

Annual Report

For the Town of

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE









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TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

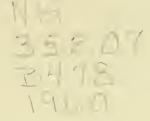
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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1960

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS-1960

Moderator: James J. Page

Town Clerk: Ruth F. Page

Selectmen:

James J. Page John Boutin, Sr. Osmon M. Collins (Term expires 1961) (Term expires 1962) (Term expires 1963)

Treasurer: Priscilla Boutin

Tax Collector: Francis H. Lackie

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Ethel A. Boutin Forrest E. Clark Lena Collins

Constable: William J. Harris

Highway Agent: John Boutin, Jr.

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Forrest E. Clark	(Term expires 1961)
William J. Harris	(Term expires 1962)
James M. Leonard	(Term expires 1963)

Auditor: Ethel A. Boutin

Sexton: John G. Elliott Jr.

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber: James J. Page

Fence Viewers:

Priscilla Boutin

Iona Boutin

Overseer of Public Welfare: Ethel A. Boutin

Health Officer: John Boutin, Sr.

Civil Defense Director: Ruth F. Page

Ballot Clerks:

Iona Boutin

William J. Harris

Ballot Inspectors:

Mildred Elliott

Osmon M. Collins

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 14th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for three years, James J. Page being the outgoing member; one Tax Collector; one Treasurer; one Highway Agent; one Auditor; one Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years, Forrest E. Clark being the outgoing member; and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93.80 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid).

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13.00 for the purpose of uniting with the 45 other towns in the White Mountains Region Association in the cooperative development and promotion of the North Country's economy.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90.00 for the benefit of the Cottage Hospital Building Fund.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the purchase of a snowplow.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day as in the past years.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended

in the budget, and raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 8. To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collector deeds.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the playing of beano.

Given under our hands and seal this 4th day of February, A. D., 1961.

JAMES J. PAGE JOHN BOUTIN, SR. OSMON M. COLLINS Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1961 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1960

	Actual 1960	Estimated 1961
SOURCES OF REVENUE		
From State of New Hampshire:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 40.60	\$ 40.00
Railroad Tax	5.38 18.85	20.00
Savings Bank Tax National Forest Reserve (one-half)	1,173.15	800.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	8.72	000.00
Class V Highway Allotment	377.19	377.19
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	56.00	50.00
Interest Received on Taxes	38.32	40.00
Income from Trust Funds	125.70	125.00
Rent of Town Truck	2,331.86	1,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees Sale of Town Property	$861.69 \\ 112.20$	800.00
Sale of fown Property	112.20	
Amount Raised by Issue of Notes:		
Purchase of Town Truck	4,200.00	
Tax Anticipation Note	2,000.00	1,000.00
Cash Surplus	296.78	
From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	98.00	98.00
Yield Taxes	1,029.80	200.00
Total Revenues from All Sources Except		
Property Taxes	\$ 12,774.24	\$ 5,050.19
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	5,884.25	4,813.28
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 9,863.47

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates	of	Expenditures for	or the	Year	1961	Compared	with	Actual
		Expendit	tures fo	r the	Year	1960		

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES		Actual 1960	1	Estimated 1961
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$	422.00	\$	450.00
Town Officers' Expenses	·	459.03	*	450.00
Election and Registration		400.73		125.00
Expenses of Town Buildings		281.94		100.00
Police Department		15.00		15.00
Fire Department				100.00
Health Department, including Hospital		105.00		95.00
Vital Statistics		6.75		10.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer		1,079.57		1,000.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter		1,215.01		1,000.00
Expenses of Town Truck		1,709.37		1,000.00
Town Road Aid—Town Share		94.24		93.80
Old Age Assistance		256.88		
Memorial Day		21.50		25.00
Cemeteries		171.20		150.00
Regional Association		12.86		13.00
Interest				
On Temporary Loans		32.33		45.00
On Long Term Notes		94.50		150.00
New Equipment		4.730.00		800.00
Payment on Long Term Note		1,333.33		1,466.67
County Taxes		260.84		275.00
School Taxes		3,200.00		2,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	15,902.08	\$	9,863.47

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION-1960

Land and Buildings Electric Plants New England Power Co. \$ 28,750.00 N. H. Electric Coop., Inc. 3,910.00 White Mountain Power Co. 310.00	
House Trailer Used as Dwelling (1) Horses (8) Cows (88) Neat Stock (2) Sheep (2) Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (2) Portable Mill (1) Lumber	$ \ 32,970.00 \\ 2,500.00 \\ 775.00 \\ 10,925.00 \\ 200.00 \\ 200.00 \\ 200.00 \\ 2,500.00 \\ 1,500.00 \\ $
TOTAL GROSS VALUATION	\$147,280.00
Less-Veterans' Exemptions -	4,103.00
Net valuation on which	
Tax Rate is Computed	\$143,177.00
Total Town Appropriations\$ 6,405.43County Tax260.84School Tax2,515.17	L
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS ESTIMATED REVENUES -	\$ 9,181.41
Plus overlay	\$ 4,857.61 104.41

Less Poll Taxes		94.00
Amount to be Raised by		
Property Taxes	\$	4,868.02
(Net val. \$143,177.00 x Tax rate \$3.40=	= \$4	1,868.02)
(Town Rate=\$1.45, County Rate =\$.19	,	
School Rate=\$1.76)		
Additional Tax Assessed December 27, 1	.96() on Con-
struction Equipment:		
Depreciated Value		
of Equipment	\$	55,350.00
Equalized valuation (percent)		imes 54
Net Valuation on Which		
Tax is Assessed	\$	29,889.00
(Net val. \$29,889.00 x Tax Rate \$3.40=	\$1,	016.23)

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Community Building and School	\$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Office Building	300.00
Furniture and Equipment	25.00
Town Truck and Snowplow	5,000.00
Town Safe	50.00

\$ 11,375.00

Over-	draft	\$	59.03	75.73	181.94							215.01			1.50	11.20			530.00			311.67		ф 1,300.00 — 983.97	\$ 402.11
Unexpended	Balance	\$ 28.00 \$					100.00		3.25	21.64	293.58		422.49	1.84				113.17					10 600	Unexpended Balance	Net Overdraft
Expendi-	tures	\$ 422.00	459.03	400.73	281.94	15.00		105.00	6.75	794.36	1,079.57	1,215.01	1,709.37	256.88	21.50	171.20	12.86	126.83	4,730.00	1,333.33	260.84	3,200.00		o 10,002.20 Unexp	ų
Total Amount	Available	\$ 450.00	400.00	325.00	100.00	15.00	100.00	105.00	10.00	816.00	1,373.15	1,000.00	2,131.86	258.72	20.00	160.00	12.86	240.00	4,200.00	1,333.33	260.84	2,888.33	\$ 16 900 00	\$ T0,200.03	
Receipts and Reimburse-	ments	⇔								721.76^{*}	$373.15 \pm$		$1,331.86\ddagger$	8.721		10.00]						373.16^{+}	¢ 0010 CE	CO.010,2 &	
	Amount	\$ 450.00	400.00	325.00	100.00	15.00	100.00	105.00	10.00	94.24	1,000.00	1,000.00	800.00	250.00	20.00	150.00	12.86	240.00	4,200.00	1,333.33	260.84	2,515.17	00001	\$ 13,301. 11	-
	Title of Appropriation	Town Officers' Salaries	Town Officers' Expenses	Election and Registration	Town Buildings Maintenance	Police Department	Fire Department	Health Department	Vital Statistics	Town Road Aid	Town Maintenance-Summer	Town Maintenance-Winter	Town Truck Account	Old Age Assistance	Memorial Day	Cemeteries	Regional Association	Interest	New Equipment	Payment on Long Term Note	County Tax	School Tax			

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures, Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 1960

* Reimbursement a/c Town Road Aid.

† Income from National Forest Reserve above that estimated in 1960 budget. Money to be used for highways and schools.

Income from town truck above that estimated in 1960 budget.

I Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance.

] Sale of cemetery lot.

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1960

ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer Accounts Due from State		\$	3,511.49
Porcupine Bounties Work for State on County I	\$ Road	54.00 l 86.65	
		\$	140.65
Unredeemed Taxes			
Levy of 1958	\$	52.96	
Previous Years		335.69	
		\$	388.65
Uncollected Taxes			
Levy of 1960	\$	2,531.59	
Levy of 1959		8.80	
Levy of 1958		35.40	
Previous Years		150.69	
State Head Taxes—1960		70.00	
State Head Taxes—Prev. Ye	ears	15.00	
		\$	2,811.48
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	6,852.27
LIABILITI	ES		
Accounts due State			
State Head Taxes—1960 Yield Tax—Bond and	\$	190.00	
Debt Retirement		413.14	
		\$	603.14

Accounts due School District Balance of Appropriation \$ National Forest Reserve (1/2)	1,865.34 1,173.16	
	\$	3,038.50
Long Term Notes Outstanding Purchase of Town Truck		2,866.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES Surplus	\$	6,508.31 343.96
	\$	6,852.27

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Automobile Permit	ts			
1959	2	\$	2.52	
1960	92	·	846.59	
1961	1		12.58	
			\$	861.69
Dog Licenses				
1960	11			28.00
Remitted to T	reasurer		\$	889.69
Vital Statistics Marriages 3				

Marriages 3 Births 0 Deaths 9

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH F. PAGE

Town Clerk

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TAX CO

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD, AND STATE HEAD TAX WARRANTS

	Levy of 1952	\$ 8.09	\$ 8.09		\$ 8.09			\$ 8.09
	Levy of 1953	\$ 14.73	\$ 14.73		⇔		14.73	\$ 14.73
	Levy of 1954	\$ 6.16	\$ 6.16		€9		6.16	\$ 6.16
	Levy of 1955	\$ 36.40	\$ 36.40		€		36.40	\$ 36.40
	Levy of 1956	\$ 2.00 5.00 6.02	\$ 13.02		⇔	6.02	2.00 5.00	\$ 13.02
S	Levy of 1957	\$ 91.40 5.33	\$ 96.73	lS	↔	5.33	91.40	\$ 96.73
DEBITS	Levy of 1958	\$ 46.50 6.31	\$ 52.81	CREDITS	⇔	11.10 6.31	35.40	\$ 52.81
	Levy of 1959	220.84 32.00 1,169.87 95.00 20.66	7.50 \$1,565.87		\$ 236.04 28.00	1,169.8785.0020.667.50	4.80 4.00 10.00	\$1,565.87
	Levy of 1960	\$5,884.25 98.00 1,122.92 300.00 .34	2.00 \$7,407.51		\$3,389.72 72.00	1,029.80 230.00 34 2.00 82.06	$\begin{array}{c} 2,412.47\\ 26.00\\ 93.12\\ 70.00\end{array}$	\$7,407.51
	Taxes Committed to Collector and Uncollected Taxes as of 1/1/60	Property Taxes Poll Taxes Yield Taxes State Head Taxes Interest and Costs	Penalties TOTAL DEBITS		Remittances to Treasurer Property Taxes Poll Taxes	Yield Taxes State Head Taxes Interest and Costs Penalties Discount Allowed	Property Taxes Poll Taxes Yield Taxes State Head Taxes	TOTAL CREDITS

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SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1960

DEBITS	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:	1957 1956 1955 1954	\$ 151.93 \$ 82.77 \$ 92.30 \$ 70.80	CREDITS	\$ \$ \$ \$ 17.50 28.03 16.58 \$ 134.43 54.74 75.72 70.80	\$ 151.93 \$ 82.77 \$ 92.30 \$ 70.80
	Tax S	1959 1958	\$ 120.87		\$ 50.00 17.91 52.96	\$ 120.87
			Taxes Sold to Town During Current Year Balance of Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1960		Remittances to Treasurer During Year Collector's Deeds During Year Transdeemed Tayes December 31, 1960	TOTAL CREDITS

DETAILED STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED AND UNREDEEMED TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1960

Uncollected Taxes

	Property	Poll	Yield	Head
Levy of 1960			 	
Resident				
Boutin, Albert and Mabel Boutin, John and Ethel Boutin, John and Iona	\$ 40.80 115.60 51.85	\$ 4.00	\$ 17.70	\$ 10.00
Boutin, Joseph and Priscilla		2.00		10.00
Coates, Ernest and Georgia Elliott, John, Jr., and	102.00	4.00		10.00
Catherine Elliott, John, Sr., and	51.00	2.00		5.00
Mildred Harris, William and		4.00		10.00
Seraphine	27.03	2.00		10.00
Hatch, Vernon and Dorothy Lackie, Francis and		4.00		10.00
Elizabeth	598.02	0.00	3.78	
Mason, Laura Noxon, Lester and Laura Yeaton, Edith J.	$34.00 \\ 150.79$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.00\\ 2.00\end{array}$		5.00
Non-resident				
Davis, Floyd and Ida DeRusha, Kenneth Elliott, Robert and Alice Finn, Daniel and Mary	15.30 .85 27.20 54.40			
McKee, John Paquette, Maurice			38.04 33.60	
Pearl, Corrine Pike, Mamie Pearson (Esta Prue, William	17.00			
Shaw, James and Helen Swing, William and Yvonne Warner Bros.	$17.00 \\ 20.40 \\ 1,016.23$			
Wheeler, Wayne	34.00			
Levy of 1959				
Boardman, Maurice		2.00		5.00
Powers, Frank Smith, William	4.80	2.00		5.00
Levy of 1958			05.46	
Boutin, John, Jr., and Alber	t		35.40	

Levy of 1957				
Cross, Roy			13.80	
Dennis, Dorman			77.60	
Levy of 1956				
Crowe, Jane		2.00		5.00
Levy of 1955				
Boutin, John, Jr.			12.03	
Boutin, Joseph, Jr.,				
Joseph N. and John, Jr.			24.37	
Levy of 1954				
Boutin, John Jr., and Alber	t		6. 16	
Levy of 1953				
Boutin, Joseph, Albert			14 50	
and John			14.73	
Total	\$2,417.27	\$ 32.00	\$ 277.21	\$ 85.00

UNREDEEMED TAXES

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			Levy of:		
	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954
Boutin, Joseph, Jr.				\$32.70	
Elliott, Benjamin		\$ 21.75			
Elliott, John G., Jr.	\$43.68			22.45	\$21.65
Elliott, John G., Jr.	8.45				
Elliott, John G., Sr.		42.37	\$54.74	20.57	49.15
Noxon, Lester	.83				
Wheeler, Donald		70.31			
Total	\$52.96	\$134.43	\$54.74	\$75.72	\$70.80

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. LACKIE

Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Taxes

1952 Yield Tax Collected1956 Interest and Costs1957 Interest and Costs1958 Interest and Costs1958 Tax Sale Redeemed1958 Yield Tax Collected	\$ \$ 6.31 50.00 11.10	8.09 6.02 5.33
	\$	67.41
1959 Int., Costs and Pen. 1959 Prop. Tax Collected 1959 Poll Tax Collected 1959 Yield Tax Collected 1959 State Head Tax Col.	\$ $\begin{array}{r} 28.16 \\ 236.04 \\ 28.00 \\ 1,169.87 \\ 85.00 \end{array}$	
	\$	1,547.07
1960 Int. and Pen. 1960 Property Tax Col. 1960 Poll Tax Collected 1960 Yield Tax Col. 1960 State Head Tax Col.	\$ $\begin{array}{r} 2.34 \\ 3,389.72 \\ 72.00 \\ 1,029.80 \\ 230.00 \end{array}$,
Motor Webile De th	\$	4,723.86
Motor Vehicle Permits		
1959 Permits 1960 Permits 1961 Permits	\$ 2.52 846.59 12.58	
	\$	861.69

Dog Licenses			
From Town Clerk From Constable	\$	$\begin{array}{c} 28.00\\ 28.00\end{array}$	
		\$	56.00
State of New Hampshire			
Class V Highway			
Maintenance Allotment	\$	377.19	
Interest and Dividends Tax		40.60	
Savings Bank Tax		18.85	
Railroad Tax		5.38	
Reimbursement a/c Old			
Age Assistance		8.72	
Porcupine Bounty		10.50	
Reimbursement a/c			
Town Road Aid		721.76	
National Forest Reserve		2,346.31	
			0 500 04
		\$	3,529.31
Town Truck Hire			
Town of Benton	\$	586.50	
Town of Bath	•	574.00	
State work on County Road		476.11	
State of New Hampshire		285.00	
Town of Lisbon		223.25	
Town of Landaff		171.00	
John Boutin, Sr.		10.00	
Lloyd Mason		2.00	
Lester Noxon		2.00	
John Elliott, Sr.		2.00	
		\$	2,331.86
Cemetery Lot			
Osmon Collins			10.00

Property Sold by Town Clifford Woolley—Property Recording fees	\$	100.00 15.00	
		\$	115.00
Trust Funds			
For Highways	\$	58.25	
For Cemeteries		67.45	
		\$	125.70
Tax Anticipation Note			2,000.00
Long Term Note— Purchase of Town Truck			4,200.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$	19,587.34
Balance on hand $1/1/60$			2,944.19
		\$	22,531.53
Less: Selectmen's Orders		•	-19,010.88
		\$	3,520.65
Less: Bank Service Charge	es		9.16
Balance on Hand 12/31/6	0	. \$	3,511.49
Respectfully	sub	mitted	
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PRISCILLA BOUTIN

Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS-1960

Town Officers' Salaries		
James M. Leonard, trustee	\$	8.00
Forrest E. Clark, trustee		8.00
Ethel A. Boutin, auditor, \$	20.00	
overseer of public welfare	10.00	
		30.00
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer		70.00
Ruth F. Page, town clerk		50.00
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector		50.00
Osmon M. Collins, selectman		41.00
John Boutin, Sr., selectman		45.00
James J. Page, selectman		120.00
	\$	422.00
Town Officers' Expenses		
Supplies \$	33.19	
Postage	20.64	
Telephone	3.78	
Mileage	17.74	
Meals	13.35	
Officers' bonds	39.80	
Bank charges	9.16	
Association dues	12.00	
Printing town reports	196.31	
Legal advice	27.20	
Justice of Peace	$\begin{array}{c} 10.00\\ 4.40\end{array}$	
Safe deposit box Fees (motor vehicle, dogs, etc.)	4.40 59.50	
Registers of Deeds and Probate	11.96	
Liegisters of Decus and Frobate	11.00	

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\$ 459.03

 Election and Registration Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor \$ Lena Collins, supervisor Forrest Clark, supervisor John Boutin, Sr., selectman Osmon M. Collins, selectman and ballot inspector Mildred Elliott, ballot inspector Grace Gregory, ballot inspector Iona Boutin, ballot clerk William J. Harris, ballot clerk Ruth F. Page, town clerk James J. Page, moderator 	$76.00 \\ 76.00 \\ 70.00 \\ 24.00 \\ 24.00 \\ 16.00 \\ 24.00 \\ 24.00 \\ 16.00 \\ 24.00 \\ 16.00 \\ 24.00 \\ 24.00 \\ 2.73$	
Town Buildings Maintenance	\$	400.73
Fuel—John Boutin, Sr. \$ Repairs, grading, etc. Labor \$175.00 Equipment hire 20.00 Posts and lumber 46.94	40.00	
	241.94	
Police Department	\$	281.94
William Harris, constable	\$	15.00
Bounties		
108 porcupines		54.00
Health Department Cottage Hospital Building Fund \$ John Boutin Sr., health officer	100.00 5.00	
	\$	105.00

Vital Statistics		
Ruth F. Page, town clerk		6.75
Town Road Aid		
State of New Hampshire, appropriation Labor \$168.12 Equipment hire 492.00 Gravel 40.00)	
	700.12	
	\$	794.36
Town Road Maintenance—Sun	nmer	
Labor	\$ 653.00	
Equipment hire	362.61	
Gravel	38.00	
Bridge plank	26.36	
Dirage promi		
	\$	1,079.57
Town Road Maintenance—Wi	nter	
Labor	557.00	
Equipment hire	377.00	
Repairs	135.15	
Salt	113.51	
Sand	14.00	
Supplies	15.25	
	\$	1,215.01
Town Truck Account		
State work on County road	\$ 127.68	
Labor-Clyde Elliott	451.25	
Gas and oil	581.83	
Repairs	394.99	

Insurance		153.62	
			\$ 1,709.37
<i>Old Age Assistance</i> State of New Hampshire			256.88
<i>Memorial Day</i> Food			21.50
<i>Cemeteries</i> Sexton, John Elliott, Jr. Flowers	\$	$\begin{array}{c} 166.50\\ 4.70\end{array}$	
			\$ 171.20
Regional Association			
White Mountains Region As	380	ciation	12.86
Refunds			
Clifford Woolley, repay advand for recording deed Dept. of Public Works and	ce \$	2.80	
Highways, overpayment		57.80	
			\$ 60.60
Interest			
Woodsville National Bank, tax anticipation note Woodsville Guaranty Saving long term note			
			\$ 126.83
New Equipment H. O. Taylor Chevrolet Co., dump truck R. C. Hazelton Co., snowploy	\$ w	4,145.00 585.00	
			\$ 4,730.00

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Indebtedness

Payment on tax	
anticipation note	\$ 2,000.00
Payment on long term note	1,333.33

\$ 3,333.33

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

State Head Taxes	\$ 276.00
Yield Tax Debt Retirement	27.24
County Tax	260.84
School Tax	3,200.00
	\$
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$

\$ 19,020.04

3,764.08

TRUST FUNDS

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for Year Ending December 31, 1960

There are in custody of the Trustees the following Trust Funds bequeathed to the town of Benton. The income shown (\$178.95) is that received during the year 1960 and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds. This income is five dollars less than in 1959 because the Trustees were unable to obtain rental for the Parker field adjacent to the cemetery.

	Amount	Distribution of Income		ncome
	of Fund	Cemetery	School	Highway
Name of Fund				
Ira Whitcher	\$ 513.19	\$ 12.90	\$	\$
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	8.50	2.00	2.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		51.25	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			51.25
L. H. Parker	200.00			
J. C. Speed	126.08	3.80		
Whitcher & Kendall	179.00	5.41		
William T. Torsey	43.09	1.30		
Samuel Annis	43.08	1.30		
Jonithan Davis	43.09	1.30		
George H. Clark	179.58	5.42		
Ella Mann	50.00	1.50		
K. L. Howe	50.00	1.50		
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	3.02		
Isabella M. Tyler	50.00	1.50		
	\$6,577.11	\$ 62.45	\$ 58.25	\$ 58.25

\$ 58.25 \$ 58.25

All of the above funds are either deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Company or invested in Government Bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LEONARD FORREST E. CLARK WILLIAM HARRIS

Trustees

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, Selectmen, and Highway Agent and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched. February 4, 1961

ETHEL BOUTIN

Auditor

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Expenses:

F. J. Norris Co., Groceries E. B. Mann & Co., Ice Cream	\$ $\begin{array}{c} 14.50 \\ 7.00 \end{array}$
	\$ 21.50
Donations:	
Howard Tyler Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Gregory, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schauer	\$ $2.00 \\ 4.00 \\ 2.00$
	\$ 8.00

The \$8.00 received from donations will be used for ice cream and groceries.

We served about 140 people at the Memorial Day Dinner.

The members of the Committee wish to thank everyone who helped us in any way.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Ethel Boutin Mildred Elliott Lena Collins

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Year Ending January 1, 1961

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term	Expires	1962
Mr. James Leonard	Term	Expires	1961
Mrs. Mildred Elliott	Term	Expires	1963

Other District Officers

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Lena Collins	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Mr. Forrest Clark	Truant Officer
Mr. Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools

Teacher

Mrs. Romina Boemig, Benton Street School, Grades 1-8

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the fourteenth day of March, 1961, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.

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

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid Fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School

Board to make application for, and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State Agencies.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN JAMES LEONARD MILDRED ELLIOTT

School Board

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON 1961-1962

		Paid Out 1959-60	Budget 1960-61	Paid Out to Jan. 1, '61	Proposed Budget 1961-62
	Administration				
2.	Salaries of Dist. Officers Supt. Salary (Local Share Tax for Statewide	\$ 67.50) 47.39	\$ 66.00 60.00	\$ 6.00 98.14	\$ 66.00 75.00
4.	Supervision Salaries of Other Adm.	54.00	55.00	62.00	65.00
5.	Personnel Supplies and Expenses	$\begin{array}{c} 50.38\\54.43\end{array}$	50.00 65.00	58.70 4.02	70.00 65.00
	Instruction				
	Teachers' Salaries Books and Other	3,152.60	3,300.00	1,375.94	3,400.00
	Instructional Aids	41.33	125.00	61.63	150.00
	Scholars' Supplies Supplies and Other Exps.	250.48	125.00 10.00	234.99	150.00
	Operation of School Plan	t			
	Salaries of Janitors	412.00	400.00	170.00	410.00
	Fuel or Heat	125.00	120.00	20.00	80.00
19.	Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	72.11	85.00	35.57	85.00
	Maintenance of School P	lant			
14.	Repairs and Replacements	345.39	125.00	254.90	100.00
	Auxiliary Activities				
	Health Eupervision	66.59	85.00	7.65	85.00
	Transportation	273.00	275.00	86.00	275.00
17.	Tuition	2,915.00	3,400.00	1,863.00	3,500.00
	Fixed Charges				
	Retirement and Soc. Sec. Insurance, Treas. Bond	227.02	230.00	76.93	240.00
	and Expenses	49.82	55.00	55.24	55.00
	Capital Outlay				
24.	New Equipment Contingency Fund an to Town	303.00	100.00	5.00	100.00
	TOTAL	\$8,507.04	\$8,731.00	\$4,475.71	\$8,971.00

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE 1961-1962

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1961.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report

\$ 8,971.00

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1961	\$	1,000.00
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve		700.00
State Aid		4,200.00
Income from Tuitions		500.00
Income from Trust Funds		65.00
We recommend that the District adopt t	he	proposed
budget and raise and appropriate the sum	of	\$8,971.00
for the school year 1961-1962.		

ETHEL BOUTIN JAMES LEONARD MILDRED ELLIOTT

School Board

Reccommended Motion:

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$8,971.00 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the Town for school purposes.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960

Receipts	3		
Cash on Hand July 1, 1959 Federal Aid:	\$	20.11	
Forest Reserve		973.18	
National Defense Ed. Act		30.47	
State Aid: Foundation Aid		3,288.15	
Local Taxation:			
Current Appropriation Other Sources:		3,050.00	
Elementary Tuitions		859.86	
Trust Funds		58.25	
From Town, return of loan		303.00	
		\$	8,583.02
Payment	S		
Orders of the School Board	\$	8,507.04	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1960		75.98	
		\$	8,583.02
July 1, 1960 to Janı Receipts		y 1, 1961	
Cash on Hand July 1, 1960 State Aid:		75.98	
Foundation Aid		4,247.35	
Appropriation		500.00	
Other Receipts:			
Tuitions		400.00	
		\$	5,223.33
Payment	S		
Orders of the School Board		4,475.71	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1961		747.62	
		\$	5,223.33

BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1960

Assets

Cash on Hand June 30, 1960	\$ 75.98
Accounts Due to District	
From Town	642.50

718.48

\$

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by District									
Teacl	85.73								
Excess	of	Assets	over	Liabilities	632.75				

\$ 718.48

STATISTICAL TABLE

for 1959-1960

Schoo	ol	Total Enroll- ment	Total Average Attend- ance	Total Average Absence	Percent of Attend- ance	Average Tardi- ness	
Benton	St.	23	19.6	.7	96.4	.3	

Roll of Perfect Attendance

David Harris

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1960

Cash on Hand July 1, 1959	\$	20.11
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$3,050.00	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Funds	$3,\!288.15$	
Federal Funds	973.18	
Federal Funds, N.D.E.A.	30.47	
Received from Tuitions	859.86	
Received as income from		
Trust Funds	58.25	
Return of loan to Town	303.00	
	\$	8,562.91
Total Amount Available for		
Fiscal Year		8,583.02
Less School Board Orders Paid		8,507.04
Balance on Hand June 30, 1960	\$	75.98
LENA COLL	INTO THE	

LENA COLLINS, Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA BOUTIN, Auditor

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton School District:

I herewith submit my eighteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the Benton Street School in 1959-1960 was 23, the average membership was 20.3 and the percent of attendance 96.4. Three pupils attended on a tuition basis from the school district of Haverhill and two from Easton. There were eleven pupils enrolled in other districts; one at Haverhill Academy, two at Plymouth High School, two at Woodsville High School, three at Warren Elementary School and three at Haverhill Elementary.

At the Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 23, which includes three tuition pupils from Easton and one tuition pupil from Haverhill. There are three elementary pupils and three high school pupils attending Haverhill, one pupil attending Plymouth High School, two pupils enrolled at Warren and one pupil attending Woodsville High School.

Mrs. Romina Boemig is teaching Benton Street School for the sixth year. The children cooperate well with her. When I visit the school I find them industriously engaged in their own work as well as helping with the many tasks that keep an eight grade school running smoothly. Mrs. Boemig has offered the children special opportunities in Social Studies and Science this year. She is to be commended for her work. Parents are invited to visit the school in session.

I recently met with your School Board to set up the budget for the coming year. It was gratifying to learn that the Federal Forest income has increased. The State Aid projects for the coming year also seem bright. If all goes well your school tax assessment will be lower.

The community is to be commended for the improved playground area and appearance of the school and community building.

I wish to thank the School Board, Mrs. Boemig and all who help in this important work of education.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURES 1959-1960

Administration

1.	Salaries of District Officers Iona Boutin, auditor Mildred Elliott, School Board Ethel Boutin, School Board and Clerk Lena Collins, Treasurer and postage James Leonard, School Board		6.00 10.00 23.50 18.00 10.00	
			\$	67.50
2.	Superintendent's Salary			47 90
0	Treasurer, Supervisory Union		1	47.39
3.	Tax for Statewide Supervisio Treasurer, State of New Har		ire	54.00
4.	Salaries of Other Adm. Pers			
	Ethel Boutin, School Census		8.00	
	Treas., Supervisory Union #5	34,	37.38	
	Sec. Forrest Clark, Truant Off.		5.00	
	-			
	~			50.38
5.	Supplies and Expenses E. J. Yeaton, gas		3.00	
	Ethel Boutin, postage, toll c	alls	2.50	
	Treas., Supervisory Union		37.51	
	N.H. School Board Assoc., d		5.00	
	Bank Service Charge		6.42	
				54.43
7				01.10
1100	truction			
6.	Teachers' Salaries	0	054.05	
	Romina Boemig	2,	374.07	

	Treas., State of N.H., Soc. Se Collector of Internal Revenu N.H. Teachers Retirement		
		:	3,152.60
7.	Books Houghton Mifflin Co. Scott, Foresman & Co. American Book Co. Ginn & Co.	$14.57 \\ 10.48 \\ .79 \\ 5.28$	
	Follett Publishing Co.	5.14	
	McCormick-Mathers	5.07	
			41.33
8.	Scholars' Supplies J. L. Hammett Co.	147.87	
	American Education Pub.	21.75	
	Cascade School Supplies	60.98	
	Franconia School District Lisbon Special School Dist.	$\begin{array}{r}13.00\\ 6.88\end{array}$	
			250.48
Op	eration of School Plant		
11.	Salaries of Custodians		
	Mildred Elliott		412.00
12.	Fuel or Heat	and 10.00	
	Percival Gregory, drawing w James Page	ood 40.00 80.00	
	Arthur Boutin, kindling	5.00	
10			125.00
13.	Water, Light and Supplies	1.85	
	Ethel Boutin, supplies N.H. Electric Corporative	53.31	
	Mildred Elliott, supplies	9.50	
	E. W. Bailey, broom	1.90	

40		
Catherine Elliott, supplies Scruggs' Hardware	$1.99 \\ 3.56$	
-	72.11	
Maintenance of School Plant		
14. Repairs and Replacements		
John Elliott, Sr., labor	108.85	
Mabel Boutin, cleaning	15.00	
Priscilla Boutin, cleaning	15.00	
Mildred Elliott, cleaning	6.00	
Harvey Byron, furnace door		
Scruggs' Hardware	114.98	
E. B. Mann & Co.	53.41	
Varney-Smith Lumber Co.	4.90	
Charles Lemon, work on	00.00	
Community Building	26.00	
	345.39	
	040.00	
Auxiliary Activities		
15. Health		
E. B. Mann, medical supplies	s 1.59	
Mrs. Owen Moulton, services		
	66.59	
16. Transportation		
William Eichorn, T.,		
Haverhill Sch. D.	108.00	
Marcia Anderson, T.,		
Warren Sch. D.	165.00	
	273.00	
17. Tuition		
William Eichorn, T.,		
Haverhill Sch. D.	950.00	
Marcia Anderson, T.,		
Warren Sch. D.	555.00	

Clarence Knox, T., Woodsville Sch. D.	700.00)	
Merlin Connary, T., Plymouth Sch. D.	710.00)	
		-	2,915.00
Fixed Charges			
 Retirement and Soc. Sec. Treas., Supervisory Union Treas., State of N.H., Soc. N.H. Teachers Retirement 	Sec. 61.70	6	
		-	227.02
20. Insurance N.H. Dept Public Welfare Administrative cost R. T. Bartlett, insurance	1.00 48.82	-	
		-	49.82
Loaned To Town			
Town of Benton	303.00)	
		-	303.00
TOTAL		\$	8,507.04

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 34

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire, requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #34, during 1959-1960, received a salary of \$7,800.00 which was made up as follows: \$4,250.00 paid by the State Department of Education from the per capita tax and \$3,550.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,100.00 for travel within the Union was also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salary and travel charged to each school district.

District	Salary	Travel
Benton	\$ 47.39	\$ 14.69
Easton	49.52	15.34
Franconia	492.21	152.52
Landaff	89.64	27.77
Lincoln	1,246.58	386.26
Lisbon Special	1,077.25	333.79
Lisbon Town	274.42	85.03
Lyman	109.87	34.05
Sugar Hill	163.12	50.55
	\$3,550.00	\$1,100.00

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., 10r the rear mutual pecentuer of 1300	Name of Groom $\left \begin{array}{c} 20\\ 20\\ 4 \end{array} \right $ Names of Parents Name of person and Bride by whom married	Edward C. Partlow Ethel Boutin Zora Lamere Justice of the Peace Ruth E. Menard 33 George Tattersall Funity Monsely	Richard E. GuyetteEthel BoutinAnastasia I. MargaritisEthel SoutinEthel BoutinJustice of the PeaceEtha SavageEthel Soutin	cbert 23 Joseph Hebert Ethel Boutin Pauline Hebert Justice of the Peace s Seraphine Boutin
Marriages Registered in th	Date and Place of Marriage	May Edward C. Partl 28 at Benton Ruth E. Menard	July 23 at Benton Anastas	September 24 at Benton Joan Harris

Domistowed in the Town of Benton N H for the Veer Ending December 31 1960 -T.I.

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Date and Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Residence of Deceased	Cause of Death
January 12 Alvin J. Palmer 17 William S. Cooney 23 Henry Ward	Benton, N. H. Benton, N. H. Benton, N. H.	Woodsville, N. H. Danville, N. H. Orfordville, N. H.	80 Chronic Empyema 88 Chronic Artereo-ScleroticHeart Disease 74 Arterio - Sclerosis
May 23 Apostoles Merisotes	Benton, N. H.	Benton, N. H.	67 Natural Causes
June 9 Orilla Wade	Littleton, N. H.	Benton, N. H.	80 Pulmonary Edema
6 George W. Smith 28 Edward Melancon	Benton, N. H. Benton, N. H.	Manchester, N. H. Manchester, N. H.	56 Pulmonary Tuberculosis 57 Pulmonary Collapse
4 John Trisclani	Benton, N. H.	Manchester, N. H.	70 Acute Coronary Disease
2 Edward J. Gardiner	Benton, N. H.	Groveton, N. H.	68 Pulmonary Insufficiency

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1960

A Profile of the White Mountains Region Association

WHAT IS IT?

The WMRA is a voluntary, non-profit organization established in 1938 to promote the growth and prosperity of that section of New Hampshire known as the White Mountains Region which includes the towns of: Albany, Bartlett, Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Campton, Carroll, Chatham, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Conway, Dalton, Dummer, Easton, Ellsworth, Errol, Franconia, Gorham, Hart's Location, Haverhill, Jackson, Jefferson, Lancaster, Landaff, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Milan, Monroe, Northumberland, Piermont, Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne, Stark, Stewartstown, Stratford, Thornton, Warren, Waterville, Wentworth's Location, Whitefield, Woodstock, and the city of Berlin.

WHO ARE ITS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS?

President: George T. Noyes, Bethlehem; Vice President: Reginald M. Colby, Littleton; Clerk: George T. Hamilton, Gorham; Treasurer: Arthur M. Drake, Lancaster. Directors: J. Arthur Sullivan, Berlin; Samuel G. Hall, Beebe River; Walter B. Knight, Jr., Monroe; Harvey Converse, Pittsburg; Channing Evans, Berlin; John H. Boothman, Randolph; Joseph B. Dodge, North Conway; Alf Halvorson, Berlin; Randall E. Spalding, Whitefield; Horace B. Knight, Woodsville; Frank D. Silvey, North Conway; and Leonard Vancore, Colebrook. Executive Secretary: Donald E. Sanborn, Jr., Lancaster.

WHERE IS IT LOCATED?

Its business office is in the National Bank Building, 5 Middle Street, Lancaster.

WHAT IS ITS JOB? Economic development and promotion. The WMRA works independently and in cooperation with various trade associations, chambers of commerce, clubs, and local, State and Federal agencies to improve those conditions upon which the North Country's business depends.

HOW IS THIS ACCOMPLISHED? Through the voluntary cooperative efforts of progressive business men and women in the White Mountains Region. These people serve on committees and work on projects to develop and promote the following segments of our economy: manufacturing and crafts, commerce and vacation travel, agriculture, and natural resources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, please write, phone, or visit the WMRA business office in Lancaster. We shall be pleased to supply our 1960 annual report, samples of our promotional literature and other information upon request.

DONALD E. SANBORN, JR.,

January, 1961

Executive Secretary

