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Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year Ending December 31

1965

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Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1965

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS—1965

Moderator: James J. Page

Town Clerk: Ruth F. Page

Selectmen:

Osmon M. Collins (Term Expires 1966)

James J. Page (Term Expires 1967)

John Boutin, Sr. (Term Expires 1968)

Treasurer: Priscilla Boutin

Tax Collector: Francis H. Lackie

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Ethel A. Boutin Lena Collins
Lester Noxon

Constable: George B. Tyler

Highway Agent: John Boutin, Jr.

Trustees of Trust Funds:

John G. Elliott, Sr. (Term Expires 1966)

George W. Crowe (Term Expires 1967)

William J. Harris (Term Expires 1968)

Auditor: Ethel A. Boutin

Sexton: John Boutin, Sr.

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber: James J. Page

Fence Viewer: Lester Noxon

Overseer of Public Welfare: Ethel A. Boutin

Health Officer: John Boutin, Sr.

Civil Defense Director: George W. Crowe

Ballot Clerks:

Iona Boutin

William J. Harris

Ballot Inspectors:

Mildred Elliott

Osmon M. Collins

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 8th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for three years, Osmon M. Collins being the outgoing member; one Treasurer; one Tax Collector; one Highway Agent; one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, John G. Elliott, Sr., being the outgoing member; one Auditor; and all other necessary Town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123.03 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid).

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.31 for the White Mountains Region Association.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to celebrate Memorial Day as in past years and if so to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for this purpose.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget and raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 6. To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize a discount on property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the delivery of inventory blanks until April 1.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the playing of beano.

Given under our hands and seal this 2nd day of February, A.D., 1966.

JAMES J. PAGE

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1966 Compared with Actual
Revenue for the Year 1965

	Actual 1965	Estimated 1966
SOURCES OF REVENUE		
From State of New Hampshire:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 68.81	\$ 70.00
Railroad Tax	21.74	
Savings Bank Tax	11.34	11.50
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	474.15	619.23
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	1,265.20	1,250.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	39.00	35.00
Interest Received on Taxes	30.49	30.00
Income from Trust Funds	130.29	130.00
Rent of Town Truck	398.90	400.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	823.82	800.00
From Local Taxes Other Than		
Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	102.00	100.00
Yield Taxes	1,035.43	1,500.00
Total Revenues from all Sources Except		
Property Taxes	\$4,401.17	\$ 4,945.73
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	7,430.40	7,452.61
TOTAL REVENUES	\$11,831.57	\$12,398.34

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1966 Compared with
Actual Expenditures for the Year 1965

	Actual 1965	Estimated 1966
PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES		
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 440.00	\$ 450.00
Town Officers' Expenses	427.90	450.00
Election and Registration	100.00	400.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	58.20	100.00
Police Department	15.00	15.00
Fire Department		100.00
Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	8.75	10.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	1,048.71	800.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	719.70	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	109.01	123.03
Town Truck Expenses	763.83	800.00
Memorial Day	33.95	25.00
Cemeteries	242.59	250.00
Regional Association	22.31	25.31
Interest on Temporary Loans	95.00	45.00
County Taxes	559.31	550.00
School Taxes	7,145.26	7,250.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,794.52	\$12,398.34

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures, Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1965

Title of Appropriation	Amount	Receipts & Reim- bursements	Total Amount Available	Expendi- tures	Unexpended Balance	Over- draft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 450.00	\$	\$ 450.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 10.00	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	450.00		450.00	427.90	22.10	
Election and Registration	125.00		125.00	100.00	25.00	
Town Buildings Maintenance	100.00		100.00	58.20	41.80	
Police Department	15.00		15.00	15.00		
Fire Department	100.00		100.00		100.00	
Health Department	5.00		5.00	5.00		
Vital Statistics	5.00		5.00	8.75		3.75
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	800.00	474.15*	1,274.15	1,048.71	225.44	
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00		1,000.00	719.70	280.30	
Town Road Aid	109.01	682.25†	791.26	1,184.96		383.70
Town Truck Expenses	800.00	17.73‡	817.73	763.83	53.90	
Memorial Day	25.00		25.00	33.95		8.95
Cemeteries	250.00		250.00	242.59	7.41	
Regional Association	22.31		22.31	22.31		
Interest	25.00		25.00	95.00		70.00
County Tax	559.31		559.31	559.31		
School Tax	6,551.92		6,551.92	7,145.26		593.34
Unexpended Balance	\$11,392.55	\$1,174.13	\$12,566.68	\$12,870.47	\$765.95	\$1,069.74
						- 765.95
						\$ 303.79

NET OVERDRAFT

*Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment

†TRA Reimbursement

‡Insurance Adjustment

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1965

ASSETS

Cash In Hands of Treasurer		\$4,757.96
Accounts Due from State		
Porcupine Bounties—1965		41.75
Uncollected Taxes		
Levy of 1965	\$ 1,484.47	
Levy of 1964	2.00	
Levy of 1955	8.12	
State Head Taxes—		
Levy of 1965	70.00	
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		\$ 1,564.59
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 6,364.30

LIABILITIES

Accounts Due to State		
State Head Taxes—1965	\$ 180.00	
Yield Tax—Bond & Debt		
Retirement	242.14	
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		\$ 422.14
Accounts Due School District		
Balance of School Tax		4,694.91
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 5,117.05
Surplus		1,247.25
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		\$ 6,364.30

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION—1965

Lands and Buildings		\$ 98,510.00
Public Utilities—Electric		22,590.00
Stock in Trade of Merchants		200.00
Neat Stock—Dairy Cows	(76)	4,460.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		160.00
Portable Mills		2,000.00
Road Building and Construction Machinery		600.00
Lumber		2,320.00
Total valuation before exemptions		<hr/> \$130,840.00
War Service Exemptions	\$ 6,000.00	
Neat Stock Exemptions	1,000.00	
Total exemptions allowed		<hr/> \$ 7,000.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed		<hr/> \$123,840.00

STATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED—1965

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 4,281.32	
County Tax	559.31	
School Tax	6,551.92	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 11,392.55
ESTIMATED REVENUES		4,217.30
		\$ 7,175.25
OVERLAY		255.15
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES		\$ 7,430.40
Separate Tax Rates		
Municipal Rate	\$.25	
County Rate	.46	
School Rate	5.29	
Combined Rate	\$ 6.00	

Net valuation \$123,840 x Tax Rate \$6.00=Amount
to be Raised \$7,430.40

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD AND STATE HEAD TAXES

DEBITS

**Taxes Committed to Collector and
Uncollected Taxes as of 1/1/65**

	Levy of 1965	Levy of 1964	Levy of 1955
Property Taxes	\$7,430.40	\$1,783.34	\$
Poll Taxes	98.00	32.00	
Yield Taxes	1,395.02	57.88	8.12
State Head Taxes	285.00	95.00	
Interest		30.49	
Penalties		9.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$9,208.42	\$2,007.71	\$8.12

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$6,383.40	\$1,783.34	\$
Poll Taxes	72.00	30.00	
Poll Taxes Abated	6.00		
Yield Taxes	977.55	57.88	
State Head Taxes	200.00	95.00	
State Head Taxes Abated	15.00		
Interest		30.49	
Penalties		9.00	
Total Remittances	\$7,653.95	\$2,005.71	\$

Uncollected Taxes

Property Taxes	\$1,047.00	\$	\$
Poll Taxes	20.00	2.00	
Yield Taxes	417.47		8.12
State Head Taxes	70.00		
Total Uncollected	\$1,554.47	\$ 2.00	\$8.12
TOTAL CREDITS	\$9,208.42	\$2,007.71	\$8.12

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1965

Levy of 1965 Resident	Poll	Head	Prop.	Yield
Boutin, John, Jr., and Iona	\$	\$	\$ 120.00	\$
Boutin, Joseph N. and Priscilla			48.00	
Clark, Forrest S.			96.00	
Elliott, John, Jr., and Catherine	2.00	10.00	117.60	
Elliott, Robert and Beverly	4.00	10.00		
Gregory, P. R., Jr., and Grace	2.00	10.00	84.00	
Harris, William and Seraphine	2.00	10.00	60.00	52.60
Hatch, Vernon and Dorothy	4.00	10.00		
Hebert, Armand and Joan	4.00	10.00		
Mason, Lloyd and Laura	2.00	10.00		
Yeaton, Edith (Estate)			143.40	
 Non-Resident				
Albert, George V.			6.00	
Clapp, Merton A.			24.00	
Elliott, Robert F. and Alice M.			48.00	
Finn, Daniel J. and Mary R.			120.00	
Jacobs, Walter			7.20	
Morrie, Alfred and Alice			72.00	
Peters, Lester G.			24.00	
Prue, William			28.80	
Shaw, James and Helen			24.00	
Winn, Frank and George Norman			24.00	
Gross, Alvin H.				4.00
Forest Products, Inc.				360.87
Levy of 1964				
Elliott, James W.	2.00			
Levy of 1955				
Boutin, Joseph N.				8.12
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TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$22.00	\$70.00	\$1,047.00	\$425.59

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. LACKIE
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:

1965 Property Tax	\$ 6,383.40	
Poll Tax	72.00	
Poll Tax Abatements	6.00	
Yield Tax	977.55	
State Head Tax	200.00	
State Head Tax Abatements	15.00	
		<hr/> \$7,653.95
1964 Property Tax	\$ 1,783.34	
Property Tax Interest	29.69	
Poll Tax	30.00	
Yield Tax	57.88	
Yield Tax Interest	.80	
State Head Tax	95.00	
State Head Tax Penalties	9.00	
		<hr/> 2,005.71

From Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits		
1964 Permits	\$.50	
1965 Permits	823.32	
Dog Licenses	18.00	
		<hr/> 841.82

From Constable:

Dog Licenses	21.00
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Town Truck Hire:

Town of Benton	\$ 398.90	
Merchants Mutual		
Ins. adjustment	17.73	
		<hr/> 416.63

From Trust Funds:

For Highways	\$	58.25
For Cemeteries		71.64
Refund on Bank Charges		.40

 130.29
From State of N.H.:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$	68.81
Railroad Tax		21.74
Savings Bank Tax		11.34
National Forest Reserve		2,530.41
Reimbursement a/c Town		
Road Aid		682.25
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment		474.15
Porcupine Bounties		38.50

 3,827.20
Tax Anticipation Note:

Woodsville National Bank	3,500.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 18,396.60

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1965 4,450.15

 \$ 22,846.75
 Selectmen's Orders and Service Charge —18,088.79

 Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1965 \$ 4,757.96

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA BOUTIN

Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS—1965

Town Officers' Salaries:

William J. Harris, trustee	\$	10.00	
John G. Elliott, Sr., trustee		10.00	
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer		60.00	
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector		60.00	
James J. Page, selectman		130.00	
Osmon M. Collins, selectman		35.00	
John Boutin, Sr. selectman		60.00	
Ruth F. Page, town clerk		50.00	
Ethel A. Boutin, auditor		20.00	
Ethel A. Boutin, overseer of public welfare		5.00	
			\$ 440.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Mileage	\$	11.20	
Meals		10.50	
Association dues		16.00	
Safe deposit box		4.40	
Transfers		7.65	
Printing town reports		197.88	
Postage		21.55	
Officers' bonds		62.00	
Supplies		17.53	
Tax bills		10.05	
Auto guide		7.50	
Boat report charges		.48	
Justice of Peace		10.00	
Telephone		2.86	
Motor vehicle and dog fees		40.80	
Bank service charge		7.50	
			\$ 427.90

Election and Registration:

James J. Page, moderator	\$	10.00	
Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor		20.00	
Lena Collins, supervisor		20.00	
Lester Noxon, supervisor		20.00	
Ruth F. Page, town clerk		10.00	
Osmon M. Collins, selectman		10.00	
John Boutin, Sr., selectman		10.00	
			\$ 100.00

Town Buildings Maintenance:

Electric	\$	7.50	
Labor		14.50	
Insurance		36.20	
			\$ 58.20

Police Department:

George B. Tyler, constable	\$	15.00	
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Bounties:

69 Porcupines	\$	41.75	
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Health Department:

John Boutin, Sr., health officer	\$	5.00	
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Vital Statistics:

Ruth F. Page, town clerk	\$	8.75	
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Town Road Aid:

Appropriation	\$	109.01	
Labor		220.35	
Equipment hire		765.60	
Gravel		90.00	
			\$ 1,184.96

Town Road Maintenance—Summer:

Labor	\$	409.50	
Equipment hire		478.15	
Gravel		57.20	
Cold patch		49.86	
Bridge plank		54.00	
			\$ 1,048.71

Town Road Maintenance—Winter:

Labor	\$	436.26	
Equipment hire		217.00	
Salt		30.00	
Sand		16.50	
Supplies		19.94	
			\$ 719.70

Town Truck Account:

Gas and oil	\$	194.39	
Repairs		415.44	
Insurance		129.70	
Labor (reimbursement)		24.30	
			\$ 763.83

Memorial Day:

Supplies	\$	33.95	
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Regional Association:

White Mts. Region Assn.	\$	22.31	
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Cemeteries:

Labor	\$	196.25	
Equipment hire		24.75	
Fertilizer and seed		12.09	
Flowers		7.10	
Mileage		2.40	
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	\$		242.59

Abatements:

Head and poll tax abatements	\$	21.00
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Interest:

Tax anticipation notes	\$	95.00
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Tax Anticipation Notes:

Woodsville National Bank	\$	3,500.00
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Payments to Other**Governmental Divisions:**

State head taxes	\$	214.56	
Yield tax-bond and			
debt retirement		175.80	
County tax		559.31	
Benton School District			
Appropriation		7,145.26	
Nat'l. Forest Reserve			
(one-half)		1,265.21	
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	\$		9,360.14

TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$	<hr/>	18,088.79
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TRUST FUNDS

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1965

There are in custody of the Trustees the following trust funds bequeathed to the Town of Benton. The income shown (\$188.14) is that received during the year 1965, and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

Name of Fund	Distribution of Income			
	Amount of Fund	Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$ 513.19	\$12.96	\$	\$
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	8.50	2.00	2.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		51.25	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			51.25
L. H. Parker (Field)	200.00	Field not rented		
J. C. Speed	132.11	4.66		
Sam'l Whitcher & Wm. Kendall	189.69	6.69		
Wm. T. Torsey	45.46	1.60		
Samuel Annis	45.46	1.60		
Jonithan Davis	45.46	1.60		
Geo. H. Clark	190.27	6.71		
K. L. Howe	50.00	1.76		
Ella Mann	50.00	1.76		
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	3.52		
Isabella Tyler	50.00	1.76		
Lee B. & Maude McKean	100.00	3.52		
	<hr/> \$6,711.64	<hr/> \$71.64	<hr/> \$58.25	<hr/> \$58.25

All the above funds are either deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co., or are invested in Government bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon bank, Lisbon, N.H.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. HARRIS
JOHN G. ELLIOTT, SR.
Trustees

TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Selectmen, Trustees of Trust Funds and Highway Agent and find them to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN

February 10, 1966

REPORT TO HEALTH OFFICER TOWN OF BENTON, N. H. FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1965

Home visits were made by the State Public Health Nurse for follow up on cases. The Infants and Pre-school children of Benton were also included in the Well Child Conference at Woodsville for physical examinations and immunization against whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus, polio and smallpox.

In the schools, children in grades 1, 4, 8 and 12 were given the opportunity to receive a booster shot for diphtheria and tetanus. They were also tested for tuberculosis. These same grades are done every year so that the children can be checked every 3 to 4 years.

This is the year when "Medicare" will come into effect. Starting July 1, 1966 home nursing will be paid for by Medicare for those who are covered, are over 65 years of age and are in need of nursing care in the home after discharge from the hospital. With Medicare it is anticipated that there will be a shortage of

hospital beds making hospital stays shorter and requiring nursing care at home. For this reason we are urging the town fathers to start planning to provide this type of service, and to discuss means for hiring a local Public Health Nurse. The possibility exists of combining small towns to be serviced by one nurse, e.g. Woodsville, Monroe, Bath, Benton, or Haverhill, Pike and Benton Flats. Some of your local citizens have already showed interest in this project. This means a cooperative effort from each town. It is feasible and would be less costly. Health Education, Prevention of Disease, Care of the Sick and Rehabilitation of the Aged are all nursing services needed in each and every town. The State Nurse covers 15 towns so would not be able to do this work. The office of Economic Opportunity, with headquarters in the Opera Block, Woodsville, may be able to assist with funds to start this project.

Tax money is used for schools, road maintenance, police and fire protection. Healthy citizens should be even more important, because without health we cannot function.

My sincere thanks for the cooperation received.

Respectfully submitted,

LORETTA B. RUSSELL, R.N.
State Public Health Nurse
Lincoln, N. H. 03251

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Benton School District

Year Ending December 31, 1965

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Mildred Elliott	Term Expires 1966
Mrs. Ruth Page	Term Expires 1967
Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term Expires 1968

Other District Officers

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Mr. George Tyler	Truant Officer
Mr. Norman Mullen	Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL WARRANT

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said District on the eighth day of March, 1966, at one o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State Agencies.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

MILDRED ELLIOTT

RUTH PAGE

ETHEL BOUTIN

School Board

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON
1966 - 1967

	Budget 1965- 1966	Proposed Budget 1966- 1967
100 Administration		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 43.50	\$ 43.50
135 Contracted Services	14.00	14.00
190 Other Expenses	35.00	50.00
300 Attendance		
310 Truant Officer	5.00	5.00
500 Pupil Transportation		
535 Contracted Trans- portation	3,100.00	3,210.00
1477 Outgoing Transfer Accounts		
—in State		
1477.1 Tuition	8,000.00	9,010.00
1477.2 Transportation to other School Districts	151.00	151.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses	205.00	118.08
Contingency Fund	200.00	100.00
 EXPENDITURES	<hr/> \$ 11,753.50	<hr/> \$ 12,701.58
Less Contingency Fund	200.00	
 Total	<hr/> \$ 11,553.50	<hr/> \$ 12,701.58

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1966	\$ 0.00
State Aid:	
Foundation Aid	2,900.00
Sweepstakes Revenue	581.01
Other—Needy District Aid	442.34
Federal Aid:	
National Forest Reserve	1,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	55.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,701.58 for the school year 1966-1967.

MILDRED ELLIOTT
RUTH PAGE
ETHEL BOUTIN

School Board

Recommended Motion:

I move that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District the sum of \$12,701.58.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE 1966-1967

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1966.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 2 of the Budget Report. \$12,701.58

STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1965

	Budget 1964-1965	Paid Out 1964-1965
100 Administration		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 64.00	\$ 55.00
135 Contracted Services	14.00	14.00
190.1 Expenses of District Officers	25.00	102.65
300 Attendance Services		
310 Salary of Truant Officer		2.50
500 Pupil Transportation		
535 Contracted Services	3,251.00	3,162.00
600 Operation of Plant		
630 Supplies, Except Utilities		3.03
645 Utilities, Except Heat		14.36
800 Fixed Charges		
850.3 Federal Insurance Contribution Act (F.I.C.A.)		1.00
1400 Outgoing Transfer Items		
1477 Expenditures to Other Schools, Districts or Administrative Units in the State		
.1 Tuition	7,925.00	8,192.00
.2 Transportation		144.00
*.3 District Share of Supervisory Union Exp.	183.00	*183.12
Contingency Fund	100.00	
TOTAL	\$ 11,562.00	\$ 11,873.66

* This figure includes the amount of \$87.00, the district's share of the Superintendent's Salary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965

Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1964	\$ 29.30
Revenue from Local Sources:	
Current Appropriation	6,317.15
Balance Due on Previous Appropriation	278.61
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation	549.50
Other Revenue from Local Sources:	
Earnings from Trust Funds	58.25
Revenue from State Sources:	
Foundation Aid	2,728.51
Sweepstakes	640.16
Needy District Aid	493.00
Revenue from Federal Sources:	
National Forest Reserve	1,198.84
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	\$ 12,293.32

Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$ 11,873.66
Cash on Hand June 30, 1965	419.66
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	\$ 12,293.32

July 1, 1965 to December 31, 1965

Cash on Hand July 1, 1965	\$	419.66
Revenue from Local Sources:		
Current Appropriation	\$	500.00
Revenue from State Sources:		
Foundation Aid		2,923.23
Aid to Needy Districts		442.34
Sweepstakes Proceeds		581.01
Receipts from other Sources		36.86
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Total Receipts		4,483.44
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Total Amount Available to		
December 31, 1965	\$	4,903.10
Less School Board Orders Paid		4,660.32
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Balance on Hand December 31, 1965	\$	242.78

BALANCE SHEET**June 30, 1965****Assets**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1965	
General Fund	\$ 419.66
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 419.66
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities Over Assets)	129.84
GRAND TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 549.50

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by District	
Advance on 1965-1966 Appropriation	\$ 549.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 549.50
GRAND TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 549.50

REVISED INCOME FOR 1965-1966

Unencumbered Balance	\$ 0.00
Sweepstakes	581.01
Foundation Aid	2,923.23
Needy District Aid	442.34
National Forest Reserve	1,000.00
Trust Fund Income	55.00
Total Revenue & Credit	<hr/> \$ 5,001.58
Amount to be raised by 1965 Property Taxes	6,551.92
Total Appropriations	<hr/> \$ 11,553.50

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965

Summary

Cash on Hand July 1, 1964	\$	29.30
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$	6,317.15
Balance Due on Previous		
Appropriation		278.61
Advance on Next Year's		
Appropriation		549.50
Revenue from State Sources		3,861.67
Revenue from Federal Sources:		
National Forest Reserve		1,198.84
Received as Income from		
Trust Funds		58.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	12,264.02
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$	12,293.32
Less School Board Orders Paid		11,873.66
Balance on Hand June 30, 1965	\$	419.66
	LENA COLLINS	
June 29, 1965	District Treasurer	

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA BOUTIN
Auditor

1965-1966

As your superintendent approaches the mid-point in his first year of tenure, he has observed many problems facing education in this area but the one single greatest dilemma is: "How are we going to continue supporting public schools with costs rising at such a rapid rate?" No one has the answer but one fact we all recognize—we have children and they must be educated to live in an atomic age that was inconceivable twenty years ago.

Our educational responsibilities are only beginning when we consider the rate at which man acquires knowledge. It is estimated that knowledge doubled for the first time at about 1700; again around 1900; the third doubling occurred about 1950; and the fourth in 1960. If it is true that we are now gathering new knowledge at such an astounding pace that we are doubling the world's gross supply of information every ten years, then the educational process may soon find itself under overwhelming stress. New ways of learning must be rapidly developed and installed in the schools if we are to maintain an intellectual balance between the acquisition and absorption of new knowledge.

Another factor which is often overlooked by many of us is the influence that technology has had on our everyday life and especially education. The technology of the 1960's has created a society which is far from stable. Spectacular breakthroughs in science and computer technology have generated an atmosphere of rapid and accelerating change. Evidence of a changing society may be seen at every turn. Even the relatively new concept of automation is giving way to a newer process called cybernation.

In order for all of us to become aware of the why's and wherefore's of financing education, we must become

aware of the magnitude of the extravagant changes which are taking place in society. Our children must compete intellectually and as citizens in a society that changes day to day. To keep pace, our educational system must continue to improve in the future. All of this will require more thinking and planning on the part of the educational profession and more money from the citizenry. There are two ways to get to the top of an oak tree. One is to climb it, the other is to sit on an acorn.

May I take this opportunity to thank the school board and citizenry of Benton for their fine support during this first year.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN H. MULLEN

Superintendent of Schools

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 23 REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

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

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #23, during the 1965-1966 school year, will receive a salary of \$10,000.00 which is made up as follows: \$3,750.00 to be paid by the State Department of Education and \$6,250.00 pro-rated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,500.00 for travel within the Union is also pro-rated as stated above.

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

District	Salary	Travel
Bath	\$ 257.50	\$ 61.80
Benton	53.75	12.90
Haverhill	1,154.37	277.05
Lincoln-Woodstock	1,881.25	451.50
Monroe	1,158.76	278.10
Piermont	330.62	79.35
Woodsville	1,413.75	339.30
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	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 1,500.00

NORMAN H. MULLEN
Superintendent of Schools

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1965

Date of Death and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Yrs.			Residence of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Mos.	Days	Sex			
January							
4 Benton, N.H.	Charles S. Cornwell	72		M	Salisbury, N.H.	Rupert Cornwell	Grace Sandeman
March							
17 Benton, N.H.	Basil C. McConnell	61		M	Cascade, N.H.	John McConnell	Annie Gillespie
28 Benton, N.H.	Flora Belle Tyler	87		F	Concord, N.H.	John H. Tyler	Lucy Bradley
April							
3 Benton, N.H.	James Walsh	54		M	Concord, N.H.	Thomas Walsh	Helen McCarthy
30 Littleton, N.H.	Frank W. Powers, Jr.	61	6	M	Littleton, N.H.	Frank W. Powers, Sr.	Gloria Couture
May							
4 Benton, N.H.	Thomas Parkinson	66		M	Goffstown, N.H.	John T. Parkinson	Elizabeth Ann Clegg
8 Benton, N.H.	Dick Whittle	75		M	Nashua, N.H.	Harry F. Whittle	Bell Hale
19 Benton, N.H.	Alden Chase	76		M	Enfield, N.H.	George Chase	Unknown
25 Benton, N.H.	Romeo Thibodeau	58		M	Nashua, N.H.	Martel Thibodeau	Melvina Boucher
August							
11 Benton, N.H.	Richard L. Hardy	63		M	Keene, N.H.	Leon Hardy	Gertrude Allen
November							
13 Benton, N.H.	James McIssac	81		M	Campton, N.H.	John McIssac	Mary Ann McDonald
20 Benton, N.H.	Mildred Alice Fiske	69		F	Marlborough, N.H.	Pearl Knight	Ella Wright

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1965

Date of Birth and Name of Child Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
May 28 Haverhill, N.H. Wendy May Clark	F Forrest Sidney Clark	Betty Lou Woods	Benton, N.H.	Lyme, N.H.	Littleton, N.H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1965

Date and Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Age	Name of Parents
August 16 Lisbon, N.H.	John J. Harris Alice M. Defosse	20 16	William J. Harris Sarah R. Boutin Floren J. Defosse Hazel A. Marsh
October 16 Bath, N.H.	Gary Ross Peters Sandra Lee Hatch	21 18	Waldo V. Peters Shirley Cushman Vernon C. Hatch Dorothy Mitchell

Program of the White Mountains Region Association 1965 (28th year)

Printed and distributed over 180,000 folders and booklets promoting the White Mountains Region.

Received 6,987 inquiries in the office which were answered promptly with a kit of folders or by personal letters.

Sent over 22,471 letters and 33,317 individual folders by mail. The balance was distributed by freight or by automobile.

Wrote 25 news releases for use in the local media and four news letters to our members. Wrote one article for N. H. Profiles on "Industrial Conway" and helped prepare other articles for use outside of the region.

Supported the 4-H awards program to encourage the role of agriculture and awarded Mrs. George Clement of Lisbon the "Outstanding Farm Wife of the year."

Have sent a weekly bulletin of lodging inquiries to member inn-keepers who subscribed for them and a monthly real estate bulletin to the member real estate dealers.

Sent out a packet of ski area and lodging folders in response to inquiries on skiing.

Presently we are revising our White Mountains Map which lists nearly 200 points of interest in our region, which was designed to keep the tourists with us a little longer. Information booth people tell us it is very popular with tourists. The new edition will be printed this winter.

Worked in cooperation and attended meetings with the White Mountains Recreation Association, Coos County Rural Areas Development Committee, Coos County Planning Committee, Carroll County Rural Areas Development Committee, N. H. Ski Areas Operators Association, White Mountains Region Industrial Council, the Coos, Carroll and Grafton Counties Community Action Program. The association with these many groups has been mutually helpful in developing new projects and programs in the north country.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. WILSON

Executive Secretary
Lancaster, New Hampshire

Hamilton - Swift Library
Durham, N. H.

PIKE N. H.

