ 196,336	\$ 12,904
32-211-39-2160-5210-00 SPEC ED - OT HEALTH INS	8,827	21,292	-	35,423	38,443	50,770	12,327
32-211-39-2160-5211-00 SPEC ED - HRA	-	-	-	2,583	-	15,400	15,400
32-211-39-2160-5220-00 SPEC ED - OT EMPLOYER TAXES	9,972	9,866	28,389	14,055	14,033	15,020	987
32-211-39-2160-5230-00 SPEC ED - OT LIFE INS	200	66	-	520	447	970	523
32-211-39-2160-5240-00 SPEC ED - OT EMPER RETIREMENT	7,169	5,859	-	10,364	10,227	12,271	2,044
32-211-39-2160-5250-00 SPEC ED - OT WORKERS COMP	200	-	-	-	-	1,356	1,356
32-211-39-2160-5260-00 SPEC ED - OT UNEMPLOYMENT INS	300	896	-	-	-	1,356	1,356
32-211-39-2160-5290-00 SPED ED - DISABILITY	-	-	-	-	-	511	511
32-211-39-2160-5270-00 SPEC ED - OT PROF DEV	-	1,482	-	-	6,000	3,000	(3,000)
32-211-39-2160-5290-00 SPEC ED - OT DENTAL INS	600	194	-	761	1,305	1,305	-
32-211-39-2160-5330-00 SPEC ED - OT CONTRACTED SERVICES	25,000	35,436	5,000	11,109	5,000	15,000	10,000
32-211-39-2160-5580-00 SPEC ED - OT TRAVEL	3,000	3,390	3,000	1,063	3,000	3,000	-
32-211-39-2160-5610-00 SPEC ED - OT SUPPLIES	3,000	3,044	20,000	1,446	2,000	2,000	-
32-211-39-2160-5730-00 SPEC ED - OT EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL 2160 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	\$ 188,619	\$ 213,836	\$ 124,034	\$ 268,460	\$ 263,887	\$ 318,295	\$ 54,408
32-211-39-2190-5330-00 SPEC ED - OTHER SUPPORT SERV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,250	\$ -	\$ 32,875	\$ 10,000	\$ (22,875)
TOTAL 2190 OTHER SUPORT SERV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,250	\$ -	\$ 32,875	\$ 10,000	\$ (22,875)
32-211-39-2200-5270-00 SPEC ED - INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAININGS	\$ 30,000	\$ 9,841	\$ 40,000	\$ 37,218	\$ 46,500	\$ 36,000	\$ (10,500)
TOTAL 2200 STAFF TRAINING/CURRICULUM	\$ 30,000	\$ 9,841	\$ 40,000	\$ 37,218	\$ 46,500	\$ 36,000	\$ (10,500)

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		Budget	Actual	Revised	Actual	Approved	Proposed	
32-211-39-2420-5110-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN SALS	\$ 276,917	\$ 112,648	\$ 232,244	\$ 121,615	\$ 289,261	\$ 110,250	\$ (179,011)
32-211-39-2420-5113-00	SPEC ED - SUPPORT SALS	-	68,038	-	71,849	-	98,739	98,739
32-211-39-2420-5210-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN HEALTH INS	50,633	35,252	-	31,626	45,000	46,057	1,057
32-211-39-2420-5211-00	SPEC ED-HRA OOP COST	38,800	26,611	42,228	38,931	-	10,500	10,500
32-211-39-2420-5211-01	SPEC ED - HRA ADMIN	2,264	-	-	357	-	370	370
32-211-39-2420-5220-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN EMPLOYER TAXES	21,184	13,355	51,746	14,202	52,000	15,988	(36,012)
32-211-39-2420-5230-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN LIFE INS	-	504	-	729	-	364	364
32-211-39-2420-5240-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN RETIREMENT CONTR	-	6,164	-	8,959	-	7,054	7,054
32-211-39-2420-5250-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN WORKERS COMP	-	-	-	-	-	1,442	1,442
32-211-39-2420-5260-00	SPEC ED - UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	1,442	1,442
32-211-39-2420-5270-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN PROF DEV	-	6,022	-	2,802	6,000	6,000	-
32-211-39-2420-5290-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN DENTAL INS	-	1,145	-	1,930	1,350	1,305	(45)
32-211-39-2420-5300-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN CHILD FIND	1,000	315	500	323	500	500	-
32-211-39-2420-5330-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN CONTR SERVICES	4,000	3,254	4,000	7,920	7,000	7,000	-
32-211-39-2420-5360-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN LEGAL SERVICES	5,000	6,086	5,000	3,302	6,000	6,000	-
32-211-39-2420-5430-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN REPAIRS/MAINT	1,000	-	1,000	-	500	500	-
32-211-39-2420-5530-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN PHONE	2,000	581	1,000	623	1,000	1,000	-
32-211-39-2420-5580-00	SPEC ED ADMIN - MILEAGE	5,000	4,324	5,000	2,264	6,000	6,000	-
32-211-39-2420-5610-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN SUPPLIES	1,000	193	1,000	87	1,000	1,000	-
32-211-39-2420-5640-00	SPEC ED - ADMIN BOOKS & PERIODICALS	500	-	500	417	500	-	(500)
32-211-39-2420-5730-00	SPEC ED - EQUIPMENT	2,500	130	2,500	1,155	2,500	-	(2,500)
32-211-39-2420-5810-00	SPEC ED - DUES & FEES	3,500	1,575	2,500	800	2,000	2,000	-
TOTAL 2420 SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION		\$ 415,298	\$ 286,196	\$ 349,218	\$ 309,893	\$ 420,611	\$ 323,511	\$ (97,100)
32-211-39-2500-5900-01	IDEA B - INDIRECT COST	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,216	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
TOTAL 2500 CENTRAL SERVICES		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,216	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
32-211-39-2700-5519-00	SPEC ED - CONTRACTED TRANSPORTATION	\$ 174,756	\$ 247,943	\$ 280,000	\$ 228,575	\$ 310,000	\$ 365,750	\$ 55,750
TOTAL 2700 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION		\$ 174,756	\$ 247,943	\$ 280,000	\$ 228,575	\$ 310,000	\$ 365,750	\$ 55,750
32-211-39-2711-5519-01	IDEA B - TRANSPORTATION	\$ 249,418	\$ 249,418	\$ 200,000	\$ 199,783	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -
TOTAL 2711 TRANSPORTATION		\$ 249,418	\$ 249,418	\$ 200,000	\$ 199,783	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -
32-211-39-5502-5818-00	IDEA B - INDIRECT RATE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL 5502 INDIRECT RATE TRANSFER		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL WRVSV SPECIAL EDUCATION		\$7,011,124	\$7,237,868	\$7,391,384	\$7,390,608	\$8,040,137	\$ 8,110,750	\$ 70,613

	FY18-19 Budget	FY18-19 Actual	FY19-20 Revised	FY19-20 Actual	FY20-21 Approved	FY21-22 Proposed	Difference
SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE							
	FY18-19 Budget	FY18-19 Actual	FY19-20 Budget	FY19-20 Actual	FY21 Budget	FY22 Budget	
	\$7,011,124	\$7,237,868	\$7,391,384	\$7,390,608	\$8,040,137	\$8,110,750	
Expenditure Reimbursement (56.35% of Eligible)	\$2,883,797	\$1,274,153	\$3,128,669	\$2,976,618	\$3,409,197	\$ 3,346,172	
Extra Ordinary Reimbursement (Excess of \$60,000/per student)	-	-	-	-	-	340,110	
Block Grant	746,543	746,543	610,956	610,956	627,923	632,342	
Local Share Contribution of Block Grant	362,272	458,369	400,539	264,035	456,620	421,561	
IDEA B Basic Flow Through	514,003	514,003	556,797	452,949	556,797	556,797	
IDEA B Pre-School	12,193	12,193	13,585	7,730	13,585	13,585	
EEE	-	-	143,632	143,632	143,632	136,511	
IEP Medicaid	30,000	30,000	35,000	-	35,000	35,000	
Admin Serv	-	-	-	5,806	-	-	
Prior Yr Adjustment	-	-	-	6,167	-	-	
TOTAL SU SPECIAL ED REVENUES	\$4,548,808	\$3,035,261	\$4,889,178	\$4,467,893	\$5,242,754	\$ 5,482,078	
MEMBER TOWN ASSESSMENT	\$2,450,715	\$2,399,532	\$2,496,400	\$2,496,399	\$2,797,383	\$ 2,628,672	
TOTAL	\$6,999,523	\$5,434,793	\$7,385,578	\$6,964,293	\$8,040,137	\$ 8,110,750	
WRVSU SpEd Assessment Breakdown:							
EEE NET EXPENSE TO BE ASSESSED			\$ 144,750		\$ 199,048	\$ 35,519	
REGULAR SPECIAL ED SERVICES NET EXPENSE TO BE ASSESSED			\$2,381,650		\$2,598,335	\$ 2,593,153	
			\$2,526,400	\$2,496,400	\$2,797,383	\$ 2,628,672	
						\$ (168,712)	

WRVSU FY22 SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

FY22 PROPOSED SpEd ASSESSMENT			\$	2,628,672
	%	Amount	Change	
FBUD	20.5%	538,878	(59,762)	
GHUD	5.50%	144,577	(3,684)	
RSUD	10.8%	283,897	(9,829)	
SHARON	17.7%	465,275	20,491	
STRAFFORD	10.3%	270,753	(25,769)	
WRUD	35.2%	925,292	(90,158)	
SU SpEd Only:			2,628,672	(168,712)

	FY20 SPED ASSESSMENT		FY21 ASSESSMENT		
	%	Amount	%	Amount	Change
FBUD	22.1%	551,704	21.4%	598,640	46,936
GHUD	5.7%	142,295	5.30%	148,261	5,967
RSUD	10.5%	262,122	10.5%	293,725	31,603
SHARON	16.3%	406,913	15.9%	444,784	37,871
STRAFFORD	10.1%	252,136	10.6%	296,523	44,386
WRUD	35.2%	878,733	36.3%	1,015,450	136,717
		2,496,400		2,797,383	303,480

SPECIAL EDUCATION	FY21 Assessment		
	%	Amount	Monthly
FBUD	21.4%	\$ 556,044	\$ 46,337
GHUD	5.30%	\$ 137,712	\$ 11,476
RSUD	10.5%	\$ 272,825	\$ 22,735
SHARON	15.9%	\$ 413,135	\$ 34,428
STRAFFORD	10.6%	\$ 275,424	\$ 22,952
WRUD	36.3%	\$ 943,196	\$ 78,600
		\$ 2,598,335	\$ 216,528

EEE	FY21 Assessment		
	%	Amount	Monthly
FBUD	21.4%	\$ 42,596	\$ 3,550
GHUD	5.30%	\$ 10,550	\$ 879
RSUD	10.5%	\$ 20,900	\$ 1,742
SHARON	15.9%	\$ 31,649	\$ 2,637
STRAFFORD	10.6%	\$ 21,099	\$ 1,758
WRUD	36.3%	\$ 72,254	\$ 6,021
		\$ 199,048	\$ 16,587

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
SECONDARY ENROLLMENT AND TUITION**

(as of January 2021)

SCHOOL	9	10	11	12	Total
Thetford Academy	6	3	6	3	18
Hanover High School	1	2	4	9	16
Hartford High School	0	1	0	2	3
Kimball Union	1	0	3	1	5
Sharon Academy	5	7	4	8	24
Other Private Schools	2	0	1	0	3
Total Enrollment	15	13	18	23	69

	2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-2021	
	Tuition Rate	Amount to be paid	Tuition Rate	Amount to be paid	Tuition Rate	Amount to be paid
Thetford Academy	\$ 19,187	\$ 19,187	\$ 19,380	\$ 19,380	\$ 19,670	\$ 19,670
Hanover High School	19,957	19,187	19,368	19,368	19,670	19,670
Hartford High School	17,200	17,200	17,200	17,200	17,200	17,200
Private Schools (state average)	varies	15,618	varies	15,933	varies	16,233

Congratulations, Graduates!

~ 2020 ~

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Newton School

Mia Bagnato	Lev Breese	Charlize Brown
Chenoweth Donohue	Opal Erhard	Alford Manning
Ivy Pavick	Justin Robinson	Grace Solsaa
	Xander Waln	

The Sharon Academy

Esme Krauthamer	Levi Mintz	Justin Wylie
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Thetford Academy

Addie Cadwell

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Thetford Academy

Hanna Blankenship	Luis Caez	Jade Jamieson
Aidan Moore	Graham Okai	Louisa Pyle
Jordan Smith		Aiden Solsaa

The Sharon Academy

Cassidy Lewis	Laila Remainis	Cedric Rule-Becker
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Hanover High School

Clay Kynor	David Stoffel	Hannah Weintraub
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NEWTON SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Year	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
2010-11		13	17	10	16	11	18	19	11	10	122
2011-12		19	10	16	11	16	11	19	17	12	125
2012-13		11	15	8	17	13	15	13	20	17	131
2013-14		8	12	15	8	18	13	15	13	18	129
2014-15		14	8	11	16	10	19	14	16	12	120
2015-16	9	9	11	9	11	16	12	18	15	16	120
2016-17	8	12	9	12	9	11	16	14	17	15	117
2017-18	12	8	12	11	12	8	10	13	9	16	111
2018-19	15	10	10	14	11	13	8	10	10	9	110
2019-20	16	15	10	9	12	11	11	6	6	10	106
2020-21	16	10	13	12	11	12	9	12	4	6	105

Note: Reflects official October 1st student counts where available.

As of 2016-17, total includes pre-K.

STRAFFORD TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday – 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

TOWN OFFICE: 765-4411 ~ TownClerk@StraffordVT.org

LISTERS: 765-4360 ~ Listers@StraffordVT.org

TOWN GARAGE: 765-4550

www.straffordvt.org

Board Meetings

Some meetings may be held on-line due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Selectboard – Town Office – Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Subject to change – check www.straffordvt.org or

call the Town Office for current Selectboard meeting times

Planning Commission – Education Center at Morrill Homestead –

Third Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Development Review Board – Town Office – Third Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission – Education Center at Morrill Homestead –

Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Energy Committee – Town Office – Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

School Directors – Newton School (odd months),

Sharon Elementary (even months) – Second Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.,

(Time/date subject to change;

check wrvsu.org/school-boards/strafford-school-board/)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire, Ambulance and FAST Squad: 9 1 1

Orange County Sheriff: 685-4875

STRAFFORD RUBBISH COLLECTION SERVICE

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon – South Strafford Substation

Durkee Rubbish Collection - 765-4308

STRAFFORD RECYCLING CENTER

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

MORRILL MEMORIAL and HARRIS LIBRARY

Check the library website for modified current hours.

765-4037 ~ StraffordVTLibrary@gmail.com

www.StraffordLibrary.org

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' MEETINGS

Second Monday each month – 7:00 p.m. at Library