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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

John P. Weston Term expires March 1958

SELECTMEN

Charles E. Lindsay Term expires March 1957
Ernest D. Hutchinson Term expires March 1958
Frederick S. Sheldon Term expires March 1959

TOWN CLERK

Donald A. Powers Term expires March 1957

TOWN TREASURER

Arthur F. Bell Term expires March 1957

ROAD AGENT

Herbert A. Curtis Term expires March 1957

TAX COLLECTOR

Dorine B. Bullock Term expires March 1957

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Philip E. Knowles Term expires March 1957
Mary D. Shea Term expires March 1958
Ruth A. Cody Term expires March 1959

COMMISSIONERS OF WATER WORKS

Harry W. Brown Term expires March 1957
Philip E. Knowles Term expires March 1957
John D. Armstrong Term expires March 1959

FIRE WARDENS

George Gray, Chief Term expires March 1957
Paul G. Traxler Term expires March 1957
Ivon W. Clough Term expires March 1957

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Herbert A. Curtis Term expires Jan. 1, 1959

DEPUTY WARDENS

Pearl J. Warren Term expires Jan. 1, 1959
Lawrence Newhall Term expires Jan. 1, 1959
Edward French Term expires Jan. 1, 1959
George Gray Term expires Jan. 1, 1959

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Edward French	Term expires March 1958
Philip E. Knowles	Term expires March 1958
Paul G. Traxler	Term expires March 1958

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Philip E. Knowles	Term expires March 1957
John P. Weston	Term expires March 1958
Frederick S. Sheldon	Term expires March 1959

OVERSEER OF POOR

Alfred S. Chase	Term expires March 1957
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JANITOR, TOWN HALL

Dalmer Newhall	Term expires March 1957
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SEXTON

Dalmer Newhall	Term expires March 1957
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CONSTABLE

William Haag, Jr.	Term expires March 1957
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CHIEF OF POLICE

William Haag, Jr.	Term expires March 1957
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SPECIAL POLICE

Frederick E. Hugron	Term expires March 1957
Olen Newhall	Term expires March 1957
Eileen Newhall	Term expires March 1957

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Georgietta Bryer and Selectmen

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Open for appointment

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Open for appointment

DOG CONSTABLE

Fred Hugron

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Bennington on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for highways and bridges.
3. To see if the Town will vote to accept state aid for Class V roads and raise and appropriate money for same.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary in anticipation of taxes.
5. To see what action the Town will take in regard to real estate taken over by the town for non-payment of taxes.
6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 for tarring.
7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Old Home Day and raise and appropriate money for the same.
8. To see what action the Town will take in regard to buying a new highway truck and raise and appropriate money for the same.
9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 to paint the Town Clock.
10. To see what action the Town will take in regard to repairing the doors on the fire engine hall and raise and appropriate money for the same.
11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 for the purpose of installing a new water tank on engine No. 2.
12. To see what action the Town will take in regard to constructing a road to the residence of Norman Bennett and raise and appropriate money for the same.

13. To see what action the Town will take in regard to installing a new heating plant and painting the outside of the Town Hall and raise and appropriate money for the same.

14. To hear the report of the committee to study water dept. rates and policies and take any action pertaining there to.

15. To hear the report of the committee to study the adoption of certain Town Ordinances and take any action pertaining there to.

16. To hear the report of the committee for the purpose of erecting a permanent honor roll; take any action necessary thereon and raise and appropriate money for the same.

17. To see what action the Town will take in regard to electing or appointing a committee to draft a new set of by-laws to govern the operation of the Town Hall and rescind any previous by-laws or vote of the town pertaining thereto.

18. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for statutory requirements and to carry the articles and appropriations of the school district into effect.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

CHARLES E. LINDSAY
ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON
FREDERICK S. SHELDON
Selectmen of Bennington

A true copy of Warrant—Attest.

CHARLES E. LINDSAY
ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON
FREDERICK S. SHELDON
Selectmen of Bennington

BASIS FOR 1957 TAX RATE

The Selectmen feel that to assist the voters in their consideration of the regular budget and special warrants they should have this information to show the basis for computation of the 1957 property tax rate.

Total Appropriations per Budget		\$71,217 20
(See town budget and school budget listed elsewhere in this report for details)		
Less—Estimated Revenue	\$7,764 63	
(See detail statement elsewhere)		
Estimated Poll Taxes	400 00	
Estimated Cash Surplus, 1956	2,079 50	
		\$10,244 13
Net		\$60,973 07
Plus—Estimated Overlay		1,250 00
Total, Regular Budget only, to be raised by Property Taxes		
		\$62,223 07
1956, Property Valuation	\$1,504,380 00	
1957, Est. Property Valuation	1,450,000 00	
1. Estimated Tax Rate on Budget Items only		\$43 00
2. Increase in rate per every thousand dollars appropriated in the warrant		69¢
(Selectmen will recommend the expenditure of \$2,700.00 in the Warrant—equivalent to an increase of \$1.86)		

COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

1953--1956

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

	1953	1954	1955	1956	PROPOSED 1957
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,300 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,400 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,400 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	*800 00	600 00
Election & Registration Expenses	125 00	300 00	150 00	350 00	150 00
Town Hall & Building Maintenance	1,800 00	1,800 00	1,800 00	*1,300 00	1,700 00
Police Department	600 00	600 00	600 00	600 00	600 00
Fire Department	1,900 00	1,900 00	1,900 00	*1,600 00	1,500 00
Beach, Parks and Playgrounds	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,800 00	1,200 00
Civilian Defense			150 00	150 00	50 00
Insurance				*1,500 00	1,700 00
Blister Rust		400 00	125 00		
Health Department & Town Dump	1,500 00	550 00	575 00	575 00	500 00
Town Road Aid	182 29	185 15	186 20	186 17	Warrant
Town Maintenance	5,000 00	5,000 00	5,000 00	6,000 00	6,000 00
General Expense, Highway Department	900 00	900 00	800 00	900 00	800 00
Truck	800 00	800 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,200 00
Tarring	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,000 00	Warrant
Street Lighting	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,600 00	1,700 00
Libraries	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00
Old Age Assistance	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,000 00	2,500 00
Public Relief	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,200 00
Memorial Day & Old Home Day	550 00	550 00	350 00	250 00	200 00
Water & Electric Utilities	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00
Cemeteries	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Interest	375 00	355 00	340 00	463 00	375 00
Advertising & Regional Associations	154 00	156 00	158 00	158 00	150 00
Payment on Debt	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	2,000 00	2,000 00

Miscellaneous	146 00	23 00	525 00	315 00	215 00
New Equipment & Special Projects:					
Fire Department Equipment	250 00	630 00	1,050 00	300 00	
Sidewalk Construction	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00		
Water Dept. Equipment & Expansion			500 00		
Decorating Town Hall		800 00			
Office Equipment			310 00		
Plow				1,000 00	
Total	\$30,982 29	\$31,949 15	\$32,619 20	\$32,047 17	\$28,840 00
County Tax	6,073 17	6,208 11	5,350 70	5,168 54	*5,168 54
School Tax	24,468 65	26,363 00	28,083 57	29,902 09	36,555 20
Total	\$61,524 11	\$64,520 26	\$66,053 47	\$67,117 80	\$70,568 74
Plus—Overlay	856 40	1,134 04	1,454 47	1,239 07	*1,250 00
Total Expenses	\$62,380 51	\$65,654 30	\$67,507 94	\$68,356 87	\$71,818 74
Less—Estimated Revenue	8,555 60	6,532 63	7,293 11	7,951 51	*6,914 63
Poll Taxes	492 00	482 00	468 00	466 00	*466 00
Cash Surplus—prior year			7,100 00	1,870 29	*2,079 50
Net to be raised by Property Taxes	\$53,832 91	\$58,639 67	\$52,646 83	\$58,069 07	*\$62,353 61
Actual Tax Rate	3 40	3 70	3 50	3 86	*4 30

*Estimated

COMPARISON OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

1953 to 1956

	1953	1954	1955	1956	PROPOSED BUDGET 1957
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,348 74	\$1,395 90	\$1,515 00	\$1,425 00	\$1,500 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,424 51	1,574 08	456 27	674 06	600 00
Election & Registration Expenses	130 00	260 00	456 00	284 00	150 00
Town Hall & Building Maintenance	1,555 25	1,879 30	1,070 10	1,512 93	1,700 00
Police Department	488 98	592 79	524 34	601 81	600 00
Fire Department	2,424 27	1,823 87	4,717 29	1,282 37	1,500 00
Beach, Parks & Playgrounds	1,176 53	1,333 50	1,430 03	1,284 83	1,200 00
Insurance			2,249 59	1,694 85	1,700 00
Civilian Defense				300 00	50 00
Spraying Trees		525 00			
Health Dept. & Town Dump	533 25	169 45	499 94	497 25	500 00
Town Road Aid		367 44	7,336 20		Warrant
Town Road Maintenance	5,485 03	4,954 86	5,175 23	7,956 38	6,000 00
General Expense, Highway Dept.	1,552 11	736 29	740 88	930 84	800 00
Truck		1,179 38	1,000 24	1,919 46	1,200 00
Tarring	1,060 03	1,444 25	921 77	1,652 50	Warrant
Street Lighting	1,563 53	1,488 35	1,501 30	1,555 38	1,700 00
Libraries	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00
Old Age Assistance	1,880 64	1,756 06	1,883 94	2,113 80	2,500 00
Public Relief	1,445 83	110 07	880 79	626 50	1,200 00
Memorial Day & Old Home Day	550 00	250 00	350 00	167 20	200 00
Water & Electric Utilities	2,954 33	1,616 36	3,285 45	3,137 94	2,500 00
Cemeteries	643 45	910 15	885 86	953 46	300 00
Interest	327 74	270 68	243 01	470 08	375 00
Advertising & Regional Associations	154 00	156 00	158 00	220 00	150 00
Payment on Debt	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	4,700 00	2,000 00

Miscellaneous	172 50	659 50	79 39	315 99	215 00
New Equipment & Special Projects:					
Fire Department Equipment	250 00	630 00	1,020 60	300 00	
Sidewalk Construction	1,500 81	1,500 00			
Pump—Water Works	1,451 71				
Decorating Town Hall		1,600 00	500 00		
Water Line Extension			325 00		
Office Equipment				100 00	
Memorial Plaque				995 00	
Plow				6,000 00	
Chlorinator					
Total	\$31,273 24	\$30,383 28	\$40,406 22	\$43,891 63	\$28,840 00
County Tax	6,073 17	6,208 11	5,350 70	5,168 54	5,168 54
School Tax	24,468 65	26,363 00	28,083 57	29,363 19	36,555 20
Total Expenditures	\$61,815 06	\$62,954 39	\$73,840 49	\$78,423 36	\$70,563 74
Less—Raised by Long Term Notes			7,150 00	6,000 00	
Total—Net	\$61,815 06	\$62,954 39	\$66,690 49	\$72,423 36	\$70,563 74
					Plus Warrant

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1956	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1956	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1957
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$595 25	\$317 82	\$317 82
Railroad Tax	157 76	157 76	157 76
Savings Bank Tax	73 05	73 05	73 05
For Fighting Forest Fires	1,400 00	1,668 97	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	209 60	171 00	171 00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	20 00	20 00	20 00
Rent of Town Hall & other bldgs.	50 00	4 00	
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits		70 35	75 00
Income from Trust Funds	500 00	653 46	450 00
Income of Departments:			
Town Truck	1,000 00	1,984 61	1,200 00
Income from Municipally owned Utilities:			
(a) Water Departments	2,300 00	2,764 61	2,500 00
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	1,900 00	2,306 44	2,200 00
Cash Surplus			2,079 50
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	432 00	394 00	400 00
(c) Yield Taxes			200 00
Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes	8,637 66	10,586 07	9,844 13
Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes			61,373 07
TOTAL REVENUES			\$71,217 20

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

Purposes of Expenditures	Approp's Previous Year 1956	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1956	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1957
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,500 00	\$1,425 00	\$1,500 00
Town Officers' Expenses	800 00	674 06	600 00
Election & Registration Expenses	350 00	284 00	150 00
Expenses Town Hall & other Bldgs.	1,300 00	1,512 93	1,700 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	600 00	601 81	600 00
Fire Department	1,600 00	1,282 37	1,500 00
Insurance	1,500 00	1,694 85	1,700 00
Civil Defense	150 00	300 00	50 00
Health:			
Health Dept., Including Hospitals	75 00		
Vital Statistics	15 00	11 50	15 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	500 00	497 25	500 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000 00	2,772 25	3,000 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,000 00	5,184 13	3,000 00
Street Lighting	1,600 00	1,555 38	1,700 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	900 00	930 84	800 00
Town Road Aid	186 17		203 46
Libraries	200 00	200 00	200 00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,500 00	626 50	1,200 00
Old Age Assistance	2,000 00	2,113 80	2,500 00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Veterans' Asso.	250 00	167 20	200 00
Recreation:			
Parks & Playground, Incl. Band Concerts	1,800 00	1,284 83	1,200 00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Municipally Owned Water & Electric Utilities	2,500 00	3,157 94	2,500 00
Cemeteries	300 00	953 46	750 00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

Purposes of Expenditures	Approp's Previous Year 1956	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1956	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1957
Unclassified:			
Damages & Legal Expenses, Incl.			
Dog Damage	150 00	129 00	200 00
Advertising & Regional Associations	158 00	150 00	150 00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	200 00	115 07	150 00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	263 00	355 01	225 00
Outlay for New Construction & Perm. Improv.			
Highways and Bridges:			
Water Works Construction	6,000 00	6,000 00	
Town Truck	1,200 00	1,919 46	1,200 00
Indebtedness:			
Payments on Principal of Debt:			
(b) Long Term Notes	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,000 00
Payments to Other Gov. Div.:			
County Taxes	5,350 70	5,168 54	5,168 54
School Taxes	29,902 09	17,000 00	36,555 20
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$63,299 96	\$60,067 18	\$71,217 20

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURES SINCE PURCHASE OF TOWN TRUCK
TAKEN FROM TOWN RECORDS**

	Receipts	Expenditures	Profit	Loss
1947	\$359 70		\$359 70	
1948	2,357 50	\$784 35	1,573 15	
1949	1,523 80	391 90	1,131 90	
1950	1,507 70	602 15	905 55	
1951	1,507 50	1,380 55	126 95	
1952	1,504 80	1,305 49	199 31	
1953	1,741 85	652 11	1,089 74	
1954	1,089 40	1,179 38		\$89 98
1955	1,105 30	1,000 24	105 06	
1956	1,984 61	1,919 46	65 15	

	Totals	\$14,682 16	\$9,215 63	\$5,556 51
			Loss	89 98
			\$5,466 53	

Receipts represent rental of truck:
To road agent at \$1.50 per hour which
is less than half the cost of renting
a truck outside.

Receipts should be \$29,364.32 at regular rate.

Total profit	\$5,466 53
Original cost of truck	4,174 66
	\$1,291 89
Net Profit	

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION OF THE
TOWN OF BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
FOR THE TAX YEAR 1956**

Description of Property	Valuation
Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$669,075 00
Mills and Machinery	550,000 00
Electric Plants	62,700 00
Stock in Trade	245,950 00
Horses, Asses and Mules	250 00
Cows	3,250 00
Sheep and Goats	30 00
Fowls	5,450 00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	675 00
Total Gross Valuation before exemptions allowed	1,537,380 00
Less: Soldiers' exemptions and exemptions to Blind	33,000 00
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	1,504,380 00
Public Service Co. of N. H., Stock in Trade	62,700 00
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	33,000 00
Number of inventories distributed	257
Number of inventories returned	161
Number of veterans who received property exemption	33
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	38

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

Application is hereby made under RSA 77:11 for an extension of time in which to commit the property tax warrant to the Tax Collector. An extension of 15 days after the tax rate is approved is hereby requested.

CHARLES E. LINDSAY
ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON
FREDERICK S. SHELDON

July 9, 1956

Selectmen of Bennington

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED FOR THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON IN
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

For The Tax Year 1956

Certificate

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

CHARLES E. LINDSAY
ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON
FREDERICK S. SHELDON

Date July 9, 1956

Selectmen of Bennington

Appropriations:

Town officers' salaries	\$1,500 00	
Town officers' expenses	800 00	
Election & registration expenses	350 00	
Town Hall & buildings maintenance	1,300 00	
Police department	600 00	
Fire dept., and forest fires	1,900 00	
Civilian defense	150 00	
Health dept., and hospitals	75 00	
Dump and Garbage collection	500 00	
Vital statistics	15 00	
Tarring	1,000 00	
Town Road Aid	186 17	
Town Maintenance—Summer	\$3,000 00	
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,000 00	
	6,000 00	
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	900 00	
Insurance	1,500 00	
Signs Appropriated	150 00	
Street Lighting	1,600 00	
Libraries	200 00	
Old Age Assistance	2,000 00	
Public Relief Town Poor	1,500 00	
Memorial Day, Old Home Day	250 00	
Parks & Playgrounds inc. Band Concerts	1,800 00	
Water & Electric Utilities	2,500 00	
Cemeteries	300 00	
Damages & Legal Expenses inc. dog damages	150 00	
Advertising & Regional Associations	158 00	
Payments on Debt, Principal	2,000 00	
Interest	463 00	
	2,463 00	

Town Truck		1,200 00
County Tax		5,168 54
School Tax		29,902 09
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Total Town and School Appropriations		\$66,117 80
Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$318 53	
Railroad Tax	157 76	
Savings Bank Tax	73 05	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	200 00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,900 00	
Dog Licenses	209 60	
Business Licenses & Permits	20 00	
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	1,050 00	
Int. on Taxes & Income from Trust Funds	80 00	
Water & Electric Depts.	2,300 00	
Forest Fire Reimbursement	1,642 57	
Cash Surplus	870 29	
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Total Revenues and Credits		\$8,821 80
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		57,296 00
Plus Overlay		1,239 07
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		\$58,535 07
Less: Number 233 of Poll Taxes at \$2.00		466 00
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Amount to be raised by property taxes		\$58,069 07
Taxes to be committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes		\$58,069 07
Poll Taxes at \$2.00		466 00
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Total Taxes to be Committed		\$58,535 07
Approved by Tax Comm.		\$3 86

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956
For Itemized Reports See Detailed Payments and Receipts

Act. No.	Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Receipts & Re- imbursements	Re- Total Amt. Available	Expenditures	Balance	Overdrafts
1	Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,500 00		\$1,500 00	\$1,425 00	\$75 00	
2	Town Officers' Expenses	800 00		800 00	674 06	125 94	
3	Election & Registration	350 00	\$33 00	383 00	284 00	99 00	
4	Town Hall	1,300 00	4 00	1,304 00	1,512 93		208 93
5	Police Department	600 00		600 00	601 81		1 81
6	Fire Department	1,600 00	106 40	1,706 40	1,282 37	424 03	
7	Insurance	1,500 00		1,500 00	1,694 85		194 85
8.	Vital Statistics	15 00		15 00	11 50	3 50	
9	Hose Appropriation	300 00		300 00	300 00		
10	Civilian Defense	150 00	150 00	300 00	300 00		
11	Tarring	1,000 00	882 98	1,882 98	1,652 50	230 48	
12	Town Dump	500 00		500 00	497 25	2 75	
13	Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000 00		3,000 00	2,772 25	227 75	
14	Town Maintenance—Winter	5,184 13		5,184 13		2,184 13	
15	Street Lighting	1,600 00		1,600 00	1,555 38	44 62	
16	General Expenses—Highway Dept.	900 00	1,500 00	2,400 00	1,925 84	474 16	
17	Libraries	200 00		200 00	200 00		
18	Old Age Assistance	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,113 80		113 80
19	Town Poor	1,500 00	267 00	1,767 00	625 50	1,140 50	
20	Memorial Day	250 00		250 00	167 20	82 80	
21	Parks and Playgrounds	1,800 00		1,800 00	1,284 83	515 17	
22	Water Department	200 00	9,113 61	9,313 61	9,157 94	155 67	
23	Cemeteries	300 00	653 46	953 46	953 46		
24	Legal Expenses	150 00		150 00	129 00	21 00	
25	Town Truck	200 00	1,984 61	2,184 61	1,919 46	265 15	
26	Regional Association	158 00		158 00	150 00	8 00	
27	Road Signs & Honor Roll	150 00		150 00	70 00	80 00	
28	Interest	463 00	141 28	604 28	470 08	134 20	
Totals		\$25,486 00	\$14,836 34	\$40,322 34	\$38,916 14	\$4,109 72	\$2,703 52
Net Balance of Appropriations						\$1,406 20	

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON
IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

Certificate

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

Date January 28, 1957.

CHARLES E. LINDSAY
ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON
FREDERICK S. SHELDON
Selectmen
A. F. BELL, Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of treasurer		\$16,945 22
In hands of officials		234 16
Savings Bank Tax	\$70 65	
Railroad Tax	103 51	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1955		87 87
Levy of 1954		12 29
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1956		2,289 07
Levy of 1955		2 00
Levy of 1954		72 00
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1956		220 00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years		5 00
Total Assets		\$19,867 61
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)		9,448 11
Grand Total		\$29,315 72
Net Debt—Dec. 31, 1955	\$8,041 61	
Net Debt—Dec. 31, 1956	9,448 11	
Increase of Debt	1,406 50	
State purpose for which debt was created		
Chlorination Plant		

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills outstanding		\$963 45
Chairs	200 00	
Old Home Day	300 00	
TRA Construction	186 17	
		686 17
Due to State:		
State Head Taxes—1956		
Uncollected	220 00	
Collected, not remitted to State Treas.	125 00	
		345 00
Penalties		48 50
Due to Precinct—Water Dept.		459 41
Due to School Districts:		
Balance of Appropriation		12,363 19
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Fire Truck	5,000 00	
Chlorinator	5,000 00	
TRA	4,450 00	
		\$14,450 00
Total Liabilities		\$29,315 72

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

December 31, 1956

Annual Maturities of Outstanding Bonds & Long Term Notes

	Fire Truck Ser. Notes 1952 2%	TRA Constru. Ser. Notes 1955 2½%	Water Dept. Chlorinator Ser. Notes 2½%	Annual Maturities
1957	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$3,000 00
1958	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	3,000 00
1959	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	3,000 00
1960	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	3,000 00
1961	1,000 00	450 00	1,000 00	2,450 00
Totals	\$5,000 00	\$4,450 00	\$5,000 00	\$14,450 00
Less TRA Notes Guaranteed By State				4,450 00
			Bonded Debt	\$10,000 00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$25,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,500 00
Libraries, lands and buildings	25,000 00
Furniture and equipment	3,000 00
Police Dept., equipment	100 00
Fire Dept., lands & bldgs., equipment	18,000 00
Highway Dept., lands & buildings	2,000 00
Equipment	3,800 00
Materials and supplies	200 00
Parks, Common & playground	35,000 00
Water Supply, if owned by town	42,000 00
Schools, lands and buildings	65,000 00
Equipment	10,000 00
Total	\$230,600 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1956 through Dec. 31, 1956

Auto tax (1955)	\$30 91	
Auto tax (1956)	2,275 53	
		\$2,306 44
Filing fees, March	\$29 00	
Filing fees, July	4 00	
		\$33 00
Dog licenses	\$186 00	
Clerk's fees	15 00	
		\$171 00
Total amount paid to treasurer		\$2,510 44

DON A. POWERS
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1956

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$58,229 06
Poll Taxes	466 00

Total Warrant	\$58,695 06
Yield Taxes	281 40
Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	42 58
Poll Taxes	4 00
Interest Collected	5 12

Total Debits	\$59,028 16
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$54,978 98
Poll Taxes	394 00
Yield Taxes	281 40
Interest Collected	5 12
Discount Allowed	957 69
Abatements	49 90
Uncollected Taxes:	
Property Taxes	2,289 07
Poll Taxes	72 00

Total Credits	\$59,028 16
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Unpaid Property Taxes as of Dec. 31, 1956

Howard Ayers	\$52 20
Atkinson, James	38 60
Blanchard, Eunice & Robert	256 69
Broderick, Helen & Edward	46 32
Call, Annabelle	38 60
Cashion, Patrick, Est.	69 48
Cashion, Patrick	77 20
Edes, George	21 23
Edes, Mary	1 93
Eldrid, Ruth Rec'd \$20.00 1/4 '56	69 48
Fournier Estate	7 72
Flanders, Herbert	23 16
Glynn, Horton	1 93

Gray, George	84 92
Gibbs, Fred	57 90
Grant, Frances & Donald	77 20
Griswold, James	115 80
Huntington, Sidney	67 55
LeBlanc, Phyllis	82 99
Paige, Maurice	30 88
Perkins, Warren	69 48
Robertson, Harlan	38 60
Sabbio, Emanuel, Paid Jan. 4, 1957	154 40
Smith, Carrie	30 88
Sylvester, Caroline	84 92
Smith, Clifford	77 20
St. Lawrence, Robert	30 88
Smith, Ralph	115 80
Tacy, L. S., Est.	38 60
Wilson, Herbert	69 48
Althiede, Robert	34 74
Butts, Claude & Catherine	77 20
Caughlin, Edward	1 93
Crittlinger, Anna, Paid Jan. 4, 1957	135 10
Dorr, Harry A.	27 02
Edler, Charles, Paid Jan. 15, 1957	67 55
Giddings, John Jr.	3 86
Robertson, Mrs. John	3 86
Greene, Carrol, Paid Jan. 8, 1957	5 79
Total	<hr/> \$2,289 07

Unpaid Poll Taxes as of Dec. 31, 1956

Atkinson, James
 Atkinson, Mildred
 Burrows, Walter
 Burrows, Delpha
 Blanchard, Robert
 Blanchard, Eunice
 Cole, Louise
 Chandler, Marjory
 Glynn, Alice
 Handy, Robert
 Handy, Isabel
 Hammond, Marjory
 Hammond, Robert
 Hughes, Grace
 Johnson, Rena, Paid Jan. 8, 1957
 Knight, Edwina
 Logan, Arnold
 Lyons, Ardelle
 Lyons, Richard

LeBlanc, Phyllis	
Magoon, Marie	
McClure, Pauline	
Paige, Verna	
Parker, Elmer	
Parker, Bertha	
Perkins, Warren	
Rogers, Clarence	
Rogers, Margaret	
Robertson, Verna	
Sjogren, Kathleen	
St. Lawrence, Barbara	
Smith, Jean	
Tacy, Imogene	
Wilson, Herbert	
Wilson, Evelyn	
Whittemore, Phoebe	
Total	\$72 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1955

DR.	
Uncollected Taxes, as of Jan. 1, 1956:	
Property Taxes	\$2,475 38
Poll Taxes	62 00
	\$2,537 38
Interest Collected during fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1956	65 23
	\$2,602 61

CR.	
Remittances to Treasurer during fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1956:	
Property Taxes	\$2,454 38
Poll Taxes	46 00
Interest Collected During Year	65 23
Abatements	35 00
Uncollected Taxes, Walter Burrows	2 00
	\$2,602 61

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1956

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Original Warrant	\$1,510 00	
Added Taxes	10 00	
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Total Commitment	\$1,520 00	
Penalties Collected	13 50	
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Total Debits		\$1,533 50

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	\$1,295 00	
Penalties	13 50	
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	\$1,308 50	
Abatements	5 00	
Uncollected Head Taxes	220 00	
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Total Credits		\$1,533 50

Unpaid Head Taxes as of Dec. 31, 1956

Atkinson, James
 Atkinson, Mildred
 Burrows, Walter
 Burrows, Delpha
 Blanchard, Robert
 Blanchard, Eunice
 Cole, George
 Cole, Louise
 Chandler, Marjory
 Frederick, Chester B.
 Glynn, Alice
 Handy, Robert
 Handy, Isabel
 Hughes, Grace
 Hughes, Thomas
 Johnson, Rena, Paid Jan. 8, 1957
 Johnson, Charles, Paid Jan. 8, 1957
 Logan, Arnold
 Lyons, Richard
 Lyons, Ardelle
 LeBlanc, Phyllis
 LeBlanc, Joseph

Magoon, Marie
 McClure, Pauline
 Paige, Maurice
 Paige, Verna
 Parker, Elmer
 Parker, Bertha
 Perkins, Warren
 Porter, H. B., Jr.
 Rogers, Clarence
 Rogers, Margaret
 Robertson, Verna
 Robertson, Harlan
 Sjogren, Kathleen
 Sjogren, Charles
 St. Lawrence, Barbara
 St. Lawrence, Robert
 Sargent, Grace
 Smith, Jean
 Smith, Ralph
 Tacy, Imogene
 Whittemore, George
 Whittemore, Phoebe

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
 STATE HEAD TAX
 LEVY OF 1955

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1956	\$220 00	
Added Taxes during 1956	10 00	
Penalties collected during 1956	20 00	

Total Debits

\$250 00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during 1956:		
Head Taxes	\$200 00	
Penalties	20 00	
		\$220 00
Abatements during 1956		25 00
Uncollected:		
Walter Burrows		5 00

Total Credits

\$250 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY, TAXES
LEVY OF 1954

DR.		
Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1956:		
Property Taxes		\$11 10
CR.		
Abatement		\$11 10

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
AS OF DEC. 31, 1956

DR.		
Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:	1955	1954
Taxes Sold to Town during Current Fiscal Year	\$201 15	
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Jan. 1, 1956		\$121 62
Interest collected after Sale	1 10	9 20
	\$202 25	\$130 82
Total Debits		
CR.		
Remittances to Treasurer During Year	\$114 38	\$118 53
Unredeemed Taxes, at close of Year	87 87	12 29
	\$202 25	\$130 82
Total Credits		

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES
ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF

	1955	1954
Eli Fournier Estate	\$11 10	\$12 29
Herbert Wilson	65 50	
John Giddings	7 47	
Edward Caughlin	3 80	
	\$87 87	\$12 29

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1956, on account of the tax levies of 1954, 1955, 1956, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

DORINE B. BULLOCK
Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1956

Jan. 1, 1956, Cash on hand \$19,245 74

Received from Dorine Bullock, Tax Collector:

1955 Poll Tax	\$46 00
1955 Property Tax	2,454 38
1955 Interest	65 23
1955 Head Tax	200 00
1955 Head Tax penalties	20 00
1956 Poll Tax	394 00
1956 Property Tax	54,978 98
1956 Head Tax	1,295 00
1956 Head Tax penalties	13 50
1956 Interest	5 12
1956 Yield Tax	281 40
Tax Sales redemmed	232 91
Tax Refunds	1 20

Received from Don Powers, Clerk:

1955 Auto Tax	\$30 91
1956 Auto Tax	2,275 53
Filing Fees	33 00
Dog Tax	171 00
John D. Armstrong, water rents	2,764 61
Herbert Curtis, Town truck	1,984 61
Paul Traxler, phone	71 80
Selectmen, Beano	20 00
Trustees of Trust Funds	648 46
State Treas., Reimbursement TRA	1,600 16
Allstate Ins. Co., Jas. W. Keeley	349 00
Town of Greenfield, Forest Fire	28 60
State Treas., Forest Fire bills	1,463 28
Richard Phil, Memorial Day refund	44 90
State of N. H., Rental jeep, gas, oil, etc.	189 19
State of N. H., 2 training meetings	16 50
Gladys Newhall, Refund abatement taxes	35 00
County Com., Refund hospital bill	267 00
First Nat'l Bank, Hillsboro, Loan	12,000 00
Cash	5 00
First Nat'l Bank, Hillsboro, 6 notes	6,000 00
State Treas., Head Tax	3 00
State of N. H., TRA	1,241 12
Herbert Curtis, Tarring driveways	144 25
State Treas. Int. & Div. Tax	317 82
Paul Cashion, Tar, sand, labor	18 50

John P. Weston, Tar, sand, labor	142 00	
Helen E. Aldrich, a/c fire dept.	6 00	
D. Newhall, Rent town hall	4 00	
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Total Receipts		\$91,862 96
Plus, Jan. 1, balance		19,245 74
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		\$111,108 70
Less orders paid		\$94,163 48
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Balance Jan. 1, 1957		\$16,945 22

ARTHUR F. BELL
Town Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes—Current Year, 1956	\$54,978 98	
Poll Taxes, Current Year Regular at \$2, 1956	394 00	
Yield Taxes, 1956	281 40	
State Head Taxes at \$5, 1956	1,295 00	
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Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		\$56,949 38
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes, Previous Years		2,500 38
State Head Taxes at \$5, Previous Years		200 00
Interest received on Taxes		70 35
Penalties on State Head Taxes		33 50
Tax sales redeemed		232 91

From State:

For Town Road Aid	\$1,241 12	
For State Aid Construction	1,600 16	
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		2,841 28
Interest and dividends tax		317 82
Fighting forest fires		1,668 97

From County:

For support of poor and aid furnished soldiers		267 00
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From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog licenses	171 00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	20 00
Rent of town property	4 00
Income from trust funds	648 46
Water Dept.	2,764 61
Town Truck	1,984 61
Registration of motor vehicles, 1955 permits	30 91
Registration of motor vehicles, 1956 permits	2,275 53

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$12,000 00
Long term notes during year	6,000 00

Refunds:	
Broken Hydrant	349 00
Forest Fire, Greenfield	28 60
Memorial Day	44 90
Filing Fees	33 00
Cemeteries	5 00
Taxes	39 20
Fire Dept., phone	71 80
Fire Dept., pumping cellars	6 00
Town Maintenance	304 75

Total Receipts other than Current Revenue	\$18,882 25
Total Receipts from All Sources	\$91,862 96
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1956	19,245 74
Grand Total	\$111,108 70

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:	
Town officers' salaries	\$1,425 00
Town officers' expenses	674 06
Election & registration expenses	284 00
Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	1,512 93

Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department	601 81
Fire department, including forest fires	1,282 37
Insurance	1,694 85
Civil Defense	300 00

Health :		
Vital statistics	11	50
Town dumps & garbage removal	497	25
Highways and Bridges :		
Town Maintenance, Summer	\$2,772	25
Winter	5,184	13
	<hr/>	7,956 38
Street lighting	1,555	38
General expenses of Highway Dept.	1,925	84
Libraries :		
Libraries	200	00
Public Welfare :		
Old age assistance	2,113	80
Town poor	626	50
Patriotic Purposes :		
Memorial Day & Veterans' Asso.	167	20
Recreation :		
Parks & playgrounds including band concerts	1,284	83
Public Service Enterprises :		
Municipal water & electric depts.	3,157	94
Cemeteries	953	46
Unclassified :		
Damages & legal expenses	129	00
Auto permits	\$166	00
Advertising & Regional Asso.	220	00
Taxes bought by town	201	15
Discounts, abatements & refunds	92	30
Refund to Registrar of Deeds	9	49
Marine Memorial	100	00
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$29,143 04
Interest :		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	115	07
Paid on bonded debt	355	01
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Total Interest Payments		\$470 08
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment & Permanent Imp. :		
Town Truck	\$1,919	46
Water Works construction	6,000	00
Hose appropriation	300	00
Tarring	1,652	50
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Total Outlay Payments		\$9,871 96

Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	12,000 00	
Payments on bonded debt	4,700 00	
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Total Indebtedness Payments		\$16,700 00

Payments to Other Gov. Divs.:

State Head Taxes paid State Treas. (1956 Taxes)	\$1,053 29	
Prior Years	673 00	
	<hr/>	1,726 29
Taxes paid to County		5,168 54
Payments to School Districts		
1955 Tax	14,083 57	
1956 Tax	17,000 00	
	<hr/>	31,083 57
Total Payments to other Gov. Divs.:		\$37,978 40
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Total Payments for all purposes		\$94,163 48
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956		\$16,945 22
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Grand Total		\$111,108 70

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Detail 1. Current Property Taxes:		
Dorine B. Bullock		\$54,978 98
Detail 2. Current Polls:		
Dorine B. Bullock		\$394 00
Detail 3. Previous Property and Polls:		
Dorine B. Bullock		\$2,500 38
Detail 4. Tax Sales Redeemed:		
Dorine B. Bullock		\$232 91
Detail 5. Received from State:		
TRA Reimbursement a/c Forest Fires	\$2,841 28	
Reimbursement a/c Forest Fires	1,668 97	
Interest and Dividends Tax	317 82	
	<hr/>	\$4,828 07
Detail 6. Head Taxes Previous Years:		
Dorine B. Bullock		\$220 00
Detail 7. Dog Licenses:		
Donald A. Powers		\$171 00
Detail 8. Business Licenses and Permits:		
St. Patrick's Church, Beano	\$10 00	
Congregational Church, Beano	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$20 00
Detail 9. Yield Taxes:		
Dorine B. Bullock		\$281 40
Detail 10. Rent of Town Property:		
Dalmer Newhall		\$4 00
Detail 11. Interest Received:		
Dorine B. Bullock		\$70 35
Detail 12. Registration Motor Vehicles:		
Donald A. Powers:		
1955 Permits	\$30 91	
1956 Permits	2,275 53	
	<hr/>	\$2,306 44

Detail 13. Town Truck:		
Herbert A. Curtis	\$1,888 36	
State TRA	96 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,984 61
Detail 14. Miscellaneous		
Dorine B. Bullock	\$39 20	
Fire Dept., Paul Traxler, Phone	71 80	
William Aldrich, pumping cellar	6 00	
Water Dept., Hydrant refund	349 00	
Fire Dept., Forest Fires, Town of Greenfield	28 60	
Richard Pihl, Memorial Day	44 90	
Donald Powers, Filing Fees	33 00	
County Relief, Ronald McClure	267 00	
Dalmer Newhall, cemetery	5 00	
Herbert Curtis, Tarring Driveways	304 75	
Trustee Trust Funds, Cemeteries	648 46	
	<hr/>	\$1,797 71
Detail 15. Temporary Loans:		
First National Bank of Hillsboro		\$12,000 00
Detail 16. Long Term Loans:		
First National Bank of Hillsboro, Chlorinator		\$6,000 00
Detail 17. Current Head Taxes:		
Dorine B. Bullock		\$1,308 50
Detail 18. Water Works:		
John D. Armstrong, Rents		\$2,764 61
Total Receipts		<hr/> \$91,862 96
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1956		\$19,245 74
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Grand Total		\$111,108 70

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries:

Walter D. Cleary, Auditor	\$10 00	
Irving LeCain, Auditor	10 00	
Charles E. Lindsay, Selectman	300 00	
Ernest D. Hutchinson, Selectman	250 00	
Frederick S. Sheldon, Selectman	250 00	
J. P. Weston, Moderator	5 00	
Alfred Chase, Overseer Poor	50 00	
Dorine B. Bullock, Tax Collector	187 50	
Donald A. Powers, Town Clerk & Health Officer	125 00	
Philip Knowles, Custodian Town Clock	25 00	
Arthur F. Bell, Treasurer	187 50	
Fred Hugron, Dog Constable	25 00	
		\$1,425 00

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

Tax Assessors' Association, Dues	\$3 00	
N. H. Tax Collectors' Asso., Dues	3 00	
Telephone	72	
Transcript Printing Co., Ballots and Town Reports	430 60	
Postage	24 50	
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	48 18	
Typing	4 00	
Transportation & Dinners, Tax Collectors' Meeting	15 50	
Sargent Bros., Printing	16 10	
State Tax Commission	8 75	
Town Clerk's Convention	20 00	
Trustee of Trust Funds, Expense	25 00	
Dorine B. Bullock, Head Tax Collection Fee	30 20	
Arthur F. Bell, Expense	20 00	
Alfred Chase, Expense	36	
Auto Permits	12 40	
Peterborough Hardware, Xmas Tree Lights	11 75	
		\$674 06

Detail 3. Election and Registration

Mrs. Richard Pihl, Dinners	\$35 00	
Bennington Woman's Club, Dinners	60 00	
Transcript Printing Co., Ballots	16 50	
James McLaughlin, Ballot Inspector	7 50	
Dalmer Newhall, Ballot Inspector	7 50	
Wilfred Levesque, Ballot Inspector	15 00	
Edward French, Supervisor Check List	35 00	
Philip Knowles, Supervisor Check List	35 00	
Paul Traxler, Supervisor Check List	35 00	
J. P. Weston, Moderator	15 00	
Herbert Curtis, Ballot Inspector	22 50	
	<hr/>	\$284 00

Detail 4. Town Hall & Other Town Buildings:

Dalmer Newhall, Janitor Service	\$568 36	
Edward Caughlin, Coal	174 74	
Contoocook Valley Telephone Co.	8 44	
Herbert Curtis, Wood	21 75	
Public Service of N. H.	218 32	
Peterborough Hardware, Supplies	6 50	
Hillsboro Lumber Co., Supplies	25 20	
Ernest Hutchinson, Labor	7 50	
Paul Traxler, Lights	18 35	
Fred Howard, Printing	3 50	
Robert Fish, Plumbing	25 88	
Al Perry, Roof Repairs	49 71	
Walter Smith, Labor	8 00	
Hafeli Fuel Co., Coal	365 60	
A. F. Edmunds, Supplies	3 07	
Bennington Garage, Plowing	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,512 93

Detail 5. Police Department:

William Haag, Jr.	\$403 97	
Frank Chiesa	55 75	
Telephone	22 20	
Olen Newhall	15 00	
Fred Hugron	32 00	
H. R. Feldbloom, Uniform	25 40	
Bennington Garage, Lights	23 74	
Harry Sawyer	10 00	
James Coffin	6 74	
State of N. H.	7 01	
	<hr/>	\$601 81

Detail 6. Fire Department

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$21 00	
Contoocook Valley Telephone Co.	174 23	
William Burrows	8 50	
Newhall's Garage	55 70	
Mutual Aid	5 00	
Paul Traxler	65 24	
George Gray, Civil Defense Radios	240 00	
George Gray	88 88	
Bennington Garage	286 89	
Edward French, Payroll	115 50	
Greta Gray	4 00	
State of N. H.	85 05	
Firemen's Retirement	84 00	
Mine Safety Appliance Co.	6 00	
Herbert Curtis	17 38	
Robert Knight	5 00	
Ivon Clough	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,282 37

Detail 7. Insurance and Bonds:

Davis and Clark Agency		\$1,694 85
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Detail 8. Vital Statistics:

Donald A. Powers		\$11 50
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Detail 9. Hose Appropriation:

James A. Coffin		\$300 00
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Detail 10. Civilian Defense:

George Gray, Director		\$300 00
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Detail 11. Tarring

Herbert Curtis, Payroll	\$596 80	
Tri Mount Bituminous Co.	1055 70	\$1,652 50
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Detail 12. Town Dump:

Herbert Curtis, Payroll		\$497 25
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Detail 13. Town Maintenance Summer:

Herbert Curtis, Payroll	\$2,636 25	
Keene Sand & Gravel	112 00	
Donell Supply Co.	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,772 25

Detail 14. Town Maintenance Winter:

Herbert Curtis, Payrolls	\$4,943 19	
Everett Adams, Salt	50 00	
E. C. & W. L. Hopkins, Salt	135 00	
Bennington Garage, Plow	28 00	
Keene Sand & Gravel	27 94	
	<hr/>	\$5,184 13

Detail 15. Street Lighting:

Public Service Co. of N. H.		\$1,555 38
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Detail 16. General Expenses of Highway Dept.:

Public Service Co. of N. H., Blinker	\$86 58	
Bennington Garage	376 90	
Ray Road Equipment Co.	23 66	
R. C. Hazelton Co.	179 79	
N. H. Explosives Co.	44 05	
Monadnock Paper Mills	12 17	
J. E. Faltin	1 90	
Paul Traxler	16 73	
Road Signs	34 45	
Scott Machinery Co.	87 07	
R. C. Hazelton, Snow Plow	995 00	
Eli Belletete & Sons	47 54	
Harry Clafin, Garage Rent	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,925 84

Detail 17, Library Appropriation:

G. E. P. Dodge Library		\$200 00
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Detail 18. Old Age Assistance:

State Welfare Dept.		\$2,113 80
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Detail 19. Town Poor:

A. F. Edmunds, orders		\$626 50
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Detail 20. Memorial Day:

Weare Band	\$160 00	
A. F. Edmunds	7 20	
	<hr/>	\$167 20

Detail 21. Parks & Playgrounds:

Herbert Curtis, Payroll	\$219 25	
Dalmer Newhall, Labor	77 30	
Walter Smith, Labor	50 00	

Melvin Loomis, Labor	58 00	
Clark & Harris, Diving Board	77 84	
Express	8 28	
C. S. Woods Co.	13 38	
Ernest Hutchinson, Labor	85 15	
Bennington Garage	26 54	
Harry Sawyer, Life Guard	467 00	
Antrim Building Supply	55 00	
Francis Davy, Labor	20 00	
Monadnock Tree Service, Spraying	125 00	
Halidays' Store	2 09	
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		\$1,284 83

Detail 22. Water Works:

George E. Trudel Co.	\$307 84	
Eddy Valve Co.	170 09	
H. R. Prescott & Sons	840 00	
B. & M. Railroad	2 30	
John D. Armstrong, Superintendent	1,041 71	
Joe Thompson's Garage	15 00	
Public Service Co. of N. H.	678 77	
Dan McGinnis, Labor	2 50	
Chris Yakovakis, Labor	7 50	
Allan Burrows, Labor	2 50	
Albert Cernota, Labor	2 50	
Tasker's	11 95	
Monadnock Lumber Co.	30 24	
N. E. Canal Co.	32 63	
Dalmer Newhall, Labor	116 50	
Peterborough Hardware	2 28	
C. S. Woods Co.	4 12	
Joseph LeBlanc, Jr., Labor	6 25	
Joslin Hardware Co.	14 00	
Postage	17 62	
Walter Smith, Labor	62 00	
Bennington Garage	22 48	
Lawrence Newhall, Labor	30 00	
Herbert Curtis, Labor	75 75	
Wallace & Theiman Co.	2,940 24	
Edmunds Dept. Store	4 71	
Fields Point Mfg. Co.	6 00	
Express	4 57	
New England Co., Chlorine	38 49	
E. H. Edwards & Son	2,534 00	
Paul Traxler	126 72	
William Healy	5 00	
J. H. Lindsay	1 65	
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		\$9,157 94

Detail 23. Cemeteries:

Dalmer Newhall, Labor	\$333 81	
Walter Smith, Labor	314 50	
National Mower Co.	7 75	
Clifford Smith, Painting Fence	249 40	
William Weeks, Labor	28 00	
Lawrence Newhall, Labor	15 00	
Bennington Garage, Plowing	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$953 46

Detail 24. Legal Expenses:

Maurice M. Blodgett, Attorney		\$129 00
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Detail 25. Advertising & Regional Associations:

Monadnock Region Association		\$150 00
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Detail 26. Road Signs:

Louis E. Topping		\$70 00
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Detail 27. Taxes Bought by Town:

Dorine B. Bullock		\$201 15
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Detail 28. Discounts, Abatements & Refunds:

Addie French, Memorial Day	\$44 90	
Dorine B. Bullock, Taxes	1 20	
Eileen Newhall	35 00	
Lambert Construction Co.	5 60	
First National Bank of Peterborough	5 60	
	<hr/>	\$92 30

Detail 29. Interest:

First National Bank of Hillsboro:

Temporary	\$115 07	
TRA	160 01	
Fire Truck	120 00	
Chlorinator	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$470 08

Detail 30. State of N. H. and County:

Previous Year Head Taxes	\$673 10	
Current Year Head Taxes	1,053 29	
Hillsboro County Treasurer, County Tax	5,168 54	
State of N. H., Marine Memorial	100 00	
Registrar of Deeds	9 49	
	<hr/>	\$7,004 32

Detail 31. Auto Permits:		
Donald A. Powers		\$166 00
Detail 32. Temporary Loans:		
First National Bank of Hillsboro		\$12,000 00
Detail 33. Bonds and Notes:		
First National Bank of Hillsboro:		
TRA	\$2,700 00	
Fire Truck	1,000 00	
Chlorinator	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,700 00
Detail 34. Town Truck:		
Bennington Garage, Gas, Oil, Repairs		\$1,919 46
Detail 35. School District:		
Mary K. Wilson, Treasurer:		
Previous Balance	14,083 57	
Current Year	17,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$31,083 57
Total Payments		<hr/> \$94,163 48
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1956		16,945 22
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Grand Total		\$111,108 70

Report of Trust Funds of the Town of Bennington, N. H., on December 31, 1956

Date of Creation	NAME & PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	Balance of Principal Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance of Principal End Year	Balance of Income Beginning Year	Per-cent	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Balance of Income End Year
1923	Library Fund:	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	\$457 50		\$457 50	\$55 24	3 1/2	\$18 09		\$79 33
1923	Mary Butler Jameson	N. H. Savings Bank	1,000 00		1,000 00	15 70	3 1/2	31 97		47 67
1938	John D. & Mary C. Butler	N. H. Savings Bank	5,000 00		5,000 00	175 00		157 38	\$282 38	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	Manchester Savings Bank	5,000 00		5,000 00	170 83	3	168 02	338 85	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	Loan & Tr. Savings Bank	4,375 24		4,375 24	71 88	3	193 41		206 29
1938	Emma E. Gipson	Merrimac Ct. Savings Bk.	5,000 00		5,000 00	121 51		121 51	151 51	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	102 Sh. Ist. Nat'l Fund. Inc	1,432 65	8.40	1,432 65			55 08	55 08	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	100 Sh. Ist. Nat'l Bank of Boston	6,520 05		6,520 05			285 00	285 00	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	465 sh. Mass. Inv. Trust	3,259 50	29.82	3,259 50			187 55	187 55	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	265 sh. Boston Fund Inc.	2,940 00	3.09	2,940 00			125 94	125 94	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	15 sh. Am. Tel. & Tel.	2,505 90	\$97.05	2,505 90			135 00	135 00	
1955	Emma E. Gipson Cap. Gain Fund	Peterborough Sav. Bank	49 20	\$138 36	187 56			2 85		2 85
		Totals	\$37,540 04	\$138 36 Note 1	\$37,678 40	\$388 65		\$1,452 80	\$1,511 31	\$330 14
1928	Sunnyside Cemetery:	Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$100 00		\$100 00	\$9 43		\$3 60	\$7 00	\$6 03
1916	David W. Bell Cem. Fd.	Willard S. Carbin Cem. Fd.	332 20		332 20	5 27		11 84	20 00	14 99
1918	W. H. Darrab Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00		50 00	3 51		1 82	3 00	4 19
1921	Edward I. Dodge Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00		100 00	12 76		3 71	8 00	8 47
1917	Augustus W. Gray Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00		100 00	8 91		3 56	7 00	4 57
1928	William Keith Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00		100 00	9 38		3 60	7 00	5 98
1915	C. J. Kimball Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150 00		150 00	13 65		5 41	10 00	9 06
1928	Harriet Kimball Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00		50 00	7 47		1 88	6 00	3 35
1930	Mary Knowles Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00		100 00	8 38		3 56	7 00	4 74
1914	Abram A. Ramsey Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,766 16		1,766 16	163 33		67 14	96 95	130 51
1906	Helen P. Ramsey Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00		200 00	14 10		7 10	12 00	9 20
1925	Wm. L. Taylor Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00		100 00	14 27		3 78	10 00	8 05
1905	Anna M. Woodbury Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00		200 00	18 36		7 28	12 00	13 64
1927	Samuel Gilman & Lucinda Dodge Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	200 00		200 00	15 48		7 58	12 00	11 06
1939	Samuel Gilman & Lucinda Dodge Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	100 00		100 00	4 49		3 68	3 00	5 17
1919	Ann M. Eaton Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	100 00		100 00	4 49		3 68	3 00	5 17
1937	Charles H. Kimball Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	100 00		100 00	4 46		3 68	3 00	5 14

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1940	Amos A. Martin Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	200 00		200 00	12 72		7 50	10 00	10 50
1927	Amon Swends Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	400 00		400 00	8 99		14 00	15 00	18 60
1935	Russell R. Brown Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	50 00		50 00	2 44		1 84	1 00	13 50
1932	Chas. F. B. Whitham Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	200 00		200 00	17 84		7 67	12 00	13 50
1934	Bessie W. Call Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	100 00		100 00	8 62		3 82	7 00	5 50
1946	Stephen & Mary Chase Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	125 00		125 00	14 87		4 92	10 00	9 00
1949	Edith Dudge Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	100 00		100 00	4 35		3 68	3 00	5 00
1952	Kendall Gray Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	100 00		100 00	2 82		3 64	2 00	5 00
1954	Allan A. Gerrard Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	150 00		150 00	5 33		5 46	4 00	6 50
1945	Sarah Keeser Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	50 00		50 00	2 43		1 84	1 00	3 50
1942	Fred Kimball Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	100 00		100 00	8 62		3 82	7 00	7 00
1939	Mary L. Knight Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	200 00		200 00	16 65		7 64	12 00	12 50
1952	C. D. Kockersperger Cem. Fund	Peterborough Savings Bk.	100 00		100 00	3 58		3 64	2 00	5 20
1942	Rodney & Lenora Nichols Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	100 00		100 00	8 61		3 82	7 00	5 40
1946	Lenora L. O'Leary Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	100 00		100 00	8 59		3 82	7 00	5 70
1954	Wm. H. Odell Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	150 00		150 00	5 33		5 46	4 00	6 50
1936	Nancy Stevens Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	150 00		150 00	13 67		5 76	10 00	9 40
1941	Frank A. Taylor Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	100 00		100 00	8 61		3 82	7 00	5 40
1945	Geo. Alfred Whittemore Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	250 00		250 00	16 38		9 38	12 00	13 70
1935	Geo. W. Wilson Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	75 00		75 00	5 94		2 84	4 00	4 00
1943	Frank Young Cem. Fd.	Peterborough Savings Bk.	150 00		150 00	11 46		5 70	7 00	10 10
1923	John D. Butler Cem. Fd.	N. H. Savings Bank	225 00		225 00	18 10	3 1/2	7 96	12 00	14 00
1922	Horace Dinsmore Cem. Fd.	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		100 00	12 11		3 58	7 00	8 00
1927	Royal V. Knight Cem. Fd.	N. H. Savings Bank	200 00		200 00	15 95		6 97	12 00	10 50
1919	Clara Whittemore Cem. Fd.	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		100 00	16 39		3 72	12 00	10 50
1906	Geo. Andrew Whittemore Cem. Fd.	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00		300 00	29 63		10 74	20 00	20 30
1916	Trustees Trust Funds Cem. Fd.	Manchester Savings Bk.	600 00		600 00	52 77	3 1/4	21 65	35 00	39 90
		Totals	\$8,323 36		\$8,323 36	\$679 88		\$305 29	\$468 96	\$516 20
1923	Evergreen Cemetery; Calvin S. Brown Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bk.	\$100 00		\$100 00	\$8 45	3 1/4	\$3 58	\$7 00	\$5 00
1929	Luke Burt Cem. Fd.	Amoskeag Savings Bk.	50 00		50 00	1 64		1 69	1 00	2 00

1931	John C. Dodge Cem. Fd.	200 00	9 09	6 85	10 00	5 94
1914	Mrs. A. D. Green Cem. Fd.	200 00	36 45	7 86	30 00	14 31
1913	Geo. L. Herrick Cem. Fd.	200 00	29 29	7 64	25 00	11 93
1929	Lizzie M. Holt Cem. Fd.	200 00	24 69	7 47	20 00	12 16
1929	Chas. F. Manahan Cem. Fd.	100 00	3 23	3 38	2 00	4 61
1928	Cyrus H. Philbrick Cem. Fd.	200 00	9 11	6 92	7 00	9 03
1928	Ann F. Philbrick Cem. Fd.	200 00	3 28	3 39	2 00	4 67
1931	Etna Veino Cem. Fd.	100 00	3 28	3 39	2 00	4 67
1914	Mrs. C. M. Whitney Cem. Fd.	200 00	28 53	7 60	25 00	11 13
1935	Bradford D. Brown Cem. Fd.	50 00	3 52	1 87	2 00	3 39
1939	Ellen C. Brown Cem. Fd.	200 00	8 30	7 34	7 00	8 64
1942	Samuel & Jane Dodge Cem. Fd.	50 00	3 52	1 87	2 00	3 39
1954	Lizzie M. Holt Special Fd. Cem. Fd.	1,287 41	65 42	47 73		113 15
1953	Laurence & Catherine Mulhall Cem. Fd.	200 00	7 10	7 30	6 00	8 40
1940	Walter Wilson Cem. Fd.	50 00	3 64	1 87	2 00	3 51
1951	Robert Wilson Cem. Fd.	243 75	8 92	8 90	7 00	10 82
1943	Thomas Wilson Cem. Fd.	100 00	6 59	3 75	5 00	5 34
1955	Marcia Cosman Cem. Fd.	100 00	1 00	3 55	50 00	4 05
1955	Fred A. Knight Cem. Fd.	100 00	1 00	3 55	50 00	4 05
1955	George A. Ross Cem. Fd.	100 00	1 00	3 55	50 00	4 05
1956	Nellie Downes Vose Cem. Fd.	200 00		1 88		1 88
	Totals	\$4,431 16	\$267 05	\$152 93	\$163 50	\$256 98
1946	Mt. Calvary Cemetery; Laurence W. Flynn Cem. Fd.	\$125 00	\$18 50	\$5 04	\$10 00	\$13 54
1950	Annie M. Shea Cem. Fd.	200 00	17 36	7 66	10 00	15 02
1950	Mary E. Munhall Cem. Fd.	100 00	3 40	3 64	2 00	5 04
1956	Nicholas Flynn Cem. Fd.	\$150 00		4 05		4 05
	Totals	\$425 00	\$39 26	\$20 39	\$22 00	\$37 65
1940	Community Fund, Town Christmas Tree	\$327 85	\$128 78	\$16 11		\$144 89
	Total Library Funds	\$37 540 04	\$888 65	\$1,452 80	\$1,511 31	\$334 14
	Total Sunnyside Cem.	8,323 36	679 88	305 29	468 96	516 21
	Total Peregine Cem.	4,431 16	267 05	152 93	163 50	256 48
	Total Mt. Calvary Cem. Community Fund	425 00	39 26	20 39	22 00	37 65
		327 85	128 78	16 11		144 89
	Grand Totals	\$50,747 41	\$1,503 62	\$1,947 52	\$2,165 77	\$1,285 37

Note 1. New Fund Created of \$138.36 as result of capital gains paid in cash as noted individually.

Audited 1/24/57 ERVING A. LECAIN WALTER I. CLEARY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. Date Jan. 28, 1957.

PHILIP E. KNOWLES
J. PRENTISS WESTON
FREDERICK S. SHELDON, Trustees

AUDITORS' REPORT

This is to certify that the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Water Department and Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Bennington have been examined according to the uniform classification of the State Tax Commission and found to be correct.

ERVING LECAIN
WALTER CLEARY

Auditors

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1956	\$278 54
Town Appropriation	200 00
Trustees of Trust Funds	1,511 31
Total Receipts	\$1,989 85

EXPENDITURES

Mary K. Wilson, Librarian	\$600 00
Steve Yakovakis, Janitor	150 00
Books	308 42
Magazines and newspapers	64 50
Hafeli Fuel Co., 1840 gal. fuel oil	275 27
O. B. Peirce, oil burner service	25 23
Hines and Knapton, Insurance	84 73
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	70 51
George Whittemore, taking down tree	28 00
Eaton Furniture Co., door mat	10 00
Paul Traxler, electrical repairs	16 24
Bank Service Charge	4 60
Total Expenditures	\$1,637 50
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956	352 35
Total	\$1,989 85

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP E. KNOWLES, Treasurer
MARY D. SHEA
RUTH A. CODY

Library Trustees

Audited Jan. 24, 1957

ERVING G. LECAIN, Auditor

**REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE
G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY**

Days and Hours open, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday after-
noons 2:30—4:30; evenings 6:30—8:30.

Books purchased in 1956	129
Books by gift in 1956	38
Special Edition for young people, <i>The World We Live In.</i>	
<i>The Book of Popular Science</i> (10 vol.)	
Hammonds Library World Atlas, Hammonds Nature Atlas of America.	

Magazines by subscription	12
Books numbered for circulation	3456
Magazines by subscription: <i>Reader's Digest</i> , <i>Life</i> , <i>National Geographic Magazine</i> , <i>Seventeen</i> , <i>The Saturday Evening Post</i> , <i>Ladies' Home Journal</i> , <i>Outdoor Life</i> , <i>Popular Science</i> , <i>Popular Mechanics</i> , <i>Newsweek</i> , <i>Jack and Jill</i> , <i>The American Girl</i> .	

Donors of books and magazines: Miss Anne Lindsay, Mrs. George Sargent, Rev. Thomas Billings, Mrs. Albert Cuddimi, Mrs. Effie Black, Philip Knowles, and Mrs. Carlton Pope.

MARY K. WILSON

Librarian

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT, 1956

Total number gallons pumped, 10,167,000
Number of hours pumping 1,153
Chlorine used 49 pounds

Cost of power, heat and lights	\$677 12
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Report of broken hydrant:

H. Curtis, Nov. 1955	\$12 00
L. Newhall, Nov. 1955	10 00
C. E. Lindsay, Nov. 1955	5 00
P. Knowles, Nov. 1955	5 00
J. D. Armstrong, Nov. 1955	12 00
Highway Dept., Nov. 1955	10 00
E. H. Edwards	34 00
Eddy Valve Co., hydrant and valve	241 03

Total	\$329 03
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Report of Cleaning Reservoir:

H. Curtis, labor and tractor	\$67 50
L. Newhall	30 00
D. Newhall	30 00
W. Smith	30 00
J. D. Armstrong	55 50
Gas and oil	5 15
Total	\$228 15

Report of Chlorinator Approp.:

H. R. Prescott & Sons	\$582 03
Geo. Trudell Co.	22 02
Wallace and Tiernan	2,916 30
P. Traxler	126 72
E. H. Edwards	2,500 00
Total	\$6,146 07

Report of Collections:

Total Rental collected	\$2,148 52
Total Old Accounts collected	263 10
Total supplies, sold	352 99

Turned in to Treasurer	\$2,764 61
Total Uncollected Dec. 31, 1956	\$343 82

Report of Uncollected Rents Jan. 1, 1957:

F. Bowker	\$4 00
Mrs. L. Crittsinger, Pd. Jan. 7	16 00
Mrs. Wm. Call	10 00
H. Chandler	32 00
Mrs. H. Derosier, Pd. Jan. 9	5 00
Earl Davis Estate, Pd. Jan. 7	2 16
H. Fenerty, Pd. Jan. 4	8 00
George Gray, Pd. Jan. 21	16 00
Fred Gibbs	5 83
Mrs. B. Giddings, Pd. Jan. 9	5 00
James Griswold, Pd. Jan. 11	24 00
Alice Glynn (Smith)	8 00
Sidney Huntington	8 00
Frank Hubley, Pd. Jan. 23	8 33
Fred Hugron, Pd. Jan. 7 (\$13.00)	26 00
Frank Moses, Pd. Jan. 26	13 00
Ed. Moule	10 00
W. McWhirter, Pd. Jan. 25	5 00
George Ryder, Pd. Jan. 8	9 33
A. R. Sheldon	19 00
Robert St. Lawrence	19 50
Mrs. Grace Sargent	4 67

Ralph Smith	16 00
Philip Traxler, Pd. Jan. 9	8 00
Herbert Wilson	20 00
George Whittimore	41 00

FIRE WARDENS' REPORT

ENGINE NO. 1

1-500 gallon pumper with 500 gallon booster tank
 200 ft. 1" booster hose
 1 hand type extinguisher
 1 foam type extinguisher
 1 roof ladder
 1 extension ladder
 1 smoke mask
 1 fire fighter extinguisher
 1 dry powder

ENGINE NO. 2

75 gallon pumper with 150 gallon booster tank
 150 ft. 1 inch hose (booster tank)
 2 ladders (roof)
 1 extension ladder
 2 extension (soda & acid)
 2 smoke masks
 1 first aid kit
 1 Co2 extinguisher

ENGINE NO. 3

1-750 gallon pumper with 600 gallon booster tank
 150 ft. 1 inch booster hose
 1 extension ladder (aluminum)
 1 roof ladder (aluminum)
 1 attic ladder (folding)
 1 dry powder extinguisher
 1 first aid kit
 1 smoke mask

OTHER EQUIPMENT:

2 long ladders
 12 Indian pumps
 1 portable pump
 1 trailer

EMERSON RESUSCITATOR:

1800 ft. 2½" hose
 1100 ft. 1½" hose
 4 battery chargers
 1 body drag (donated)

REPORT OF CALLS:

5 dump fires
1 call, truck spilling gas
1 chimney fire
1 brush fire

FIRE ALARM BOXES ARE LOCATED:

One at Don Powers' Store
One at Town Hall

TO OPERATE: OPEN DOOR, PULL DOWN HOOK ONCE, THEN
LET GO AND STAY AT BOX UNTIL FIREMEN ARRIVE.

6 Blasts for Fire
3 Blasts all Out Signal
2 Blasts—No School, 8:00 o'clock
1 Long Blast, Short of Water
1 Blast between noon and 1 o'clock for test on Saturday

TO BE REACHED BY TELEPHONE:

George Gray, by Night 181
Don Powers' Store, 116-12 by day
Paul Traxler, 116-31

The Firewards recommend buying 200 ft. 2½ in. hose

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00
for a tank on small truck.

To see what action the Town will take in regards to fixing the
doors in front of the Fire Truck and to raise and appropriate
money for same.

GEORGE H. GRAY, Chief
IVON W. CLOUGH, Asst.
PAUL G. TRAXLER, Asst.
Firewards

CIVIL DEFENSE REPORT

There were two practice alerts sounded this past year, and the
public cooperated very well.

Two radios are being purchased for the Fire Department
through Civil Defense with Federal Aid paying one half.

Efforts are being made to get a rescue and first aid squad
started.

GEORGE GRAY, C.D.CH.
PAUL G. TRAXLER, Asst.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

TO THE SELECTMEN:

Each year there is a demand for a statement on forest fires for publication in the annual town report. It is believed they serve a good purpose locally in preventing fires. The following is offered with the respectful request for publication in your town report.

Sincerely,
WINTHROP HANNAFORD
District Fire Chief

Your Town Dump, Use it freely, Care for it.

Your town dump has been set up for your personal convenience. It provides a suitable place where you can dispose of the large amounts of dangerous, inflammable waste materials and other useless items which accumulate around your household and local stores, brush, etc., cut on your property. The town dump has become a valuable and indispensable asset in modern community life.

The most successful town dumps are supervised, regular days provided for their use and inflammable material consistently burned. The town dump which receives no attention, where waste material is scattered about without supervision of any description, soon becomes a community menace and a liability rather than an asset.

Many people still burn debris around their homes. A large number of such fires get out of control causing unnecessary damage and expense to the burner. Why burn at home? Make use of your town dump and eliminate the hazard of burning. It will be easier for you, personally and financially.

If, however, you do burn on your premises:

1. Secure a permit from your local forest fire warden—the law requires it. The warden won't refuse you if conditions are safe.
 2. Be sure to properly supervise your burning. Don't leave it.
 3. Make certain your fire is DEAD OUT before leaving it.
- Save yourself much possible difficulty. Help Keep it safe.

WINTHROP HANNAFORD
District Fire Chief
HERBERT CURTIS
Forest Fire Warden

TOWN HALL REPORT

	Free Hours	Rent	Supplies	
January	\$75 00	21		\$75 00
February	76 00	40	\$3 68	79 68
March	103 00	31½	6 63	109 63
April	92 00	25½	1 34	93 34
May	20 00	15		20 00
June	15 00	6		15 00
July	6 00			6 00
August	13 00			13 00
September	23 00	3	7 01	30 01
October	7 00			7 00
November	44 50	6	4 1 35	45 85
December	58 00	8	35	58 35
	\$532 50	159	4	\$20 36
				\$552 86

DALMER NEWHALL

Janitor

WALTER SMITH

June	\$4 00	\$4 00
July	4 00	4 00
	8 00	8 00
Total	\$540 50	\$560 86

SEXTON'S REPORT FOR 1956

Name of Deceased	Age	Town	Cemetery	Date of Burial
Joseph A. Dulac	54-7-19		Mt.	
		Antrim	Calvary	5-12-56
John D. Weston	80	Bennington	Sunnyside	5-29-56
Nellie Emily Vose	79	Antrim	Evergreen	7-15-56
Louise E. Casey	82	Peterboro	Evergreen	8-22-56
Bertha I. Parker	50	Bennington	Mt.	
			Calvary	9-11-56
Howard C. Gokey	66	Keene	Mt.	
			Calvary	10-8-56
Golddena E. Hayes (Heath)	54-1-28	Boston, Mass.	Evergreen	11-28-56

DALMER NEWHALL

Sexton

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 8th day of March 1957 at eight 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 agent 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 transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bennington this 14th day of February, 1957.

DORIS M. PARKER
CHARLES E. LINDSAY
PHILIP E. KNOWLES
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest.

DORIS M. PARKER
CHARLES E. LINDSAY
PHILIP E. KNOWLES
School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BENNINGTON, N. H.,
SCHOOL DISTRICT

for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1955, and ending
June 30, 1956.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

NORMAN R. HARTFIEL, Supt.
DORIS M. PARKER
CHARLES E. LINDSAY
PHILIP E. KNOWLES
School Board

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

Cash on hand July 1, 1955		\$1,785 62
Current Appropriation	\$28,083 57	
Recess Milk receipts	108 48	
Tuition receipts	300 00	
Received from all other sources	33 96	
Total receipts		\$28,526 01
Total amount available for fiscal year		\$30,284 63
Less school board orders paid		28,194 92
Balance on hand June 30, 1956		\$2,089 71

July 1, 1956

MARY K. WILSON
District Treasurer

BENNINGTON PROPOSED BUDGET 1957-58 AND FINANCIAL REPORT 1955-56

EXPENDITURES	Expenditures 1955-56	Budget 1956-57	Proposed Budget 1957-58
ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$485 00	\$470 00	\$470 00
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	436 84	480 00	622 50
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	208 00	204 00	220 00
4. Salaries of other Admin. Personnel	478 73	282 00	304 46
5. Supplies and Expenses	14 82	284 20	328 97
INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' Salaries	9,675 60	10,500 00	14,400 00
7. Books and other instr. aids	221 52	613 00	600 00
8. Scholars' Supplies	288 96	550 00	600 00
10. Supplies and other expenses	13 44	50 00	50 00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
11. Salaries of Custodians	1,492 50	1,500 00	1,500 00
12. Fuel or Heat		650 00	700 00
13. Water, light, sup. & exp.	186 28	300 00	300 00
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
14. Repairs and Replacements	137 75	200 00	300 00
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:			
15. Health Supervision	500 00	500 00	500 00
16. Transportation	1,538 50	1,530 00	1,530 00
17. Tuition (H)	11,141 42	10,440 00	12,628 00
17. Tuition (E)	100 00	200 00	
18a. School Lunch (Fed. & Dist. Funds)	102 62		
FIXED CHARGES:			
19. Retirement	675 18	798 89	1,051 27
20. Ins. Treas. Bonds & Exp.	395 63	250 00	250 00
Total Net Current Expenses	\$28,092 79	\$29,802 09	\$36,355 20
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
23. New Equipment	68 17	100 00	200 00
Total Net Expenditures	\$28,160 96	\$29,902 00	\$36,555 20
Balance June 30, 1956	2,089 71		
Total Gross Transactions	\$30,250 67		

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Bennington of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and find them correct in all respects.

VINCINA POWERS
WALTER D. CLEARY

July 13, 1956

Auditors

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Bennington:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to present my third annual report for your consideration.

ORGANIZATION

School Board	Mrs. Doris Parker, Chairman Mr. Charles Lindsay Mr. Philip Knowles
Treasurer	Mrs. Mary K. Wilson
Nurse	Mrs. Martha Parker, R. N.
Superintendent	Mr. Norman R. Hartfiel
Teachers	Mrs. Ruth Cody, Principal, Grades 6, 7, 8 Mrs. Vincina Powers, Grades 3, 4, 5 Miss Annie McMinn, Grades 1, 2 Mrs. Isabel Nichols, Music Supervisor

GENERAL REPORT

We have been very fortunate in being able to have the same teaching staff two years in succession. The smoothness with which the school has operated has proven the desirability of this. We hope that this situation will continue indefinitely.

Just a short two years ago, I stated in my report that Bennington was one of the few schools in the state that was not facing an increased enrollment problem. However, that situation has now reversed itself as can be seen by the following enrollment figures.

1956-57			1957-58		
Grade I	9		Grade I	12	
Grade II	12	21	Grade II	9	21
Grade III	14		Grade III	12	
IV	9		IV	14	
V	6	29	V	9	35
Grade VI	12		Grade VI	6	
VII	9		VII	12	
VIII	9	30	VIII	9	27

From the above figures it appears obvious that the number of pupils in each room has increased to a point where it is impossible for a teacher to devote the time necessary to the presentation of instructional materials. Even in schools where a teacher has but one grade, when a class reaches a thirty pupil enrollment it is considered to be reaching the danger point. In our grades 3, 4 and 5 next year the enrollment is expected to reach 35 and we know that we cannot expect a teacher to adequately prepare these pupils for the next grade with this pupil load. Therefore, in an attempt to provide our children with an educational opportunity, more comparable to those in the communities surrounding us, we have provided for another teacher in the budget in order that no teacher will have more than two grades to teach.

The increased cost will necessarily be reflected in the budget as will an increased number of tuition pupils and increased tuition rates.

The tuition rates for next year are: Peterborough \$354; Hillsboro-Deering \$325; Antrim \$300.

The school board and I continue to be concerned with the poor attendance record of some of our high school pupils. It has been necessary for the board to notify the schools where our pupils are attending that in the future they will withdraw their responsibility for tuition payments for pupils whose school attendance was not regular.

I am truly grateful to the citizens of Bennington for an opportunity to work in extreme harmony with a school board that has a keen understanding and knowledge of school problems. I am also grateful to the board for the time and interest they have devoted to school work.

Respectfully submitted,
NORMAN R. HARTFIEL
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

From Feb. 1956 to Feb. 1957

To Mr. Norman Hartfiel, Superintendent of Schools, School Board, Teachers and Parents:

Number of pupils weighed and measured	79
Number of pupils' eyes examined	77
Number of pupils' eyes reported to parents	12
Number of pupils' ears examined	68
Number of pupils to receive second polio shots	35
Pre school children	18
Number of pupils to receive third polio shots	9
Number of pupils with chickenpox	1

Minor ailments have been taken care of at home and at school.

I wish to thank the Superintendent of Schools, School Board and Parents for their cooperation in the health program.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA PARKER, R. N.

School Nurse

1956 REPORT OF N. H. STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Salk Vaccine Clinics were held at the school during the past year. This was given to children from 6 months thru 19 years of age and Pre-Natals.

BENNINGTON:

Clinics Held	2	Pre-School	49
Attendance	137	School	88
		Total	137

Home visits have been made with emphasis on the care of the sick and Health Education.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Wiederhold, School Department, Women's Club, School Nurse, Martha Parker, Florence Newton and her committee. This service would not have been possible without the parents and friends who have cooperated so generously with the work of the Public Health Nurse.

It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL W. SOMES, R. N.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1956											
Jan. 5	Peterboro	Diane Lee	F	L	Charles A. Johnson	Rena Mae Paige	W	Bennington	Painter	Lynn, Mass.	Greenfield
Jan. 7	Peterboro	David Lydston	M	L	Robert L. Blanchard	Eunice Joy Watt	W	Bennington	Farmer	Greenfield	Newton, Mass.
May 13	Peterboro	Daren David	M	L	Harlan Robertson	Veina E. Davidson	W	Bennington	Truck Driver	Francesstown	Bennington
May 18	Peterboro	Linda Ann	F	L	Thomas F. Hughes	Grace R. Burrows	W	Bennington	W. W. Cross Co	Peterboro	Medford, Mass.
July 12	Peterboro	Jerry Dale	M	L	Sidney F. Willis	Barbara F. Ossman	W	Bennington	Artist	Newark, N. J.	Bronx, N. Y.
July 31	Peterboro	Karen Ann	F	L	Melvin C. Loomis	Janice E. Hugron	W	Bennington	Fireman	Baldwinsville, Mass.	Antrim
Aug. 25	Peterboro	Dennis Peter	M	L	Wesley D. McClure	Pauline L. Paige	W	Bennington	Painter	Antrim	Francesstown
Aug. 26	Peterboro	Michael Colin	M	L	Hammond Chandler	Margery J. Traxler	W	Bennington	Tech. Sgt.	Fitchburg, Mass.	Nashua
Sept. 15	Peterboro	Stephen Peter	M	L	Samuel C. Zachos	Linnea M. Farhm	W	Bennington	Trimmer	Bennington	Peterboro

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

DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Resident of Each at Time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Name of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1956						
May 12	Alphonse Louis Birtelle Bennington	Tilton Bennington	28 20	Mason Billor	Adolph Birtelle Denise Malotte Alfred S. Chase	Rev. Thomas P. Mason Catholic Priest Bennington
May 19	Dorothy Alfreda Chase Donald Harold Fritz Bennington	Courtland, N. Y. Bennington	25 22	Veterinarian Secretary	Dorothy M. Taylor Harold R. Fritz Irene Livermore George B. Griswold	Rev. Thomas H. Billings Cong'l Minister Hancock
June 10	Shirley Mae Griswold Andrew Thomas Bavelas Nashua	Bennington Nashua	31 23	Paper Maker At home	Marion L. Shea Thomas A. Bavelas Archie Dimtsias John T. Dimtsias	Rev. George J. Tsoumas Minister Nashua
July 28	Earl Stuart Hamel Dorothy Ellen Gray Bennington	Francestown Bennington	22 18	U. S. Navy At home	Theodore Hamel George H. Hamel Clara E. Beard George H. Gray	Rev. Thomas H. Billings Cong'l Minister Hancock
October 6	Donald William Caswell Dorothy Marie Haas Bennington	Concord Bennington	22 21	Shipping Nurse	Orinda H. Robbins William Leon Caswell Oliver Townsend William S. Haas	Rev. Thomas P. Mason Catholic Priest Bennington
November 7	Frank W. Leete Grace D. Cole Milford	Antrim Bennington	68 55	Retired At home	Blanche A. Hillman William Leete Mary Noble Albert F. French Nettie M. Smith	Rev. E. M. Jones Minister Milford

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Date 1956	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Condition		Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
					Sex	Marital			
May 26	Peterborough	John Dana Weston	80	Somerville, Mass.	M	W	Poultry Farmer	John Henry Weston	Ella R. Hanchett
June 27	Goffstown	Lillian Newton	67	Bennington	F	S		Francis J. Newton	Alice Boughton
Sept. 7	Bennington	Bertha Isabella Parker	60	Bennington	F	M		Victor Cassette	Rose Diamond

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

DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk

