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Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year Ending December 31

1970

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1970

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS — 1970**Moderator:** James J. Page**Town Clerk:**

Ruth F. Page	(March.-Jan.)
Margaret D. Elliott	(Jan.-March)

Selectmen:

James W. Elliott	(Term Expires 1971)
George B. Tyler	(Term Expires 1972)
James J. Page	(Term Expires 1973)

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

Mildred A. Elliott	(Term Expires 1972)
John G. Elliott, Sr.	(Term Expires 1974)
Laura Mason	(Term Expires 1976)

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

William J. Harris	(Term Expires 1971)
John G. Elliott, Sr.	(Term Expires 1972)
Joseph N. Boutin	(Term Expires 1973)

Auditor: Jacob W. Aldrich**Sexton:** David Harris**Surveyor of Wood and Lumber:** William J. Harris**Health Officer:** John Boutin, Sr.**Ballot Clerks:**

Iona V. Boutin	William J. Harris
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Ballot Inspector: Katie 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 9th) at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for a term of three years; one Treasurer; one Tax Collector; one Highway Agent; one Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years; 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 \$152.99 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 \$43.18 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 for support of the White Mountain Community Services, Inc. program of non-profit community mental health.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken at the 1961 Town Meeting which required payment of the Federal minimum wage for hourly labor performed for the Town, and will vote to authorize payment of \$1.80 per hour for hourly labor performed after this date.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and vote to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

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

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness of the Town during the ensuing year in anticipation of taxes to be collected for the year 1971 and to be paid therefrom.

Article 10. 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.

Given under our hands and seal this 3rd day of February, A.D., 1971.

JAMES W. ELLIOTT
GEORGE B. TYLER
JAMES J. PAGE

Selectmen of Benton

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1970**

Title of Appropriation:	Amount	Receipts & Reim- bursements	Expend- itures	Unex- pended Balance	Over- draft
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town of Appropriation:					
Town Officers' Salaries	550.00		513.00	37.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	550.00	4.99*	646.92		91.93
Election and Registration	475.00		415.90	59.10	
Expenses of Town Buildings	50.00		45.59	4.41	
Police Department	30.00		30.00		
Insurance	375.00	7.25**	408.49		26.24
Health Department and Ambulance	130.00		135.00		5.00
Vital Statistics	10.00		3.00	7.00	
Town Maintenance—Summer	1,000.00	773.38§	1,898.71		125.33
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00		1,035.20		35.20
Town Truck Expenses	750.00		719.43	30.57	
Town Road Aid	154.17		154.17		
Town Poor			21.77		21.77
Cemeteries	250.00		153.90	96.10	
Regional Association	43.18		43.18		
Interest on Temporary Loans	75.00		60.00	15.00	
Town Construction—Howe Hill	6,000.00†		4,551.30	1,448.70	
County Tax Assessment:	923.89		923.89		
School Appropriation:	22,636.16		14,564.00	8,072.16	
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	\$35,002.40	\$ 785.62	\$ 26,323.45	\$ 9,770.04	\$ 305.47
				—305.47	
			NET UNEXPENDED BALANCE	<hr/>	<hr/>
				\$ 9,464.57	

* Reimbursement a/c Head Tax Expense

** Insurance adjustment

§ Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment

† Amount authorized to be borrowed

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1971 Compared with Actual
Revenue for the Year 1970

	Actual 1970	Estimated 1971
SOURCE OF REVENUE		
From State of New Hampshire:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 487.57	\$ 500.00
Savings Bank Tax	32.71	35.00
Meals and Room Tax	750.66	550.00
Reimbursement a/c Property Exempted 1970 Special Session	772.82	850.00
Reimbursement a/c Federal Forest Land		9,361.80
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	2,204.10	2,200.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	102.00	100.00
Permits	4.00	6.00
Rent of Town Buildings	20.00	20.00
Interest Received on Taxes	211.04	50.00
Income from Trust Funds	139.63	140.00
Income from Town Truck	333.75	350.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,173.38	1,200.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	94.00	90.00
Yield Taxes	346.72	1,800.00
Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes:	\$ 6,672.38	\$17,252.80
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes:	23,824.88	12,302.31
TOTAL REVENUES		\$29,555.11

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1971 Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1970

	Actual 1970	Estimated 1971
PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES		
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 513.00	\$ 550.00
Town Officers' Expenses	646.92	600.00
Election and Registration	415.90	100.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	45.59	350.00
Police Department	30.00	30.00
Insurance	408.49	400.00
Health Department and Ambulance	135.00	130.00
Vital Statistics	3.00	5.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	1,898.71	1,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,035.20	1,000.00
Town Truck Expenses	719.43	750.00
Town Road Aid	154.17	152.99
Town Poor	21.77	
Cemeteries	153.90	250.00
Regional Association	43.18	43.18
Interest on Temporary Loans	60.00	
Interest on Long Term Notes		100.00
Town Construction—Howe Hill Road	4,551.30	
Payments on Long Term Notes		4,000.00
County Tax Assessment:	923.89	950.00
School Appropriation:	14,564.00	19,143.94
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$26,323.45</u>	<u>\$29,555.11</u>

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1970**ASSETS**

Cash in Hands of Treasurer		\$15,848.27
Accounts Due From State:		
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal		
Forest Land		9,361.80
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1970	\$ 3,469.80	
State Head Taxes—1970	120.00	
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		3,589.80
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$28,799.87

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:		
Due State:		
1970 State Head Taxes	\$ 305.00	
Yield Tax—Bond & Debt		
Retirement	101.94	
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		\$ 406.94
Due School District:		
Balance 1970-71 Appropriation		17,315.34
Due Woodsville National Bank:		
Long Term Notes—Howe Hill Road		4,000.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$21,722.28
Surplus		7,077.59
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		\$28,799.87

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION—1970

Description of Property:

Land	\$188,734	
Buildings	182,619	
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		\$371,353
Public Utilities—Electric		35,482
House Trailers Assessed as Personal Property		1,983
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions:		\$408,818

Exemptions:

Elderly	—5,070	
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		\$403,748

STATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED—1970

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 5,802.35	
County Tax Assessment	923.89	
Net School Appropriations	22,636.16	
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$29,362.40
ESTIMATED REVENUES		—5,711.75
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		\$23,650.65
Add: Overlay		174.23
War Service Tax Credits		400.00
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		\$24,224.88
Less: War Service Tax Credits		—400.00
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NET PROPERTY TAX		\$23,824.88

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD AND STATE HEAD TAXES

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector and
Uncollected Taxes as of 1/1/70

	Levy of 1970	Levy of 1969	Levy of 1968	Levy of 1967	Levy of 1966
Property Taxes	\$23,824.88	\$ 2,469.27	\$327.64	\$558.60	\$111.88
Poll Taxes	96.00	38.00			
Yield Taxes	403.99	116.55	91.20		
State Head Taxes	310.00	115.00			
Interest	12.35	78.95	35.60	66.14	18.00
Penalties	2.00	7.50			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$24,649.22	\$ 2,825.27	\$454.44	\$624.74	\$129.88

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$20,207.18	\$ 2,469.27	\$308.65	\$503.03	\$111.88
Property Taxes Abated	156.00		18.99	55.57	
Poll Taxes	56.00	38.00			
Poll Taxes Abated	2.00				
Yield Taxes	208.32	116.55	91.20		
State Head Taxes	185.00	115.00			
State Head Taxes Abated	5.00				
Interest	12.35	78.95	35.60	66.14	18.00
Penalties	2.00	7.50			
	\$20,833.85	\$ 2,825.27	\$454.44	\$624.74	\$129.88
Discount Allowed	\$ 225.57				

Uncollected Taxes

Property Taxes	\$ 3,236.13
Poll Taxes	38.00
Yield Taxes	195.67
State Head Taxes	120.00
	\$ 3,589.80

TOTAL CREDITS	\$24,649.22	\$ 2,825.27	\$454.44	\$624.74	\$129.88
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1970

Resident	Prop.	Levy of 1970		Yield
		Head	Poll	
Aldrich, Jacob and Jacqueline	\$ 478.74	\$	\$	\$
Boutin, Albert and Mabel	242.76	10.00	2.00	
Boutin, John Jr. and Iona	390.00	10.00	4.00	
Ditson, Anna F.	116.22	5.00	2.00	
Elliott, James and Margaret	38.74	10.00	2.00	
Elliott, John Jr. and Catherine	222.30	10.00	2.00	
Elliott, Robert and Beverly		10.00	4.00	
Fenn, Thomas and Frances	373.62	10.00	4.00	
Harris, David		5.00		
Harris, Helena	74.10	5.00	2.00	
Harris, John	81.90	5.00	2.00	
Harris, William and Seraphine	336.10	10.00	2.00	
Hatch, Vernon and Dorothy		10.00	4.00	
Higgins, James	50.70			
Lydon, Thomas and Avine		10.00	4.00	
Mason, Lloyd and Laura	55.30			
Stevens, Dean and Barbara		10.00	4.00	
Non-Resident				
Albert, George	19.50			
Cummings, Robert and Sandra	150.18			
DeRusha, Kenneth	1.98			
Driscoll, James and Helen	25.38			
Elliott, Benjamin Sr. et al	18.36			
Girard, Raymond	3.69			
Hackl, Frank and Hilda	54.60			
Mayo, Joseph and Judith	52.68			
Randall, Daniel	23.04			
Rexford, Rodney				195.67
Sands, Donald and Betty	237.12			
Stecky, John and Marian	136.50			
Stevens, Glen and Virginia	52.62			
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	\$3,236.13	\$120.00	\$ 38.00	\$195.67

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. LACKIE
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:

1970		
Property Taxes	\$20,207.18	
Property Taxes Abated	156.00	
Poll Taxes	56.00	
Poll Taxes Abated	2.00	
Yield Taxes	208.32	
State Head Taxes	185.00	
State Head Taxes Abated	5.00	
Interest	12.35	
Penalties	2.00	
		\$20,833.85
1969		
Collected 1969, Remitted 1970		14.00
Property Taxes	\$ 2,469.29	
Poll Taxes	38.00	
Yield Taxes	116.55	
State Head Taxes	115.00	
Interest	78.95	
Penalties	7.50	
		\$ 2,825.27
1968		
Property Taxes	\$ 308.65	
Property Taxes Abated	18.99	
Yield Taxes	91.20	
Interest	35.60	
		\$ 454.44
1967		
Property Taxes	\$ 503.03	
Property Taxes Abated	55.57	
Interest	66.14	
		\$ 624.74

	1966	
Property Taxes	\$ 111.88	
Interest	18.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 129.88
From Town Clerk:		
1969 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 9.35	
1970 Motor Vehicle Permits	1,123.69	
1971 Motor Vehicles Permits	40.34	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,173.38
1970 Dog Licenses		32.00
1970 Pistol Permit		2.00
From Constable		
1970 Dog Licenses		\$ 70.00
1970 Pistol Permit		2.00
From Town Truck Hire:		
Town of Benton	\$ 318.75	
John G. Elliott, Jr.	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 333.75
From Trust Funds:		
For Highways	\$ 58.25	
For Cemeteries	81.38	
	<hr/>	\$ 139.63
From Community Building:		
Benton Bible Chapter		\$ 20.00
From Insurance Adjustment:		
Franconia Insurance Agency		\$ 7.25
From Payment Stopped on Check:		
Check		\$ 1.60

From State of New Hampshire:

Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	\$ 773.38	
National Forest Reserve	4,408.20	
Interest and Dividends Tax	487.57	
Savings Bank Tax	32.71	
Meals and Room Tax	750.66	
Reimbursement a/c Property Exempted 1970 Special Session	772.82	
Reimbursement a/c Head Tax Expenses	4.99	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,230.33

From Woodsville National Bank:

Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 2,000.00	
Long Term Notes— Howe Hill Road	4,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,000.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$39,894.12
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Balance on Hand 1/1/70	7,002.35
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	\$46,896.47
Less: Selectmen's Orders	—31,046.66

	\$15,849.81
Less: Service Charge	—1.54

Balance on Hand 12/31/70	\$15,848.27
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Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA T. BOUTIN

Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS—1970**Town Officers' Salaries:**

William J. Harris, trustee	\$ 12.80
John G. Elliott, Sr., trustee	12.80
James W. Elliott, selectman	113.40
James J. Page, selectman	113.40
George B. Tyler, selectman	75.60
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer	60.00
Jacob W. Aldrich, auditor	25.00
Ruth F. Page, town clerk	50.00
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector	50.00
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	\$ 513.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Meals	\$ 13.67
Dues	16.00
Town Reports	214.72
Mileage	6.00
Postage	13.74
Transfers	22.46
Officers' Bonds	86.00
Supplies	16.15
Legal Fees	100.00
Bank Service Charge	1.54
Tax Books	12.06
Safe Deposit Box	4.00
Fees	137.63
Phone	2.95
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	\$ 646.92

Election and Registration:

James W. Elliott, selectman	\$ 38.40
James J. Page, moderator	38.40
George B. Tyler, selectman	12.80
Ruth F. Page, town clerk	38.40
John G. Elliott, Sr. supervisor	89.40
Mildred A. Elliott, supervisor	89.40
William J. Harris, ballot clerk	25.60
Iona V. Boutin, ballot clerk	25.60
Kate J. Goodwin, ballot inspector	25.60
Laura Mason, supervisor	25.60
Supplies	6.30

\$ 415.90

Town Buildings:

Electric:	\$ 45.59
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Police Department:

George B. Tyler, constable	\$ 30.00
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Insurance:

Concord Gen. Mutual Ins. Co.	
Town Truck	\$ 148.83
Franconia Insurance Agency	
Workmen's Compensation	110.16
General Liability	107.00
Community Building	42.50

\$ 408.49

Health Department:

John Boutin, Sr., health officer	10.00
White Mountain Community Services	25.00
Cottage Hospital (Area	
Ambulance Fund)	100.00

\$ 135.00

Vital Statistics:

Ruth F. Page, town clerk	\$	3.00
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Town Road Maintenance—Summer:

Labor & Equipment		
(Howe Hill)	\$	4,551.30
Labor & Equipment (Regular)		941.77
Supplies (culverts)		922.14
Gravel		34.80
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	\$	6,450.01

Town Road Maintenance—Winter:

Labor & Equipment	\$	955.45
Supplies		79.75
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	\$	1,035.20

Town Truck Expenses:

Gas & Oil	\$	211.93
Repairs		389.03
Tires		96.00
Battery		22.47
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	\$	719.43

Town Road Aid:

Appropriation	\$	154.17
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Public Welfare:

Town Poor	\$	21.77
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Cemeteries:

Labor & Equipment	\$	141.40
Flowers		12.50
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	\$	153.90

Regional Association:

White Mountains Region Association	\$	43.18
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Abatelements:

1967 property tax	\$ 55.57	
1968 property tax	18.99	
1970 property tax	156.00	
1970 head & poll taxes	7.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 237.56

Payments to State:

State Head Tax	\$ 250.58	
Bond and Debt Retirement tax	32.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 283.09

Interest:

Woodsville National Bank		
Tax anticipation note	\$ 60.00	

Tax Anticipation Notes:

Woodsville National Bank	\$ 2,000.00	
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Payments to County:

County taxes	\$ 923.89	
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Payments to School:

Appropriation	\$14,564.00	
½ National Forest Reserve	2,204.10	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	<hr/>	\$31,048.20
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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 THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1970

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 1970, and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

Name of Fund	Amount	Distribution of Income		
		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
L. H. Parker	200.00	Field not rented.		
J. C. Speed	132.11	5.94		
Ira Whitcher	13.19	.58		
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.
JOSEPH N. BOUTIN
Trustees of Trust Funds

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Benton School

District

Year Ending December 31, 1970

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Ruth F. Page, Chairman	Term Expires 1971
Mrs. Mildred A. Elliott	Term Expires 1972
Mrs. Priscilla Boutin	Term Expires 1973

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
Mr. Harold J. Haskins	Assistant 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 9th day of March, 1971, 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 reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, and to receive, in the name of the District such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State of New Hampshire.
10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the school board to arrange for portal to portal school bus transportation for all students in the school district in the Town of Benton.
11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

MRS. RUTH F. PAGE

MRS. MILDRED A. ELLIOTT

MRS. PRISCILLA BOUTIN
School Board of Benton

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON

1971-1972

ITEM	Adopted Budget 1970-1971	Proposed Budget 1971-1972
100 Administration		
110 Salaries of District		
Officers	\$ 43.50	\$ 43.50
135 Contracted Services	6.00	6.00
500 Transportation		
535 Contracted Transportation	3,276.00	3,876.00
1400 Outgoing Transfer Accounts		
1477.1 Tuition	25,200.00	21,500.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Exp.	316.70	344.63
CONTINGENCY FUND	100.00	50.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<hr/> \$28,942.20	<hr/> \$25,820.13

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1971-1972

Balance on Hand June 30, 1970	\$ 0.00
State Aid:	
Foundation Aid	4,292.94
Sweepstakes	125.00
Federal Aid:	
National Forest Reserve	2,200.00
Trust Fund Income	58.25
Estimated amount to be raised by 1971 Property Taxes	19,143.94
Total Appropriations	<hr/> \$25,820.13

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,820.13 for the school year 1971-1972.

MRS. RUTH F. PAGE
MRS. MILDRED ELLIOTT
MRS. PRISCILLA BOUTIN

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 \$25,820.13.

REVISED INCOME FOR 1970-1971

Unencumbered Balance	\$ 421.60
Sweepstakes	174.80
Foundation Aid	4,292.94
National Forest Reserve	1,358.45
Trust Fund Income	58.25
Total Revenue and Credits	<hr/> \$ 6,306.04
Amount to be raised by 1970 Property Taxes	\$22,636.16
Total Appropriations	<hr/> \$29,942.20

STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1970

	Adopted Budget 1969-1970	Paid Out 1969-1970
100 Administration		
110.1—Salaries of District Officers	\$ 43.50	\$ 43.50
135—Contracted Services	6.00	8.00
190—Other Expenses		4.45
500 Transportation		
535—Contracted Services	3,827.00	3,154.00
1400 Outgoing Transfer Accounts		
1477—Expenditures to Other School Districts, Public Academies, or Administrative Units in the State		
.1—Tuition	18,100.00	17,582.28
.2—Transportation	150.00	
.3—District Share of Supervisory Union Expenses	164.37	*166.86
CONTINGENCY FUND	100.00	
TOTAL	<hr/> \$22,390.87	<hr/> \$20,959.09

* This figure includes the amount of \$55.90, the district's share of the Superintendent's salary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970

Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1969	\$ 23.74
Revenue from Local Sources	
Current Appropriation	12,100.00
Balance due on Previous Appropriation	465.42
Other Revenue from Local Sources	
Earnings from Trust Funds	58.25
Other Revenue from Local Sources	1.00
Revenue from State Sources	
Foundation Aid	6,855.09
Sweepstakes	202.79
Revenue from Federal Sources	
National Forest Reserve	1,358.45
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	\$21,064.74

Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$20,959.09
Cash on Hand at End of Year	
June 30, 1970	105.65
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	\$21,064.74

BALANCE SHEET—JUNE 30, 1970

Assets

Cash on Hand June 30, 1970	
General Fund	\$ 105.65
Accounts Due to District	
From Town or City	315.95
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Total Assets	\$ 421.60
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities	
Over Assets)	0.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 421.60

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by District	
Advance on 70-71—Appropriation	\$ 0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00
Surplus (Excess of Assets	
Over Liabilities)	421.60
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 421.60

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

**Fiscal Year July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970
School District of Benton**

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1969	\$ 23.74
Received from Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	\$12,100.00
Balance of Previous Appropriation	465.42
Revenue from State Sources	7,057.88
Revenue from Federal Sources	1,358.45
Received as Income from	
Trust Funds	58.25
Received from all Other Sources	1.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$21,041.00
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	
FOR FISCAL YEAR	\$21,064.74
LESS SCHOOL ORDERS PAID	20,959.09
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BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1970	\$ 105.65

July 1, 1970

MAXINE TYLER

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, 1970, and find them correct in all respects.

July 7, 1970

IONA V. BOUTIN

Auditor

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my sixth annual report to the voters of the Benton School District.

The estimated school budget request for 1971-72 reflects a decrease of \$3,492.22 from our current budget. It should be pointed out that the lower figure recommended by your school board may be found in the tuition costs. Next year we estimate we will have:

Elementary tuition students	12
Junior High tuition students	5
High School tuition students	12
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Total	29

Also of interest is the charge for tuition in the various school districts in our area:

Haverhill Cooperative—Elementary	\$ 600
Jr. High	\$ 700
Sr. High	\$ 900
Bradford—Jr.-Sr. High	\$1,300
Blue Mountain—Jr.-Sr. High	\$1,100
St. Johnsbury—Sr. High	\$1,500

Your attention is called to the article dealing with transportation of Benton school children portal to portal. In essence, what the article indicates is that all district children will be picked up at their front door in the morning and returned there in the afternoon.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Benton School Board and voters for their support during the past year.

Respectfully,

NORMAN H. MULLEN

***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 1970-1971, will receive a salary of \$17,000.00, which is made up as follows: \$3,000.00 to be paid by the State Department of Education and \$14,000.00 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:

<i>District</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Travel</i>
Bath	\$ 620.20	\$ 66.45
Benton	75.60	8.10
Haverhill Cooperative	5,371.80	575.55
Lincoln-Woodstock	4,629.80	496.05
Monroe	1,955.80	209.55
Piermont	732.20	78.45
Warren	614.60	65.85
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	\$14,000.00	\$1,500.00

NORMAN H. MULLEN
Superintendent of Schools

Summary Program of the Activities of the White Mountains Region Association

1970 (33rd Year)

Received and answered 7,262 inquiries from people interested in the White Mountains region.

Wrote 66 news releases, 4 magazine articles and 5 news letters.

Printed and distributed 295,000 folders.

Sent 52 bulletins of lodging inquiries and 10 real estate bulletins.

Instrumental in changing the policy of the state to give more attention to promoting the off-season.

Successful in obtaining a \$36,000 federal grant to research the problems of snow erosion at our ski areas. This work is being done at the University of New Hampshire.

Continued to encourage outdoor sports compatible to the region: Organized the White Mountains Ski Touring Club; Assisted in running an Olympic Qualifying Bicycle Race; Assisted with white-water canoe races on the Androscoggin and Saco Rivers.

Originated and participated in the Governor's Snowmobile committee.

Developed the concept of long distance snowmobile trails for northern New Hampshire.

Continued to support the 4-H awards program.

Researched and maintained the expression of local opinions regarding many proposals of the Connecticut River Basin studies.

Maintained an active liaison with the White Mountain National Forest in recommending new projects for the Forest Service.

Acquired land on the Connecticut River at Saddle Island at the Narrows for conservation purposes.

Assisted with the development of Bedell Bridge State Park.

Assisted with the formation of a Connecticut Valley Road Improvement Association which is working to improve the highway system in the Woodsville-Littleton area.

Working to promote a forestry museum in northern New Hampshire.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN & DISTRICT CHIEF

During this past year, the public has shown a great deal of cooperation in the prevention of fires. We wish to express our thanks for a job well done.

Your forest fire warden's job would be easier if everyone understood the State laws that govern the kindling of outdoor fires, a synopsis of these laws follow.

FIRE PERMITS

A fire permit is needed for all outdoor fires in or near woodland anytime the ground is not covered with snow. This includes household waste burning, even if in an incinerator, grass burning, garden trash as well as brush burning (SUCH BURNING IS RESTRICTED BY REGULATION TO BE PRIOR TO 9:00 A.M. and AFTER 5:00 P.M.).

An Air Pollution regulation forbids the burning of household waste in towns where such rubbish is collected by the town.

EXCEPTIONS

Commercial or industrial burning is allowed under normal conditions with permission of the District Fire Chief and a permit from the Fire Warden.

Camp or cooking fires are allowed on your own property with permission of the Fire Warden. On others' property with written permission of the landowner and permission of the Fire Warden. The Warden can forbid such fires if in a hazardous area. Permits for cooking fires in the White Mountain National

Forest can be obtained from the Laconia Office or at the Ranger Stations. Permits are not required in public camp or picnic grounds where fireplaces have been built for this purpose.

***REMEMBER! ONLY YOU AND I CAN PREVENT
FOREST FIRES***

Fires reported—State 484 fires—244 acres

District 18 fires—33.6 acres

Town 0

JOHN Q. RICARD
District Fire Chief

JOHN BOUTIN SR.
Forest Fire Warden

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1970

Date and Place of Birth	Age	Name of Child	Age	Name of Father	Age	Maiden Name of Mother
June 28 Haverhill, N.H.	06	F Edith Ann Stevens	25	Dean E. Stevens	24	Barbara Emery

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
RUTH F. PAGE, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1970

Date and Place of Marriage	Age	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
May 31 Woodsville, N.H.	22	Brian Herman F. Young	East Haverhill, N.H.	Gerald R. Young	Catherine LaVoice
September 18 Haverhill, N.H.	18	Cheryl Doreen Aldrich	Benton, N.H.	Jacob Aldrich	Jacqueline ValRinz
	40	Paul Edward Scott	Benton, N.H.	Harold L. Scott	Louisa Thebault
December 12 Woodsville, N.H.	29	Barbara Mae Smith	Benton, N.H.	Burt Smith	Doris Jenks
	20	Donald Edward Dudley	Woodsville, N.H.	David Dudley	Florence Bayles
	16	Barbara Ann Mason	Benton, N.H.	David Mason	Laura Elliott

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
RUTH F. PAGE, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1970

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Residence	Maiden Name of Mother	Name of Father
February 17 Benton, N.H.	Charles H. Griffin	85	Wilton, N.H.	Janet Rogers	George F. Griffin
July Benton, N.H.	Maurice Appleton	73	Manchester, N.H.	Mary McElroy	Harry S. Appleton
August 16 Haverhill, N.H.	Charles Howard Tyler	57	Woodsville, N.H.	Grace Mann	Charles Tyler
September 28 Benton, N.H.	Herman Ferguson	68	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

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