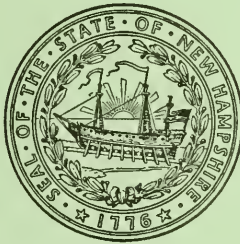


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# *Annual Report*

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



*Year Ending December 31*

**1972**



TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Annual Report*

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

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**BENTON TOWN OFFICERS — 1972**

**Moderator:** James J. Page (to 11/7/72)  
Bruce J. Enderson

**Town Clerk:** Margaret D. Elliott  
**Selectmen:**

James J. Page	(Term Expires 1973)
James W. Elliott	(Term Expires 1974)
George B. Tyler	(Term Expires 1975)

**Treasurer:** Priscilla T. Boutin

**Tax Collector:** Maxine Tyler

**Supervisors of the Checklist:**

John G. Elliott, Sr.	(Term Expires 1974)
Laura Mason	(Term Expires 1976)
Mildred A. Elliott	(Term Expires 1978)

**Highway Agent:** John Boutin, Sr. (to 5/24/72)

**Trustees of Trust Funds:**

Joseph N. Boutin	(Term Expires 1973)
William J. Harris	(Term Expires 1974)
John G. Elliott, Sr.	(Term Expires 1975)

**Constable:** George B. Tyler

**Auditor:** Jacob W. Aldrich

**Sexton:** David Harris

**Surveyor of Wood and Lumber:** William J. Harris

**Health Officer:** John Boutin, Sr.

**Overseer of Public Welfare:** Maxine Tyler

**Ballot Clerks:**

Iona V. Boutin	William J. Harris
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**Ballot Inspector:** Katie J. Goodwin

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

### State of New Hampshire

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 first Tuesday of March next (the 6th) 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 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 \$159.16 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 \$84.14 for the White Mountains Region Association.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the Cottage Hospital Volunteer Ambulance Service.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for support of the White Mountain Community Services, Inc.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal of \$4,000.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as a set-off against budget appropriations for Town Road Construction; and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to make a reduction in the amount if estimated entitlements are reduced.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the sale on June 30, 1972 of a 1966 Chevrolet dump truck with plow and sander, and of an inoperable 1960 Chevrolet dump

truck for use as parts, to James W. Elliott and Bruce J. Enderson, d/b/a E & E Contractors, for the sum of \$2,250.00; if approval is not received, conditions of the sale require return of the \$2,250.00 plus accumulated interest to said Elliott and Enderson.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment of \$2.00 per hour for hourly labor performed for the Town as of this date.

**Article 9.** 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 will vote to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the Town Report.

**Article 11.** 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 collected for the year 1973 and to be paid therefrom.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will authorize a discount on current property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen if all previous taxes are paid, and to set the amount of said discount.

**Article 13.** (By petition—Article A) To vote by Ballot to have article in town warrant and to give all town voters a chance to bid on any and all property that the town sees fit to dispose of, and make bids to Selectmen to be opened on a said date and that all bids will be open to public place at time of opening on said date.

**Article 14.** (By petition—Article B) To vote by ballot to see if voters will vote to allow the playing of Beano and card games in Town Hall and to set a minimum fee for same.

Given under our hands and seals at Benton this 5th day of February, A.D. 1973.

JAMES W. ELLIOTT

JAMES J. PAGE

GEORGE B. TYLER

Selectmen of Benton

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS  
AND EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1972**

<b>Title of Appropriation:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Receipts &amp; Reim- bursements</b>	<b>Expend- itures</b>	<b>Unex- pended Balance</b>	<b>Over- draft</b>
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 600.00	\$	\$ 533.00	\$ 67.00	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00		855.53		155.53
Election and Registration	450.00		748.80		298.80
Expenses of Town Buildings	350.00	77.14 (1)	477.06		49.92
Police Department	30.00		30.00		
Insurance	350.00	127.00 (2)	473.35	3.65	
Health Department & Ambulance	230.00		225.00	5.00	
Vital Statistics	10.00		4.00	6.00	
Dump	100.00		100.00		
Town Maintenance—Summer	1,200.00	419.99 (3)	1,155.03	464.96	
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00		1,066.80		66.80
Town Truck Expenses	750.00		1,065.90		315.90
Town Road Aid	133.45		133.45		
Town Poor	125.00		106.91	18.09	
Cemeteries	250.00	10.00 (4)	182.11	77.89	
Regional Association	84.14		84.14		
Interest	60.00		112.50		52.50
<b>County Tax Assessment:</b>	2,182.54		2,182.54		
<b>School District Assessment:</b>	24,397.27		27,011.50		2,614.23
	<hr/> \$33,002.40	<hr/> \$ 634.13	<hr/> \$36,547.62	<hr/> \$ 642.59	<hr/> \$ 3,553.68
(1) Rent of Community Building.					— 642.59
(2) Return premium on truck.					
(3) Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment.					
(4) Cemetery lot.					
				<b>NET OVERDRAFT</b>	<b>\$ 2,911.09</b>

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1973 Compared with Actual  
Revenue for the Year 1972

	1972 Actual	1973 Estimated
<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE:</b>		
<b>From State of New Hampshire:</b>		
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 588.17	\$ 600.00
Savings Bank Tax	29.09	30.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,191.82	1,500.00
Highway Subsidy	2,522.18	2,153.33
Reimbursement A/C Federal Forest Lands	2,749.69	2,500.00
Reimbursement A/C Business Profits Tax	852.08	895.00
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	2,574.31	2,500.00
<b>From Local Sources:</b>		
Dog Licenses	80.00	100.00
Permits	6.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,498.73	1,600.00
Interest on Taxes	236.67	50.00
Income from Trust Funds	136.38	145.00
Resident Taxes Retained	558.10	425.00
Yield Taxes	418.05	1,500.00
Rent—Community Building	77.14	86.36
Sale of Truck	2,250.00	
Income from Truck	32.50	
<b>From Federal Sources:</b>		
Revenue Sharing—1972		1,464.00
1973		2,536.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES</b>		
EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 15,800.91	\$ 18,084.69
Amount to be Raised by		
Property Taxes	18,411.10	23,273.15
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 34,212.01</b>	<b>\$ 41,357.84</b>



# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1973 Compared with  
Actual Expenditures for the Year 1972

	1972 Actual	1973 Estimated
<b>PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION</b>		
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 533.00	\$ 675.00
Town Officers' Expenses	855.53	725.00
Election & Registration	748.80	275.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	477.06	60.00
Police Department	30.00	30.00
Insurance	473.35	300.00
Health Department & Ambulance	225.00	155.00
Vital Statistics	4.00	10.00
Dump	100.00	100.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	1,155.03	1,500.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,066.80	1,000.00
Town Truck Expenses	1,065.90	
Town Road Aid	133.45	159.16
Town Poor	106.91	125.00
Cemeteries	182.11	250.00
Regional Association	84.14	84.14
<b>Debt Service:</b>		
Interest—tax anticipation notes	112.50	120.00
<b>Other Outlay:</b>		
Town Road Construction		4,000.00
<b>County Tax Assessment:</b>	2,182.54	2,200.00
<b>School District Assessment:</b>	27,011.50	29,589.54
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 36,547.62</b>	<b>\$ 41,357.84</b>

**BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1972****ASSETS**

<b>Cash:</b>		
In Hands of Treasurer	\$	8,707.99
<b>Accounts Due Town:</b>		
From State: Unexpended TRA Balance in State Treasury		1,023.15
<b>Uncollected Taxes:</b>		
Levy of 1972, Including Resident Taxes	\$	2,907.86
Levy of 1971		190.55
Levy of 1970		324.17
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		3,422.58
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$	13,153.72
<b>Current Deficit:</b>		760.87
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	\$	13,914.59

**LIABILITIES**

<b>Accounts Owed by Town:</b>		
Unexpended State Highway Subsidy Funds	\$	216.16
Due to State: Resident Taxes		81.00
Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes		171.95
Yield Tax Deposits		100.00
Due to School:		
District Assessment Payable	11,797.27	
Sweepstakes	525.06	
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	\$	12,891.44
<b>Joint Highway Construction Accounts:</b>		
Unexpended TRA Balance in State Treasury		1,023.15
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	\$	13,914.59

# SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Description of Property:	1972	1971
Land	\$196,167.00	\$188,648.00
Buildings	335,595.00	266,452.00
Public Utilities—Electric	35,708.00	35,617.00
House Trailers Assessed as Personal Property		1,983.00
TOTAL VALUATION	\$567,470.00	\$490,717.00
Exemptions—Elderly:	– 8,320.00	– 7,832.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$559,150.00	\$482,885.00

## STATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED

<b>Total Appropriations:</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>1971</b>
Net Town Appropriations	\$ (7,730.92)	\$ (7,993.99)
Net School Appropriations	24,397.27	14,411.50
County Tax Assessment	2,182.54	2,650.10
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	\$ 18,848.89	\$ 9,067.61
<b>Less: Reimbursement A/C</b>		
<b>Property Exempted 1970</b>		
<b>Special Session</b>	- 852.00	- 815.00
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	\$ 17,996.89	\$ 8,252.61
<b>Add: Estimated War Service</b>		
<b>Credits</b>	600.00	550.00
<b>Add: Overlay</b>	414.21	372.21
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<b>GROSS PROPERTY TAXES</b>	\$ 19,011.10	\$ 9,174.82
<b>Less: Actual War Service</b>		
<b>Tax Credits</b>	- 600.00	- 512.99
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<b>TOTAL TAX</b>		
<b>COMMITMENT</b>	\$ 18,411.18	\$ 8,665.55
<b>Tax Rate/\$100 Valuation</b>	\$ 3.40	\$ 1.90

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, RESIDENT, YIELD, POLL AND STATE HEAD TAXES

#### DEBITS

#### Taxes Committed to Collector and Uncollected Taxes as of 1-1-72:

	Levy of 1973	Levy of 1972	Levy of 1971	Levy of 1970
Property Taxes	\$	\$18,411.10	\$ 1,106.09	\$ 1,070.76
Resident Taxes		710.00	280.00	
Yield Taxes		948.30	83.40	195.67
Yield Tax Security Payments	100.00			
Poll Taxes				4.00
State Head Taxes				10.00
Interest		8.33	34.63	158.71
Penalties		7.00	27.00	1.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$20,084.73</b>	<b>\$ 1,531.12</b>	<b>\$ 1,440.14</b>

#### CREDITS

#### Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$	\$15,980.30	\$ 915.54	\$ 942.26
Property Taxes Abated		.54		
Resident Taxes		500.00	270.00	
Resident Taxes Abated		30.00	10.00	
Yield Taxes		168.26	83.40	
Yield Tax Security Payments	100.00	288.14		
Poll Taxes				4.00
State Head Taxes				10.00
Interest		8.33	34.63	158.71
Penalties		7.00	27.00	1.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$16,982.57</b>	<b>\$ 1,340.57</b>	<b>\$ 1,115.97</b>

#### Discount Allowed:

#### Uncollected Taxes:

Property Taxes		\$ 2,235.96	\$ 190.55	\$ 128.50
Resident Taxes		180.00		
Yield Taxes		491.90		195.67
		<b>\$ 2,907.86</b>	<b>\$ 190.55</b>	<b>\$ 324.17</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$20,084.73</b>	<b>\$ 1,531.12</b>	<b>\$ 1,440.14</b>

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1972**

Taxpayer:	Levy of 1972		
	Property	Resident	Yield
Albert, George V.	\$ 11.05		
Aldrich, Jacob & Jacqueline	305.81		
Barber, Virginia		\$ 10.00	
Bean, Lawrence			\$ 386.12
Boutin, Albert			105.78
Boutin, Ronald & April		20.00	
Brigham, Nancy B.		10.00	
Clark, Forrest & Betty	38.69		
Corrigan, James H.	185.64		
Cummings, Robert E. & Sandra	130.39		
DeQuoy, Paul B.	53.04		
Drew, Frank & Sharon	48.62		
Elliott, John G. Jr. & Catherine	161.33	20.00	
Elliott, Robert O. & Beverly		20.00	
Fenn, Thomas F. & Frances	342.11		
Fox, James & Monika H.	79.56		
Girard, Raymond	9.93		
Harris, William J. & Seraphine	226.25		
Harris, David		10.00	
Higgins, David A. & Joan C.	44.20	20.00	
Mason, Lloyd & Laura	9.67	20.00	
Mitchell, Charlotte S.	176.80		
Nickles, Raymond C. & Elizabeth	113.80	20.00	
Peters, Richard F. & Gail	66.30		
Randall, Daniel J.	4.86		
Richardson, Charles H. & Joyce	6.63		
Saffo, Richard E. & Stephanie C.	158.28		
Stevens, Dean E. & Barbara		20.00	
Stevens, Glen & Virginia	63.00		
Young, Brian		10.00	
<b>TOTAL UNCOLLECTED—1972</b>	<b>\$2,235.96</b>	<b>\$ 180.00</b>	<b>\$ 491.90</b>

**Levy of 1971**

Elliott, John G. Jr. & Catherine	\$ 33.95
Fenn, Thomas F. & Frances	156.60
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TOTAL UNCOLLECTED—1971	\$ 190.55

**Levy of 1970**

Elliott, John G. Jr. & Catherine	\$ 63.69	
Fenn, Thomas F. & Frances	64.81	
Rexford, Rodney		\$ 195.67
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TOTAL UNCOLLECTED—1970	\$ 128.50	\$ 195.67

Respectfully submitted,

MAXINE M. TYLER  
Tax Collector

# **TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

## **From Tax Collector:**

	<b>1973</b>	
Yield Tax Security Deposit		\$ 100.00
	<b>1972</b>	
Property Taxes	\$ 15,980.30	
Property Taxes Abated	.54	
Resident Taxes	500.00	
Resident Taxes Abated	30.00	
Yield Taxes	168.26	
Yield Tax Security Payment	250.00	
Interest	8.33	
Penalties	7.00	
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		16,944.43
	<b>1971</b>	
Property Taxes	\$ 915.54	
Resident Taxes	270.00	
Resident Taxes Abated	10.00	
Yield Taxes	83.40	
Interest	34.63	
Penalties	27.00	
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		1,340.57
	<b>1970</b>	
Property Taxes	\$ 942.26	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
State Head Taxes	10.00	
Interest	158.71	
Penalties	1.00	
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		1,115.97
<b>From Town Clerk:</b>		
1971 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 10.43	
1972 Motor Vehicle Permits	1,488.30	
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		1,498.73



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1972 Dog Licenses		24.00
<b>From Constable:</b>		
1972 Dog Licenses		56.00
Pistol Permits		6.00
<b>From Town Truck Hire:</b>		
Town of Benton		32.50
<b>From Trust Funds:</b>		
For Highways	\$	58.25
For Cemeteries		78.13
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		136.38
<b>From Other Receipts:</b>		
Cassady Insurance Agency—		
Return Premium, Truck	\$	127.00
Edith Tyler—Cemetery Lot		10.00
Olga Ruddock—Culvert		43.56
Benton Bible Chapel—		
Community Building, Rent		77.14
J. W. Elliott & B. J. Enderson—		
Town Truck		2,250.00
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		2,507.70
<b>From State of New Hampshire:</b>		
Class V Highway Maintenance		
Allotment	\$	419.99
Highway Subsidy		2,522.18
Interest & Dividends Tax		588.17
Savings Bank Tax		29.09
Reimbursement A/C Federal		
Forest Lands		2,749.69
National Forest Reserve		5,148.63
Meals & Room Tax		1,191.82
Reimbursement A/C Business		
Profits Tax		852.08
Sweepstakes		525.06
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		11,084.54

<b>From Woodsville National Bank:</b>	
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 5,000.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 42,788.99
Balance on Hand 1-1-72	10,654.39
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	\$ 53,443.38
Less: Selectmen's Orders	— 44,735.39
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BALANCE ON HAND 12-31-72	\$ 8,707.99

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA T. BOUTIN  
Treasurer

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS—1972****Town Officers' Salaries:**

Jacob Aldrich, auditor	\$ 25.00
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer	60.00
William Harris, trustee	14.40
John Elliott Sr., trustee	14.40
James Page, selectman	137.40
George Tyler, selectman	78.80
James Elliott, selectman	103.00
Maxine Tyler, tax collector	50.00
Margaret Elliott, town clerk	50.00

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\$ 533.00

**Town Officers' Expenses:**

Office equipment	\$ 133.29
Transfers	36.62
Postage	59.33
Meals—mileage	36.14
Town Reports	280.00
Bonds	80.00
Dues	31.00
Supplies	75.35
Fees	123.80

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\$ 855.53

**Election and Registration:**

Mildred Elliott, supervisor	\$ 158.40
John Elliott, Sr., supervisor	158.40
Laura Mason, supervisor	158.40
James Page, moderator	43.20
Margaret Elliott, town clerk	43.20
James Elliott, selectman	43.20
George Tyler, selectman	28.80
Kate Goodwin, ballot clerk	43.20
Iona Boutin, ballot clerk	43.20
William Harris, ballot clerk	28.80

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\$ 748.80

**Town Buildings:**

Electric	\$	52.86	
Roofing		424.20	
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**Police Department:**

George Tyler, constable	\$	30.00	
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**Insurance:**

Cassidy Insurance Agency—			
Town Truck	\$	175.00	
Franconia Insurance Agency			
General Liability		131.85	
Workman's Compensation		133.00	
Community Building		33.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 473.35

**Health Department:**

Cottage Hospital—			
area ambulance	\$	200.00	
White Mt. Community Services		25.00	
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**Vital Statistics:**

Margaret Elliott, town clerk	\$	4.00	
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**Town Dump:**

Use of Haverhill Dump—1972	\$	100.00	
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**Town Road Maintenance—Summer:**

Labor Jan.-July	\$	243.20	
Equipment Hire Jan.-July		281.75	
Supplies Jan.-July		156.37	
Equipment Hire Aug.-Dec.		411.11	
Supplies Aug.-Dec.		62.60	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,155.03

**Town Road Maintenance—Winter:**

Labor Jan.-July	\$	229.30	
Equipment Hire Jan.-July		266.00	

Equipment Hire Aug.-Dec.	493.25	
Supplies Aug.-Dec.	78.25	
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		\$ 1,066.80
<b>Town Road Aid:</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 133.45
<b>Town Truck Expenses:</b>		
Gas & Oil	\$ 77.75	
Repairs	925.65	
Hire (town)	32.50	
Wrecker Service	30.00	
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		\$ 1,065.90
<b>Public Welfare:</b>		
Surplus Food		\$ 106.91
<b>Cemeteries:</b>		
Labor & Equipment	\$ 145.80	
Supplies	24.16	
Flowers	12.15	
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		\$ 182.11
<b>Regional Association:</b>		
White Mountains Region Assoc.		\$ 84.11
<b>Abatements:</b>		
Resident Tax	\$ 40.00	
Property Tax	.54	
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		\$ 40.54
<b>Payments to State:</b>		
Resident Tax	\$ 351.90	
Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	221.01	
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		\$ 572.91
<b>Interest:</b>		
Woodsville National Bank—		
Tax Anticipation Note		112.50
<b>Tax Anticipation Notes:</b>		
Woodsville National Bank		5,000.00

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**Payments to County:**

1972 County Taxes 2,182.54

**Payments to School:**

Appropriation \$ 27,011.50

½ National Forest Reserve 2,574.32

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\$ 29,585.82

**TOTAL PAYMENTS**

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\$ 44,735.39

**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 THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1972

There are in custody of the Trustees the following trust funds bequeathed to the Town of Benton. The income received during the year 1972 is distributed 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			
Whitcher & Mann*	1,000.00			
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		51.25	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			51.25
L. H. Parker	200.00	Field not rented		
Ira Whitcher	13.19	.61		
J. C. Speed	132.11	6.18		
Sam'l Whitcher & Wm. Kendall	189.69	8.85		
Wm. T. Torsey	45.46	2.13		
Sam'l Annis	45.46	2.13		
Jonithan Davis	45.46	2.13		
Geo. H. Clark	190.27	8.88		
Kendrick Howe	50.00	2.33		
Ella Mann	50.00	2.33		
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	4.67		
Isabella Tyler	50.00	2.33		
Maude & Lee B. McKean	100.00	4.67		
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	\$6,711.64	\$ 59.74	\$ 51.25	\$ 51.25

The above funds are deposited in savings accounts or invested in Government bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Branch, Littleton National Bank, Lisbon, N.H. Bonds from funds marked (\*) have matured and have been sent in for redemption and will be invested in certificates of deposit at 5½% interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Benton School

District

Year Ending December 31, 1972

## DISTRICT OFFICERS

### School Board

Mrs. Priscilla Boutin, Chairman	Term Expires 1973
Jacob Aldrich	Term Expires 1974
Mrs. Mildred A. Elliott	Term Expires 1975

### 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 6th day of March, 1973, at 8:00 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 one Member of the School Board for a term of 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 agents 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 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.

MRS. PRISCILLA BOUTIN

JACOB ALDRICH

MRS. MILDRED A. ELLIOTT

School Board of Benton

**BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON  
1973-1974**

ITEM	Adopted Budget 1972-1973	Proposed Budget 1973-1974
<b>100 ADMINISTRATION</b>		
110 Salaries of District		
Officers	\$ 43.50	\$ 43.50
135 Contracted Services	6.00	6.00
<b>500 TRANSPORTATION</b>		
535 Contracted		
Transportation	3,300.00	3,500.00
<b>1400 OUTGOING TRANSFER</b>		
<b>ACCOUNTS</b>		
1477.1 Tuition In-State	23,650.00	22,625.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union		
Expenses	529.44	579.04
1478.1 Tuition Out-of-State		923.00
1478.2 Transportation		923.00
Contingency Fund	50.00	50.00
Deficiency Appropriation		765.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 27,578.94	\$ 29,414.54



**STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1972**

	Adopted Budget 1971-1972	Paid Out 1971-1972
<b>100 Administration</b>		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 43.50	\$ 43.50
135 Contracted Services	6.00	6.00
190 Other Expenses		3.10
<b>500 Transportation</b>		
535 Contracted Services	3,876.00	3,406.00
<b>1400 Outgoing Transfer Accounts</b>		
1477 Expenditures to Other School Districts, Public Academies, or Administrative Units in the State		
.1 Tuition	21,500.00	21,621.29
.3 District Share of Supervisory Union Expenses	344.63	*344.63
<b>CONTINGENCY FUND</b>	50.00	
 TOTAL	 \$ 25,820.13	 \$ 25,424.52

- \* This figure includes the amount \$83.70, the district's share of the Superintendent's salary.

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972

## Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1971	\$ 5,640.99
Revenue from Local Sources	
Current Appropriation	14,411.50
Other Revenue from Local Sources	
Earnings from Trust Funds	58.25
Revenue from State Sources	
Foundation Aid	3,332.13
Sweepstakes	412.23
Revenue from Federal Sources	
National Forest Reserve	1,968.25
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	\$ 25,823.35

## Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$ 25,424.52
Cash on Hand at End of Year,	
June 30, 1972	398.83
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	\$ 25,823.35



**BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1972****Assets**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1972	
General	\$ 398.83
Accounts Due to District	0.00
Total Assets	398.83
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities Over Assets)	0.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 398.83

**Liabilities**

Accounts Owed by District	
Advance on 72-73 Appropriation	\$ 00.00
Total Liabilities	0.00
Surplus (Excess of Assets Over Liabilities)	398.83
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 398.83

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972**  
**School District of Benton**

**SUMMARY**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1971		\$ 5,325.07
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$ 14,411.50	
Revenue from State Sources	3,744.36	
Revenue from Federal Sources	1,968.25	
Received as Income from Trust Fund	58.25	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 20,182.36
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		
FOR FISCAL YEAR		25,507.43
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		25,424.52
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BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1972		\$ 82.91
July 13, 1972	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, 1972, and find them correct in all respects.

July 18, 1972

IONA V. BOUTIN  
Auditor

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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

Your school board is recommending a budget for 1973-74 of \$29,414.54. This figure represents an increase of \$1,835.60 over last year's budget, which is approximately a 6.6% increase.

For the first time in several years our tuition payments for in-state students has decreased. Our breakdown for next year, which does not provide for any new students, is as follows:

Elementary	18 students @ \$700	\$12,600
Junior High	4 students @ \$800	\$ 3,200
High School	7 students @ \$975	\$ 6,825

Over areas where increases are noted are transportation, \$200—Supervisory Union expenses, \$49.60—Special Education tuition, \$923—total District liability for special education transportation, \$923—and a deficit appropriation of \$765.

Considering the status of our inflationary economy and the spiralling costs of everything, our Benton School budget is in line.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Benton School Board and the voters for their 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 1972-1973, will receive a salary of \$18,775.00, which is made up as follows: \$2,500.00 to be paid by the State Department of Education and \$16,275.00 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:

<b>District</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Travel</b>
Bath	\$ 704.71	\$ 64.95
Benton	130.20	12.00
Haverhill Cooperative	6,742.73	621.45
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	5,317.04	490.05
Monroe	1,817.92	167.55
Piermont	909.77	83.85
Warren	652.63	60.15
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	\$16,275.00	\$1,500.00

NORMAN H. MULLEN  
 Superintendent of Schools

**REPORT OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS REGION ASSOCIATION**  
**SUMMARY PROGRAM OF THE WHITE**  
**MOUNTAINS REGION ASSOCIATION**  
**1972 — (35th Year)**

The officers and directors held two meetings to re-assess the goals and projects of the Association to make them more meaningful for the 1970's. Out of these two, eight hour sessions came agreements on five programmatic objectives. They were the need to insure a quality environment, orderly development, improved public transportation facilities, vocational training, and the need for a community college. The first objective has received the most attention since these sessions were held. In this regard the Association sponsored a workshop on air pollution in Berlin.

The Association has spoken out on the need to preserve the small family farms and, thus, it has actively supported the Open Space Bill, HB44. The Bill permits selectmen to tax land upon current use instead of its potential value. The Association spoke out in support of this Bill at a senate hearing in Concord and contacted the state senators and representatives in the region notifying them of the Association's position on the subject.

The Association sponsored a very successful sewage conference in Waterville Valley. Billed as a "sharing of ideas" the conference dealt with some new concepts in sewage treatment such as combining wood wastes with sewage to make fertilizer.

The Association organized a hearing on regional planning in Twin Mountain and worked with the Town of Carroll in setting up what turned out to be the most successful snowmobile hearing in the State.

Finally, as an integral part of its annual meeting the Association, held a very exciting panel discussion on "Development/Environment." Gov. Frank W. Sargent of Massachusetts, a former commissioner in the Department of Natural Resources there, addressed the group following the annual dinner on a theme in keeping with the theme of the meeting, "Best Use of Our Natural Resources."

Non-environmental Association activities for the past year included: help in preparing background information for the Berlin and Whitefield Airports for the hearings in Concord before the Civil Aeronautics Board; creation of a new Association logo and a very successful fall foliage shunpike folder; continued promotion of the off season through news releases and the sponsorship of several canoe races, the most ambitious and successful of which was the New England Canoe Slalom held in Campton. Also, the Association assisted a group in Berlin develop a plan for a hotel trade learning course.

In preparation is a canoeing folder, which, if enough advertising can be sold, should be out well before Spring of 1973.

Organized a meeting and prepared a statement regarding the then proposed visitor's information center on the Kancamagus Highway with the U.S. Forest Service.

Presented awards to 4-H Clubs in both Coos and Grafton Counties.

Appeared on six radio programs, attended one travel show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and spoke before several groups in the Region.

Inquiries for the year totaled 5,501.

Wrote 45 news releases and 126 personal letters.

Also wrote five newsletters, "Recreation Pressures in the White Mountain National Forest," "New Year's Resolution!," "Our Open Space", one on the "Sewage Conference", and a personal newsletter by John P. Wilson.

**Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1972**

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
February 6 Haverhill, N.H.	M Mark John Elliott	31 James W. Elliott, Sr.	31 Margaret D. Mitchell
October 25 Haverhill, N.H.	F Michelle Anne Barber	26 Stuart B. Barber	27 Doris E. Hood
I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. MARGARET D. ELLIOTT, Town Clerk			

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1972

Date and Place of Marriage	Names of Groom and Bride		Residence	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
	Age				
February 12 Haverhill, N.H.	18 17	Dale Richard Boutin Annie Edith Horne	Benton, N.H. North Haverhill, N.H.	John Boutin, Jr. Marjorie Horne	Iona Masco Annes Hoo

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
MARGARET D. ELLIOTT, Town Clerk



# Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1972

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Residence	Maiden Name of Mother	Name of Father
January 11 Haverhill, N.H.	Iona Ann Cox	87	East Haverhill, N.H.	George W. Bailey	Eula F. Morse
16 Keene, N.H.	Ruth Page	55	Pike, N.H.	John Foster	Mary Elliot
April 26 Benton, N.H.	Bertha A. Kingsbury	81	Benton, N.H.	Arrin E. Kingsbury	Hannah Nelson
September 26 Hanover, N.H.	Elmore O. Tyler	64	Woodsville, N.H.	Charles Tyler	Grace Mann

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
MARGARET D. ELLIOTT, Town Clerk







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