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Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year Ending December 31

1968

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1968

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS – 1968**Moderator:** James J. Page**Town Clerk:** Ruth F. Page**Selectmen:**

William J. Harris (Term Expires 1969)

James J. Page (Term Expires 1970)

James W. Elliott (Term Expires 1971)

Treasurer: Priscilla T. Boutin**Tax Collector:** Francis H. Lackie**Supervisors of the Checklist:**

Lester W. Noxon (Deceased)

John Boutin, Sr. (Appointed to Unexpired Term 1970)

Mildred A. Elliott (Term Expires 1972)

John G. Elliott, Sr. (Term Expires 1974)

Constable: George B. Tyler**Highway Agent:** George B. Tyler**Trustees of Trust Funds**

John G. Elliott, Sr. (Term Expires 1969)

Lester W. Noxon (Deceased)

William J. Harris (Term Expires 1971)

Auditor: Jacob W. Aldrich**Sexton:** John Boutin, Sr.**Surveyor of Wood and Lumber:** William J. Harris**Fence Viewer:** Lester W. Noxon (Deceased)**Health Officer:** John Boutin, Sr.**Ballot Clerks:**

Iona V. Boutin

William J. Harris

Ballot Inspectors:

Laura M. Noxon

Kate J. Goodwin

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 11th) at seven thirty o'clock in the afternoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for the term of three years; one Treasurer; one Tax Collector; one Highway Agent; one Trustee of Trust Funds for the term of three years and one Trustee of Trust Funds for the term of one year; one Sexton; 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 \$135.51 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid) as provided in Chapter 241 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24.94 for the White Mountains Region Association.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to help subsidize ambulance service in our area with such funds to be administered by the Trustees of the Cottage Hospital.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to the White Mountain Community Services for support of their non-profit community mental health program.

Article 6. 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 vote to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 7. To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness of the Town during the ensuing year in anticipation of taxes to be collected for the year 1969 and to be paid therefrom.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

Article 10. To see how the Town will vote on the following question: "shall the provisions of Chapter 287 of the Revised Statutes Annotated relative to playing beano be adopted in this Town?"

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February, A.D., 1969.

WILLIAM J. HARRIS

JAMES J. PAGE

JAMES W. ELLIOTT

Selectmen of Benton

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1968**

Title of Appropriation	Amount	Receipts & Reim- bursements	Expend- itures	Unex- pended Balance	Over- draft
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries	475.00		593.00		118.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00		542.34		42.34
Election and Registration	500.00		483.40	16.60	
Town Buildings Maintenance	75.00		197.22		122.22
Police Department	20.00		20.00		
Fire Department	100.00	*	342.75		242.75
Bliester Rust Control	125.00	1.50**	125.00	1.50	
Insurance			377.55		377.55
Health Department	105.00		105.00		
Vital Statistics	10.00		5.00	5.00	
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	500.00	848.53§	1,215.94	132.59	
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00		952.97	47.03	
Town Road Aid	136.34	1,778.70§§	1,909.83	5.21	24.03
Town Truck Expenses	900.00	314.20†	1,238.23		33.08
Cemeteries	200.00		233.08		
Regional Association	24.94		24.94		
Interest	60.00		55.50	4.50	
County Taxes	585.83		585.83		
School Taxes	9,147.60		11,857.18		2,709.58
	\$14,464.71	\$ 2,942.93	\$20,864.76	\$ 212.43	\$ 3,669.55
					— 212.43
					\$ 3,457.12

NET OVERDRAFT

* Reimbursement of \$159.00 due in 1969
 ** Unused portion of appropriation
 § Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment
 §§ State share TRA 1967 and 1968
 † Truck earnings over budget

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1969 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1968

From State of New Hampshire:

	Actual 1968	Estimated 1969
SOURCE OF REVENUE		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 139.91	\$ 150.00
Savings Bank Tax	7.27	8.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	181.71	250.00
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	1,899.37	1,900.00

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	71.00	70.00
Permits	10.00	10.00
Interest Received on Taxes	46.35	50.00
Income from Trust Funds	139.63	140.00
Income from Town Truck	914.20	900.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,135.66	1,100.00

**From Local Taxes Other Than
Property Taxes:**

Poll Taxes	96.00	96.00
Yield Taxes	379.98	200.00

**Total Revenues from all Sources Except
Property Taxes:**

	\$ 5,021.08	\$ 4,874.00
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Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes:

	10,939.41	15,440.64
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TOTAL REVENUES

		\$20,314.64
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

**Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1969 Compared With
Actual Expenditures for the Year 1968**

	Actual 1968	Estimated 1969
PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES		
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 593.00	\$ 550.00
Town Officers' Expenses	542.34	500.00
Election and Registration	483.40	115.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	197.22	300.00
Police Department	20.00	20.00
Fire Department	342.75	100.00
Blister Rust Control	125.00	
Insurance	377.55	375.00
Health Department	105.00	130.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	10.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	367.41	600.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	952.97	1,000.00
Town Truck Expenses	1,238.23	900.00
Town Road Aid	136.34	135.51
Cemeteries	233.08	250.00
Regional Association	24.94	24.94
Interest on Temporary Loans	55.50	50.00
County Taxes:	585.83	600.00
School Taxes:	11,857.18	14,654.19
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$18,242.74	\$20,314.64

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1968**ASSETS**

Cash in Hands of Treasurer		\$ 6,408.59
Accounts Due		
State: Porcupine Bounties		7.00
Others: Mullaney Fire		159.00
Uncollected Taxes		
Levy of 1968	\$ 1,536.25	
Levy of 1967	563.33	
Levy of 1966	142.68	
State Head Taxes—1968	105.00	
	-----	2,347.26
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 8,921.85

LIABILITIES

Accounts Due State		
State Head Taxes—1968	\$ 130.00	
Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	88.77	
	-----	\$ 218.77
Accounts Due School		
Balance of School Tax		6,427.23

TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 6,646.00
SURPLUS		2,275.85

		\$ 8,921.85

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION – 1968

Description of Property	
Land	\$107,993
Buildings	124,541

	\$232,534
Public Utilities—Electric	36,473
House Trailers and Mobile Homes	
Assessed as Personal Property	4,615
Stock in Trade of Manufacturers	2,925
Neat Stock—Dairy Cows (96)	8,736
Other Cattle (1)	39
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	130
Portable Mill	3,250
Road Building and Construction Machinery	488

Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$289,190
Exemptions	
Neat Stock Exemption	-1,000

Net Valuation on which Tax Rate	
is Computed	\$288,190

Proportionality of Assessment: 65%

STATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED—1968

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 4,731.28	
County Tax	585.83	
School Tax	9,147.60	

TOTAL APPROPRIATION		\$14,464.71
ESTIMATED REVENUES		-3,989.86

		\$10,474.85
Add: War Service Tax Credits		300.00
Add: Overlay		464.56

GROSS PROPERTY TAXES		\$11,239.41
Less: War Service Tax Credit		-300.00

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES		\$10,939.41

Net Valuation \$288,190 x Tax Rate \$3.90 = Amount
to be Raised \$10,939.41

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD AND STATE HEAD TAXES

DEBITS

**Taxes Committed to Collector and
Uncollected Taxes as of 1/1/68**

	Levy of 1968	Levy of 1967	Levy of 1966	Levy of 1965	Levy of 1955
Property Taxes	\$10,939.41	\$ 2,131.58	\$165.88	\$	\$
Poll Taxes	98.00	32.00			
Yield Taxes	532.63			4.00	8.12
State Head Taxes	305.00	100.00			
Interest		33.66	2.19		
Penalties	1.00	9.50			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$11,876.04	\$ 2,306.74	\$168.07	\$4.00	\$8.12

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$ 9,449.88	\$ 1,568.25	\$ 23.20		
Poll Taxes	60.00	30.00			
Poll Taxes Abated	4.00	2.00			
Yield Taxes	441.43				
Yield Taxes Abated				\$4.00	\$8.12
State Head Taxes	190.00	95.00			
State Head Taxes Abated	10.00	5.00			
Interest		33.66	2.19		
Penalties	1.00	9.50			
Total Remittances	\$10,156.31	\$ 1,743.41	\$ 25.39	\$4.00	\$8.12
Discount Allowed	\$ 78.48				

Uncollected Taxes

Property Taxes	\$ 1,411.05	\$ 563.33	\$142.68		
Poll Taxes	34.00				
Yield Taxes	91.20				
State Head Taxes	105.00				
Total Uncollected	\$ 1,641.25	\$ 563.33	\$142.68		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$11,876.04	\$ 2,306.74	\$168.07	\$4.00	\$8.12

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1968

	Poll	Head	Prop.	Yield
Levy of 1968				
Resident				
Boutin, Albert and Mabel	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	\$	\$
Boutin, John Jr. and Iona	4.00	10.00	173.67	
Boutin, Joseph N. and Priscilla	2.00	10.00	107.72	
Boutin, Wilfred and Esther	4.00	10.00		
Bragdon, Francis	2.00	5.00		
Elliott, John Jr. and Catherine	2.00	10.00	144.50	
Elliott, Robert O. and Beverly	4.00	10.00		
Fenn, Thomas and Josephia	4.00	10.00	148.67	
Gregory, P. R. Jr. and Grace	2.00	10.00	177.64	
Gregory, Grace M.			136.42	
Harris, William and Seraphine	2.00	10.00	104.25	
Hatch, Verne and Dorothy	4.00	10.00		
Page Brothers			330.56	
Non-Resident				
Albert, George V.			6.36	
Clapp, Merton A.			18.99	
Driscoll, James and Helen			8.89	
Elliott, Benjamin Sr., et al			6.59	
Fetherolf, Melinda			1.29	
Forest Products, Inc.				\$91.20
Randall, Daniel			7.49	
Stecky, John and Marian			38.02	
Levy of 1967				
Albert, George V.			9.41	
Boutin, Albert and Mabel			76.10	
Elliott, Benjamin Sr. et al			4.56	
Elliott, John Jr. and Catherine			237.12	
Finn, Daniel and Mary			185.25	
Randall, Daniel			18.52	
Swing, William and Yvonne			55.57	
Levy of 1966				
Albert, George V.			5.80	
Elliott, John Jr. and Catherine			136.88	
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TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$ 34.00	\$105.00	\$ 2,117.06	\$ 91.20

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. LACKIE
Tax Collector

Dog Licenses		23.00
Pistol Permits		10.00
From Constable:		
Dog Licenses		48.00
From Town Truck Hire:		
Town of Benton	\$	570.20
Town of Landaff		57.75
Robert E. Longpre		191.25
William Jones		52.50
J. W. Modrall		16.25
Earl H. Ruddock		1.25
John Boutin, Jr.		3.75
Daniel Finn		7.50
Joseph Taylor		3.75
Allen Morell		2.50
William Fallon		7.50
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		914.20
From Trust Funds—1967:		
For Highways	\$	58.25
For Cemeteries		81.38
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		139.63
From State of New Hampshire:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$	139.91
Savings Bank Tax		7.27
Meals and Rooms Tax		181.71
Porcupine Bounties		26.00
Refund for Blister Rust Control		1.50
Town Road Aid		1,778.70
Class V Highway Maint. Allotment		848.53
National Forest Reserve		3,798.75
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		\$ 6,782.37
Tax Anticipation Notes:		
Woodsville National Bank	\$	4,200.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$25,299.78

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Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1968	8,458.67

	\$33,758.45
Selectmen's Orders	-27,348.02

	\$ 6,410.43
Bank Service Charge	-1.84

Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1968	\$ 6,408.59

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA BOUTIN
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS—1968

Town Officers' Salaries:

Lester W. Noxon, trustee	\$	10.00
John G. Elliott, Sr., trustee		10.00
William J. Harris, trustee		10.00
Jacob W. Aldrich, auditor		25.00
William J. Harris, selectman		106.00
James W. Elliott, selectman		106.00
James J. Page, selectman		156.00
Ruth F. Page, town clerk		50.00
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector		60.00
Priscilla T. Boutin, treasurer		60.00

	\$	593.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Supplies	\$	18.15
Tax books		18.40
Postage		25.58
Mileage		18.88
Meals		18.60
Association dues		21.00
Fees		130.14
Safe deposit box		4.00
Officers' bonds		70.00
Transfers		16.30
Town reports		199.45
Bank service charge		1.84

		542.34

Insurance:

Concord Gen. Mutual Ins. Co.		
Town truck		129.76
Franconia Insurance Agency		
Workmen's compensation		105.84
General liability		105.00
Community building		36.95
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		377.55

Health Department:

John Boutin, Sr., health officer	\$	5.00
Cottage Hospital		
Area ambulance service		100.00
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		105.00

Vital Statistics:

Ruth F. Page, town clerk		5.00
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Town Road Maintenance—Summer:

Labor	\$	346.60
Equipment hire		843.96
Repairs		.48
Gravel		24.90
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		1,215.94

Town Road Maintenance—Winter:

Labor	\$	521.55
Equipment hire		369.25
Salt		29.12
Sand		25.20
Repairs		7.85
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		952.97

Town Truck Expenses:

Rebuilt motor	\$ 441.44
Repairs	397.48
Gas and oil	281.01
Labor (reimbursed)	65.80
Chains	52.50

 1,238.23
Town Road Aid:

Appropriation	\$ 136.34
Equipment hire	1,348.19
Gravel	253.40
Labor	168.90
Supplies	3.00

 1,909.83
Cemeteries:

Labor	\$ 183.22
Equipment hire	29.35
Plants	14.20
Supplies	6.31

 233.08
Regional Association:

White Mountains Region Assn.	24.94
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Abatements:

1955 yield tax	\$ 8.12
1965 yield tax	4.00
1967 head and poll taxes	7.00
1968 head and poll taxes	14.00

 33.12
Interest:

Woodsville National Bank	
Tax anticipation notes	55.50

Tax Anticipation Notes:

Woodsville National Bank	\$ 4,200.00
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Payments to State:

State head tax	\$ 257.02	
Bond and debt retirement tax	88.58	
	-----	345.60

Payments to County:

County taxes	585.83
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Payments to School:

Appropriation	\$11,857.18	
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	1,899.38	
	-----	\$13,756.56

TOTAL PAYMENTS	-----	\$27,349.86
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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 correctly cast and properly vouched.

JACOB W. ALDRICH
Auditor

TRUST FUNDS

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

There are in custody of the Trustees the following trust funds bequeathed to the Town of Benton. The income shown (\$197.88) is that received during the year 1968, and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

Name of Fund	Distribution of Income			
	Amount	Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$ 500.00	\$ 12.50	\$	\$
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
Ira Whitcher	13.19	.58		
L. H. Parker	200.00		Field not rented	
J. C. Speed	132.11	5.94		
Sam'l Whitcher & Wm. Kendall	189.69	8.50		
Wm. T. Torsey	45.46	2.02		
Sam'l Annis	45.46	2.02		
Jonithan Davis	45.46	2.02		
Geo. H. Clark	190.27	8.55		
Ella Mann	50.00	2.25		
K. L. Howe	50.00	2.25		
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	4.50		
Isabella Tyler	50.00	2.25		
Lee B. & Maude McKean	100.00	4.50		
	\$6,711.64	\$ 81.38	\$ 58.25	\$ 58.25

The above funds are deposited in savings accounts or invested in Government bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Company, Lisbon, New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. HARRIS
JOHN G. ELLIOTT, SR.
Trustees of Trust Funds

Program of the White Mountains Region Association 1968 (31st year)

Printed and distributed 308,000 folders promoting the region. Received and answered 7,335 inquiries and mailed a total of 17,392 individual letters or packages.

Posted our annual 500-miles of Fall Foliage Tours for the 20th season.

Wrote forty-four news releases to inform people in the region of important economic issues.

Prepared publicity articles which have appeared in **New Hampshire Profiles**, **Skiing Magazine** and the **American Canoeist**.

Assisted with the production of a full page four-color ad urging motorists to visit New Hampshire, which appeared in seven national magazines including **Sports Illustrated** and **National Geographic**.

Assisted with a study for better vocational and rehabilitation services for Coos and Carroll Counties.

Researched and sold the concept of an east-west interstate highway for the north country.

Prepared a position paper regarding the Connecticut Valley National Recreation Area proposal.

Worked at three travel shows, one at Boston, one at Montreal, and the other at Cleveland.

Assisted two TV teams in filming the White Mountains.

Presented the annual awards and subscriptions to 4-H clubs in the region.

Introduced whitewater canoe racing into the region.

Promoted the concept of preserving farms through encouraging family farming.

Worked on industrial development problems with communities in the area.

Supported with money the Shelburne Highway Safety Rest Area Information Center and assisted in training the staff.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Benton School District

Year Ending December 31, 1968

DISTRICT OFFICERS**School Board**

Mrs. Mildred Elliott, Chairman	Term Expires 1969
Mrs. Priscilla Boutin	Term Expires 1970
Mrs. Ruth Page	Term Expires 1971

Other District Officers

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

SCHOOL WARRANT**The State of New Hampshire**

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 11th day of March, 1969, at 8:30 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 other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the bal-

ance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

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

MILDRED ELLIOTT
PRISCILLA BOUTIN
RUTH PAGE
School Board

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON

1969 - 1970

	Adopted Budget 1968-69	Proposed Budget 1969-70
100 Administration		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 43.50	\$ 43.50
135 Contracted Services	6.00	6.00
190 Other Expenses	50.00	
300 Attendance		
310 Salary of Truant Officer	5.00	
500 Transportation		
535 Contracted Transportation	3,335.00	3,827.00
1400 Outgoing Transfer Accounts— In State		
1477.1 Tuition	12,626.00	18,100.00
1477.2 Transportation to Other School Districts	150.00	150.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Exp.	142.44	164.37
Contingency Fund	100.00	100.00
EXPENDITURES	\$16,457.94	\$22,390.87

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1969 - 70

Balance on Hand June 30, 1969	\$ 0.00
State Aid:	
Foundation Aid	5,605.43
Sweepstakes	175.00
Federal Aid:	
National Forest Reserve	1,900.00
Income Trust Funds	58.25
Estimated amount to be raised by 1969 Property Taxes	14,652.19
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Total Appropriations	\$22,390.87

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,390.87 for the school year 1969-1970.

MILDRED ELLIOTT
PRISCILLA BOUTIN
RUTH PAGE

Recommended Motion:

I move that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District the sum of \$22,390.87.

REVISED INCOME FOR 1968 - 1969

Unencumbered Balance	\$ 291.29
Sweepstakes	175.00
Foundation Aid	5,605.43
National Forest Reserve	1,200.00
Trust Fund Income	58.00
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Total Revenue and Credits	\$ 7,329.72
Amount to be raised by 1968 Property Taxes	9,128.22
Total Appropriations	\$16,457.94

STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1968

	Adopted Budget 1967-68	Paid Out 1967-68
100 Administration		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 100.00	\$ 51.50
135 Contracted Services	14.00	
190 Other Expenses	50.00	25.93
300 Attendance Services		
310 Salary of Truant Officer	5.00	5.00
500 Pupil Transportation		
535 Contracted Services	3,335.00	3,370.00
1400 Outgoing Transfer Items		
1477 Expenditures to Other Schools, Districts, or Administrative Units in the State		
.1 Tuition	12,900.00	12,673.44
.2 Transportation	150.00	122.00
.3 District Share of Super- visory Union Exp.	135.75	*135.75
Contingency Fund	100.00	

	\$16,789.75	
Deficiency Appropriation	1,200.00	

TOTAL	\$17,989.75	\$16,383.62

*This figure includes the amount of \$39.10, the district's share of the Superintendent's salary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1967	\$ 20.42
Revenue from Local Sources	
Current Appropriation	11,525.00
Other Revenue from Local Sources	
Earnings from Trust Funds	58.25
Revenue from State Sources	
Foundation Aid	3,170.10
Sweepstakes	209.36
Revenue from Federal Sources	
National Forest Reserve	1,423.46

	\$16,406.59

PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$16,383.62
Cash on Hand June 30, 1968	22.97

	\$16,406.59

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968

Cash on Hand July 1, 1968		\$ 22.97
Revenue from State Sources:		
Foundation Aid	\$ 5,605.43	
Sweepstakes	197.89	
Revenue from Local Sources:		
Current Appropriation	2,182.18	
National Forest Reserve Fund	1,899.38	
	9,884.88	
Total Amount Available to December 31, 1968		\$ 9,907.85
Less School Board Orders Paid		6,907.04
Balance on Hand December 31, 1968		\$ 3,000.81

BALANCE SHEET—JUNE 30, 1968**Assets**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1968	
General Fund	\$ 22.97
Accounts Due to District	
From Town or City	268.32
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 291.29
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities	
Over Assets)	0.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 291.29

Liabilities

Accounts Owed By District	
Advance on 68-69 Appropriation	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
Surplus (Excess of Assets	
Over Liabilities)	291.29
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 291.29

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1967	\$	20.42
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$11,525.00	
Revenue from State Sources	3,379.46	
Revenue from Federal Sources	1,423.46	
Received as Income from		
Trust Funds	58.25	

TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$16,386.17
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		16,406.59
Less School Board Orders Paid		16,383.62

Balance on Hand June 30, 1968	\$	22.97

MAXINE TYLER

July 10, 1968

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S 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 Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA BOUTIN

July 13, 1968

Auditor

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
1968 - 1969**

Last year it was a pleasure to write my report and alert the Benton taxpayer that his school tax was decreasing approximately thirty percent.

Unfortunately, this year your taxes for school support have risen dramatically. The major increase can be traced to one item—tuition.

It might be a good idea at this time to give you some of the tuition charges in other school districts in this area to indicate how much per pupil tuition costs have increased in the last few years:

Vermont

St. Johnsbury Academy (Books are extra)	\$ 970.00
St. Johnsbury Trade School	950.00
St. Johnsbury Trade School (Books are extra)	950.00
McIndoes Academy	975.00
Newbury High School	(estimated) 1,025.00
Bradford Academy	800.00

New Hampshire

White Mountains Regional	725.00
Littleton High School	715.00
Woodsville High School	700.00
Orford High School	695.00

Next year the Benton School District will have thirty-three children attending school in the Haverhill Cooperative ranging from grades 1-11. We will not have any graduating in 1970 and therefore the cost for tuition in 1970-71 will be enormous.

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

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN H. MULLEN
Superintendent of Schools

SUPERVISORY UNION #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 1968-1969, will receive a salary of \$14,000.00, which is made up as follows: \$3,500.00 to be paid by the State Department of Education and \$10,500.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,500.00 for travel within the Union is also prorated as stated above.

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

	Salary	Travel
Bath	\$ 529.20	\$ 75.60
Benton	45.15	6.45
Haverhill	1,988.70	284.10
Lincoln-Woodstock	3,192.00	456.00
Monroe	1,773.45	253.35
Piermont	658.35	94.05
Woodsville	2,313.15	330.45
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	\$10,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

NORMAN H. MULLEN

Superintendent of Schools

**REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN &
DISTRICT CHIEF**

New Hampshire is the fastest growing state in the northeast in terms of population increase. It is also an industrialized state and this growth is likely to continue, all of which means more families and homes. Our growing summer population is scattered throughout the state with a phenomenal increase in vacation homes.

Many new homes and practically all cottages are being located in woodlands and abandoned fields and forests crowd into the back yards of our village streets. In a state where the forests cover 86% of the land surface, it is necessary that everyone be aware all through the season, which comes with the disappearance of the snow until the snow comes again, of the need to be careful with outdoor fires and fire sources.

The following action will help:

1. To teach our children the danger of lighted matches.
2. To never discard lighted smoking material from a car or while walking through fields or woods.
3. To safely dispose of rubbish preferably at the town dump. If you must burn—
 - a. You need a written permit from the town fire warden for *all* debris burning except when the ground is covered with snow. Cooking fires in outdoor fireplaces or in charcoal brasiers in your own back yard is permitted on notification of the warden.

- b. The warden is forbidden by regulation to allow burning of household rubbish on grass by householders between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
 - c. Have equipment on hand to control the fire *before* you light the match.
4. Promptly report any fire out of control to your fire warden or fire department.

Help to keep our town out of the fire occurrence column and save our tax dollars for useful purposes.

District Fire Chief
JOHN Q. RICARD
Canaan, N. H.

Forest Fire Warden
JOHN BOUTIN, SR.
Benton, N. H.

Deaths registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1968

Date of Death and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Residence of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
June 30 Benton	Alphonse Croteau	72	Rochester	Sacler Croteau	Demoiisel Levesque
July 2 Benton	George Gladstone Wilson	68	Raymond	James H. Wilson	Ethel Nash
August 20 Hanover	Uldege Bernard	67	Benton	Joseph Bernard	Josephine Boucher
October 19 Haverhill	Alice Tyler	86	Haverhill	Alvah Brainard	Martha Morse
November 15 Benton	Charles Fowler	65	Rochester	Charles Fowler	Mary Javrin
December 7 Haverhill	Lester William Noxon	70	Benton	George Noxon	Anna Ryan

Marriages registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1968

Date and Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Age	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
July 19 Benton	Florien Joseph DeFosse, Jr. Bonnie Lee Elliott	20 18	Florien DeFosse, Sr. John Elliott, Jr.	Hazel Marsh Catherine Mason
October 19 South Ryegate, Vt.	Dale Gene Phelps Roberta Ellen Elliott	22 18	Gordon Phelps Robert Owen Elliott	Winona Sulham Beverly Moses

