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# TOWN OFFICERS

## MODERATOR

John P. Weston Term expires Sept. 1960

## SELECTMEN

Charles E. Lindsay Term expires March 1960  
Erving A. LeCain Term expires March 1961  
Frederick S. Sheldon Term expires March 1962

## TOWN CLERK

Donald A. Powers Term expires March 1960

## TOWN TREASURER

Arthur F. Bell Term expires March 1960

## ROAD AGENT

Herbert A. Curtis Resigned Dec. 1, 1959  
Joseph E. LeBlanc, Jr. Term expires March 1960

## TAX COLLECTOR

Edward French Term expires March 1960

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Philip E. Knowles Term expires March 1960  
Mary D. Shea Term expires March 1961  
Ruth A. Cody Term expires March 1962

## COMMISSIONERS OF WATER WORKS

Edward French Term expires March 1960  
Albert Cuddemi Term expires March 1961  
John D. Armstrong Term expires March 1962

## FIRE WARDENS

Paul G. Traxler, Chief Term expires March 1960  
Fred Hugron Term expires March 1960  
Ivon W. Clough Term expires March 1960

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Herbert A. Curtis Term expires Jan. 1, 1962

## DEPUTY WARDENS

Pearl J. Warren Term expires Jan. 1, 1962  
Lawrence Newhall Term expires Jan. 1, 1962  
Edward French Term expires Jan. 1, 1962  
Charles Lindsay Term expires Jan. 1, 1962

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appointed by Moderator for One Year

William Aldrich  
Edward French

George Weston  
Clifford Smith

Theodore Aucella

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Edward French Term expires Sept. 1960  
Philip E. Knowles Term expires Sept. 1960  
Paul G. Traxler Term expires Sept. 1960

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Philip E. Knowles Term expires March 1960  
John P. Weston Term expires March 1961  
Frederick S. Sheldon Term expires March 1962

OVERSEER OF POOR

Alfred S. Chase Resigned April 4, 1959  
Addie French Term expires March 1960

JANITOR, TOWN HALL

Paul G. Traxler Term expires March 1960

SEXTON

Fred Hugron Term expires March 1960

CONSTABLE

Olen E. Newhall Term expires March 1960

CHIEF OF POLICE

Olen E. Newhall Term expires March 1960

SPECIAL POLICE

Frederick E. Hugron Term expires March 1960  
Lionel Lortie Term expires March 1960  
Eugene Creighton Term expires March 1960

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

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## 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 8th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessity 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 the same. The Town must raise \$245.19 and the State will contribute \$1,634.57.
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 \$1,500.00 for tarring. (Selectmen)
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 Memorial Day and raise and appropriate money for the same.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$147.00 (1/100th of 1% of Town Valuation) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southwestern N. H. for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the Town in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Region. (Selectmen).

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to be used in cooperation with State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine Blister Rust within the confines of the Town. (Selectmen)

11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$330.00 for the purchase of new fire hose. (Fire Department)

12. To see what action the Town will take in regard to sidewalk construction and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500. for the same. (Frederick Sheldon and Arthur Bell)

13. To see what action the Town will take with regard to a new heating system for the Town Hall and raise and appropriate money for the same. (Selectmen and Budget Committee).

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint the Chief of Police from and after Town Meeting date, 1961. (Selectmen and Budget Committee).

15. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the retaining wall at Sunnyside Cemetery adjoining property of Winder Smith and to raise and appropriate money for the same. (Winder Smith).

16. 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.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty.

CHARLES E. LINDSAY  
ERVING A. LECAIN  
FREDERICK S. SHELDON  
Selectmen of Bennington

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES E. LINDSAY  
ERVING A. LECAIN  
FREDERICK S. SHELDON  
Selectmen of Bennington



## BASIS FOR 1960 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 1960 property tax rate.

Total appropriation, town budget	\$41,157 11	
Total appropriation school budget	38,175 93	
		\$79,333 04
Less: Estimated Revenue	\$10,633 79	
Estimated Poll Taxes	428 00	
Estimated Cash Surplus	5,600 00	
		\$16,661 79
Total		\$62,671 25
Plus Overlay		1,048 75
Total to be raised by Property Taxes		\$63,720 00
1959 Property Valuation		\$1,474,180 00
1960 Property Valuation Estimate		\$1,475,000 00
Estimated tax rate on <b>Budget Items Only</b>		\$43 20
Increase in rate per every thousand dollars appropriated in the Warrant		\$0 68

COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

1955—1959

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	Proposed 1960
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,400 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,435 00	\$1,475 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500 00	800 00	600 00	700 00	750 00	750 00
Election and Registration	150 00	350 00	150 00	350 00	125 00	315 00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,800 00	1,300 00	1,700 00	1,300 00	1,300 00	1,700 00
Police Department	600 00	600 00	600 00	600 00	600 00	1,000 00
Fire Department	1,900 00	1,600 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,350 00	1,350 00
Parks and Playgrounds	1,500 00	1,800 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,200 00
Insurance		1,500 00	1,700 00	1,850 00	1,900 00	2,000 00
Civilian Defense	150 00	150 00	50 00			
Blister Rust	125 00			550 00		
Health Dept. and Town Dump	575 00	575 00	550 00	550 00	550 00	900 00
T.R.A.	186 20	186 17	203 46	247 86	246 67	245 19
Town Maintenance	5,000 00	6,000 00	6,500 00	6,500 00	6,500 00	6,500 00
General Expenses Highway Dept.	800 00	900 00	800 00	950 00	600 00	1,000 00
Truck	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	600 00
Tarring	1,500 00	1,000 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	*1,500 00
Street Lighting	1,500 00	1,600 00	1,700 00	1,600 00	1,600 00	1,750 00
Libraries	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00
Old Age Assistance	2,500 00	2,000 00	2,500 00	2,200 00	2,200 00	2,200 00
Public Relief	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,000 00	800 00
Memorial and Old Home Day	350 00	250 00	200 00	250 00	175 00	*175 00
Water and Electric Departments	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,200 00	2,400 00
Cemeteries	300 00	300 00	750 00	1,050 00	900 00	900 00
Interest	340 00	463 00	375 00	804 09	1,060 00	800 00
Regional Associations	158 00	158 00	150 00	150 00	146 00	147 00



COMPARISON OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

1955—1959

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	Proposed 1960
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,515 00	\$1,425 00	\$1,425 00	\$1,435 00	\$1,488 75	\$1,475 00
Town Officers' Expenses	456 27	674 06	789 10	755 05	793 32	750 00
Election and Registration	456 00	284 00	88 00	311 50	99 25	315 00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,070 10	1,512 93	1,875 98	1,585 46	1,705 68	1,700 00
Police Department	524 34	601 81	408 12	449 50	817 24	1,000 00
Fire Department	4,717 29	1,282 37	1,473 55	1,879 00	1,515 03	1,350 00
Parks and Playgrounds	1,430 03	1,284 83	1,202 20	1,170 35	1,044 29	1,200 00
Insurance	2,249 50	1,694 85	1,825 02	1,983 16	1,950 50	2,000 00
Civilian Defense	499 94	300 00		493 05	12 55	900 00
Health Department and Town Dump	7,336 20	497 25	478 63		756 25	245 19
T.R.A.	5,175 23	7,956 38	6,804 63	6,733 70	7,005 16	6,500 00
Town Road Maintenance	740 88	730 84	956 54	805 85	1,550 11	1,000 00
General Expense Highway	1,000 24	1,919 46	1,432 05	1,371 93	804 23	600 00
Truck	921 77	1,652 50	2,280 84	1,692 56	1,128 79	*1,500 00
Tarring	1,501 30	1,555 38	1,560 78	1,577 88	1,494 40	1,750 00
Street Lighting	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00
Libraries	1,883 94	2,113 80	2,048 41	2,053 50	2,002 56	2,200 00
Old Age Assistance	880 79	626 50	940 51	895 59	459 22	800 00
Public Relief	350 00	167 20	206 50	250 00	175 00	*175 00
Memorial and Old Home Day	3,285 45	3,157 94	2,846 45	2,448 63	3,069 35	2,400 00
Water Department	885 86	953 46	642 98	625 60	864 03	900 00
Cemeteries	243 01	470 08	524 47	804 09	680 55	800 00
Interest	158 00	220 00	150 00	144 00	144 00	147 00
Regional Associations						
Payment on Debt	1,000 00	4,700 00	3,200 00	4,250 00	3,000 00	5,880 00

Miscellaneous	79 39	315 99	603 58	852 66	779 95	272 00
Special Appropriations in Warrant	1,845 60	7,395 00	806 37	2,926 47	43,256 87	*5,800 00
TOTALS	\$40,406 22	\$43,891 63	\$34,769 71	\$37,694 53	\$36,797 08	\$41,859 19
County Tax	5,350 70	5,168 54	6,334 75	6,242 21	6,772 92	6,772 92
School Warrant	28,083 57	29,363 19	35,962 52	32,375 06	35,470 83	38,175 03
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$73,840 49	\$78,423 36	\$77,066 98	\$76,311 80	\$79,040 83	\$86,808 04
Total Revenue Except Property Taxes	15,085 06	17,827 19	13,066 57	14,248 80	11,855 87	16,661 79
TOTAL NET	\$58,755 43	\$60,596 17	\$64,000 41	\$62,063 00	\$67,184 96	\$70,146 25
*Estimated—Warrant						
(A) Net of Amount raised by Long Term Notes						

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1960 to December 31, 1960. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1959	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1959	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1960
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$1,621 49	\$673 21	\$673 21
Railroad Tax	166 98	134 67	134 67
Savings Bank Tax	60 37	46 34	46 34
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal TRA	662 44	415 77	1,634 57
For Fighting Forest Fires		10 95	
Reimb. a/c Old Age As.		36 80	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses	200 00	221 60	200 00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	20 00	28 00	20 00
Rent of Town Hall & other Bldgs.	100 00	22 77	25 00
Interest Rec'd on Taxes & Deposits	1,400 00	1,294 54	200 00
Income from Trust Funds	500 00	584 10	500 00
Income of Departments:			
Highway, incl. rental of equip.	1,200 00	1,288 65	1,200 00
Insurance Claim & Refunds		103 00	
Miscellaneous		148 92	
Income from Municipally owned Utilities:			
Water Department	2,950 00	3,417 84	3,000 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,600 00	3,113 71	3,000 00
Sale of Town Property:			
Cemetery lots		65 00	
Town Truck		250 00	
<b>Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:</b>			
Town Bond Aid		9,400 00	
Water Main		2,600 00	
Town Truck		3,000 00	
<b>Cash Surplus</b>			5,600 00
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>			
Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2.	436 00	428 00	428 00
Yield Taxes	200 00	209 76	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROP. TAXES</b>	<b>\$12,117 28</b>	<b>\$27,493 63</b>	<b>\$16,661 79</b>
<b>Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes</b>	<b>\$61,130 25</b>		<b>\$62,671 25</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>			<b>\$79,333 04</b>

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1959	Actual Expenditures Year 1959	Estimated Expenditures Year 1960
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,435 00	\$1,488 75	\$1,475 00
Town Officers' Expenses	750 00	793 32	750 00
Election & Registration Expenses	125 00	99 25	315 00
Expenses Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	1,300 00	1,705 68	1,700 00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	600 00	817 24	1,000 00
Fire Department	1,350 00	1,515 03	1,350 00
Insurance	1,900 00	1,950 50	2,000 00
Civil Defense		12 55	
<b>Health:</b>			
Health Dept., Incl. Hospitals	50 00		50 00
Vital Statistics	28 00	22 00	22 00
Town Dump	500 00	756 25	850 00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000 00	3,105 92	2,000 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,500 00	3,899 24	4,500 00
Street Lighting	1,600 00	1,494 40	1,750 00
General Expenses of Highway Department	600 00	1,550 11	1,000 00
Town Road Aid	246 67	246 67	245 19
Libraries	200 00	200 00	200 00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	1,000 00	459 22	800 00
Old Age Assistance	2,200 00	2,002 56	2,200 00
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks & Playground, Incl. Band Concerts	1,200 00	1,044 29	1,200 00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Municipally Owned Water & Electric Utilities	2,200 00	3,069 35	2,400 00
Cemeteries	900 00	864 03	900 00

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1959	Actual Expenditures Year 1959	Estimated Expenditures Year 1960
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Damages & Legal Expenses	100 00	117 33	250 00
Advertising & Regional As.	146 00	144 00	147 00
<b>Interest:</b>			
On Temporary Loans	900 00	468 05	200 00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	160 00	212 50	600 00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Town Truck	1,200 00	804 23	600 00
<b>Payment on Principal of Debt:</b>			
Long Term Notes	3,000 00	3,000 00	5,880 00
County Taxes	6,240 25	6,772 92	6,772 92
School Taxes	36,851 61	36,851 61	38,175 93
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$73,282 53</b>	<b>\$75,467 00</b>	<b>\$79,333 04</b>



**TAX YEAR 1959 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF  
VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	Valuation
Lands and Buildings	\$682,600
Mill Property (Include buildings, land & machinery)	550,000
Electric Plants	63,100
Stock in Trade	203,000
Horses	2
Cows	31
Fowls	6100
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	5
Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	1,505,180
Less: Veterans' exemptions & exemptions to blind	31,000
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	1,474,180
Public Service Co. of N. H., electric plants	63,100
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	31,000
Amount of property valuation exempted to blind	None
Number of inventories distributed	296
Number of inventories returned	182
Number of veterans who received property exemption	31
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	67

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 76:11 for an extension of time in which to commit the property tax warrant to the Tax Collector. An extension of 30 days after the tax rate is approved is hereby requested.

CHARLES E. LINDSAY  
ERVING A. LECAIN  
FREDERICK S. SHELDON  
Selectmen of Bennington

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND  
TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1959  
OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH  
COUNTY

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

ERVING A. LECAIN

FREDERICK S. SHELDON

Selectmen of Bennington

APPROPRIATIONS, 1959

Town Officers' Salaries		\$1,435 00
Town Officers' Expenses		750 00
Election & Registration Expenses		125 00
Municipal Court Expenses, Chair repairs		100 00
Town Hall & Buildings Maintenance		1,300 00
Police Department		600 00
Parking Areas, Engine Hall		865 00
Fire Department		1,350 00
New Hose		330 00
Insurance		1,900 00
Health Department		50 00
Vital Statistics		28 00
Tarring		1,500 00
Dump		500 00
Town Road Aid		246 67
Town Maintenance, summer	\$3,000	
Town Maintenance, winter	3,500	
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	6,500 00
Street Lighting		1,600 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		600 00
Libraries		200 00
Old Age Assistance		2,200 00
Public Relief, Town Poor		1,000 00
Memorial Day, Old Home Day		175 00
Parks & Playgrounds, inc. band concerts		1,200 00
Water and Electric Utilities		2,200 00
Cemeteries		900 00
Damages and Legal Expenses		100 00
Advertising & Regional As.		146 00
Town Truck		1,200 00

Town Garage		2,000	00
New Equipment		2,000	00
Payment on Debt, Principal	\$3,000		
Interest	1,060		
		<u>4,060</u>	00
Total Town Appropriations		\$37,160	67
County Tax		6,772	92
School Tax		<u>35,470</u>	83
Total Town, County & School Appropriations			\$79,404 42
Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:			
Interest on Taxes		\$1,400	00
Interest & Dividends Tax		673	21
Railroad Tax		166	98
Savings Bank Tax		60	37
Reimbursement a/c State & Federal			
Lands T.R.A.		662	44
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources		350	00
Dog Licenses		200	00
Business Licenses & Permits		20	00
Rent of Town Property & Equipment			
Town Hall	\$100		
Town Truck	1,200	1,300	00
Income from Trust Funds		500	00
Water & Electric Depts.		2,950	00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		<u>2,600</u>	00
Revenues and Credits			\$10,883 00
			<u>\$68,521 42</u>
Plus Overlay			986 20
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation			\$69,507 62
Less: Number 258 of Poll Taxes at \$2.			<u>516 00</u>
Amount to be raised by property taxes			\$68,991 62
Taxes to be committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes			\$68,991 62
Poll Taxes at \$2.00			<u>516 00</u>
Total Taxes to be committed			\$69,507 62
Rate approved by Tax Comm.			\$4 68

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1959**  
**For Itemized Report See Detailed Payments and Receipts**

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts & Reimbursements	Amount Available	Expenditures	Balance	Overdrafts
1. Town officers' salaries	\$1,435 00		\$1,435 00	\$1,488 75		\$53 75
2. Town officers' expenses	750 00		750 00	793 32		43 32
3. Election & Registration	125 00		125 00	99 25	25 75	
4. Town Hall maintenance	1,300 00	\$127 77	1,427 77	1,705 68		277 91
5. Police Department	600 00		600 00	817 24		217 24
6. Fire Department	1,350 00	428 97	1,778 97	1,515 03	263 94	
7. Civilian Defense	50 00		50 00	12 55	37 45	
8. Town Dump	500 00		500 00	756 25		256 25
9. Vital Statistics	28 00		28 00	22 00	6 00	
10. T.R.A.	246 67	9,815 77	10,062 44	10,400 00		337 56
11. Town Road Maintenance	6,500 00		6,500 00	7,005 16		505 16
12. General expense, highway	600 00	868 94	1,468 94	1,550 11		81 17
13. Insurance	1,900 00	33 66	1,933 66	1,950 50		16 84
14. Tarring	1,500 00		1,500 00	1,128 79	371 21	
15. Street Lighting	1,600 00		1,600 00	1,494 40	105 60	
16. Libraries	200 00		200 00	200 00		
17. Old Age Assistance	2,200 00	36 80	2,236 80	2,002 56	234 24	
18. Town Poor	1,000 00		1,000 00	459 22	540 78	
19. Memorial Day	175 00		175 00	175 00		
20. Parks & Playgrounds	1,200 00		1,200 00	1,044 29	155 71	
21. Water Department		3,417 84	3,417 84	3,069 35	348 49	
22. Canteen	400 00	819 45	1,219 45	864 03	355 42	
23. Town Truck		1,288 65	1,288 65	804 23	484 42	
24. Legal Expenses	100 00		100 00	117 33		17 33
25. Regional Associations	146 00		146 00	144 00	2 00	
26. Payment on Debt	3,000 00		3,000 00	3,000 00		
27. Water Department—New Line	1,000 00	2,600 00	3,600 00	4,041 87		441 87

28. Interest									
29. Clafin Garage	2,000 00	1,294 54	1,294 54	680 55	613 99				
30. Town Hall heater	865 00		2,000 00		2,000 00				
31. Town Truck	1,000 00	3,000 00	4,000 00	865 00	50 00				
Totals	<u>\$31,770 67</u>	<u>\$23,732 39</u>	<u>\$55,503 06</u>	<u>\$52,156 46</u>	<u>\$5,595 00</u>				<u>\$2,248 40</u>
Net Balance			<u>\$3,346 60</u>						<u>\$3,346 60</u>

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**  
For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1959

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 Jan. 16, 1960.

CHARLES E. LINDSAY  
ERVING A. LECAIN  
FREDERICK S. SHELDON  
Selectmen  
A. F. BELL, Treasurer

ASSETS		
Cash in hands of treasurer		\$30,451 00
Other bills due Town:		
A. Cuddemi		146 04
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1958	\$114 24	
Levy of 1957	38 78	
		\$153 02
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1959	\$2,694 90	
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1959	245 00	
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	5 00	
		\$2,944 90
 Total Assets		 \$33,694 96
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)		10,127 35
 Grand Total		 \$43,822 31
Net Debt—Dec. 31, 1958		1,363 28
Net Debt—Dec. 31, 1959		10,127 35
Increase of Debt		8,769 07
Notes—Truck-Water line & TRA		

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills outstanding		\$561 09
Unexpended balances of Special Approp.		
Garage-Claffin	\$2,000 00	
O. H. Day	300 00	
Water Dept.	459 41	
Civil Defense	37 45	
Culvert	143 53	
		2,940 39

Due to State:		
State Head Taxes, 1959		
Uncollected	\$245	
Collected, not remitted to State		
Treas.	605	
	<hr/>	850 00
Due to School Districts:		
Balance of Appropriation		\$20,470 83
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Fire Truck	\$2,000	
Water Dept.	2,000	
Water Line	2,600	
T.R.A.	9,400	
Truck	3,000	
	<hr/>	19,000 00
Total Liabilities		<hr/> \$43,822 31

#### RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes, current year, 1959	\$65,129 70	
Poll taxes, current year, 1959	428 00	
Yield taxes, 1959	209 76	
State Head Taxes at \$5, 1959	1,370 00	
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Total current year's taxes collected and remitted		\$67,137 46
Property taxes and yield taxes, previous years		40,292 90
Poll taxes, previous years		64 00
State Head taxes at \$5, previous years		255 00
Interest received on taxes		1,294 54
Penalties on State Head Taxes		37 50
Tax sales redeemed		384 97
From State:		
For Highways and Bridges:		
For Town Road Aid		415 77
Interest and dividends tax		673 21
Railroad tax		134 67
Savings Bank Tax & building & Loan Association Tax		46 34
Fighting forest fires		10 95
Reimbursement a/c Old Age As.		36 80
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses		221 60
Business licenses, permits & filing fees		28 00

Rent of town property	22 77
Income from trust funds	584 10
Income from dept. (Highway)	49 60
Income from municipal water & electric departments	3,417 84
Registration of motor vehicles, 1958 permits	24 51
Registration of motor vehicles, 1959 permits	3,089 20

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$25,000 00
Long term notes during year	15,000 00
Insurance adjustments	33 66
Refunds	6 30
Sale of town property (Town Truck)	250 00
Town Truck	1,288 65
Insurance Claim	69 34
Telephone	88 02
Sale of Cemetery Lots	65 00
Sale of Junk	5 00

Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue \$41,805 97

Total Receipts from All Sources \$160,027 70  
Cash on hand January 1, 1959 9,238 92

Grand Total \$169,266 62

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$1,488 75
Town officers' expenses	793 32
Election & registration expenses	99 25
Expenses town hall & other bldgs.	1,705 68

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	817 24
Fire Dept., including forest fires	1,515 03
Insurance	1,950 50
Civil Defense	12 55

Health:

Vital statistics	22 00
Town dump	756 25



Highways and Bridges:		
Town mainten., summer	\$3,105 92	
Town mainten., winter	3,899 24	
	<hr/>	7,005 16
Street lighting		1,494 40
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		1,550 11
Libraries		200 00
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance		2,002 56
Town poor		459 22
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day & Vet. As.		175 00
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds, incl. band con.		1,044 29
Public Service Enterprises:		
Municipal water & electric depts.		3,069 35
Cemeteries		864 03
Unclassified:		
Damages & legal expenses		117 33
Advertising & Regional As.		144 00
Taxes bought by town		330 36
Discounts, abatements & refunds		18 70
Payment to State a/c yield tax debt		
Retirement		34 96
Employees' retirement & S. S.		193 00
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Total Current Maintenance Exp.		\$27,855 53
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		\$468 05
Paid on long term notes		212 50
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Total Interest Payments		\$680 55
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment & Permanent Impro.:		
Highways & Bridges—State Aid construction		9,400 00
Tarring		1,128 79
Truck		804 23
Water Works construction		4,041 87
Town Hall heaters		805 00

Christmas lights	63 60	
New equipment—truck	3,950 00	
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Total Outlay Payments		\$20,253 49
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	45,000 00	
Payments on long term notes	3,000 00	
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Total Indebtedness Payments		\$48,000 00
Payments to Other Gov. Divs.:		
State Head taxes paid State		
Treas., 1959 taxes	\$987 50	
Prior Years	280 50	
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		1,268 00
Taxes paid to County		6,772 92
Payments to School Dists.		
1958 Tax	\$18,462 52	
1959 Tax	15,515 10	
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		33,977 62
Total Payments to Other Gov. Divs.:		\$42,018 54
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Total Payments for all Purposes		\$138,815 62
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1959		30,451 00
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Grand Total		\$169,266 62

### 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., equipment	17,000 00
Highway Dept., lands & buildings	2,000 00
Highway Dept., equipment	5,700 00
Materials and supplies	500 00
Parks, commons & playgrounds	35,000 00
Water Supply, if owned by Town	50,000 00
Schools, lands and buildings	65,000 00
Equipment	10,000 00
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Total	\$239,800 00

**STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT**

TOWN OF BENNINGTON—December 31, 1959

Annual Maturities of Outstanding Bonds and Long Term Notes

	Fire Truck Ser. Notes	T.R.A. Construction Ser. Notes	Water Dept. Chlorinator Ser. Notes	Town Water Dept. Truck Ser. Notes	Water Dept. Pipe Line Ser. Notes	Total
	1952 2%	1959 3½%	1956 2½%	1959 3½%	1959 3½%	
1960	\$1,000 00	\$1,880 00	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$5,880 00
1961	1,000 00	1,880 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	5,880 00
1962		1,880 00		1,000 00	600 00	3,480 00
1963		1,880 00				1,880 00
1964		1,880 00				1,880 00
Totals	\$2,000 00	\$9,400 00	\$2,000 00	\$3,000 00	\$2,600 00	\$19,000 00
		Less—T.R.A. Notes	Guaranteed by the State			9,400 00
						\$9,600 00

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

Jan. 1, 1959 thru Dec. 31, 1959:

Auto tax, 1958	\$24 51	
Auto tax, 1959	3,089 20	
	<hr/>	\$3,113 71
Filing fees		\$18 00
Dog taxes (1958)	\$32 00	
Clerk's fees (1958)	2 60	
	<hr/>	\$29 40
Dog taxes (1959)	\$209 00	
Clerk's fees (1959)	16 80	
	<hr/>	\$192 20
Total amount paid to treasurer in 1959		\$3,353 31

DON A. POWERS,  
Town Clerk

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAX WARRANT

#### Levy of 1959

##### Debit

Total Property, Poll & National Bank			
Stock taxes committed	\$69,493	62	
Yield Taxes Committed	209	76	
Interest Collected	4	64	
	_____		\$69,708 02

##### Credits

Total Remittances to Treasurer	\$65,772	10	
Discount Allowed	1,227	32	
Abatements Allowed	13	70	
Uncollected Taxes, per Collector's List	2,694	90	
	_____		\$69,708 02

#### Levy of 1958

##### Debit

Uncollected Taxes, as of Jan. 1, 1959	\$40,395	30	
Added Taxes	6	00	
Interest Collected	1,289	90	
	_____		\$41,691 20

##### Credit

Remittances to Treasurer	\$41,646	80	
Abatements	44	40	
	_____		\$41,691 20

### STATE HEAD TAX

#### Levy of 1959

##### Debits

Original Warrant	\$1,625	00	
Added Taxes	25	00	
Penalties	12	00	
	_____		\$1,662 00

##### Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	\$1,382	00	
Abatements	35	00	
Uncollected Taxes, per Collectors' list	245	00	
	_____		\$1,662 00

Levy of 1958

Debits

Uncollected Taxes, as of Jan. 1, 1959	\$220 00	
Added Taxes	45 00	
Penalties	25 50	
		\$290 50

Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	\$280 50	
Abatements	5 00	
Uncollected Taxes, per Collector's List	5 00	
		\$290 50

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1959

	Tax Sales on Account of Levy of		
	1958	1957	1956
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$330 36		
Balance Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1959		\$130 18	\$64 17
Interest after Sales	1 48	5 64	9 91
Totals	\$331 84	\$135 82	\$74 08
Remitted to Treasurer	\$213 85	\$97 04	\$74 08
Abatements	3 75		
Unredeemed at close of year	114 24	38 78	
Totals	\$331 84	\$135 82	\$74 08

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on Account of Levy of:

	1958	1957
Warren Perkins		\$38 78
Melvin & Ruth Loomis	73 26	
Carrie Smith	40 98	
Totals	\$114 24	\$38 78

UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES FOR 1959

Howard Ayers	\$98 28
Herbert Bemis	11 70
Robert & Eunice Blanchard	343 98
Patrick Cashion Est.	84 24
Patrick Cashion	93 60
Madolyn Chase	140 40
Charles Cole Est., paid 1/11/60	11 48
Christo Cordatos	32 76
Charles Cook	71 90
George Edes	25 74
Mary Edes	2 34
Ruth Eldrid	84 24
Nellie French Est.	32 76
Alice Frederick	79 56
Bessie Giddings	46 80
James Griswold	140 40
William Haag	224 64
Sydney Huntington	81 90
Melvin & Ruth Loomis	56 16
Maurice Paige	102 96
Verna Paige	28 08
Village Spa	110 60
Warren Perkins	84 24
Lawrence Southwick	37 44
Evelyn Sudsbury	46 80
Carrie Smith	37 44
Ralph & Jean Smith	107 64
Leo Tacy Est.	46 80
Philip Traxler	23 40
Claude & Catherine Butts	93 60
William Dickey Est.	2 34
Charles Edler	81 90
Herbert Flanders	28 08
Horton Glynn	2 34
William & Carrie Larkin	117 00
Fred Mailette Est.	2 34
John Robertson	7 02
Total	<u>\$2,622 90</u>

UNPAID POLL TAXES FOR 1959

Howard Ayers, Paid 1/16/60  
 Helena Ayers, Paid 1/16/60  
 Robert Blanchard  
 Eunice Blanchard  
 Robert Brown

Josephine Brown  
Leo Chamberlain  
Dorothy Chamberlain  
Irwin Chase  
Lois Chase  
Danny Cole  
Ruth Eldrid  
Alice Frederick  
Evelyn Griswold  
Judith Haughton  
Arnold Logan, Paid 1/6/60  
Richard Lyons  
Ardell Lyons  
Helen McWhirter  
Verna Paige  
Warren Perkins  
Clarence Rogers  
Margaret Rogers  
Verna Robertson  
Lawrence Southwick  
Sylvia Southwick  
Evelyn Sudsbury  
Kathleen Sjogren  
William Sharby  
Janet Sharby  
Jean Smith  
Elsie Traxler  
George Varnum  
Phoebe Whittemore  
Hazel White  
Suzanne Zabriskie  
36 Polls at \$2.00

\$72 00

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UNPAID HEAD TAXES, 1959

1958

Edna Mercier

1959

Howard Ayers, Paid 1/16/60

Helena Ayers, Paid 1/16/60

Robert Blanchard

Eunice Blanchard

Robert Brown

Josephine Brown

Alfred Chase

Leo Chamberlain

Dorothy Chamberlain

Irwin Chase

Lois Chase  
 Danny Cole  
 Ruth Eldrid  
 Alice Frederick  
 Chester Frederick  
 James Griswold  
 Evelyn Griswold  
 Judith Haughton  
 Arnold Logan, Paid 1/6/60  
 Richard Lyons  
 Ardell Lyons  
 Helen McWhirter  
 Maurice Paige  
 Verna Paige  
 Warren Perkins  
 Clarence Rogers  
 Margaret Rogers  
 Harlan Robertson  
 Verna Robertson  
 Lawrence Southwick  
 Sylvia Southwick  
 Evelyn Sudsbury  
 Charles Sjogren  
 Kathleen Sjogren  
 William Sharby  
 Janet Sharby  
 Ralph Smith  
 Jean Smith  
 Imogene Tacy  
 Winfred Tacy  
 Leo Tacy, Paid 1/25/60  
 Philip Traxler  
 Elsie Traxler  
 George Varnum  
 George Whittemore  
 Phoebe Whittemore  
 Hazel White  
 Charles Zabriskie  
 Suzanne Zabriskie  
 49 at \$5.00

\$245 00

I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1959, on account of the tax levies of 1957, 1958, 1959, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWARD FRENCH  
 Tax Collector



# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

## CREDIT

Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1958	\$9,238 92
Total Receipts to Dec. 31, 1959	160,027 70
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Total	\$169,266 62

## DEBIT

Total orders paid through Dec. 31, 1959	\$138,815 62
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1959	30,451 00
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Total	\$169,266 62

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

1. Taxes—Edward French, Tax Collector:		
Current years property taxes	\$65,129 70	
Current years poll taxes	428 00	
Current years yield taxes	209 76	
Current years head taxes	1,370 00	
Priors years property taxes	40,292 90	
Prior years poll taxes	64 00	
Prior years head taxes	255 00	
Interest	1,294 54	
Penalties	37 50	
Tax Sales Redeemed	384 97	
Total Taxes		\$109,466 37
2. Received from the State:		
T.R.A.	\$415 77	
Interest & Dividend Tax	673 21	
Railroad Tax	134 67	
Savings Bank Tax	46 34	
Forest Fires	10 95	
Old Age Assistance	36 80	
		\$1,317 74
3. Dog Licenses		221 60
Donald Powers		
4. Business Licenses and filing fees		
Beano	\$10 00	
Filing fees, Donald Powers	18 00	
		28 00
5. Rent of town property, Paul Traxler		16 00
6. Trust Funds, Philip Knowles		584 10
7. Water Dept., John Armstrong		3,417 84
8. Motor vehicle permits, Donald Powers		3,113 71
9. Tarring, Herbert Curtis		49 60
10. Temporary loans, First National Bank of Hillsboro		25,000 00
11. Long Term Loans, First National Bank of Hillsboro		15,000 00
12. Town truck, Herbert Curtis & Joseph LeBlanc		1,288 65

13. Miscellaneous

Sale of old town truck, Yeaton & Main	\$250 00	
Insurance claim, Davis-Clark	69 34	
Insurance refund, Davis-Clark	33 66	
Sale of Cemetery lots, Mrs. John Bryer	65 00	
Refund of overpayment, head taxes		
State of New Hampshire	6 30	
Sale of junk	5 00	
Telephone, Paul Traxler	94 79	
	<hr/>	524 09
Total		<hr/> \$160,027 70

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### 1. Town Officers' Salaries:

Donald Powers	\$125 00	
Charles Lindsay	300 00	
Erving LeCain	250 00	
Fred Sheldon	250 00	
Edward French	236 25	
Ivon Clough	25 00	
Fred Hugron	45 00	
Arthur Bell	187 50	
Addie French	50 00	
Paul Traxler	20 00	
	\$1,488 75	

### 2. Town Officers' Expenses:

Asso. of N. H. Assessors, dues	\$3 00	
Maxwell Press, printing	32 75	
N. H. Municipal Asso., dues	30 00	
Ann Lindsay, Postmistress	40 90	
Robert Knight, audit	10 00	
Walter Cleary, audit	10 00	
Peterborough Transcript, town reports	469 40	
Maurice Blodgett, legal	21 00	
Joyce Cleary, clerical	5 00	
Donat Corriveau, Reg. of Deeds	9 32	
Tax Commission	2 50	
Town Clerks Asso., dues	3 00	
Brown & Saltmarsh, forms	28 29	
N. H. Tax Collectors Asso., dues	3 00	
Messenger Publishing Co., forms	1 20	
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	7 81	
Sargent Bros., forms	27 15	
Edward French, expenses, tax sales	16 50	
Contoocook Valley Tel. Co.	50	
Branham Publishing Co., forms	7 00	
Arthur Bell, expenses	20 00	
Philip Knowles, trust fund expenses	25 00	
Donald Powers, expenses	20 00	
	\$793 32	

3. Election & Registration Expenses:

Robert Handy, labor	\$9 25
Bennington Women's Club, dinners	35 00
Herbert Curtis, ballot inspector	10 00
Delmar Newhall, ballot inspector	10 00
J. P. Weston, moderator	5 00
Edward French, supervisor	10 00
Paul Traxler, supervisor	10 00
Philip Knowles, supervisor	10 00

\$99 25

4. Expenses Town Hall:

Contoocook Valley Tel. Co.	\$8 98
Paul Traxler, janitor	602 58
Farmers Feed & Supply, coal	594 73
David Traxler, labor	14 25
Arthur Sawyer, labor	52 50
Robert Fish, labor	20 00
George Whittemore, labor	4 00
Paul Lavoie, labor	32 25
Robert Powers, labor	21 00
Al Perry, roof repairs	54 52
Robert Hadden, labor	15 00
Philip Knowles, clock	40 00
A. F. Edmunds, supplies	10 34
Lions Club, bulbs	3 00
Public Service of N. H.	157 51
Edward Sawyer, labor	43 50
Robert Handy, Jr., labor	14 25
Monadnock Lumber Co., supplies	17 27

\$1,705 68

(Includes repair of Town Chairs  
from Warrant)

See detailed receipts section:

(Beano licenses	\$10 00)
(Rent of Town Hall	16 00)
(Sale of Junk	5 00)

5. Police Department:

Fred Hugron	\$241 25
Olen Newhall	252 25
Eugene Creighton	230 04
Lionel Lortie	71 50
Floyds—uniforms	9 10
James Coffin, supplies	7 31
Village Spa, supplies	1 79
Theodore Aucella, supplies	4 00

\$817 24

6. Fire Department:

Edward French, payrolls	\$401 00	
Bennington Garage, repairs, gas & oil	209 13	
Southwestern N. H. Trans.	5 30	
J. H. Emerson Co., supplies	38 82	
Hillsboro Lumber Co., supplies	7 51	
Paul Traxler, labor	75 83	
Ralph Smith, labor	10 00	
Monadnock Paper Mills, supplies	7 51	
George Whittemore, labor	8 00	
Peter Martell, labor	9 90	
Newhall Garage, gas & oil	19 06	
Socony Mobil Oil, gas	12 04	
Herbert Curtis, labor	28 50	
Fred Hugron, labor	12 50	
James Coffin, hose & supplies	379 41	
Keene 2-Way Radio Service	8 50	
Lewis Hugron, wood	10 00	
Arthur Sawyer, labor	7 50	
Peterborough Builders, supplies	13 37	
A. F. Edmunds, supplies	84	
Monadnock Lumber Co., supplies	8 70	
Contoocook Valley Telephone	196 06	
Public Service of N. H.	27 55	
Mutual Aid of N. H.	6 00	
Ivon Clough, labor	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,515 03

(Including \$326.70 to James Coffin for  
hose from the Warrant)

See detailed Cash Receipts:

(Paul Traxler, Tel. \$94 79)  
(Forest Fires, State 10 95)

7. Insurance, Davis-Clark Agency		\$1,950 50
(Insurance Claim \$69 34)		
(Insurance Refund 33 66)		
8. Vital Statistics: Donald Powers		\$22 00
9. Civil Defense: American Emblem Co.		\$12 55
10. Town Dump:		
Herbert Wilson, labor	\$450 00	
Herbert Curtis, labor	304 25	
Richard Sudsbury, labor	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$756 25

11. Town Maintenance, Summer		
Herbert Curtis & Joseph LeBlanc, payrolls		\$3,105 92
12. Town Maintenance, Winter		
Herbert Curtis & Joseph LeBlanc, payrolls		\$3,899 24
13. Street Lighting, Public Service of N. H.		\$1,494 40
14. General Expenses, Highway Dept.:		
Harry Clafin, Est., rent	\$210 00	
Bennington Garage, repairs	228 54	
R. C. Hazelton Co., repairs	658 04	
Paul Traxler, labor	12 32	
Monadnock Lumber Co., repairs	12 00	
Transcript Printing Co., adv.	4 50	
Socony Mobil Co., gas	60 89	
Monadnock Paper Mills, bridge lights	79 38	
A. F. Edmunds, supplies	2 98	
Public Service of N. H.	239 90	
Herbert Curtis, labor	41 56	
	<hr/>	\$1,550 11
See Detailed Cash Receipts: (Sale of old truck \$250.00)		
15. Library, G. E. P. Dodge Library		\$200 00
16. Old Age Assistance, State of N. H.		\$2,002 56
See Detailed Cash Receipts: (Refund from State \$36.80)		
17. Town Poor		
A. F. Edmunds, supplies	\$369 75	
Hillsboro County, Treasurer, supplies	50 82	
Alfred Chase	5 00	
Addie French	26 15	
Hillsboro Pharmacy, supplies	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$459 22
18. Memorial Day, Richard Phil, Treas.		\$175 00
19. Parks and Playgrounds:		
Harry Sawyer, labor	\$544 25	
Contoocook Valley Telephone	21 17	
Robert Powers, labor	77 25	
Paul Lavoie, labor	56 00	
F. A. Cornwell, loam	15 00	
Monadnock Tree Service, spraying	125 00	
State Dept. of Health	80	

John McNutt, labor	48 00
Herbert Curtis, labor	123 25
Bennington Garage, repairs	31 20
A. F. Edmunds, supplies	3 37

\$1,044 29

20. Municipal Water Department:

John Armstrong, labor	\$907 45
N. H. Water Works Ass'n, dues	5 00
O. B. Pierce Co., repairs	17 67
A. F. Edmunds, supplies	5 70
Donald Glynn, labor	9 00
Donald Cashion, labor	9 00
Joseph LeBlanc, labor	12 00
N. E. Chemical Supply (chlorine)	63 63
A. R. Prescott & Co., supplies	220 44
Public Service of N. H.	362 79
Joseph Thompson, labor	156 00
Sid Huntington, labor	5 00
Aetna Engineering, pump repairs	455 81
Paul Cody, labor	9 75
Dammond & Smith, supplies	2 70
Hilco Supply Co., supplies	77 33
Herbert Curtis, labor	171 80
Bennington Garage, supplies	7 50
Chris Yakovakis	6 75
James Trow	3 00
Edwards & Son, labor	45 50
Southwestern N. H. Trans.	3 05
Wallace & Tiernan, supplies	36 00
Julius Church, labor	12 00
George E. Trudel, supplies	178 73
Curtis Rowe, labor	260 00
James Dodge, labor	3 00
Paul Traxler, labor	21 75
Fred Hugron, labor	1 00

\$3,069 35

See Detailed Cash Receipts:  
(Water Dept. \$3,417.84)

21. Cemeteries:

Robert Powers, labor	\$305 25
Paul Lavoie, labor	350 25
Robert Hadden, labor	26 25
Don Powers, lawn mower	49 95
Peterborough Hardware, supplies	8 93
Herbert Curtis, labor	72 25
Greenlands Corp., repairs	19 05



F. A. Gleason, repairs	12 00	
Bennington Garage, repairs	15 10	
Mrs. John Bryer	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$864 03

See Detailed Cash Receipts:  
 (Trust Funds \$450 00)  
 (Sale of Cemetery lots 65 00)

22. Damages & Legal Expenses,  
 Maurice Blodgett \$117 33

23. Advertising & Regional Ass'n,  
 Monadnock Region \$144 00

24. Taxes Bought by the Town,  
 Edward French \$330 36

25. Discounts, Rebates and Refunds \$18 70

26. Payments to State & County:  
 State of N. H., Yield Tax \$34 96  
 State of N. H., Head Tax 1,268 00  
 County Tax 6,772 92  


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 \$8,075 88

27. Auto Permits, Don Powers \$193 00

28. Interest, First Nat'l Bk. of Hillsboro \$680 55

29. Temporary Loans, First National  
 Bank of Hillsboro \$45,000 00

30. Long Term Loans, First National  
 Bank of Hillsboro \$3,000 00

31. School Dist., Mary K. Wilson, Treas. \$33,977 62

32. Tarring:  
 Trimount Bituminous, tar \$592 69  
 Herbert Curtis, payroll 536 10  


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 \$1,128 79

See Detailed Cash Receipts:  
 (Tarring Collections—\$49.60)

33. Truck:		
Bennington Garage, repairs	\$598 72	
Socony Mobil Oil, gas & oil	205 51	
	<hr/>	\$804 23
See Detailed Cash Receipts: (Rent of Town Truck—\$1,288.65)		
34. Highways & Bridges, State Aid State of N. H., T.R.A.		\$9,400 00
See Detailed Cash Receipts: (Long Term Notes—\$9,400.00)		
35. Engine Hall Heating System Robert Fish, installation		\$865 00
36. Town Truck, Bennington Garage		\$3,950 00
See Detailed Cash Receipts: (Long Term Notes—\$3,000.00)		
37. Christmas Lights:		
Theodore Aucella	\$45 00	
Paul Traxler	18 60	
	<hr/>	\$63 60
See Detailed Cash Receipts (Trust Fund—\$63.80)		
38. Water Works, Water Main on Greenfield Road:		
E. H. Edwards & Son, contractor	\$1,241 73	
Cold River Hot Mix Co., patch	112 77	
Joseph LeBlanc, labor	46 50	
Sid Huntington, labor	15 00	
Central Foundry, pipe	2,190 22	
H. R. Prescott & Son, Hydrant	340 40	
John D. Armstrong, labor	95 25	
	<hr/>	\$4,041 87
See Detailed Cash Receipts: (Long Terms Notes \$2,600.00)		
Total Payments		<hr/> \$138,815 62

## TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Bennington, N. H., on December 31, 1959

Date of Creation	NAME AND PURPOSE OF TRUST FUNDS	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gains	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1923	Library Funds: Mary Butler Jameson	Peterborough Sav. Bank	\$457 50			\$457 50	\$92 08	\$50 00	\$86 32
1923	John D. & Mary C. Butler	N. H. Savings Bank	1,000 00			1,000 00	137 84	100 00	39 38
1938	Emma E. Gipson	N. H. Savings Bank	5,000 00			5,000 00	179 71	175 00	95 31
1938	Emma E. Gipson	Manchester Sav. Bank	5,000 00			5,000 00	279 35		368 42
1938	Emma E. Gipson	Concord Savings Bank	4,290 56			4,290 56	162 63		478 72
1938	Emma E. Gipson	Merima C. Sav. Bank	5,000 00			5,000 00	179 71	275 00	81 76
1938	Emma E. Gipson	112 sh., Fidelity Fund, Inc.	1,432 65		3 sh. + \$11.19	1,432 65	50 40	50 40	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	109 sh., 1st Nat'l Bk. Boston	6,320 05			6,320 05	355 00	355 00	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	482 sh. Mass. Inv. Trust	3,239 50		4 sh. + \$3.84	3,239 50	192 80	192 80	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	305 sh. Boston Fund Inc.	2,940 00		9 sh. + \$16.43	2,940 00	160 30	160 30	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	51 sh. Am. Tel. & Tel.	2,799 70			2,799 70	160 66	160 66	
1938	Emma E. Gipson Cap. Gain	Peterborough Sav. Bank	03		31 46	31 49	1 35		11 48
		Total Library Funds	\$37,699 99	\$31 46		\$37,731 45	\$1,781 86	\$1,519 16	\$1,181 39
1928	Sunnyside Cemetery: David W. Bell	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	\$100 00			\$100 00	\$3 76	\$3 70	\$4 68
1916	Willard S. Carkin	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	332 20			332 20	12 56	12 00	17 54
1918	W. H. Darrah	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	50 00			50 00	3 84	1 80	3 95
1921	Edward J. Dodge	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	3 83	4 00	6 78
1917	Augustus W. Gray	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	5 80	3 75	5 85
1928	William Keith	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	3 80	3 75	5 56
1915	C. J. Kimball	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	150 00			150 00	5 70	5 75	8 24
1928	Harrriet Kimball	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	50 00			50 00	1 90	1 80	3 35
1930	Mary Knowles	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	5 97	3 75	6 02
1914	Abram Ramsey	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	1,766 16			1,766 16	121 37	44 95	144 44
1906	Helon P. Ramsey	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200 00			200 00	7 56	7 00	11 21
1925	William L. Taylor	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	6 24	3 81	6 30
1905	Anna M. Woodbury	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200 00			200 00	7 69	7 50	14 07
1927	Samuel Abbott	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200 00			200 00	13 88	8 00	13 66
1939	Samuel Gilman & Lucinda Dodge	Peterborough Sav. Bank	200 00			200 00	13 06	8 00	13 66
1919	Ann M. Eaton	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	6 12	4 00	6 40
1937	Charles H. Kimball	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	6 12	4 00	6 40
1940	Amos Martin	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	6 08	4 00	6 36
1927	Amon Symonds	Peterborough Sav. Bank	200 00			200 00	11 11	8 00	11 63
1927		Peterborough Sav. Bank	400 00			400 00	21 37	16 00	22 37

1935	Beisey R. Brown	Peterborough Sav. Bank	50 00	3 30	2 14	2 00	3 44
1932	Charles F. Burnham	Peterborough Sav. Bank	200 00	15 72	8 70	8 00	16 42
1934	Bessie W. Call	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00	5 39	4 24	4 00	9 63
1946	Stephen & Mary Chase	Peterborough Sav. Bank	125 00	8 92	5 38	5 00	9 30
1949	Edith Dodge	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00	4 93	4 22	4 00	5 15
1952	Kendall Gray	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00	6 11	4 28	4 00	6 39
1954	Allan Gerrard	Peterborough Sav. Bank	150 00	8 98	4 38	6 00	9 06
1945	Sarah Keiser	Peterborough Sav. Bank	50 00	3 29	2 14	2 00	3 43
1942	Fred Kimball	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00	5 39	4 24	4 00	5 63
1939	Mary L. Knight	Peterborough Sav. Bank	200 00	12 32	8 36	8 00	12 88
1952	C. D. Kockersperger	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00	5 97	4 24	4 00	6 12
1942	Rodney & Lenora Nichols	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00	5 88	4 24	4 00	6 10
1946	Lenora L. O'Leary	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00	5 86	4 24	4 00	6 10
1954	William Odell	Peterborough Sav. Bank	150 00	8 68	4 38	6 00	9 06
1936	Nancy Stevens	Peterborough Sav. Bank	150 00	9 47	6 32	6 00	9 89
1941	Frank A. Taylor	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00	5 38	4 24	4 00	5 62
1945	Geo. Alfred Whittemore	Peterborough Sav. Bank	250 00	15 75	10 72	10 00	16 47
1935	George W. Wilson	Peterborough Sav. Bank	75 00	4 78	3 20	3 00	4 94
1957	Frank Young	Peterborough Sav. Bank	150 00	10 22	6 46	6 00	10 68
1943	John Dana Weston	Peterborough Sav. Bank	303 50	13 58	12 80	12 00	14 38
1958	Amos Whittemore	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00	1 00	4 08	1 00	4 08
1923	John D. Butler	N. H. Savings Bank	225 00	13 85	8 96	8 00	17 81
1922	Horace Dinsmore	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	7 28	3 84	3 50	7 62
1927	Royal V. Knight	N. H. Savings Bank	200 00	12 78	7 61	7 00	13 39
1919	Clara Whittemore	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	6 70	3 82	3 50	7 89
1906	Geo. Andrew Whittemore	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00	17 87	11 39	11 00	18 26
1916	Trustees Trust Funds	Manchester Savings Bank	600 00	37 38	35 39	22 00	50 77
				Note No. 1			
			\$8,726 86	\$533 39	\$363 01	\$309 50	\$586 90
Total Sunnyside Cemetery							

1923	Evergreen Cemetery:	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	\$100 00	\$5 77	\$3 80	\$3 50	\$6 07
1929	Calvin S. Brown	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	3 42	1 89	1 50	3 81
1931	Luke Burt	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	6 03	7 41	7 00	6 34
1929	John C. Dodge	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	13 22	7 66	7 50	13 38
1913	A. D. Green	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	11 13	7 58	7 50	11 21
1914	Lizzie M. Herrick	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	11 35	7 80	7 50	11 45
1929	Lizette M. Holt	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	5 80	3 80	3 50	6 00
1929	Charles F. Manahan	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	10 42	7 56	7 00	10 98
1928	Cyrus H. Philbrick	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	9 42	3 80	3 50	6 16
1928	Ann F. Philbrick	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	5 86	3 80	3 50	6 16
1931	Enos Vieno	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	12 84	7 65	7 50	12 59
1914	C. M. Whitney	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	3 41	2 14	2 00	3 55
1931	Bradford D. Brown	Peterborough Sav. Bank	200 00	12 01	8 56	8 00	12 57
1939	Ellen C. Brown	Peterborough Sav. Bank	50 00	3 41	2 14	2 00	3 55
1942	Samuel & Jane Dodge	Peterborough Sav. Bank	50 00	3 41	2 14	2 00	3 55

Note No. 1 18 Mo. Interest

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Bennington, N. H., on December 31, 1959

Date of Creation	NAME AND PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			Balance End Year	
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gains	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year		
1954	Lizzie M. Holt Spec. Fd.	Peterborough Sav. Bank	47 41	\$62 00		109 41	182 93	10 22	62 00	193 15
1958	Lizzie M. Holt Spec. Inv.	31 sh. N. H. Fire Insurance	1,271 00			1,271 00		62 00		
1953	Laurence & Catherine Muthall									
1940	Walter Wilson	Peterborough Sav. Bank	200 00			200 00	10 73	8 48	8 00	11 21
1941	Robert Wilson	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00			50 00	3 53	2 14	2 00	3 67
1951	Thomas Wilson	Peterborough Sav. Bank	243 75			243 75	14 18	10 40	10 00	14 58
1955	Martha Cosman	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	5 79	4 24	4 00	6 03
1955	Fred A. Knight	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	5 70	4 24	4 00	5 94
1955	George Ross	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	5 70	4 24	4 00	5 94
1955	Nellie Downs Vose	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	5 70	4 24	4 00	5 94
1956	Fred U. Sargent	Peterborough Sav. Bank	200 00			200 00	8 89	8 42	8 00	9 31
1958	Louise E. Casey	Peterborough Sav. Bank	200 00			200 00	2 00	8 16	2 00	8 16
1959		Peterborough Sav. Bank	200 00	1,000 00		1,000 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	10 00
		Totals Evergreen Cemetery	\$4,562 16	\$1,062 00		\$5,624 16	\$355 68	\$212 17	\$179 50	\$388 35
1946	Mt. Calvary Cemetery:									
1950	Laurence W. Flynn	Peterborough Sav. Bank	\$125 00			\$125 00	\$10 87	\$5 46	\$5 00	\$11 33
1950	Annie M. Shea	Peterborough Sav. Bank	200 00			200 00	13 16	8 60	8 00	13 76
1950	Mary E. Munhall	Peterborough Sav. Bank	100 00			100 00	5 48	4 24	4 00	5 72
1956	Nicholas Flynn	Peterborough Sav. Bank	150 00			150 00	7 30	6 34	6 00	7 64
		Totals Mt. Calvary Cem.	\$575 00			\$575 00	\$36 81	\$24 64	\$23 00	\$38 45
1940	Christmas Tree Fund: Community Fund		\$327 85			\$327 85	\$116 11	\$15 06	\$70 50	\$60 67
		Peterborough Sav. Bank	\$327 85			\$327 85	\$116 11	\$15 06	\$70 50	\$60 67
		Total Library Funds	\$37,699 99	\$31 46		\$37,731 45	\$918 69	\$1,781 86	\$1,519 16	\$1,181 39
		Total Sunnyside Cemetery	8,726 86			8,726 86	533 39	363 01	309 50	586 90
		Total Evergreen Cemetery	4,562 16	\$1,062 00		5,624 16	355 68	212 17	179 50	388 35
		Total Mt. Calvary Cem.	575 00			575 00	36 81	24 64	23 00	38 45
		Community Fund	327 85			327 85	116 11	15 06	70 50	60 67
		Grand Totals	\$59,891 86	\$1,093 46		\$60,985 32	\$1,960 68	\$2,396 74	\$2,101 66	\$2,255 76

**CERTIFICATE**

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

PHILIP F. KNOWLES  
J. PRENTISS WESTON  
FREDERICK S. SHELDON, Trustees  
WALTER D. CLEARY  
ROBERT L. KNIGHT, Auditors

Date January 25, 1960

Audited January 25, 1960

## 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.

WALTER CLEARY  
ROBERT KNIGHT  
Auditors

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

January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959

#### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1959	\$169 74
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds	1,519 16
Town Appropriation	200 00
Total Receipts	\$1,888 90

#### EXPENDITURES

Mary K. Wilson, Librarian	\$600 00
Steve Yakovakis, Janitor	150 00
Hafeli Fuel Co., 1418 gal.	216 18
Public Service Co., lights	59 63
Hines & Knapton, insurance	90 90
Thames Book Co., books	417 59
Readers Digest, books	7 47
Magazines, newspaper	61 75
Gaylord Co., supplies	5 65
George Whittemore, taking down tree	20 00
Ruth Cole, old picture of town	6 50
Bank Service Charge	6 85
Total Expenditures	\$1,642 52
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1959	246 38
Total	\$1,888 90

Respectfully submitted,  
PHILIP E. KNOWLES, Treas.  
RUTH A. CODY  
MARY D. SHEA, Library Tr.

WALTER S. CLEARY  
ROBERT L. KNIGHT

Audited Jan. 25, 1960

Auditors



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

Days open—Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

Hours—Afternoon—2:30-4:30. Evenings—6:30-8:30.

Hours during winter months—Afternoons 2-5.

Books purchased in 1959	150
Books by gift in 1959	40
World Geography Readers	20
Peterborough Transcript (weekly)	
Magazines by subscription	12
Books numbered for circulation	3,950

Magazines by subscription: Life, Seventeen, Reader's Digest, Newsweek, Jack and Jill, Outdoor Life, American Girl, Popular Science, National Geographic, The Saturday Evening Post, Popular Mechanics, Ladies' Home Journal.

MARY K. WILSON

Librarian

## WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT, 1959

### PUMPING STATION:

Total gallons pumped 3,132,000  
 Chlorine used 15 lbs.  
 Total hours pumped 276 hrs.

### CHLORINATOR REPORT:

Total gallons treated 19,428,000  
 Total chlorine used 112 gals.

### REPORT OF COLLECTIONS:

Total rents collected	\$2,733 45
Old Accounts collected	309 00
Supplies sold	375 38
	\$3,417 83
 Total	 \$3,417 83
Turned in to Treasurer	\$3,417 83
Discounts	\$270 53
Uncollected	404 08

### REPORT OF UNCOLLECTED RENTS JAN. 1, 1960:

Howard Ayers, Pd. Jan. 16	\$20 00
Mrs. M. Atkinson	11 35
S. Chase	32 75
D. Clough, Pd. Jan. 14	24 00
Mrs. R. A. Eldrid	20 00
Jas. Griswold	39 00
Mrs. B. Giddings	6 00
S. Huntington	10 00
A. Heinonen, Pd. Jan. 6.	10 00
R. Lyons	20 00
Mrs. Waldo McWhirter	10 00
Warren Perkins	12 00
Maurice Paige	30 00
Ralph Smith	50 00
Mrs. Evelyn Sudbury	12 00
Philip Traxler	20 00
H. E. Wilson	24 00
George Whittimore	43 00
Ed. Moule	10 00

WALTER S. CLEARY

ROBERT L. KNIGHT

Audited Jan. 25, 1960

Auditors

## PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

The year 1959 was fortunate from a forest fire standpoint. New Hampshire had the best record in the nation. Fewer acres were burned, suppression costs were substantially reduced and damage to woodlands held to a minimum. The record resulted from a combination of favorable weather conditions, an alert warden service and a cooperating public.

Yet, despite all this, there still persists a disturbing note

58%, or 6 out of every 10 fires in 1959 were caused by careless smokers and debris burners.

10%, or 1 out of every 9 fires was caused by children.

Careless, indifferent, thoughtless and independent minded individuals and failure of parents to properly supervise children and keep matches out of their reach, annually cause these unnecessary fires which cost large sums to extinguish and cause extensive damage. The elimination of these three causes of fires would radically change this picture. The rules are simple:

1. Before burning, secure a permit from your local forest fire warden, the law requires it.
2. Be sure to properly supervise your burning.
3. Make certain your fire is DEAD OUT before leaving it.
4. Don't throw lighted matches, cigars and cigarettes from moving vehicles—use your ash tray.
5. Don't burn at home—Use your town dump and save yourself much possible difficulty, both personal and financial.

Number of local fires	1
Number of acres burned	$\frac{1}{2}$
Number of permits issued	107

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD  
District Fire Chief

HERBERT A. CURTIS  
Forest Fire Warden

## FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

### ENGINE No. 1:

- 1-500 gallon pumper with 500 gallon booster tank
- 200 ft. 1 inch 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 extinguisher
- 1 portable radio

### ENGINE No. 2

- 350 gallon booster tank
- 2 ladders (roof)
- 1 extension ladder
- 2 soda and acid extinguishers
- 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
- 1 smoke mask (donated by William Haag)
- 1 mobile radio

OTHER EQUIPMENT:

2 long ladders  
1 portable pump  
1 trailer  
4 battery chargers  
1 body drag  
5 electric lanterns  
1 Emerson resuscitator  
12 Rain coats  
12 Fire Hats  
12 Half high rubber boots

FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT H5

16 Indian pumps  
6 grub hoes  
6 rakes  
6 axes with grub hoes  
4 axes  
1 water canteen  
4 pails  
6 lanterns

REPORT OF CALLS:

1 resuscitator call which may have saved a life.  
5 House Fires—slight damage  
6 Dump Fires  
1 Grass Fire  
Call your Fire Company in case of Fire; we may save a tragedy.

FIRE ALARM BOXES ARE LOCATED:

One at Town Hall  
One at Village Spa

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 A. M.

1 Long Blast, short of water.

1 Long Blast, first Monday in month 6:45 P. M. 1 Blast between noon and 1 o'clock for Test on Saturday.

To be reached by telephone—Ivon Clough 116-5. Paul Traxler 116-31; Village Spa 14-12 by day.

The Firewards want to advise that our radio system is in operation.

The Firewards recommend buying 200 ft. of 2½ inch hose.

FRED HUGRON, Fire Ward

PAUL G. TRAXLER, Fire Ward

IVON W. CLOUGH, Fire Chief

## TOWN HALL REPORT

### JANITOR'S REPORT, 1959

Month	Free Hours	Janitor Hours	Days Care of Fire	Rent Collected	Total
January	9	24	31		\$70 50
February	13	27	28		78 00
March	17	41	31		89 50
April		10	21		45 50
May	14	22		\$4 00	22 00
June	3	12			12 00
July		11		5 00	11 00
August	2	12		7 00	12 00
September	6	19			19 00
October	5	21	13		40 50
November	3	12	26		52 00
December	28	45	31		79 50
Totals	110	256	181	\$16 00	\$531 50

OWING TO TOWN—RENT OF HALL:  
 Feb. 13, Albert Cuddemi      \$4 00

PAUL G. TRAXLER  
 Janitor of Town Hall

### MEMORIAL DAY, 1959

Band	\$112 50
Wreaths & Poppies	11 50
VFW Auxiliary, refreshments for band	35 00
Don Powers, refreshments for school children	8 50
Grave markers	6 90
Six checks	60
Total	\$175 00

PAUL E. MURRAY, Comm.  
 Calvin A. Brown Post No. 8268  
 Veterans of Foreign Wars

# SCHOOL REPORT

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## BENNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### ORGANIZATION

Moderator	J. P. Weston
Clerk	Effie Doe Black
Treasurer	Mary K. Wilson

### School Board

Christina Anderson, Chairman	Term expires 1960
Charles Lindsay	Term expires 1961
Theodore Aucella	Term expires 1962

### Auditors

Walter Cleary and Vincena Powers

### Superintendent of Schools

Norman R. Hartfiel

### Teachers

Ruth Cody, Principal	Vincena Powers
A. Virginia Walsh	Charlotte Woodward
Isabel Nichols, Music Supervisor	

### School Nurse

Martha Parker, R. N.



# SCHOOL WARRANT

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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**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 4th day of March, 1960, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing 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 raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of converting the school furnace from coal to oil fired or to take any other action thereon.
10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bennington this 15th day of  
February, 1960.

CHRISTINA A. ANDERSON  
CHARLES E. LINDSAY  
THEODORE AUCELLA  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHRISTINA A. ANDERSON  
CHARLES E. LINDSAY  
THEODORE AUCELLA  
School Board

## SCHOOL BOARD'S 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 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

NORMAN R. HARTFIEL  
Superintendent

CHRISTINA A. ANDERSON  
THEODORE AUCELLA  
CHARLES E. LINDSAY

July 20, 1959

School Board

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## REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959

Cash on hand July 1, 1958	\$5,199 82
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	32,375 06
Advance on next year's appropriation	102 56
Received from State Treasurer:	
Special milk fund	63 09
Received from all other sources	11 92
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Total amount available for fiscal year	\$37,752 45
Less School Board orders paid	33,784 11
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Balance on hand June 30, 1959	\$3,968 34

MARY K. WILSON

July 14, 1959

Treasurer

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## 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, 1959 and find them correct in all respects.

WALTER D. CLEARY  
VINCENA POWERS

July 24, 1959

Auditors

**BENNINGTON PROPOSED BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

EXPENDITURES	Expendi- tures 1958-59	Budget 1959-60	Proposed Budget 1960-61
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$444 89	\$505 00	\$505 00
2. Supt.'s Salary (Local Share)	410 24	511 80	517 54
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	240 00	180 00	190 00
4. Salaries of Other Admin. Personnel	330 61	360 47	331 64
5. Supplies and Expenses	271 45	297 01	353 67
<b>INSTRUCTION:</b>			
6. Teachers' Salaries (E)	15,046 69	15,700 00	17,400 00
7. Books & Other Instructional Aids (E)	170 01	600 00	400 00
8. Scholars' Supplies (E)	503 07	500 00	500 00
10. Supplies and Other Expenses (E)	43 36	50 00	50 00
<b>OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:</b>			
11. Salaries of Custodians (E)	1,601 93	1,600 00	1,000 00
12. Fuel or Heat (E)	496 00	600 00	800 00
13. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses (E)	226 47	350 00	350 00
<b>MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:</b>			
14. Repairs and Replacements (E)	1,083 38	100 00	350 00
<b>AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:</b>			
15. Health Supervision (E)	470 04	500 00	500 00
16. Transportation (E)	1,530 00	1,530 00	1,830 00
17. Tuition (H)	9,188 97	12,000 00	11,400 00
18a. School Lunch (Fed. & Dist. Funds)	52 73		
<b>FIXED CHARGES:</b>			
19. Retirement	1,051 36	1,131 74	1,281 91
20. Insurance, Treas. Bonds & Expenses	351 78	335 59	341 17
Total Net Current Expenses	\$33,512 98	\$36,851 61	\$33,100 93
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>			
23. New Equipment	260 13		75 00
Total Net Payments for All Purposes	\$33,773 11	\$36,851 61	\$38,175 93
Balance on Hand June 30, 1959	3,968 34		
Grand Total Net Payments	\$37,741 45		
RECEIPTS	Expendi- tures 1958-59	Budget 1959-60	Proposed Budget 1960-61
Balance July 1, 1958	\$5,199 82		
Federal Special Milk Program	63 09		
Other	92		
Total Receipts Other Than Taxes	\$5,263 83		
District Assessment	32,477 62	36,851 61	38,175 93
Grand Total Net Receipts	\$37,741 45	\$36,851 61	\$38,175 93

**BENNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**

July 1, 1958—June 30, 1959

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers	\$444 89
Philip Knowles, School Board (\$125.)	\$122 19
Charles Lindsay, School Board (\$100.)	97 75
Christina Anderson, School Board (\$100.)	97 75
Mary Wilson, Treasurer (\$115.)	115 00
Edward French, Truant Officer (\$5.00)	4 89
OASI, Treas. State of N. H.	7 31
2. Superintendent's Salary:	
Norman R. Hartfiel	410 24
3. State Per Capita Tax	240 00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	330 61
5. Supplies and Expenses	271 45

INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' Salaries	\$15,046 69
Ruth Cody	\$2,876 60
May S. Brown	2,625 85
Vincena Powers	2,718 20
Virginia Walsh	2,616 18
Isabel Nichols	564 24
Josephine Butler, substitute	29 40
Mary Wilson, substitute	156 00
Atheleah Hutchinson	11 70
Withholding tax	2,412 50
Blue Cross	74 10
Retirement	595 70
OASI	347 20
Convention Expense (Books)	19 02
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids	181 01
8. Scholars' Supplies	503 07
10. Supplies and Other Expenses	43 36

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salary of Custodian	1,601 93
Frank Chesia	1,561 92
OASI	36 51
Supplies	3 50

12. Fuel or Heat		496 00
13. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses		226 47
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:		
14. Repairs and Replacements		\$1,083 38
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:		
15. Health Supervision		470 04
Martha Parker	\$322 78	
Blue Cross	124 30	
OASI	10 46	
Supplies	12 50	
16. Transportation, Arthur Sawyer		\$1,530 00
17. Tuition		9,188 97
Peterborough	\$4,751 95	
Hillsboro-Deering Coop.	2,925 00	
Antrim	1,512 02	
18a. School Lunch (Milk Fund)		52 73
FIXED CHARGES:		
19. Retirement (District Share)		1,051 36
20. Insurance, Treas. Bonds & Expenses		351 78
CAPITAL OUTLAY:		
23. New Equipment		260 13
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		\$33,784 11

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To The School Board and Citizens of Bennington:

It is a pleasure for me to present my sixth annual report for your consideration.

Mrs. Ruth Cody, principal, Mrs. Vincena Powers and Miss Virginia Walsh continue their teaching assignments in the six upper grades at the Pierce School. Bennington is extremely fortunate in retaining the services of these fine staff members. We have not been so fortunate in the all important primary room. In a period of six years, we have had five teachers and that is not good for any school system.

Your Board and I have long been cognizant of the value of retaining a teacher in the primary area for a much longer period than we have been able to do. Our most important problem that we find facing us when we have been seeking a replacement for this position is the reluctance of teachers to accept a multiple class such as we have, and especially one with such a large enrollment. Of course, we shall continue to attempt to solve the problem satisfactorily, but inasmuch as it has been and appears to continue to be our most critical area, I felt that the citizenry should be warned that it may be necessary to consider a small building program before the problem can be really solved.

Tuition rates for the year 1959-60 are as follows: Peterborough \$388; Hillsboro-Deering Coop. \$350; and Antrim \$325. Rates will increase in all towns next year.

Tuition pupils registration is as follows: Peterborough 9; Hillsboro-Deering Coop. 14; and Antrim 9.

Registration at the Pierce School has had a sizable increase from 84 to 91 in September and has increased since then. September enrollments were as follows:

Grade I—14	Grade V—13
Grade II—14	Grade VI—9
Grade III—12	Grade VII—9
Grade IV—15	Grade VIII—5

It is obvious that, if all these people remain in the community and attend high school, there is bound to be a sizable increase in tuition costs.

Everyone should be extremely happy with the fine work being done by the Sawyer boys as custodians of the school.

It has been a pleasure to work with the School Board, teachers, pupils and citizens of Bennington, and I am grateful for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
NORMAN R. HARTFIEL  
Superintendent of Schools

# Salary of Superintendent of Schools

## Supervisory Union No. 24

1958—1959

A. State Share	\$4,000 00
B. Share Paid By:	
1. Antrim	849 20
2. Bennington	512 80
3. Hillsboro-Deering	2,229 60
4. Stoddard	197 40
5. Washington	183 80
6. Windsor	27 20
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Total	\$8,000 00

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### REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

From January 1959 to January 1960

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

Number of pupils weighed and measured	92
Number of eyes examined	92
Number of eyes reported	7
Number of ears tested	92
Number of ears rechecked	8
Number of heads examined	92

The Lions Club have been very generous in donating a testing machine for eyes for which I wish to thank them. It has been in use several times and will be used again before Spring.

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

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA PARKER, R.N.

School Nurse



## FIVE TOWN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Your committee has further reviewed the cost factors relating to the Crotched Mountain Cooperative School for the five towns in the area participating in the study. At the present, your committee sees no changes in the over-all school population which would call for immediate action, since high school education for most of the towns is being adequately provided on the present basis.

A study of the school population of the entire area is being planned by your committee in conjunction with the school boards of Peterborough and Hillsboro. An attempt will be made to determine the feasibility of indefinite continuation of high school education on the present basis, or whether future building is necessary either by the individual districts or by the proposed cooperative school district.

Legislation providing more flexible distribution of costs was enacted, but this was not as liberal as proposed by your committee. It will be helpful, however, if the necessity for forming the proposed district should arise.

We therefore recommend that the districts authorize the continuance of this committee for further study and in order to take prompt action in the event conditions change from those now existing.

Respectfully submitted,  
FIVE TOWN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

# VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1959

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Cond.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1959											
Feb. 4	Peterborough	Donald C. Hadden	M	L	Robert J. Hadden	Rosalie A. Dinerman	W	Bennington	Technician	Grasmere	Chicago, Ill.
Feb. 11	Peterborough	Paul A. Lavoie, Jr.	M	L	Paul A. Lavoie	Margaret A. Powers	W	Bennington	Sawyer	Peterborough	Peterborough
April 1	Peterborough	Leo R. Mercier	M	L	Paul W. Mercier	Edna D. Paige	W	Bennington	Laborer	Nashua	Greenfield
April 12	Peterborough	Dorinda L. Zachos	F	L	Samuel C. Zachos	Linnea M. Farhm	W	Bennington	Paper Maker	Bennington	Peterborough
May 5	Peterborough	Arthur A. Bavelas	M	L	Andrew T. Bavelas	Calliope Dimistios	W	Bennington	Ass't Supl.	Chicopee, Mass.	Nashua
May 15	Peterborough	Linda M. Perry	F	L	Warren R. Perry	Marjorie Bumford	W	Bennington	Fireman Eng.	Peterborough	Hancock
June 5	Peterborough	Claire E. Smith	F	L	Winder D. Smith	Mildred M. Heinz	W	Bennington	Ins. Agent	Atlantic City, N.J.	Manhattan, N. Y.
June 29	Peterborough	Frank L. Willis II	M	L	Sidney F. Willis	Barbara F. Ossman	W	Bennington	Artist	Newark, N. J.	Bronx, N. Y.
July 12	Peterborough	Wayne A. LeBlanc	M	L	Joseph A. LeBlanc, Jr	Shirley E. Gilbert	W	Bennington	Mason	New York City	Boston, Mass.
Oct. 23	Peterborough	David S. Holmes	M	L	Lawrence M. Holmes	Evelyn A. Rollins	W	Bennington	Lineman	Antrim	Raymond

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, 1959

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1959					
May 23	Dean Carroll Paige Jacquelyn Ann Robie	Bennington Langdon	21 20	Welder Telephone Operator	Rev. M. Freeman Strickland Andover, Mass.
August 1	Lawrence J. Gilman Pauline F. McClure	Bennington Bennington	34 34	Set up man At home	Rev. Frank W. Barber Hancock
August 22	Roger Arthur Buxton Joyce Lillian Cleary	Peterborough Bennington	20 19	Apprentice Secretary	Rev. William B. Rice Wellesley, Mass.
September 5	Howard I. Smith Blanche A. Haas	Springfield, Mass. Bennington	80 54	Insurance Cook	Rev. Leo St. Pierre Bennington
October 3	James Gordon Dodge Virginia W. Bresen	Bennington Wilton	21 19	Lab. Technician At home	Rev. Julien Bissonnette Greenville
December 12	Frank Read Wilson, Jr. Laura Elizabeth Champney	New Boston Bennington	23 20	Operator Clerk	Rev. Bruce N. Garnsey Goffstown
December 12	Harold Herman Lewis, Jr. Mary Louise Billesimo	East Swanzey Bennington	23 21	U. S. Navy Pay Roll Clerk	Rev. Leo St. Pierre Bennington

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DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1959

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1959								
Jan. 21	Peterborough	Mary Esther Ryder	84	Randolph, Vt.	F	Col. U.S.A.F., Retired	Jasper H. Lamson	Hanna P. Waitt
Feb. 27	Bennington	Edward Crewes Black	65	Fairfield, Ill.	M	Printer	Ernest Black	Mary Jane Crewes
May 3	Greenfield	George Elmore Ryder	82	Randolph, Vt.	M	Highway employee	James M. Ryder	Sarah Perkins
June 8	Bennington	George M. Holmes	95	Stoddard	M	Retail Store	Henry Holmes	Elvira Barnes
June 19	Pittsburg	Fred A. Knight	90	Bennington	M	Housewife	Lewis Knight	Martha Bartt
June 20	Peterborough	Nellie Maria French	88	Walpole	F	Housewife	Edward Smith	Mary Aldworth
Aug. 20	Pittsburg	Gertrude E. T. Knight	74	Columbia Falls, Me.	F	Housewife	John Tabbutt	Phoebe Worcester
Oct. 19	Peterborough	Mary Isabelle Eaton	76	Ontario, Canada	F	Practical Nurse	Wm. Henry Marshall	Mary Jane Seoney
Oct. 25	Bennington	Ella B. MacDonald	85	Reeds Ferry	F	Paper Mill	George Watkins	Eliza Hawtin
Nov. 24	Francetown	Robert Rogers Wilson	73	Greenfield	M	Paper Mill	Albridge Wilson	Josephine A. Holt
Dec. 10	Peterborough	Walter F. Burrows	48	Hillsboro	M	Paper Mill	Walter C. Burrows	Ann Carter

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