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For the Year ending December 31
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TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1986

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Benton Town Officers
1986

Board of Selectmen:

Chairman:	Marjorie Robitzer	Term Expires 1988
	John Elliott, Jr.	Term Expires 1987
	Peter Thompson	Term Expires 1989

<u>Moderator:</u>	Daniel Elliott	Term Expires 1987
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<u>Town Clerk:</u>	Helena Harris	Term Expires 1987
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Tax Collector:

	Maxine Tyler	Term Expires 1987
	Helena Harris (Deputy)	

<u>Treasurer:</u>	Priscilla Boutin	Term Expires 1987
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<u>Auditor:</u>	Dorothy Elliott	Term Expires 1987
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Supervisors of The Checklist:

	Catherine Elliott	Term Expires 1989
	Seraphene Harris	Term Expires 1988
	Jane Elliott	Term Expires 1987

Trustee of the Trust Funds:

	Scott Roden	Term Expires 1989
	Ed Matz	Term Expires 1988
	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	Term Expires 1987

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:

	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	Term Expires 1987
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<u>Log Officer:</u>	David Harris	Term Expires 1987
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<u>Sexton:</u>	David Harris	Term Expires 1987
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<u>Ballot Clerk:</u>	Iona Boutin	Term Expires 1987
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<u>Ballot Inspector:</u>	Kate Goodwin	Term Expires 1987
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Warrant For Annual Town Meeting
State Of New Hampshire

Grafton, SS

Town of Benton

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton, N.H., who are
tualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building
in Benton on Tuesday, March 10, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. to act
upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To vote for the following officers:

- One Selectman for a term of 3 years
- One Treasurer for a term of 1 year
- One Town Clerk for a term of 1 year
- One Tax Collector for a term of 1 year
- One Supervisor of Checklist for 3 years
- One Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 Years

and such other town officers as may be required by law.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the
reports of officers and agents as printed in the Town
Report.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to contribute
to the White Mountain Mental Health Services, The North
Country Home Health Agency, The Cottage Hospital and the
Ambulance Service and in what amounts, and Community
Action Program.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and
appropriate the sum of \$40,000 by the issuance of Bonds
or notes, to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate such
Bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest
theron, and to use such interest accrued and principle
for the purpose of doing major road work on Howe Hill
Road and Tunnel Stream Road, this sum to be repaid
in two (2) years.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to make any
alterations in the amount of money to be raised and
appropriated for the ensuing year for the support of the
Town as recommended in the budget, to raise and app-
propriate all sums so determined for said purposes, and
to pass any other vote irrelating thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow funds for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected in Fiscal Year 1988 and to be paid therefrom.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through tax collectors deeds.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on current property taxes paid before a date set by the selectmen, if all previous taxes are paid, and will set the amount of said discount.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to instruct the town's representatives to the Court to take all necessary measures to insure that no low level radioactive waste from the Seabrook nuclear plant shall be stored or disposed of with this Town of Benton unless and until the proposed site of the proposed storage or disposal has been approved by the voters of the town at the annual Town Meeting by written ballot.

Article 10: To see if the town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 72:1-C which authorizes any town or city to elect not to assess, levy and collect a resident tax.

Article 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

A true copy of warrant - Attest

Marjorie Robitzer
John Elliott, Jr.
Peter Thompson
Selectmen of Benton, NH.

Town of Benton
Budget And Summary Analysis

Sources of Revenue			
	Est. 86	Actual 86	Est. 87
<u>Taxes</u>			
Resident Taxes	1150.00	1320.00	1140.00
Yield Taxes	2000.00	5325.00	3000.00
Interst & Penalties	2000.00	894.00	900.00
<u>Intergovernmental Rev. State</u>			
Shared Rev. - Block Grant	6500.00	7598.00	7500.00
Highway Block Grant	6796.00	6796.00	8495.00
<u>Reimb. - St. & Fed. Forest</u>			
Land	7000.00	2088.00	4000.00
<u>National Forest Reserve</u>	7000.00	-	6000.00
<u>Federally Owned Entitlement Lands</u>	7000.00	4984.00	5000.00
<u>Licenses & Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicles Fees	7500.00	8864.00	8500.00
Dog Licenses	250.00	217.00	220.00
Permits	10.00	61.00	20.00
Planning & Subdiv. Fees		138.00	100.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Rent of Town Property	50.00	65.00	50.00
Cemetery Lots	50.00	45.00	50.00
Trust Funds	650.00	743.00	700.00
Revenue Sharing Funds	2100.00	1847.00	
Return of Deposit		205.00	
Interst On Deposits	2500.00	2555.00	2200.00
	\$52,556. 00	\$43,745.00	\$47,875.00

Town of Benton Budget & Summary Analysis

	Exp. 85	Apro. 86	Exp. 86	Est. 87
Officers Salaries	2025.00	2025.00	2125.00	2125.00
Officers Expenses	1622.77	1600.00	1409.55	1600.00
Elections	255.80	900.00	956.60	300.00
Community Building	1494.80	1500.00	1948.35	2900.00
Town Clerk Fees	126.50	150.00	125.00	150.00
Legal Expenses	485.00	500.00	196.00	500.00
Insurance & Bonds	1304.00	1500.00	733.00	2000.00
Dues	677.00	700.00	687.00	700.00
Health Department	1436.25	1500.00	1557.04	1825.00
Solid Waste Disposal	1505.04	1500.00	1505.04	1500.00
Roads				
Summer	2058.38		4179.50	
Winter	7903.53		9457.76	
	<u>9961.91</u>	14,000.00	13639.26	14000.00
Welfare	274.02	300.00	390.00	400.00
Cemeteries	404.93	350.00	337.53	350.00
Interest	1733.33	1500.00	1387.22	1500.00
Fire Dept.	922.50	3500.00	1407.50	3500.00
Police		200.00		

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Totals: \$24,228.85 \$31,725.00 \$28,404.09 \$33,350.00

Town of Benton
Summary of Inventory Valuation

Land - Improved & Unimproved	\$1,881,700.00
Under Current Use	\$75,510.00
All Other	\$1,806,200.00
 Buildings	 \$2,241,750.00
Public Utilites - Electric	59,160.00
Personal property - Mobile Homes	<u>159,870.00</u>
	\$4,342,490.00
Elderly exemptions	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$4,337,490.00

Town of Benton
Schedule of Town Property
As Of December 31, 1986

<u>Discription</u>	<u>Value</u>
Town Hall - Land & Buildings	\$48,700.00
Furniture & Equipment	2,000.00
Old Town Clerk Office & Furnishings	<u>500.00</u>
	\$51,200.00

Town of Benton
Report of Town Clerk For The Year Ending
December 31, 1986

	Debits	
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	218	\$9124.00
Dog Licenses Issued	46	228.00
Fine and Penalties Collected		<u>12.00</u>
Total Debits		\$9364.00

Credits

Remittance to Treasurer

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$8864.00
Dog Licenses & Penalties	217.00

Fees Retained By Town Clerk

Motor Vehicle	260.00
Dog Licenses	<u>23.00</u>
Total Credits	\$9364.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Helena L. Harris
Town Clerk, Benton

Tax Collectors Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1986 (06-30-87)

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Levies Of:

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Property Taxes	\$	\$15709.33	\$
Resident Taxes	\$	\$ 360.00	\$ 40.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$	\$	\$
Yield Taxes	\$	\$96.67	\$444.42
Sewer Rents	\$	\$	\$

Taxes Committed To Collector

REsident Taxes	\$1160.00	\$	\$
Property Taxes	\$56594.03	\$	\$
Yield Taxes	\$5437.66	\$	\$

Added Taxes

Property Taxes	\$258.11	\$	\$
Resident Taxes	\$90.00	\$	\$

Overpayments

a/c Property Taxes	\$	\$133.31	\$
a/c Resident Taxes	\$10.00	\$	\$

Interest Collected On Delinquent
Property Taxes

\$	\$860.08	\$
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Penalties Collected On Resident Taxes

<u>\$9.00</u>	<u>\$21.00</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>
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Total Debits	\$63558.80	\$17180.39	\$488.42
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Cr. Remittances to Treasurer During
Fiscal Year:

	1986	1985	Prior
Property Taxes	\$40475.19	\$15686.66	\$
Resident Taxes	\$1020.00	\$260.00	\$40.00
Yield Taxes	\$5228.41	\$96.67	\$
Interest Collected During Yr. \$		\$860.08	\$
Penalties on Resident Taxes	\$9.00	\$21.00	\$4.00
Discounts Allowed	\$1305.75	\$	\$
Payments	\$	\$133.31	\$
<u>Abatements Made During Year</u>			
Property Taxes	\$50.00	\$22.67	\$
Resident Taxes	\$	\$100.00	\$
<u>Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year</u> (As Per Collectors List)			
Property Taxes	\$15021.20	\$	\$
Resident Taxes	\$240.00	\$	\$
Yield Taxes	\$209.25	\$	\$444.42
Total Credits	\$63,558.80	\$17,180.39	\$488.42

Summary of Tax Sales
Account

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1986 (June 30, 1987)

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	Tax Sales On Account Of		Levies:
	1985	1984	Previous Years
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Beginning Fiscal Year	\$	\$1616.59	\$ 718.66
Taxes sold to town during Current Fiscal Year*	\$3286.81	\$	\$
Subsequent Taxes Paid	\$	\$	\$
Interest Collected After Sale	\$ 36.48	\$235.60	\$244.20
Redemption Costs	<u>\$8.25</u>	<u>\$16.50</u>	<u>\$23.60</u>
Total Debits	\$3331.54	\$1868.69	\$986.46

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Remittances To Treasurer During Year:

Redemptions	\$1381.37	\$1018.19	\$718.66
Interest & Costs After Sale	\$44.73	\$252.10	\$267.80
Abatements During Year	\$	\$	\$
Deeded To Town During Year	\$	\$	\$
Unredeemed Taxes - End of Fiscal Year	\$1905.44	\$598.40	\$
" Subsequent Taxes	\$	\$	\$
Unremitted Cash	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Total Credits	\$3331.54	\$1868.69	\$986.46

*Amount of Tax Sale(s) sold to town held during current fiscal year, including total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale(s).

From N.E. Telephone refund	\$ 205.44
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From Selectmen	
Cemetery Lots	\$ 45.00
Town Hall Hire	65.00
Subdivision Fees	138.37
Current Use Fees	3.00
Ristol permits	<u>36.00</u>
	\$ 287.37

From U.S. Government Entitlement Lands	\$4984.00
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From State of N.H.	
Block Grants	\$14,393.92
State & Federal Forrest Lands	<u>2,087.88</u>
	\$16,481.80

From Indian Head Bank	
Tax Anticipation Note	\$40,000.00
Revenue Sharing Acct. Closed	<u>2,644.25</u>
	\$42,644.25

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86 Receipts	\$142,095.42
85 Balance	34,252.59
Bank interest	<u>333.86</u>
	\$176,681.87
C.A. Deposits	<u>92,550.00</u>
	\$269,231.87
Orders	<u>\$169,096.55</u>
	\$10,0135.32
CA Transfers	<u>\$ 96,000.00</u>
	\$ 4,135.32
Deposit Books	<u>\$ 4.90</u>
	\$4130.42
Unc'd. Chk (#3536,	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
BALANCE 1-1-87	\$4140.42

Report of Treasurer - for year 1986

From Tax Collector:

1983 Tax Sale Redeemed	\$718.66
1983 Tax Sale Costs	23.60
1983 Tax Sale Interest	<u>244.20</u>
	\$986.46
1984 Tax Sale Redeemed	\$1018.19
1984 Tax Sale Costs	16.50
1984 Tax Sale Interest	235.60
1984 Resident Tax	40.00
1984 Resident Penalty	<u>4.00</u>
	\$1314.29
1985 Tax Sale Redeemed	\$1381.37
1985 Tax Sale Costs	134.87
1985 Tax Sale Interest	44.73
1985 Property Tax	15,686.66
1985 Property Tax Interst	725.21
1985 Resident Tax	280.00
1985 Resident Tax Penalty	23.00
1985 Yield Tax	96.67
1985 Yield Tax Interest	16.55
1985 Overpayment (interest)	<u>133.31</u>
	\$18,522.37
1986 Property Tax	\$40,563.18
1986 Resident Tax	1,020.00
1986 Resident Tax Penalty	9.00
1986 Yield Tax	<u>5,228.41</u>
	\$46,820.59

Sub Total \$67,643.71

From Town Clerk

1986 Motor Vehicle Tax	\$8789.00
1986 Motor Vehicle Transfers	75.00
1986 Dog Licenses	204.50
1986 Dog Permit Penalties	12.00
1986 USF Check Fee	1.00
1986 USF Check Redeemed	<u>\$ 24.00</u>
	\$9105.50

From Trust Fund

For Cemeteries	\$485.12
For Highways	<u>258.23</u>
	\$743.35

	Yield #30502	Rev. Sharing #30167	Choice Act. #6800219
Bal. on hand 1/1/86	\$3742.85	\$ 679.88	\$9248.33
Deposits 86	\$2523.50	\$1847.00	\$96,000.00
Interest 86	\$ 219.93	\$117.37	\$ 1884.33
	\$6486.28	\$2644.65	\$107,132.66
Withdrawals	\$3659.03	\$2644.65	\$92,550.00
	\$2827.25	\$Closed	\$14582.66 (SC) 30
			\$14,582.36

Respectfully Submitted,
Priscilla Boutin
Treasurer

Treasurers Report
Detailed Statement of
Disbursements by Selectmen

Town Officers Salaries:

Matthew Flynn	Auditor	\$ 25.00
Peter Thompson	Selectman	300.00
John Elliott	Selectman	300.00
Marjorie Robitzer	Selectwoman	500.00
Priscilla Boutin	Treasurer	300.00
Maxine Tyler	Tax Collector	300.00
Helena Harris	Town Clerk	300.00
Joseph Boutin Jr.	Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	<u>100.00</u> \$2,215.00

Town Officers Expenses

Town Reports - 1986	\$330.00
Postage	192.31
Planning Board - Subdivision Exp.	86.65
Reg. of Deeds Tax Sales	28.88
Tax Map Update	130.00
Dog Officer Expenses	83.70
Black Mount Vet	35.00
Dog Tags	24.84
Public Notices	210.00
Office Supplies, Phone Calls & Misc.	<u>318.17</u>
	\$1,439.55

Dues

North Country Council	\$230.00
N.H. Municipal Assn.	400.00
N.H. Assoc of Assessors	20.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks Assn.	12.00
N.H. Tax Coll. Assn.	15.00
N.H. Health Off. Assn.	<u>10.00</u>
	\$687.00

Town Building

New England Telephone	\$230.17
N.H. Electric Coop.	155.49
Wakter Jock - Oil & Burner Repairs	1055.75
James Hood - New Sump Pump - Oil Burner Repairs	<u>506.94</u>
	\$1,948.35

Town Clerk Fees

\$125.00

Insurance & Bonds

\$733.00

Solid Waste Disposal

\$1505.04

Town Roads

Winter Roads:

Agway - Salt	\$ 50.85
International Salt	282.96
Agway - Plastic For Salt	89.95
Plowing - To Open Halls Rd	112.50
Morrill Const. - Sand	40.00
Daniel Elliott- Road Agent	<u>8883.50</u>
	\$9459.76

Summer Roads:

French Pond Crushing	700.00
Black Top Inc.	182.00
Mowing Roadsides	136.00
Daniel Elliott- Road Agent	<u>3161.50</u>
	\$4,179.50

\$13,639.26

Health Department

North Country Home Health	\$341.25
Cottage Hospital	500.00
Cottage Hospital Ambulance	100.00
White Mt. Mental Health	495.00
Robert Steel - Health Officer	<u>120.79</u>
	\$1,557.04

Public Welfare

\$390.00

Fire Department

Tunnel Brook Road - Bruce Newton	\$720.00
Rt. 116 - Electric Wires & Trees Burning on The Road	<u>687.50</u>
	\$1407.50

Legal Fees

Attorney Lawrence Gardner	\$196.00
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Cemeteries

David Harris - Upkeep	\$337.53
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Elections & Registrations - (3)

Notices	\$ 90.00
Catherine Elliott	174.20
Saraphene Harris	174.20
Jane Elliott	107.20
Marjorie Robitzer	82.20
Helena Harris	82.20
Daniel Elliott	82.20
Peter Thompson	26.80
John Elliott	26.80
Iona Boutin	55.40
Kate Goodwin	<u>55.40</u>
	\$956.60

<u>Interest</u>	\$1387.22
Taxes Bought By Town	3286.81
Abatements & Refunds	319.07
Tax Anticipation Note	40,000.00
Payments To School District	88,841.08
Grafton County Tax	<u>8,215.50-</u>
	\$142,049.68
 Total Selectmens Orders	 \$169,096.55

Town of Benton
Comparative State of Appropriations and Expenditures
for Year ending Dec. 31, 1986

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Reimbursement	Total Amt.	Expenditures	unexpended	Overdraft
		ment	Available	Balance		
Town Officers Salaries	\$2025.00	\$	\$2025.00	\$2125.00	\$	\$ 100.00
Town Officers Expenses	1600.00		1600.00	1409.55	190.45	
Elections	900.00		900.00	956.60		56.60
Community Building	1500.00		1500.00	1948.35		448.35
Town Clerk Fees	150.00		150.00	125.00	25.00	
Legal Expenses	500.00		500.00	196.00	304.00	
Insurance & Bonds	1500.00		1500.00	733.00	767.00	
Dues	700.00		700.00	687.00	13.00	
Health Department	1500.00		1500.00	1557.04		57.04
Solid Waste Disposal	1500.00		1500.00	1505.04		5.04
Town Roads	14,000.00	258.00	14,258.00	13,639.00	619.00	
Welfare	300.00		300.00	390.00		90.00
Cemeteries	350.00	485.00	835.00	338.00	497.00	
Interest	1500.00		1500.00	1387.22	112.78	
Fires	3500.00		3500.00	1407.50	2092.50	
Police	200.00		200.00		200.00	
	\$31,725.00	\$743.00	\$32,468.00	\$28,404.30	\$4,820.73	\$757.03

Grafton County Commissioners' Report

We appreciate the opportunity to submit the following report in our continuing effort to directly communicate with our constituents, realizing your concerns and our accountability for a fiscally conservative budget.

We have heard that budget message and continually strive to meet mandated and essential services in the most efficient and effective, yet economical manner possible. This has been reflected in tight county budgets the last two years, resulting in decreased county tax requirements. Some towns may have seen increased county taxes due to evaluation and apportionment formula used by the N. H. Dept of Revenue Administration. However, public services at the county level still usually reflect more equitable distribution of tax dollars. County tax averages 6.2% of base property taxes.

The county is facing the same problems in the insurance market as the towns. However, we have joined in the N.H. Municipal Association's insurance programs for most coverage needs at reasonable cost. We shall also have to deal with the loss of Revenue Sharing funds in the next budget.

It is too early to make a comprehensive report on the new welfare system under Sendate Bill-1. We do know that with the change in program liabilities, county costs will substantially increase, and towns should realize a decrease in welfare assistance payments. County focus under SB-1 is to serve the needs of the children, the elderly and disabled. Because the north country is growing with changing needs, growth in the elderly population, and expanded service requirements, we must look to the future to meet those needs.

The House of Correction occupancy figures have grown dramatically due to week-end sentencing, new DWI laws, and continuous one year sentencing to avoid incarceration at state prison, causing over-crowding at the Correctional facility. One option now under consideration is the construction of a two story dormitory type addition for 30 beds. The result would be a net increase of 18 beds meeting space standards under a plan in line with previous jail study recommendations, and at far less cost than a new facility.

The farm continues to be self-supporting, provides work for inmates, and offers access for experimental projects. The Register Of Deeds net profit margin is 3.6% of county revenues. The Sheriff's Dept. provides essential service in transport, superior court, dispatch, and other law enforcement activities, with increased revenue in fees. The Nursing Home is one of the finest in the state.

We are proud of our county; of the dedicated staff,
exemplary services and high standards.

Commissioners meet weekly, and encourage public attendance. We welcome facility tours.

Our thanks and appreciation to all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grafton County Commissioners:

Dorothy Campton-Corcoran, Chairperson
Arthur E. Snell, Clerk
Leonard F. Anderson, Commissioner.

Record of Affirmative Votes
At Annual Town Meeting for year 1986
March 11, 1986

Agreeable to the Warrant for the annual Town Meeting, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Daniel Elliott, on March 11, 1986 at 7:00 P.M., at the Benton Community Building.

Art. 1: The following Officers were elected:

Selectman	Peter Thompson	3 yrs.
Town Clerk	Helena Harris	1 yr.
Treasurer	Priscilla Boutin	1 yr.
Tax Collector	Maxine Tyler	1 yr.
Trustee of Trust Funds	Edward Matz	3 yrs.
Sexton	David Harris	1 yr.
Dog Officer	David Harris	1 yr.
Moderator	Daniel Elliott	1 yr.
Auditor	Dorothy Elliott	1 yr.
Supervisor of Ck. List	Catherine Elliott	1 yr.
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	Joseph Boutin, jr.	1 yr.
Ballot Clerk	Iona Boutin	1 yr.
Ballot Inspector	Kate Goodwin	1 yr.

Art. 2: Voted to accept Art. 2 as written which was to see if the town will vote to contribute to the White Mountain Mental Health, the North Country Home Health Agency, the Cottage Hospital and the Ambulance Service and in what amounts. There was some questions as to what these agencies were for and what amounts were being given to them now. Selectwoman Marjorie Robitzer explained this to everyone, there were many who saw these agencies as being helpful and being used by the town and many who couldn't see as they were doing the town much good. There was also a suggestion that it be dropped from the towns use for one year and if it was decided they were needed they be picked back up again next year. A motion was made and seconded to accept this article as written but delete the Cottage Hospital fund. A ballot was taken and the results wre yes = 7 and no- 20. A motion was made then and seconded to accept this article as writtin and in the amounts of \$495.00, \$341.25, \$500.00 and \$100.00, respectively.

Article 3: A motion was made and seconded to pass over article 3 as written which was 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 for the support of the town as recommended in the budget, to riase and appropriate all sums so determined for said purposes; and to pass any other vote irrelating thereto, until article 12 is discussed as this could have some bearing on the amount of money to be raised and appropriated.

Article 4: A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 4 as written which was to see if the town will vote to accept the reports of Officers and Agents as

printed in the Town Reports.

Article 5: A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 5 which was to see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow funds for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected in Fiscal Year 1986 and to be paid therefrom.

Article 6: A motion was made and seconded to accept article 6 as written which was to see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through tax collectors deeds.

Article 7: A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 7 as written which was to see if the town will vote to authorize a discount on current property taxes paid before a date set by the selectmen, if all previous taxes are paid, and will set the amount of said discount. A discount of 4% if taxes are paid within 15 days of postmark was agreed upon. There was mention of taxes being sent every 6 months instead of once a year, but this idea was frowned upon as it would double the work load of the already busy tax collector.

Article 8: A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 8 as written which was to see if the town will vote to remain members of the North Country Council and the N.H. Municipal Association @ \$230.00 and \$400.00 respectively. It was asked what the N.C.C. and N.H.M.A. was used for. It is an association of lawyers who keep the town up to date on laws being passed and who help us if we need legal advise and/or information.

Article 9: A motion was made and seconded to have a ballot count on whether the town should re-fix the price of lots in the Pleasant View Cemetery. The current price of lots are \$5.00 each and \$25.00 each was suggested. Results were: Yes-15 and no-12.

Article 10: This article 10 was to see if the town will vote to do some re-building of town roads each year in addition to the regular maintenance. It was asked which roads would be involved in this and Howe Hill Rd. and Tunnel Stream Rd. were the ones mentioned which need the most work right now. It was suggested that we could get bids from various contractors on this and also perhaps we might be able to get state help. It was pointed out that this would be costly and as of right now there was no way to set a cost. A motion was made and seconded that this be checked into and before any work is done or agreed to a special town meeting would be called.

Article 11: This article 11 was to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Only other business was acknowledgement of a donation in the memory of John Boutin Sr. to be used on the upkeep of the old school building given by Henry Waldo.

Article 12: A motion was made and seconded to accept (under protest) article 12 which was to see if the town will vote to adopt written welfare guidelines as proposed by the board of Selectmen. Chapter 380 of the Laws of 1985 requires the town to adopt written welfare guidelines prior to April 1, 1986. It was proposed we accept this for now until more is understood on the subject. The selectmen will be in charge of this for now. It was stated that it be recorded that this article will be accepted as written but only UNDER PROTEST as we do not fully understand what it involves as of now.

Article 13: Got back to this article and a motion was made and seconded to accept this article as written, as article 12 was accepted as is so there would be no change in money to be raised and appropriated for now.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. New Officers were sworn in at this time.

A true Copy Attest-

Helena L. Harris
Town Clerk, Benton

Town Auditors Report

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk and Selectmen and find them fairly stated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Elliott
Auditor

Town of Benton
Trust Funds

For Year Ending Dec., 31, 1986

Ira Whitcher	\$500.00
Whitcher & Mann	500.00
Whitcher & Mann	1000.00
Whitcher & Mann	1750.00
Whitcher & Mann	1750.00
J.C. Speed	134.71
Whitcher & Kendall	200.00
Samuel Annis	50.00
Wm. T. Torsey	50.00
Jonathan Davis	50.00
George I. Clark	200.00
Ella Mann	50.00
Kendrick L. Howe	50.00
Daniel M. & Kendrick L. Howe	100.00
Isabella Tyler	50.00
Lee & Maude McKean	100.00
Vevah M. Leonard	250.00
Library Fund	<u>190.99</u>
Total	\$6,975.70

INTEREST TO BE USED ON 1987 BUDGET	TOTAL INTEREST
As Listed Below	Received

ESTIMATED INTEREST

<u>Cemeteries</u>	<u>Highways</u>	<u>School</u>	
\$435.00	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$910.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Roden
Joseph Boutin, Jr.
Edward Matz
Trustee of Trust Funds

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT OFFICERS
SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Alice Harris	Term Expires 1989
Mrs. Helena Harris	Term Expires 1987
Mrs. Laurie Elliott	Term Expires 1988

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Mr. John Elliott, Jr.	Moderator
Mrs. Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Laurie Elliott	Auditor
Mrs. Helena Harris	Clerk
Mr. Norman H. Mullen	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Harold J. Haskins	Asst. Superintendent of Schools

RECORD OF AFFIRMATIVE VOTES
AT ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING 1986
March 11, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 P.M. by the Moderator, John G. Elliott, Jr. Mr. Elliott read the School Warrant and the following action was taking on the Articles in the School Warrant.

Article 1: Elected John G. Elliott . . . Moderator for one year

Article 2: Elected Helena Harris . . . Clerk for one year

Article 3: Elected Alice Harris . . . School Board member for three years and Helena Harris for a term of one year

Article 4: Elected Maxine Tyler . . . Treasurer for one year

Article 5: Accepted as written which was to determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of other officers and agents of the District.

Article 6: This Article was to hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and to pass any other vote relating thereto. It was asked what was the French Pond Project at Mtn. Lakes? This is a school where Juveniles are being placed instead of sending them to the Manchester, N.H. Correctional Center and other correctional centers. It was explained that Benton pays the amount of \$2,021.34 because we belong to the S.A.U. This has to be paid because we were out voted on it at an S.A.U. Meeting. It would cost the town about \$6,400.00 if we were to pay to send a Juvenile to a correctional center. It was asked if this amount of \$2,021.34 might go up next year but as of now this is not known. It was also asked why Arthur Clough is receiving \$17,003.20 for last years transportation when his contract states he gets \$14,000.00. This is to be checked into and see whats going on. Motion was made and seconded to accept this article as written.

Article 7: Elected Laurie Elliott . . . Auditor for one year

Article 8: There was a few corrections in the Benton School District Budget for 1986-87. There was no Contingency Fund of \$2,150.00 for the proposed Budget of 1986-87 so the total Budget would be \$146,681.24. The estimated income for 1986-87 had a few figures changed also. The Revenue from Local Sources was changed to \$105,508.29, and the Revenue from Federal Sources was changed to \$8,108.01. This made the Total Appropriation change to \$143,073.24. A motion was made and seconded to accept Article Eight as amended.

Article 9: A Motion was made and seconded to accept this Article as written which was to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

A Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the school meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Helena L. Harris
Clerk

SCHOOL WARRANT
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 10th day of March, 1987 at 8:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To choose three Members of the School Board, one for a one year term ending in 1988, one for a two year term ending in 1989, and one for a three year term ending in 1990.

ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this 10th day of February, 1987.

Alice Harris
Helena Harris
Laurie Elliott
SCHOOL BOARD OF BENTON

A True Copy of Warrant--Attest:

Alice Harris
Helena Harris
Laurie Elliott
SCHOOL BOARD OF BENTON

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Budget for 1987-88

	Adopted Budget <u>1986-87</u>	Proposed Budget <u>1987-88</u>
<u>1000 INSTRUCTION</u>		
<u>1100 Regular Education</u>		
561-1 Elementary Tuition	44,000.00	45,980.00
561-2 Jr. High Tuitio	10,340.00	8,415.00
561-3 Sr. High Tuition	<u>49,500.00</u>	<u>42,240.00</u>
Total 1100	103,840.00	96,635.00
<u>1200 Special Education</u>		
310-1 Instruction Services	7,436.00	17,157.00
561-1 Elementary Tuition	<u>17,200.00</u>	<u>15,420.00</u>
Total 1200	24,636.00	32,577.00
<u>2000 SUPPORT SERVICES</u>		
<u>2300 General Administration</u>		
870-1 Elementary Contingency	192.50	196.00
870-2 Jr. High Contingency	49.00	38.50
870-3 Sr. High Contingency	<u>108.50</u>	<u>115.50</u>
Total 2300	350.00	350.00
<u>2311 School Board Services</u>		
110-1 Elementary Salaries	247.50	252.00
110-2 Jr. High Salaries	63.00	49.50
110-3 Sr. High Salaries	<u>139.50</u>	<u>148.50</u>
Total 2311	450.00	450.00
<u>2312 Clerk of the Board Services</u>		
110-1 Elementary Salaries	8.80	8.96
110-2 Jr. High Salaries	2.24	1.76
110-3 Sr. High Salaries	<u>4.96</u>	<u>5.28</u>
Total 2312	16.00	16.00
<u>2313 Treasurer Services</u>		
110-1 Elementary Salaries	27.50	28.00
110-2 Jr. High Salaries	7.00	5.50
110-3 Sr. High Salries	<u>15.50</u>	<u>16.50</u>
Total 2313	50.00	50.00
<u>2317 Audit Services</u>		
110-1 Elementary Salaries	8.80	8.96
110-2 Jr. High Salaries	2.24	1.76
110-3 Sr. High Salries	<u>4.96</u>	<u>5.28</u>
Total 2317	16.00	16.00

	Adopted Budget <u>1986-87</u>	Proposed Budget <u>1987-88</u>
<u>2321 Office of Superintendent of Schools</u>		
351-1 Elem SAU Management Serv	1,717.71	1,659.61
351-2 Jr H. SAU Management Serv	378.57	326.00
351-3 Sr H. SAU Management Ser	1,026.89	978.00
Total 2321	<u>3,123.24</u>	<u>2,963.61</u>
 <u>2550 Pupil Transportation</u>		
513-1 Elem Contracted Serv	7,700.00	7,840.00
513-2 Jr. High Contracted Serv	1,960.00	1,540.00
513-3 Sr. High Contracted Serv	4,340.00	4,620.00
Total 513	<u>14,000.00</u>	<u>14,000.00</u>
 870-1 Elem Contingency	-0-	-0-
870-2 Jr. High Contingency	-0-	-0-
870-3 Sr. High Contingency	-0-	-0-
Total 870		
Total 2550	14,000.00	14,000.00
 <u>2660 Data Processing Services</u>		
360-1 Elem Contracted Ser	110.00	140.00
360-2 Jr. High Contracted Serv	28.00	27.50
360-3 Sr. High Contracted Serv	62.00	82.50
Total 2660	<u>200.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
 Grand Total	146,681.24	147,307.61

ESTIMATED INCOME 1987 - 88

	<u>1986-87</u>	<u>1987-88</u>
Unreserved Fund Income		5,864.00
<u>1000 REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES</u>		
1100 Taxes	92,808.00	103,395.00
<u>1900 OTHER REVENUE-LOCAL SOURCES</u>		
1920 Trust Fund Income		122.00
<u>3000 REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</u>		
3110 Foundation Aid	50,000.00	32,800.00
<u>4000 REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</u>		
4810 Forest Reserve	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>
 TOTAL APPROPRIATION	 147,308.00	 146,681.00

BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1986

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>	
100 Cash	33.84
140 Intergovernmental Receivables	13,982.77
150 Other Receivables	<u>46.65</u>
Total Assets	14,063.26

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
410 Intergovernmental Payables	4,002.38
480 Deferred Revenues	<u>4,196.85</u>
Total Liabilities	8,199.23

Fund Equity

<u>Account No.</u>	
770 Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>5,864.03</u>
Total Fund Equity	5,864.03
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	14,063.26

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1986

<u>TAXES</u>	
<u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>	<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>	
1121 Current Appropriation	<u>83,024.39</u>
Total Taxes	83,024.39
1500 Earnings on Investments	<u>246.69</u>
Total Other Revenue from Local Sources	<u>246.69</u>
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	83,271.08
<u>Revenue From State Sources</u>	
<u>Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
3110 Foundation Aid	<u>30,846.40</u>
Total Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	30,846.40
<u>Restricted Grants-in-Aid</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
3221 Tuition	1,655.48
3222 Transportation	<u>527.59</u>
Total Restricted Grants-in-Aid	2,183.07
TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES	33,029.47
<u>Revenue From Federal Sources</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
4800 Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	<u>8,108.01</u>
Total Revenue from Federal Sources	8,108.01
TOTAL REVENUE	124,408.56

GENERAL FUND ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES
For Year Ended June 30, 1986

	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Junior High</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Instruction</u>				
Regular Education	42,010.62	14,100.00	33,645.99	89,756.61
Special Education	16,244.86			16,244.86
Vocational Educa.			1,868.75	1,868.75
<u>General Administration</u>				
School Board	182.60	46.48	102.92	332.00
S.A.U. #23 Services	1,470.15	374.22	828.63	2,673.00
<u>Transportation</u>				
Contract Services	<u>7,982.70</u>	<u>2,031.96</u>	<u>4,774.06</u>	<u>14,788.72</u>
TOTALS	67,890.93	16,552.66	41,220.35	125,663.94

ALL FUNDS: SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE INFORMATION
For the Year Ended June 30, 1986

DESCRIPTION

Special Education Services	16,244.86			16,244.86
Tuition to LEA's within N.H.	54,361.48	14,100.00	33,645.99	102,107.47
Tuition to LEA's outside N.H.			1,868.75	1,868.75

STATEMENT OF ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
For the Year Ended June 30, 1986

DESCRIPTION

	<u>General</u>
Fund Equity, July 1, 1985	7,119.41
Additions:	
Revenue	124,408.56
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>124,408.56</u>
Deletions:	
Expenditures	<u>125,663.94</u>
TOTAL DELETIONS	<u>125,663.94</u>
FUND EQUITY, June 30, 1986	5,864.03

ITEMIZATION OF RECEIVABLES: June 30, 1986

Balance Sheet Acct. No.	Date Received	Receivable Due From	Revenue Account Credited	Amount
1-150		Indian Head Bank North	302-1510	46.65
1-140		SAU #23	1200-561	12,953.36
1-140		State of NH	3221-3222	<u>1,029.41</u>
TOTAL				14,029.42

ITEMIZATION OF PAYABLES: June 30, 1986

Balance Sheet Acct. No.	Purchase Order #	Date of Purchase	Date Paid	Vendor	Expenditure Account Charged	Amount
1-410				SAU #23	1200-310	3,894.00
1-410				Hav-Coop	1300-562	<u>108.38</u>
TOTAL						4,002.38

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1985 TO JUNE 30, 1986

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1985		\$ 373.18
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$ 96,903.71	
Revenue from State Sources	32,000.06	
Revenue from Federal Sources	8,108.01	
Received from All other Sources	<u>200.04</u>	
Total Receipts		\$137,211.82
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		137,585.00
Less School Board Orders Paid		<u>137,551.16</u>
Balance on Hand, June 30, 1986		33.84
July 2, 1986		

Maxine Tyler
District Treasurer

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton, N.H. of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1986 and find them correct in all respects.

July 3, 1986

Laurie S. Elliott
Auditor

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my twenty-second annual report to the voters of the Benton School District.

I wonder how many of you reading this report realize that the young people from Benton entering kindergarten next fall will graduate from high school in the 21st century. Needless to say, we hope our youngsters will learn the skills to be successful.

Many people are jumping with joy at the fact that school districts may share in the Lotto bonanza in 1987-88. Voters should understand that the legislature is currently in session and politicians are all known to have their pet projects and education is not at the top of the list. What I am trying to say is, "Don't spend your money before you have it in hand."

Benton voters should be thinking about their long and short term educational goals regarding school attendance; that is, where do we want our children going to school, what type of minimal standards will we accept for our tuition dollar, what alternatives are available, etc. This would not be a "witch-hunt" but simply a study by Benton people for Benton children.

Another topic which possibly should require some attention by the Benton voters is the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund for some unexpected emergency that may arise. Districts who have established such a fund have been able to cope with projects or major special education out-of-district placements foisted upon them. It is money in the bank.

My thanks to the people of Benton for their fine support during the past two decades.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman H. Mullen
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S AND
ASSISTANT 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 and assistant superintendent.

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expense is prorated among the several school districts of the Unit 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 S.A.U. #23 during the 1986-87 school year will receive a salary of \$51,145.00 prorated among the several school districts. The Assistant Superintendent will receive a salary of \$40,351.00 prorated among the several school districts.

The table below shows the proration of salaries to each school district:

	SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY
Bath	\$ 2,552.14
Benton	506.34
Haverhill Cooperative	21,158.69
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	18,795.79
Monroe	3,534.10
Piermont	2,291.30
Warren	2,306.64
	<u>\$ 51,145.00</u>
	ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY
Bath	\$ 2,013.51
Benton	399.47
Haverhill Cooperative	16,693.21
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	14,828.99
Monroe	2,788.27
Piermont	1,807.72
Warren	1,819.83
	<u>\$ 40,351.00</u>

Marriages Registered In The Town Of
Benton, NH
For The Year Ending December 31, 1986

Date & Names of Bride & Groom	Residence of Bride & Groom	Fathers Name Mothers Name
August 16, 1986 Alexandria L. Coes and Martin J. Noble	Campton, NH Benton, NH	Samuel H. Coes Heather Pedrick John H. Noble Pauline Pavell

Deaths Registered In The Town Of
Benton, NH
For The Year Ending December 31, 1986

Date of Death Name of Deceased & Place of Birth	Age	Name of Father Name of Mother
January 1, 1986 Irene Colletterette	65	Henry Colletterette Marie Houston
January 18, 1986 Alexina Leclerc	90	Edward Leclerc Mary Roie
March 17, 1986 Philip Beaudoin	82	Aime Beaudoin Clara Descelles
August 17, 1986 Albert Menard	90	Charles Menard Antoinette Stoker
August 19, 1986 James Knight	76	Benjamin Knight Eunice Churchill
September 18, 1986 Campbell Kiniry	65	Unknown Unknown
October 8, 1986 Albert S. Dodge	84	William Dodge Florence Smith
November 13, 1986 Reginald Howard	88	Norman Howard Carrie Kent

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