

Annual Report

For the Town of

BENTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year ending December 31
1988

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FROM COVENTRY TO BENTON
1840

The people of Coventry, NH became dissatisfied with the name and sought a change because: they felt they were objects of ridicule by the aristocratic folks in Bath and Haverhill and that the name "Coventry" meant backwoods".

Political leanings in Coventry were overwhelmingly Democrat and Senator Thomas H. Benton of Missouri was a rising Democrat star at this period. Therefore his name was chosen, presented to and approved by the legislature of 1839. At the town meeting of 1840 it was voted on and approved to change its name from Coventry to Benton by a vote of 77-2. There arose the name Benton.

YOUR TOWN

Be proud of your town, no matter how small,
It should be loved by one and all.

Lend a helping hand, when and where you can,
This goes for every child, woman and man.

When someone asks from where do you come,
Stand up and say, "Benton, thats where I'm from".

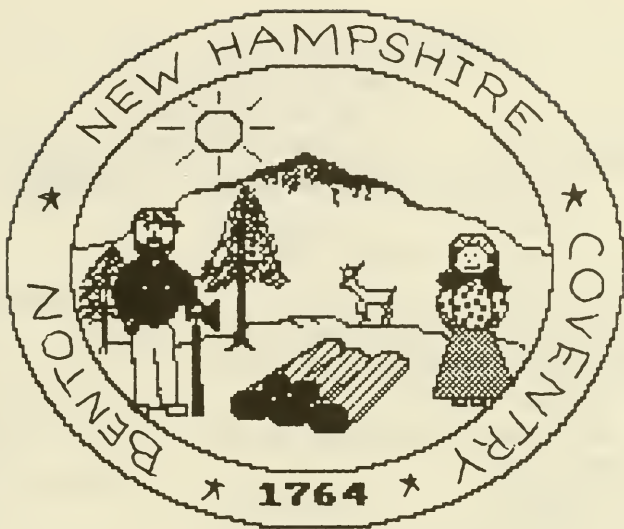
Our anchesters worked hard to build our small town,
Lets not forget this and let them down.

We were known as Coventry many years ago,
Then our name changed to Benton -why, you all know.

We may be isolated, rural and small,
But show some pride and stand up real tall.

Don't let anyone run us in the ground,
After all these years we're still around.

Help your neighbors, North, South, East and West,
We're all from Benton and damn near the best!



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TOWN OF BENTON, NH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF TOWN OFFICERS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS
1988

<u>Board of Selectmen</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Chairman:	Peter Thompson	1989
	John Elliott	1990
	Marjorie Robitzer	1991
<u>Moderator</u>		
	Larry Maxwell (moved)	
	Daniel Elliott (Appointed)	1989
<u>Town Clerk</u>		
	Helena Harris	1989
<u>Tax Collector</u>		
	Maxine Tyler	1989
	Helena Harris (Deputy)	
<u>Treasurer</u>		
	Priscilla Boutin	1989
<u>Auditor</u>		
	Dorothy Elliott	1989
<u>Supervisors of the Checklist</u>		
	Catherine Elliott	1989
	Jane Elliott	1990
	Seraphene Harris	1991
<u>Trustee of the Trust Funds</u>		
	Scott Roden	1989
	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1990
	Edward Matz	1991
<u>Surveyor of Wood And Lumber</u>		
	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1989
<u>Dog Officer</u>		
	David Harris	1989
<u>Sexton</u>		
	David Harris	1989
<u>Ballot Clerk</u>		
	Iona Boutin	1989
<u>Ballot Inspector</u>		
	Kate Goodwin	1989

TOWN OFFICERS PHONE NUMBERS AND OFFICE HOURS

Selectmen:

Marjorie Robitzer	787-6053
John Elliott, Jr.	787-6731
Peter Thompson	787-6598

Selectmen sit the first monday of every month from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Office phone is 787-6541.

Town Clerk:

Helena Harris	787-6901
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Town Clerk hours are every Monday night from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Office phone number is 787-6541.

Tax Collector:

Maxine Tyler	787-6695
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Tax Collector has office hours at her home..She is there most any time, but please call ahead.

Treasurer:

Priscilla Boutin	787-6784
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Treasurer has office hours at her home. She is there most any time, but please call ahead.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Catherine Elliott	787-6781
Jane Elliott	787-6641
Seraphne Harris	787-6368

Supervisors sit at designated times. These times are posted in a local paper ahead of time.

Dog Officer & Sexton:

David Harris	787-6975
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Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:

Joseph Boutin, Jr.	787-6083
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Moderator:

Daniel Elliott	787-6189
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

GRAFTON, SS

TOWN OF BENTON

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 14th) at seven oclock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To choose a Selectman for 3 years, a Moderator for 2 years, s Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years, a Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years, a Sexton, a Town Clerk, a Tax Collector, a Treasurer for 1 year and all other necessary Town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

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 establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of raising Benton's share of the cost of rehabilitation of the bridge over Tunnel Brook and to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be placed in this fund.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

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

Article 6: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 80:58-86 for a real estate tax lien procedure? These statutes provide that tax sales to private individuals for nonpayment of property taxes on real estate are replaced with a real estate tax lien procedure under which only a municipality or county where the property is located or the state may acquire a tax lien against land and buildings for unpaid taxes."

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to contribute to the White Mountain Mental Health, The Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, the North Country Home Health Agency, the Community Action Program, Cottage Hospital and the Ambulance Service, and in what amounts.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected in the year 1989 and to be paid therefrom.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through tax collectors deeds.

Article 10: 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 11: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the town's representatives to the General Court to respond to our solid waste crisis by taking all necessary measure to insure that New Hampshire adopt legislation that will permit consumers to return for refund of deposit within New Hampshire all soda, beer, wine cooler and liquor containers and that all unclaimed deposit monies shall be returned annually to local municipalities for the sole purpose of implementing, expanding and reimbursing community recycling projects.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$391.00 to develop a Solid Waste District Management Plan as required by NH RSA 149-M. Specifically, the appropriation will be used to coordinate monthly meetings of the four communities, to document the status of the existing disposal facility, to assess future disposal options and to prepare an implementation plan for a 15 year disposal solution. The Ammonoosuc Solid Waste District recommends this appropriation.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept a Master-Plan as written up by the Planning Board with assistance from the North Country Council.

A True Copy - Attest

Benton Selectmen
Marjorie Robitzer
John Elliott, Jr.
Peter Thompson

BUDGET & SUMMARY ANALYSIS

	Expenses 1987	Approp 1988	Expen 1988	Est. 1989
Officers Salaries:	\$2,125	\$2,125	\$2,125	\$2,125
Officers Expenses:	1,272	1,600	1,456	1,500
Planning Board:			243	500
Elections & Registrations:	391	1,200	1,228	300
Community Building:	3,840	1,800	1,515	1,600
Town Clerk Fees:	126	130	155	150
Legal Expenses:	2,522	2,400	1,496	2,000
Insurance & Bonds:	4,132	2,400	1,496	2,000
Dues to Regional Assns:	667	667	710	710
Health Department: (to be treated in a seperate article)				
Ambulance:	970	1,073	1,073	
Solid Waste Disposal:	1,505	1,505	1,059	2,000
Welfare:	773	400		500
Cemeteries:	321	350	178	350
Interest:		1,800	3,213	2,200
Trust Fund for Rd. Rebuilding:		10,000	10,000	10,000
Fire Department:		3,500		3,500
Police Department:			1,597	1,000
Rds, Summer & Winter:	11,944	14,000	20,225	20,000
Special Fund (Roads):	4,214	3,786	6,358	
To Establish New CRF For Bridge:				4,000
Totals:	34,802	49,336	52,760	48,935

1936
24 checklists cost:
\$11.35

1937
1 gallon heating oil cost:
15¢

1909
aman + his team got:
\$3.00 a day

TOWN OF BENTON
SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Land - Improved and Unimproved	
Under Current Use	\$ 75,080.00
All Other	2,266,080.00
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	\$2,341,160.00
Buildings	3,442,220.00
Public Utilities - Electric Lines	246,062.00
Mobile Homes	248,470.00
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	\$6,277,812.00
Less 1 Elderly Exemption	5,000.00
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	\$,6,272,812.00

TOWN OF BENTON
Schedule of Town Property as of
12/31/88

Town Hall - Land & Buildings	54,800.00
Furniture & Equipment	2,170.00
Old Town Clerks Office & Furnishings	330.00
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	\$57,300.00

TOWN CLERK REPORT
1988

Received from 1988 Motor Vehicle Permits:

253 Permits	\$13,483.00
19 Transfers	95.00

Received From 1988 Dog Licenses:

32 Licenses	148.00
1 Fine	3.00

Misc:

3 Pistol Permits	12.00
1 I.S.F. Check Fee	10.00

Total.... \$13,751.00

Fees Retained by Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits	304.00
Dog Licenses	16.00

Total.... \$ 320.00

Turned Over To Town Treasurer. \$13,431.00

1925
Town made \$133.45
on Auto Registrations

1947
Town Clerk Dues:
\$2.00

1951
61 cars Registered
29 dogs licensed

DOG LICENSING RULES

Dogs six months of age and over must be licensed by April 1, 1989.

According to V.S.A. 20, S 3581, dogs to be licensed must have current rabies shot and a certificate on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

A current vaccination against rabies means that:

1. a dog less than one year has been vaccinated.
2. a dog of one or more years but less than two years has been vaccinated within the preceding 12 months and;
3. a dog of two or more years has been vaccinated within the preceding 24 months.

Fees:	Spayed Female:	\$3.50
	Neutered Male:	3.50
	Male:	6.00
	Female:	6.00

After April 1st, fees increase by \$1.00 a month.

V.S.A. 20, S3582. Dog obtained after April 1st:

A person who becomes the owner of a dog after April 1st who is six months old & has not been licensed, or a person who owns, keeps, or harbors a dog which becomes six months old after April 1st shall within 30 days apply for and obtain a license for the dog in the same manner as the annual license is obtained. If an application under this section is made after Oct. 1, the fee for the license shall be one half the amount otherwise required. If the license fee is not paid within 30 days the owner may thereafter procure a license for that license year by paying a fee of fifty percent in excess of that otherwise required.

Dog brought into State --V.S.A. 20, S3587

Without obtaining a license, a person may bring or cause to be brought into the State for a period not exceeding 90 days, one or more licensed dog or dogs bearing the identification of the owner, provided that the owner possess a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian or a state official of any other state that the dog has received a rabies vaccination that is current for the 90 days following entry into the state.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR
1988

In re-reading the minutes of Selectmens meetings for 1988, it is interesting to note the great variety of problems arising during the year that must be dealt with in addition to the regular finances, i.e. bills and comparisons of costs, necessities versus things we can get along without, and finding that point at which we need to spend money to avoid future waste. The Selectmen met once a month for about 2½ hours each time plus three extra meetings in December, three in January and three in February, for a total of 21 meetings a year in addition to meetings to check real estate in the Spring, meetings with area Town officials, legal problem meetings, meetings with State officials, information seminars, trips in regard to Town Reports and distribution of such, and many hours of paperwork. We attended meetings in Plymouth and Concord on budget preparation and laws pertaining to that and also on Town financial management and taxation, in Woodsville with officials of Haverhill, Bath and Monroe, in regard to solid waste disposal:

As to the Community Building, the furnace that we had patched last year has worked perfectly all this year. Mabel Boutin and Marjorie Robitzer brought all the Town's law books and the old reports to the Community Building so they could be examined and be of some use to the people of the town. John, Dan and Jesse

Elliott also helped in bringing down the old safe and the large bookcase. A leaky roof and the mice did alot of damage but being at the Community Building should help preserve these records that are a vital part of Benton's history. We tried for four years to find an inexpensive outdoor bulletin board and prices went nowhere but up so we spent \$122.00 for one and it is now in use. We applied to this cost \$25.00 which we received in 1985 in memory of John Boutin, Sr.

We had an on-going problem for about 35 days with a frozen culvert, water running across Tunnel Brook Road, causing extensive damage to the home and property of Scott and Diana Roden and John and Barbara Roden. Our efforts to correct this problem ran into many snags and cost the town \$1,571.00 plus police and Sheriff costs. Spring finally came.

We had many meetings with Dan Elliott in regard to regular work and also the extra work done by using the remainder of the Special Fund voted on two years ago. Dan had started out on the worst 1000 foot stretch on Tunnel Brook Road and we, Marjorie Robitzer and Peter Thompson, John Elliott abstaining, went along with the cost over-run since to stop without the proper top coating to go through winter would undo a lot of good preparation.

We have tried to do the job to which we were elected. We have tried to spend the tax money wisely. We've

had some tough problems and decisions to make, but the answer to every question has to be based upon what is in the best interest of the whole town, of all the people.

SELECTMEN OF BENTON

Marjorie L. Robitzer
John G. Elliott
Peter A. Thompson



REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST
RANGER

Between July 1987 and June 1988, we experienced more fires than normal. The three leading causes of forest fires were again children, fires kindled without written permission of a Forest Fire Warden and debris burning. All causes are preventable, but only with your help.

Please help our town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. Contact your Forest Fire Warden for more information.

Enforcement of a state timber harvest regulation is the responsibility of State Forestry officials. Our state has excellent timber harvest regulations; however, your assistance is needed.

If you know of a logging operation and suspect a state timber harvest law may be violated, call your Forest Fire Warden, Concord Forest Protection Headquarters at (603) 271-2217, or local Forest Ranger.

On January 1, 1989, the Deceptive Forestry Business Practices Law (RSA 224:54) goes into effect. This law, in summary, states that a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if, in the course of buying or selling a forest product, uses a false weight or measure for falsely determining any quality or quantity of a forest product. For more information, contact one of the persons mentioned above.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS
1988

<u>Number Fires</u> <u>Statewide</u>	<u>Acres Burned</u> <u>Statewide</u>	<u>Cost of</u> <u>Suppression</u> <u>Statewide</u>
498	509.10	\$78,144.93
<u>Number Fires</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Acres Burned</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Cost of</u> <u>Suppression</u> <u>District</u>
21	40.5	\$6598.17
<u>Number Fires</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>Acres Burned</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>Town</u>
1	$\frac{1}{2}$	\$162.31

John Q. Ricard
Forest Ranger

William Harris
Forest Fire
Warden

TOWN OF BENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT

I have served as your police chief since March 14, 1988. From then, to the date of this report, January 27, 1989, I have responded to 33 police calls. 24 calls were recieved through the Sheriffs Dispatcher and 9 were direct to my house.

To give you a clear picture of what happens in our small town, I have divided the calls into catagories as follows:

Felonies:	7
Misdemeanors	6
Keeping the Peace	4
Juvenile	6
Traffic	3
Public Assist	<u>7</u>
	33

Most of the felony and misdemeanor calls are cases that are still open and unsolved due to the time and expense involved in investigation and prosecution.

When an arrest is made, or traffic violations, handed out, I am also the prosecutor in court representing the town of Benton.

I have not put any time in on motor vehicle violations, as I do not have a vehicle for this purpose.

I have been very aware that Benton is a small town with limited financial resources, and I have tried to keep police costs at a minimum. I have put in only a fraction of the time I could have by responding to calls only.

Some questions I would like you, the voters of Benton, to consider are:

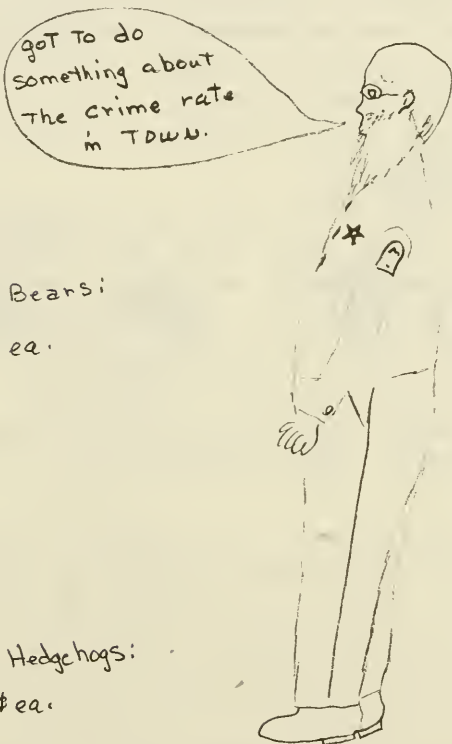
1. Do you want me to make regular patrols? This would include Long Pond road to Glencliff, Route 25 in South of Benton, Tunnell Stream Road, Rt. 116 and Bradley Hill Rd.

2. Motor vehicle violations are everywhere in Benton. Speeders, going through stop signs, DWI etc. Does the town want more time invested in making our roads safer?

I look forward to hearing what you, the voters of Benton, want and expect from your Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Contois
Police Chief



Richard
Contois

1910
Bounty on Bears:
\$5.00 ea.

1915
Bounty on Hedgehogs:
25¢ ea.

1933
Constable badge cost:
\$6.50

1988 ROADS IN REVIEW

Its been quite a year of accomplishments and unexpected expenses. In February an improperly installed culvert on a private driveway off Tunnel Stream Road froze. The landowner would not fix the problem, nor were we allowed on the property to fix it. The situation worsened with flooding and serious icing of Tunnel Stream Road and the eventual damage to other land owners property. It took a lot of sanding, salting, chloride for thawing and twice hiring a steamer. The problem persisted and eventually with the assistance of the police, we went in to correct the problem, which lead to the replacing of the culvert. Over a month and a half, the overall cost to the town for the work done on this culvert problem was \$2,300.00.

In April we faced yet another unexpected cost. Due to heavy spring rains a large beaver dam along the Jim Page Rd. broke loose, washing out a bridge and doing extensive damage to a road. We rebuilt the bridge and installed a 3 ft. culvert as a safety overflow, and repaired the road, all at a cost of \$2,000.00.

In June or July, someone smashed the railings on Tunnel Stream Bridge. These were replaced at a cost of \$1,000.00

We used about 32 tons of coldpatch this year, 300 yds. of gravel on roads, cleaned ditches, replaced three culverts, cut alot of brush and graded roads twice.

For special work we installed crushed stone and drainage pipes and did extensive ditch work for drainage of a wet spot in Burke Hill by Paul Boutins.

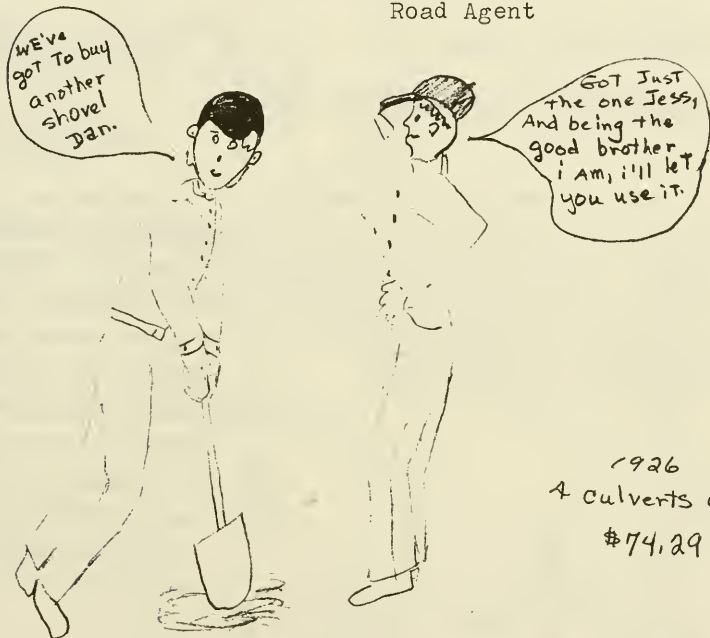
In the way of road rebuilding, we started at Jeff Boltons, feeling this was the worst piece of road and ripped up 1000 feet, mixing the ripped up tar into the base, removing some large stones, rebuilding with an average of 6-12 inches of crushed gravel and widening the road from 16 feet to 21 feet. All this at a cost of about \$4,600.00, which figures \$4.60 per foot for gravel, labor and equipment.

ROADS - CONTINUED:

We received alot of compliments for things done this year, but I also know there will be alot of complaints from some who feel nothing is being done. Sometimes it is a no win situation, but its going to take concern from everyone to improve the roads. So if you see someone walking a bulldozer along the pavement, a common problem on Tunnel Stream Rd, over-weight trucks when road bans are on, or any problem, please contact the Selectmen or myself. Don't wait months and then complain, because with your help we can make things better.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Elliott
Road Agent



1904
gravel sold For:
10¢ a hd.

1938
shovels Cost:
\$1.25 ea.

1938
Road laborers
got:
40¢ an hr.

1926
4 culverts cost:
\$74.29

BENTON PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
1988

The Planning Board had a total of six sub-divisions this year. There was two months that we did not meet as we did not have a quorum, however we met more than once a month to work on the Master Plan. The questionnaire for all property owners is completed and the only thing now is to have all the copies made up and mailed and that will be taken care of no later than February 15, 1989. The Master Plan is still in process. There was an initial draft which was reviewed by North County Council and they had additional requirements that we had not taken into consideration. That, in effect, delayed our Master Plan and we will be working diligently to complete it and at the most reasonable cost.

Planning Board Spent:	New Map	\$25.00
	Paper Etc.	13.50
	Misc.	4.50
		<u>\$ 43.00</u>

The expenses for the completion of the Master Plan are difficult to project at this time, however, the Planning Board will need a minimum of \$500.00. All members of the Planning Board will be very frugal with any anticipated spending and do the best we can to keep costs as low as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Steel
Submitted by Planning
Board

1909
1 cord wood sold for
\$ 4.50

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

DR.-

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1984</u>
<u>Uncollected taxes:</u>				
Property Taxes....		\$5,994.69		
Yield Taxes.....		1,605.37	\$209.25	\$444.42
<u>Taxes Committed to Collector:</u>				
Property Taxes....	\$43,436.94			
Land Use Change Tax	1,000.00			
Yield Tax.....	12,390.47			
<u>Added Taxes:</u>				
Yield Taxes....	2,291.76			
<u>Overpayments:</u>				
a/c Yield Taxes....	283.91			
<u>Interest Collected on</u>				
<u>Delinquent Taxes:</u>	.02	136.57	56.44	
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$59,403.10	\$7,736.63	\$265.69	\$444.42

CR:

<u>Remitted to Treasurer:</u>				
Property Taxes....	\$35,037.02	\$5,980.20	\$	\$
Land Use Change Tax	1,000.00			
Yield Taxes.....	14,599.73	881.86	209.25	
<u>Interest on Taxes:</u>	.02	136.57	56.44	
Over in 1987 - Short in 1988		3.37		
<u>Abatements Allowed:</u>				
Property Taxes....	50.00			
Yield Taxes.....				444.42
<u>Uncollected Taxes:</u>				
Property Taxes....	8,349.92			
Yield Taxes.....	82.50	723.51		
O.P. Taxes.....	283.91			
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$59,403.10	\$7,736.63	\$265.69	\$444.42

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

DR.

TAX SALE/LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF....	1987	1986	1985
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:		\$2,412.71	\$757.90
Taxes Sold/Executed to Town During Fiscal Year:	\$488.52		
Interest Collected After Sale/Lien Execution:	6.08	315.00	283.91
Redemption Cost;	8.25	49.40	24.75
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$502.85	\$2,777.11	\$1,066.56

CR.

Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year;			
Redemptions.....	167.58	1,305.77	757.90
Interest & Cost After Sale	14.33	364.40	308.66
Abatements During Year:			
Unredeemed Taxes End of Year	320.94	1,106.94	
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$502.85	\$2,777.11	\$1,066.56

1825
71 Residents Taxed
in Coventry.

1834
largest landowners in Coventry

Daniel Howe — 233 Acres
Bradish Levi — 303 "
Deliverance Woodward — 1000 "
Jesse + J. Eastman — 445 "
Daniel Batchelder — 380 "

TREASURERS REPORT

1988

Received:

From Tax Collector:

1985 Tax Sale Redeemed	\$ 757.90
Tax Sale Interest	283.91
Tax Sale Costs	<u>24.75</u>
	\$1,066.56

1986 Tax Sale Redeemed	\$ 1,305.77
Tax Sale Interest	315.00
Tax Sale Costs	49.40
Yield Tax	209.25
Yield Tax Interest	<u>56.44</u>
	<u>\$1,935.86</u>

1987 Tax Sale Redeemed	\$ 167.58
Tax Sale Interest	6.08
Tax Sale Costs	8.25
Tax Sale Expenses	80.50
Property Taxes	5,980.20
Property Tax Interest	97.91
Property Tax Overpayment	44.21
Yield Tax	881.86
Yield Tax Interest	<u>38.66</u>
	<u>\$7,305.25</u>

1988 Property Tax	\$35,037.02
Property Tax Interest	.02
Yield Tax	14,599.73
Current Use Fee	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$50,636.77</u>

From Town Clerk:

1988 Motor Vehicle Fees	\$13,179.00
Motor Vehicle Transfers	95.00
Dog Licenses	132.00
Dog Permit Penalties	3.00
Pistol Permits	12.00
I.S.F. Check Fee	<u>10.00</u>
	<u>\$ 13,431.00</u>

TREASURERS REPORT CONT.

From Trust Funds:

For Cemeteries	\$ 226.39
For Highways	<u>120.53</u>
	<u>\$346.92</u>

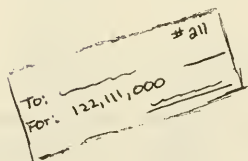
From Selectmen:

Planning Board Fees	\$ 252.54
Rd. Maintainance (per court order)	875.00
District Court Reimbursement	150.00
Current Use Fee	3.00
Pistol Permits	<u>16.00</u>
	<u>\$1,296.54</u>

From Indian Head Bank:

Tax Anticipation Note	\$52,000.00
Federal Gov.,Entitlement Fees	2,995.00
State of New Hampshire	\$16,242.38
Revenue Sharing - Block Grant	4,211.91
Highway Block Grant	<u>9,453.17</u>
	<u>\$29,907.46</u>

Total Receipts 1988	\$160,921.39
Bank Balance 01-01-88	801.68
Interest	419.40
Choice Account Deposits	<u>30,000.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$196,142.47</u>
Choice Acct. Transfers	\$ 30,000.00
Selectmen's Orders	156,837.72
Bank Charges	40.00
Deposit Book	<u>5.21</u>
	<u>\$186,882.93</u>
Reissue of Voided Check-1987	<u>+300.00</u>
Bank Balance as of 01-01-89	\$ 9,559.54



TREASURERS REPORT CONT.

	#6800219 Choice Acct.	#30502 Yield Acct.
Balance as of 01-01-88	\$ 7,033.64	\$ 4,465.65
Deposits	30,000.00	8,245.75
Interest	656.39	316.82
	<u>\$37,690.03</u>	<u>\$13,028.22</u>
Withdrawals	34,000.00	7,697.44
Balance as of 01-01-89	<u>\$ 3,690.03</u>	<u>\$ 5,330.78</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Boutin,
Treasurer- Town of Benton

03-01-1891
\$410.04 in Town
Treasurers hands

1953

10 lbs beans cost -	\$3.54	} 06/20/53 memorial Day Dinner Costs
8 " peas " -	1.44	
2 " pork " -	.38	
5 " sugar " -	.60	
3 " also " -	.63	
3 bottles ketchup -	.56	
2 cans milk " -	.38	
1 box salt " -	.12	
1 can pepper " -	.35	
90 paper plates " -	1.05	
5 gal. ice cream -	10.50	

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS
BY SELECTMEN

Town Officers Salaries:

Dorothy Elliott, Auditor	\$ 25.00
Marjorie Robitzer, Selectman	500.00
John G. Elliott, Selectman	300.00
Peter A. Thompson, Selectman	300.00
Maxine Tyler, Tax Collector	300.00
Priscilla Boutin, Treasurer	300.00
Helena L. Harris, Town Clerk	300.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr. Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	100.00
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	\$2,125.00

Town Officers Expenses:

Town Reports - 1988	416.15
Postage	176.10
Newspaper Notices - Elections and Town Notices	348.00
Sheriff - Notice Serving	15.50
Dog Tag Supplies	25.79
Check List Blanks	25.00
Current Use Registration	3.00
N.H. Municipal - Regional Meeting	51.00
Dog Officer - Expenses	35.50
Office Expenses for Town Clerk, Tax Collector & Selectmen "Out of Pocket" Postage, Telephone, Mileage and Office Supplies	360.24
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	\$1,456.28

Dues:

Town Clerks Assn.	12.00
Tax Collectors Assn.	15.00
Assessing Officials Assn.	20.00
N.H. Health Officers Assn.	10.00
N.H. Municipal Assn.	400.00

DISBURSEMENTS CONT.

North Country Council	\$ 253.00	
		<hr/> \$710.00
Town Clerk Fees	154.50	
Insurance & Bonds	1,496.00	
Solid Waste Disposal	1,059.27	
Legal Fees	128.80	
<u>Community Building:</u>		
Alfax Mfg. Co., Bulletin Board	121.85	
Gaylord Gandin, to re-set brass plate in W.W. 11 Stone	50.00	
Walter Jock Oil- to clean furnace	35.00	
fuel oil	888.38	
N.H. Electric Coop	153.08	
New England Telephone	259.61	
Pratts Propane Gas	7.00	
		<hr/> \$1,514.92
<u>Health Department:</u>		
Cottage Hospital Ambulance Fund	244.00	
White Mt. Mental Health	305.00	
N. Country Home Health	284.00	
Tri-County Community Action	140.00	
Cottage Hospital	100.00	
		<hr/> \$1,073.00
<u>Elections & Registrations:</u>		
Serephene Harris, Supervisors of Check List	207.00	
Catherine Elliott "	207.00	
Jane Elliott "	179.40	
Helena Harris, Town Clerk	110.40	
Kate Tyler, Judge of Election	82.80	
Iona Boutin, "	82.80	
Daniel Elliott, Moderator	82.80	

DISBURSEMENTS CONT.

(Elections Cont.)

Larry Maxwell, Moderator	27.60
Peter Thompson, Selectman	27.60
John Elliott, Selectman	110.40
Marjorie Robitzer, Selectman	110.40
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	\$1,228.20

Cemeteries, David Harris	177.50
Police Protection, Officer Richard Contois	1,596.57
Taxes Bought by the Town	488.52
Abatements & Refunds	44.21
State of N.H. Dog Assessment	26.50

Town Roads:

Winter Roads:

3/21/88	3 T. Chloride	51.75
3/21/88	5 Halite	24.75
11/01/88	Plastic	112.95
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		\$189.45

International Salt:

10/6/88	9.24 T. Salt	388.08
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Brown Concrete:

4/4/88	1 Culvert	169.10
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French Pond Crushing:

4/4/88	7 Yds. Gravel	42.00
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Morrill Construction:

11/7/88	7 Yds. Gravel	42.00
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Agway:

Calcium Chloride

2/4/88	2/100 Bags	39.98
2/22/88	4/100 Bags	79.96
3/15/88	4/100 Bags	79.96
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		\$199.90

DISBURSEMENTS CONT.

Daniel Elliott, Labor & Equipment	10,801.50
	<hr/> \$11,832.03

Summer Roads:

Blak-Top Inc.:

5/04/88	8.68 T @ 28.00	203.00
8/12/88	11.15 T @ 29.00	323.35
		<hr/> \$526.35

French Pond Crushing:

5/20/88	21 Yds. Gravel	126.00
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Jim Boucher:

4/15/88	Used Culvert	60.00
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Pioneer Park:

5/16/88	28 Yds. Screened	56.00
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Morrill Construction:

9/7/88	Gravel	168.00
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Blackmount Equipment:

10-17-88	Hardware for Bridge	17.00
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Poulson Lumber:

10/17/88	Lumber for Bridge	102.80
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Michael Harris, Mowing - 10 Hours	150.00
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Daniel Elliott, Labor & Equipment	7,187.00
	<hr/> \$8,393.18

Total - Regular Rd. Costs	\$20,225.18
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Special Fund:

Remaining from \$8,000 voted in 1987
\$3,785.61

Brown Concrete:

8/11/88	Culvert	53.00
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Morrill Construction:

8/11/88	Gravel	99.00
11/2/88	Gravel	210.00
11/22/88	Gravel	168.00
		<hr/> \$477.00

DISBURSEMENTS CONT.

Pioneer Park:

11/7/88	287 Yds. Gravel	\$1,578.50
Daniel Elliott, Labor & Equipment		<u>4,249.00</u>
		\$6,357.50

Over-run \$2,571.89
(Total Spent on Rds. - \$26,582.68)

Planning Board	243.05
Benton School District	64,733.70
Grafton County Tax	11,486.00
Tax Anticipation Notes (2)	27,000.00
Interest On Loans	3,213.12
Payment to Trustees of Trust Funds	<u>10,000.00</u>

Total Selectmen's Orders \$156,537.82

1902
Road labours got:
\$1.50 a day

1916
3 horse shaver cost:
\$2.90

1951
2 tons salt cost:
\$43.30

1949
Card wash sold for:
and \$14.00

1920
lawnmower repairs
cost 75¢

TOWN OF BENTON, NH

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR ENDING 12-31-88

TITLE:	Approp- riations:	Reimburse- ments:	Total Avail- able:	Expend- itures:	Unexpected- Balance:	Over- Draft:
Town Officers Salaries:	\$2,125.00	\$	\$2,125.00	\$2,125.00	\$	\$
Town Officers Expenses:	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,456.00	144.00	
Elections:	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,228.00		28.00
Community Building:	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,515.00	285.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	130.00		130.00	155.00		25.00
Legal Expenses:	3,000.00		3,000.00	129.00	2,871.00	
Insurance & Bonds:	2,400.00		2,400.00	1,496.00	904.00	
Regional Assoc. Dues:	667.00		667.00	710.00		43.00
Health Department:	1,073.00		1,073.00	1,073.00		
Solid Waste Disposal:	1,505.00		1,505.00	1,059.00	446.00	
Town Roads:	14,000.00	996.00	14,996.00	20,225.00		5,229.00
Welfare:	400.00		400.00		400.00	
Cemeteries:	350.00	226.00	576.00	178.00	398.00	
Interest:	1,800.00		1,800.00	3,213.00		1,413.00
Fires:	3,500.00		3,500.00		3,500.00	
Police:		150.00	150.00	1,597.00		1,447.00
Special Funds - Roads:	3,786.00		3,786.00	6,358.00		2,572.00
Expendable Trust Fund:	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00		
	\$49,336.00	\$1,372.00	\$50,708.00	\$52,517.00	\$8,948.00	\$10,757.00
						<u>= 8,948.00</u>
				Net Overdraft=		\$ 1,809.00

Further Explanation of Expenses Pertaining to and included in This Years Portion of the \$8,000 voted at meeting, May 1987.

Balance Left after 1987 Expenditures - \$3,785.62

1988 -

<u>Aug.</u>	11	Dozer - Clean Ditches	6 Hrs.	\$210.00
"	11	Backhoe - Lower Drain Pipe	7 Hrs.	245.00
"	11	Hauling - Fill, Pipe & Stones	4 Hrs.	100.00
"	11	Hauling - Fill	4 Hrs.	100.00
Aug.	12	Clean Ditches - Coldpatch	6 Hrs.	210.00
"	12	Hauling - Fill	1 Hrs.	25.00
Aug.	15	Backhoe - Clean Ditches	6 Hrs.	210.00
"	15	Hauling - Fill	6 Hrs.	150.00
<u>Sept.</u>		Brown Concrete - Culvert		53.00
<u>Oct.</u>	5	Backhoe - Coldpatch	3 Hrs.	105.00
"	25	Hauling (2 Trks @ 4 Hrs)	8 Hrs.	200.00
"	25	Dozer - Road Preparation before Putting Gravel	4 Hrs.	140.00
"	26	Hauling (2 Trks @ 8 Hrs)	16 Hrs.	400.00
"	26	Dozer - Distribute Gravel	8 Hrs.	280.00
"	27	Hauling - (2 Trks @ 9 Hrs)	18 Hrs.	450.00
"	27	Dozer - Distribute Gravel	9 Hrs.	315.00
"	28	Hauling - (2 Trks @ 8 Hrs)	16 Hrs.	400.00
"	28	Dozer - Distribute Gravel	8 Hrs.	280.00
<u>August</u>	11	Morrill Construction - Gravel		99.00
<u>October</u>		Pioneer Park - Gravel		1,578.50
<u>November</u>	18	Hauling - Gravel	6 Hrs.	150.00
"	18	Backhoe	5 Hrs.	180.00
"	18	Grading	3 Hrs.	75.00
"	18	Hand Labor	3 Hrs.	24.00
		Morrill Construction - Gravel		210.00
		Morrill Construction - Gravel		168.00
				<u>\$6,357.50</u>
		Over-run		\$2,571.88

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
Town Auditor

TOWN OF BENTON TRUST FUNDS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1988

(unavailable at Town Report printing time)

1920 \$10.50
Sexton made
for years work

1832
Town Clerk made
\$16.00 for year

1898
Town Reports cost
\$15.00

1933
New mower for town
cost \$12.00

1937
10 lds sand - \$1.00
1 bag road
salt - \$1.00

TOWN MEETING MINUTES - 1988

Agreeable to the warrant for the annual town meeting, the meeting was called to order by the moderator, Daniel Elliott, on March 8, 1988 at 7:00 PM at the Benton Community Building, in Benton, NH.

Article 1: This article wa to vote for the following officers and such was done by a show of hands:

- A. Moderator for a term of 1 year;(Larry Maxwell)
- B. Selctman fora term of three years: Nominees were: Marjorie Robitzer and Frank Drew. Ballot vote taken and results were:(Marjorie Robitzer)(42) and Frank Drew (14.)
- C. Treasurer for a term of 1 year:(Priscilla Boutin)
- D. Town Clerk for a term of 1 year: (Helena Harris)
- E. Tax Collector for a term of 1 Year:(Maxine Tyler)
- F. Supervisors of Checklist for a term of three years: (Sera Harris)
- G. Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years: (Ed Matz)
- H. Surveyor of Wood & Lumber for a term of three years: (Joseph Boutin Jr.)
- I. Dog Officer for a term of 1 year: (David Harris)
- J. Sexton for a term of 1 year: (David Harris)
- K. Ballot Clerk for a term of three years: (Iona Boutin)
- L. Ballot Inspector for a term of three years: (Kate Goodwin)
- M. Auditor for a term of three years: (Dorothy Elliott)

Article 2: This article Read: (To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the town report) There were two changes to the minutes of last years meeting. The first one was that Article 9 (of the 1987 minutes) should of had the words "from the seabrook nuclear plant" dropped. It should of then read, "to insure that no low level radioactive waste shall be stored, etc." Also noted that Article 3 (of the 1987 Minutes) should read "give 3% budget of total budget" and not "3% of these amounts." These corrections were noted by Larry Maxwell, Motion made and seconded to accept

Article 2 with these corrections duly noted.

Article 3: This article read: ((By petition) to see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to purchase a used 1-ton dump truck with plow to service and plow the town roads, or \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for a new truck and plow.) There was quite a discussion on this. Was stated that \$10,000 would not cover truck cost, repairs, insurance and other numerous items which go with having towns own truck. Kenneth Kealey remarked that he had checked into this and a new truck could be bought for \$26,026 which includes plow, sander, and other essential items. The Selectmen have also checked into the cost of owning town truck and they figured it would cost around \$60,000 the first year for a town truck. Seletman Peter Thompson read the figures they had on this which were:

A. 1-ton truck at \$10,000

. (Insurance with \$500 deductible for a policy of \$750,000, which is now required for towns, would cost \$1,333.00 A Year.

B. 1-Ton truck (88) for \$20,000

(Insurance with \$1,000 deductible for a \$750,00 policy would cost \$2,132 a year.

C. Workmans comp. - based on \$10,400 per year would cost \$1,402 a year.

D. F.I.C.A. - 8½% of annual pay check

E. Blue Cross - \$200.00 per week

F. Then there is repairs, storage, gas and oil, a Sander and tractor. As a new truck does not come with a tractor (for digging ditches) one would have to be purchased. Also remarked that a man would have to be hired to run this truck, at about \$200.00 a month. Carol Miles stated that most of the money spent now goes toward labor and not to actual equipment, so our own truck would save us money in the long run if it came with the necessary equipment. Frank Drew remarked on some figures of road costs for previous years. Some checking was done into this, but it was agreed that this was getting away from the article at hand and had little to do with

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What was being voted on. Meeting was then brought back to order and decided to take a ballot vote on purchasing town truck. Results were: Yes- 26
No - 37

As results on purchasing a town truck were negative, there was no need to vote on the second half of Article 3 which was to see if truck would be new or used."

Article 4: This article read: ((By petition) to see if the town will vote to: A. make the position of road agent an elective office, elected by the voters with the duties of maintaining town roads and B. to elect a road agent for the coming year.) Discussion on the article was limited, but was mentioned that perhaps the road agent is making more trips than necessary over Tunnel Strm. Rd. This was brought to the towns attention by Sara Harris. She feels these many trips are unnecessary. was decided to take a ballot vote and the results were:

Yes- 26 and No-37. As section A. of this article was turned down, there was no need to go on to section B.

Article 5: This article read: (To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA-35:1 for the purpose of construction and reconstruction of town roads and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for such.) It was asked if \$5,000 was a set amount, and selectman Robitzer said that this amount was just a figure to use as they (the selectman) had no idea on what the town wanted for a figure and the article had to have some money amount in it. This is a figure that can be changed each year as needed or wanted. John Stecky asked if this could be a flexible amount, but Marjorie Robitzer said that in order to use a Capital Reserve Fund, a set amount has to be stated. Also said that town also has to say how this monwy is to be raised in order to use this fund and our taxes would be used in order to put money in this fund. Larry Maxwell stated that if we set aside one sum it could also be used on other work that needs doing if and when roads were finally repaired. Selectman John Elliott, Jr. said that the idea is to set up a large fund so the roads can be done other than in bits and pieces

as they are being done now. He also said that we could also consider a bond to do the roads so they could be done in entirety. Motion was made for the amount of \$10,000 to be put in the Capital Reserve Fund and this motion was seconded.

Article 6: This article Read: (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 appropriate all sums so determined for said purposes, and to pass any other vote relating thereto.) Carol Miles made a motion to raise the estimated amount of money for Legal Expenses in 1988 by the sum of \$2,500, as the town will be going to court again soon, and the expense for this court case will be around \$3,000 and the town will be liable for the costs. This motion was made and seconded. This changed the budget from \$36,836 to \$39,836. Another change was to add \$10,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund. This changed the total estimated cost for 1988 to \$49,836. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 6. as written with these changes noted.

Article 7: This article Read: (To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum equal to 3% of the final budget to be contributed to the White Mtn. Mental Health Services, the Cottage Hospital, the Community Action Program, North Country Home Health Service and the Ambulance Service.) Larry Maxwell made a motion to pass over this article as it was already figured into the final budget, so not necessary to discuss it. Motion was seconded.

Article 8: This article read: (To see if the town will vote to establish a Conservation Committee of 3-7 members with one alternative member, in accordance with RSA 36-A. Said members to be appointed within 30 days of the annual meeting by the Board of Selectmen, who shall also designate a temporary chairman for the purpose of calling the first meeting of the committee.) Larry Maxwell explained what this committee would do, and they

would have the authority to acquire money or land to get government matching funds for the town. This land or money can be donated if so desired. The government fund is \$20,000 if it can be matched in land or money. Ed Matz made a motion not to accept this article and it was seconded.

Article 9: This article read: (to see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to accept private donations of land, interest in land or money to be deposited into the Conservation Fund for the purpose of contributing to the local matching portion required for acquiring conservation land or interest in land and other costs associated therewith for permanant conservation use under state and federal programs, and authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept the state and federal matching funds for the purpose of acquisition of the fee or lesser interest in conservation land. Said appropriated or donated funds and state or federal matching funds may be expended by majority vote with conservation commission.) John Roden made a motion to pass over this article as we had already voted negative on Art. 8. Motion was 2nd.

Article 10: This article read: (Shall we adopt the pro- of RSA-80:58-56 for a real estate tax lien procedure? These statues provide that tax sales on private individuals for non-payment of property taxes on real estate are replaced with a real estate tax lien procedure under which only a municipality or county where the property is located or the state may acquire unpaid taxes.) Carol Miles presented a letter, to be read to the town, which described just what this article covered. it stated that tax sales could not be sold to anyone outside of town. Part B. of said letter states that there must be a special meeting or a town meeting on this tipic and it has to be published before it can be voted upon. As neither was done, article 10 was unable to be voted on. Motion was made by Ed Matz to pass over this Article until General Election. It was stated by Sera Harris that it would be hard to vote upon at General Election. Ed matz then recinded his motion to pass over this article until next

town meeting. Motion was seconded.

Article 11: This article read: (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.) Ed Matz wanted to know if this discount was really necessary or not. Mable Boutin seemed to think it only upped everyone's taxes in the first place in order to cover for the discount being giving. Maxine Tyler, Tax Collector, remarked that it did get money in faster if the town gave a discount. Wayne Klingler said he thought the tax list should be printed in the town report as it might act as an incentive for people to pay their taxes on time. Ed Matz made a motion to drop said discount for a period of one year to see if taxes are paid as well. Maxine Tyler will report next year on what the results of this are. This motion was seconded.

Article 12: This article read: (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.) A motion was made and seconded to accept this article.

Article 13: This article read: (to see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$300 in the names of Ethel and John Boutin, Sr. to be added to the Trust Funds and administered by the Trustee of Trust Funds.) Sera Harris had Moderator Daniel Elliott read a letter she had received on the handling of Trust Funds. She stated that the Selectmen had no say over this money as it was up to the Trustees of Trust Funds to handle it, so article was not legal. Selectman Marjorie Robitzer said that Selectmen have to have voted on by the town where any money is to go. Scott Roden, A Trustee, said the money was given to him and as he had never done this since he has been a Trustee, he took the money to the Selectmen. It was asked what the money in the Trust Funds was for. It is for the care of Trust Fund recipients headstones. It draws interest which is used for roads, schools and cemeteries. A motion

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was made by John Roden to accept this article and it was seconded.

Article 14: This article read: (to see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through tax collectors deeds.)

A motion was made and seconded to accept this article.

Article 15: This article read: (to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.)

As there was no new business, a motion was made and seconded to accept Article 15 as written.

New town officers were sworn in at this time by Town Clerk, Helena Harris.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn town meeting. Done at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helena Harris
Town Clerk

1920	Permit For Regis. of Motor Vehicle	1920
To be kept by person who issues permit		
Date _____	City or town of _____	
Name _____	St. Address _____	
make of Car _____	yr. model _____	make # _____
make's list # _____	Amt Rec'd # _____	
Price _____	Signed _____	

Copy of 1920 Auto Registration

Solid Waste Management Syst.
PO Box 866
Rutland, Vermont 05701

January 27, 1989

Dear Town of Benton Residents:

In September 1988, Newbury Waste Management, Inc. purchased the former Powers-Leete Landfill in Newbury, Vermont. This letter is to inform the residents of the New Hampshire municipalities which use the Newbury Landfill of our plans to move forward with the development of this landfill for future use.

The State of Vermont's Act 78 requires that all existing landfills install liners and leachate collection systems in order to continue operating beyond 1991. In order to facilitate the required engineering, it was necessary for us to increase the rates at the Newbury Landfill effective January 15, 1989.

Notwithstanding this increase in the tipping fees at the landfill, the per-capita assessments that are included in the New Hampshire municipal contracts will not be affected. This will eliminate the need for municipalities to raise local revenues. It is our view that users' fees provide a more equitable means of financing the landfill operations because they more accurately pass along the true costs of waste management according to the amount of waste generated.

Finally, we will be making available to all Benton residents the opportunity to recycle at the Newbury Landfill. By the time you receive this Town Report, a recycling container will be installed at the Newbury Landfill for use by residents of all municipalities currently using the facility. The recycling container will collect newspaper, glass, tin cans, and plastic containers. Further details concerning the recycling program at the Newbury Landfill will be made available through your municipal offices.

Sincerely,
Newbury Waste Management, Inc.
John W. Casella,
President

January 10, 1988

Board of Selectmen
Town of Benton
RFD #2
Woodsville, NH 03785

Dear Members of the Board:

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$100 in 1988. The money was used to help purchase a Cardiac Strip Chart Recorder for the Medical/Surgical department. This recorder enables us to monitor the patients with the most up to date methods.

This year we are asking that you donate \$500 toward the purchase of an End Tidal CO² Monitor for Anesthesia. This type of monitor will be used in the Operating Room and will give accurate and timely information to the anesthetist about the status of a patient undergoing surgery. This type of equipment is required as we continue to maintain our Operating Room with the most up to date equipment possible.

During 1988, Cottage Hospital treated 1,068 inpatients and 16,109 outpatients as documented in our Annual Report. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Sincerely,

David J. Moore
Administrator

1916
10 bags cement cost.
\$4.75

1904 inventory
161 horses
7 oxen
213 cows
28 sheep

1912
20 dogs licensed
in town

Woodsville, NH
Dec. 22, 1988

Board of Selectmen
Benton, NH

Dear Members of the Board:

I have worked at the High Street cemetery during the fall months clearing out brush, perhaps as much as 10 hours, doing whatever I could with hedge clippers. It appears it has been 6 or more years since anyone has done any work in the cemetery. Perhaps the selectmen can find some volunteers to come around at least once a year to do some clearing in order to preserve the cemetery. This cemetery is highly important in the history of Benton. Here is where the first settlers of Benton were buried, including Obadiah Eastman.

Some of the stones have been damaged. It appears that a tree, or perhaps more than one toppled into the cemetery knocking over stones. Also the graves are sunken, no doubt due to the decay of wooden coffins and the soil falling in to fill the void. This also has seemed to cause stones to topple and lean awry. While someone told me there was suspected vandalism in the cemetery, I think fallen trees can account for just about all the stone damage. Vandals would have found it very easy to topple the Jeffers obelisk, for example, but it still stands rather delicately perched on its base, the best evidence that no vandalism has been committed. Someone removed a birch tree, a few year back apparently. A few sawed pieces of birch, stove length, still lie scattered about.

In January Benton will have reached its 225th year as a town. For the occasion I want to prepare small brochure on Benton history. William Whitcher in 1902 published "Some Things About Coventry-Benton" and for the bicentennial in 1964 Theda Brigham published a much smaller "Some More Things About Coventry-Benton". While writing my history of East Haverhill, which may be published in the next year or so, I have gathered information about Benton Flats which I will include in the book on Benton. Unless someone from North Benton is willing to volunteer some information I will not be able to include much on it.

As selectmen you may have contacts with the people of North Benton and can move someone to write what they can remember of Benton 25 or 50 years ago. It need not be much, nor need it be researched. Just a simple

letter, as if written to an absent relative, would make excellent reading. It might not seem important now, but 25 or 50 years from now such letters become very important historical evidence.

Also, I will want to know how many copies of the book to have printed. The cost will probably be about \$4.00 for a book of at least 30 pages if I can sell about 50 books. You may be able to get people to sign a list showing interest. There would be no commitment to buy.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Fillion

ABADIAH
EASTMAN
01-10-1812
64 yrs.

ABIJAH
WRIGHT
02-26-1870
91 yrs.

JOHN
JEFFERS
09-05-1859
77 yrs.

Wm.
Sampson
06-16-1845
76 yrs.

SAM
JACKSON
01-28-1813
70 yrs.

ELIJAH
GRAY
1823
78 yrs.

MOSES
EASTMAN
03-06-1813
31 yrs.

Hugh
matthews
09-23-1838
87 yrs.

Stephen
Bakholder
03-15-1827
22 yrs.

GLENCLIFF HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

At first sight one might mistake our facility for a resort. The complex of 12 buildings is located on the south slope of Mt. Moosilauke in the White Mountains. Fresh air, unsurpassed views, and expansive lawns make for an environment of beauty, peace and tranquility. For one hundred and thirty geriatric psychiatric residents this is home.

Glencliff Home For The Elderly is an accredited Intermediate Care Facility (I.C.F.) within the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, in the State of New Hampshire. Residents are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. The home is licensed by the N.H. Bureau of Health Facilities and receives funding from both the State of NH and the Federal Government.

Glencliff has a resident population of 130 elderly people, percentage of male and female is about 50/50. In the past all residents were transferred from New Hampshire Hospital. Residents now may be referred from there as well as any of the 10 community mental health centers throughout the state.

Our commitment to care is to treat our residents with dignity and respect in a home-like atmosphere. Our treatment goal is to provide the least restrictive environment possible to keep our residents both mentally and physically active, thereby increasing their independence and self worth.

Staff at Glencliff consists of 107 full-time and 23 part-time employees. We also have consultant services of physicians, dentist, podiatrist, dietitian, pharmacist, psychologist, occupational therapist and physical therapist.

At present there are 10 departments at Glencliff; Nursing, Dietary, Recreational Therapy, Social Service, Maintenance, Laundry, Housekeeping, Grounds and Transportation, Volunteer Services and Administration. All departments work toward the same goal, that is to give our residents first priority in all phases of work. Staff make a concerted effort to meet each resident's physical

emotional, spiritual and social needs. Personal preferences in food, clothing, and entertainment are taken into consideration. Employees in all departments become actively involved with residents who may be involved in any department on a work therapy program, going on bus trips, etc. Ties with family are few so staff becomes their family and Glencliff Home For The Elderly, their "Home."

We have our own hydro-plant which produces 85% of daytime electrical needs and 100% for late evening and nighttime. Employees take care of plumbing, electrical repairs, carpentry and painting, grounds and vehicle maintenance. We also have our own maple sugar orchard and make approximately 150 gallons of maple syrup each year. We have started a small apple orchard and enjoy large vegetable gardens each summer.

Varied trips in our van and handicap accessible bus play an important part in residents lives and are educational as well as recreational.

Residents live in single or double rooms in two dormitory buildings, and take their meals in a central dining room and also a new smaller dining room located in one of our resident buildings as several of our residents have become frail and immobile. Two recreational buildings provide social and educational programs which are also taken to resident buildings for those who can no longer ambulate. In our Activity Building we have a theatre, library, small canteen, lounge and craft areas. Sliding glass doors bring in our lovely views and lead to a deck which overlooks our above-ground pool.

Residents at Glencliff are involved with the community through special outreach projects of the home. Their lives are integrated to the greatest extent possible with life in our surrounding communities through frequent bus trips and excellent local support of our programs. We promote independence and decision making, protect our residents' rights, and offer a comfortable way of life.

At Glencliff Home For The Elderly we take pride in

the fact that we are a facility that cares, trule a "Home" for our residents, and we believe a model for our state.

Visitors are welcome at anytime. We'd love the chance to tour you!

BENTON TRIVIA

1. First town official was Obadiah Eastman who was appointed as Justice of the Peace in 1788.
2. The first town meeting held in town was in 1801, on December 30th. This took place in the home of Major Jonathan Hale.
3. The North & South Road is probably the oldest remaining early road and the least altered one. It was surveyed in 1797 and a tax was voted for building it.
4. Benton (Coventry) was granted a township in 1764.
5. 1918 - this was the first year the Town Reports had the warrant printed in them. It has 14 articles in the warrant and the Selectmen at this time were Lebinia Parker, John Cox and A.E. Tyler.
6. In 1835 the town was described as "a backwoods town, with poor roads, inadequate schools, with-out a church, post-office or store."
7. 1911 town inventory showed the first auto in town
8. 1929 town inventory showed the first gasoline pump in town.
9. 1812 inventory showed the town as housing 40 families. The buildings in town were valued at \$2415.00.
10. Town population in 1790 was at about 80.
11. In 1940 the town of Benton requested electric light lines to be put in town.
12. In 1812 there was 34 names on the towns checklist.
13. In 1835 the towns population was about 400 people.
14. 1951 storm insurance on the Community Building cost \$12.66 and was bought from R.T. Bartlett Agency.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, NH
YR. ENDING DEC. 31, 1988

Date of Death:	Name of Deceased:	Place of Death:	Age:	Usual Occupation:
03-14-88	Catherine Drew	Glenclyff, NH	71	Factory Worker
03-15-88	Joseph Gagne	Glenclyff, NH	79	Unemployed
04-19-88	Blance Rolo	Glenclyff, NH	81	Never Worked
04-20-88	Arland F. Robitzer	Hartford, Vt.	72	Camp Owner & Operator
06-10-88	Harold C. Hartford, Jr.	Glenclyff, NH	59	Never Employed
06-19-88	Albertine Martineau	Glenclyff, NH	88	Homemaker
06-25-88	Ernest Labore	Glenclyff, NH	77	Shoeworker
08-02-88	Adeline Jolley	Glenclyff, NH	71	Mill Worker
08-04-88	Walter Sienco	Glenclyff, NH	85	Clerk
10-26-88	Raymond A. Roden	Glenclyff, NH	86	None
11-24-88	Harriet Gould	Glenclyff, NH	80	Mousekeeper
12-24-88	John A. Boutin	Littleton, NH	17	Maintenance

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF BENTON, NH
YR. ENDING DEC. 31, 1988

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Sex:</u>	<u>Birthplace:</u>	<u>Father & Mother:</u>
06-14-88	Bridgett Ann	Female	Littleton, NH	Robert & Jean Elliott
10-22-88	Samantha Rose	Female	Littleton, NH	Samuel & Susan Gregory
03-18-88	Francesco Michael	Male	Littleton, NH	Francesco & Dawn Pesce, Jr.

1892

3 marriages Registered
in Benton

7 Births Registered
in Benton

5 Deaths Registered
in Benton

Fire Report
1896

Date of fire: Oct. 24, 1896
Owners: Henry + Harney Andrews
Value of place: \$ 11.00
Insurance on house: \$ 6.00
Ins. or house contents: \$ 3.00
Cause of fire: Chimney

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Carol Miles
Mrs. Paula Boutin
Mrs. Laurie Elliott

Term Expires 1990
Term Expires 1991
Term Expires 1989

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Mr. John Elliott, Jr.

Moderator

Mrs. Maxine Tyler

Treasurer

Mrs. Dorothy Elliott

Auditor

Mrs. Helena Harris

Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Douglas B. McDonald

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS
Harold J. Haskins
Keith M. Pfeifer

Record of Affirmative Votes for
Annual School Meeting
March 8, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 P.M. by Moderator John G. Elliott, Jr. Mr. Elliott read the school warrant and the following action was taken on the Articles in the School Warrant.

ARTICLE 1:	Elected John G. Elliott	Moderator	1 year
ARTICLE 2:	Elected Helena Harris	Clerk	1 year
ARTICLE 3:	Elected Paula Boutin	School Board	3 years
ARTICLE 4:	Elected Maxine Tyler	Treasurer	1 year

ARTICLE 5: This Article read: To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer and fix the compensation of other agents of the district.

A motion was made and seconded to pass over this Article as auditor did get a raise, but this falls under Article 8 for sums of money to be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 6: This Article read: To hear reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Motion made and seconded to accept this Article as there were no reports to hear.

ARTICLE 7: This Article read: To choose agents, auditors, and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

Motion made and seconded to accept Dorothy Elliott as auditor for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 8: This Article read: 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 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.

Keith Pfeifer, Assistant Superintendent, stated that the total requested for 1988-89 budget for Office of Superintendent of Schools should read \$3,309 and not \$3,505 as printed. This mistake changes the total requested for 1988-89 to \$146,840. Mr. Pfeifer stated that our foundation aid has increased so this will lessen our tax burden this coming year. Estimated income for 1988-89 that we will need to raise is about \$81,000 and the state sources are around \$61,000. We have less students enrolled this year, but the tuition has gone up.

Motion was made and seconded to accept this Article.

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

Was asked by school board member Laurie Elliott, why town can't hold school meeting on some other night then town meeting so we could get a better attendance. It is felt that attendance is low now because school meeting is held after town meeting which makes it too late for those who work the next day to stay for this.

Motion was made and seconded to have school meeting before town meeting next year. School meeting to start at 7:00 P.M. and town meeting to start at 7:30 P.M.. It was felt that this would improve the school meeting attendance.

Also discussed having a law officer in town. Seems Richard Contois is interested, but would need officer training and the classes are held on weekends. His only free time is during the week. John Roden felt that perhaps something could be arranged through Concord and he is going to check into this.

Richard Contois wanted the town to know that his childrens' schooling is not costing the town anything. There was some question to this previously, as to who paid their tuition. These tuitions are paid for by other funds.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:56 P.M.

Helena Harris
Benton 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 14th day of March, 1989 at 7:00 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 one Member of the School Board, for a three year term ending in 1992.

ARTICLE 4: To choose one Member of the School Board, for a one year term ending in 1990.

ARTICLE 5: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6: 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 7: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

ARTICLE 9: 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 10 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this 13 day of February 1989

Laurie Elliott

Paula Boutin

Carol Miles
BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

A True Copy of Warrant--Attest:

Laurie Elliott

Paula Boutin

Carol Miles
BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT						
	Budgeted 1987-88	Expenditure 1987-88	Budgeted 1988-89	Budgeted 1989-90	+ or -	
1100 Regular Education	96,635.00	65,421.67	94,475.00	88,700.00	-5,775.00	
1200 Special Education	32,577.00	12,432.99	21,700.00	31,200.00	9,500.00	
2140 Psychological Services		700.00		700.00	700.00	
2311 School Board Services	800.00	456.50	800.00	3,307.00	2,507.00	
2312 Annual Census Taker			16.00	16.00	00.	
2313 Treasurer Services	50.00	81.63	50.00	70.00	20.00	
2314 Elections & District Meetings	16.00	16.00		16.00	16.00	
2317 Audit Services		16.00	30.00	30.00	00.	
2321 Office of Superintendent of Schools	2,963.61	2,963.61	3,309.00	3,609.00	300.00	
2390 Other Support Services General Adm		12,000.00	10,000.00	9,375.00	-625.00	
2552 Pupil Transportation	14,000.00	14,145.04	16,160.00	16,660.00	500.00	
2660 Data Processing Services	250.00	250.00	300.00	600.00	300.00	
	<u>147,307.61</u>	<u>108,483.44</u>	<u>146,840.00</u>	<u>154,283.00</u>	<u>7,443.00</u>	

2311 School Board Services (Cont.)

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT			
Budgeted	Expenditure	Budgeted	Budgeted
1987-88	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90

+ or -

810-1 Elementary Dues & Fees	196.00		157.50	157.50	00.
810-2 Jr. High Dues & Fees	38.50		35.00	35.00	00.
810-3 Sr. High Dues & Fees	115.50		157.50	157.50	00.
Total 2311	800.00	456.50	800.00	3,307.00	2,507.00

2312 Annual Census Taker

370-1 Elementary Census Taker	7.20	7.20	00.
370-2 Jr. High Census Taker	1.60	1.60	00.
370-3 Sr. High Census Taker	7.20	7.20	00.
Total 2312	16.00	16.00	00.

2313 Treasurer Services

110-1 Elementary Salaries	28.00	28.00	22.50	22.50	00.
110-2 Jr. High Salaries	5.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	00.
110-3 Sr. High Salaries	16.50	17.00	22.50	22.50	00.
532-1 Elementary Postage		1.68			
532-2 Jr. High Postage		.30			
532-3 Sr. High Postage		1.02			
610-1 Elementary Treasurer Supplies		16.04		8.00	8.00
610-2 Jr. High Treasurer Supplies		2.86		4.00	4.00
610-3 Sr. High Treasurer Supplies		9.73		8.00	8.00
Total 2313	50.00	81.63	50.00	70.00	20.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT					
	Budgeted 1987-88	Expenditure 1987-88	Budgeted 1988-89	Budgeted 1989-90	+ or -
<u>2314 Elections & District Meetings</u>					
110-1 Elementary SD Salaries		8.96		6.40	6.40
110-2 Jr. High SD Salaries		1.60		3.20	3.20
110-3 Sr. High SD Salaries		5.44		6.40	6.40
390-1 Elementary District Clerk	8.96				
390-2 Jr. High District Clerk	1.76				
390-3 Sr. High District Clerk	5.28				
Total 2314	16.00	-	-	16.00	16.00

<u>2317 Audit Services</u>					
390-1 Elementary Salaries	8.96	8.96	14.00	14.00	00.
390-2 Jr. High Salaries	1.76	1.60	2.00	2.00	00.
390-3 Sr. High Salaries	5.28	5.44	14.00	14.00	00.
Total 2317	16.00	16.00	30.00	30.00	00.

<u>2321 Office of Superintendent of Schools</u>					
351-1 Elementary SAV Management Services	1,659.61	1,659.62	1,489.05	1,500.00	10.95
351-2 Jr. High SAV Management Services	326.00	296.36	330.90	609.00	278.10
351-3 Sr. High SAV Management Services	978.00	1,007.63	1,489.05	1,500.00	10.95
Total 2321	2,963.61	2,963.61	3,309.00	3,609.00	300.00

<u>2390 Other Support Services General Adm</u>					
359-1 Elementary Special Ed. Services		6,720.00	4,500.00	4,250.00	-250.00
359-2 Jr. High Special Ed. Services		1,200.00	1,000.00	875.00	-125.00
359-3 High School Special Ed. Services		4,080.00	4,500.00	4,250.00	-250.00
Total 2390		12,000.00	10,000.00	9,375.00	-625.00

		BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT				+ or -
		Budgeted 1987-88	Expenditure 1987-88	Budgeted 1988-89	Budgeted 1989-90	
2552	Pupil Transportation					
	513-1 Elementary Contracted Services	7,840.00	7,840.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	00.
	513-2 Jr. High Contracted Services	1,540.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	00.
	513-3 Sr. High Contracted Services	4,620.00	4,905.04	6,300.00	6,300.00	00.
	521-1 Elementary Non-owned auto Liability Ins.				200.00	200.00
	521-2 Jr. High Non-owned auto Liability Ins.				100.00	100.00
	521-3 Sr. High Non-owned auto Liability Ins.				200.00	200.00
	870-1 Elementary Contingency			972.00	972.00	00.
	870-2 Jr. High Contingency			216.00	216.00	00.
	870-3 Sr. High Contingency			972.00	972.00	00.
	Total 2550	<u>14,000.00</u>	<u>14,145.04</u>	<u>16,160.00</u>	<u>16,660.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>

2660	Data Processing Services					
	360-1 Elementary Contracted Services	140.00	140.00	135.00	270.00	135.00
	360-2 Jr. High Contracted Services	27.50	25.00	30.00	60.00	30.00
	360-3 Sr. High Contracted Services	82.50	85.00	135.00	270.00	135.00
	Total 2660	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>

	GRAND TOTAL	147,307.61	108,483.44	146,840.00	154,283.00	7,443.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

ESTIMATED REVENUE

	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
<u>Unreserved Fund Balance</u>	44,213.00	
<u>1100 Revenue From Local Sources</u>		
1100 Taxes	33,114.00	98,266.00
<u>3000 Revenue From State Sources</u>		
3110 Foundation Aid	65,012.00	51,516.00
<u>4000 Revenue From Federal Sources</u>		
4810 Forest Reserve	4,501.00	4,501.00
	<u>146,840.00</u>	<u>154,283.00</u>

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES
EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For Year Ending June 30, 1988

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
REVENUE		
Local Taxes	50,110.00	50,110.00
Interest on Investments		1,173.84
State Sources		
Foundation Aid	76,691.00	76,690.93
Vocational School Aid		593.51
National Forest Reserve	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>8,121.19</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 131,301.00	\$ 136,689.47
EXPENDITURES		
Instruction		
Regular Education	\$ 96,635.00	\$ 65,421.67
Special Education	32,577.00	12,432.99
General Administration		
Psychological Services		700.00
School Board	882.00	570.13
S.A.U. #23	2,963.61	14,963.61
Data Processing Services	250.00	250.00
Transportation		
Contract Services	<u>14,000.00</u>	<u>14,145.04</u>
Town Expenditures	\$ 147,307.61	\$ 108,483.44
Excess Revenues over Expenses		\$ 28,206.03
Fund Balance -- July 1, 1987		\$ 16,007.28
Fund Balance -- June 30, 1988		\$ 44,213.31

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1988

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>		<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>		
100 Cash		\$ 22,100.80
140 Intergovernmental Receivables		<u>22,112.51</u>
Total Assets		\$ 44,213.31

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

<u>Fund Equity</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>		
770 Unreserved Fund Balance		<u>\$ 44,213.31</u>
Total Fund Equity		\$ 44,213.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		\$ 44,213.31

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1988

TAXES

<u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>	<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>	
1121 Current Appropriation	\$ 50,110.00
Total Taxes	\$ 50,110.00
1500 Earnings on Investments	1,173.84
Total Other Revenue from Local Sources	\$ 1,173.84
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	\$ 51,283.84
<u>Revenue From State Sources</u>	
<u>Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
3110 Foundation Aid	\$ 76,690.93
Total Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	\$ 76,690.93
<u>Restricted Grants-In-Aid</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
3221 Tuition	448.47
3222 Transportation	145.04
Total Restricted Grants-in-Aid	\$ 593.51
TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES	\$ 77,284.44
<u>Revenue From Federal Sources</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
4800 Revenue In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 8,121.19
Total Revenue from Federal Sources	\$ 8,121.19
TOTAL REVENUE	\$136,689.47

GENERAL FUND ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES
For Year Ended June 30, 1988

	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Junior High</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Instruction</u>				
Regular Education	19,822.33	10,166.64	35,432.70	65,421.67
Special Education	12,432.99			12,432.99
<u>Supporting Services</u>				
Psychological	700.00			700.00
<u>General Administration</u>				
School Board	319.26	57.02	193.85	570.13
Office of the Superintendent	1,659.62	296.36	1,007.63	2,963.61
Other General Adm.	6,720.00	1,200.00	4,080.00	12,000.00
<u>Business</u>				
Pupil Transportation	7,840.00	1,400.00	4,905.04	14,145.04
Managerial	<u>140.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>85.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
TOTALS	\$ 49,634.20	13,145.02	45,704.22	108,483.44

ALL FUNDS: SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE INFORMATION
For the Year Ended June 30, 1988

DESCRIPTION

Special Education	13,132.99			13,132.99
Tuition to LEA's within NH	32,255.32	10,166.64	31,382.70	73,804.66
Tuition to LEA's outside NH			4,050.00	4,050.00

STATEMENT OF ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
For the Year Ended June 30, 1988

DESCRIPTION

Fund Equity, July 1, 1987	\$ <u>General</u> 16,007.28
<u>Additions:</u>	
Revenue	<u>136,689.47</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	\$ 136,689.47
<u>Deletions:</u>	
Expenditures	<u>108,483.44</u>
TOTAL DELETIONS	\$ 108,483.44
FUND EQUITY, June 30, 1988	\$ 44,213.31

ITEMIZATION OF RECEIVABLES: June 30, 1988

Balance Sheet Account No.	Receivable Due From	Revenue Account Credited	Amount
1-140	Town of Benton	1121	<u>22,112.51</u>
TOTAL			\$ 22,112.51

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and citizens of Benton School District, I submit my second annual report.

This past year has been a challenging and exciting one in School Administrative Unit 23. The SAU has been awarded competitive grants in the areas of gifted and talented education, drug and alcohol education and training for administrators. One of the goals of the SAU has been to develop a coordinated health education program. Harold Haskins has been working with a committee to develop a comprehensive K-12 health education curriculum and we have been awarded two grants totaling \$11,454.22 to purchase educational materials and to develop drug and alcohol awareness programs. A second goal has been to develop a gifted and talented program. The SAU has received a \$15,000. start-up grant to fund a part time gifted and talented coordinator for the 1988-89 school year. Mrs. Deborah Schulenburg has joined our staff and is working to develop programs for students and to coordinate staff training. The SAU Board, recognizing the needs of the individual districts in this area, voted to continue to fund this position as part of the 1989-90 SAU budget. We look forward to continuing to expand educational opportunities for this segment of our school population.

A third goal of the SAU Administration is to update and revise existing curriculum and develop written curriculum where none presently exists. We are now in the process of providing training in curriculum development to administrators and teachers through a grant written by Keith Pfeifer. Curriculum committees will be working to insure that our educational program is coordinated in grades K-12 and meets the needs of our student body.

The Haverhill Cooperative School District where most Benton students attend school has been selected to participate in The New Hampshire School Improvement Program which is sponsored by the New Hampshire Alliance for Effective Schools. This innovative program is designed to help schools become more effective. We believe that our involvement in this program will have a positive impact on our educational program and will make our good schools even better.

The Haverhill Cooperative School District is also conducting an Architectural/Engineering Study of its schools. Architects Planning Team of Concord, NH is working with a citizens building committee to review options to upgrade district buildings. The building committee hopes to present a recommendation regarding the building needs of the school districts to the voters in the spring.

The Haverhill Cooperative School District has been able to contain costs while effectively educating its students. Tuition continues to be significantly less than surrounding school districts. A major problem facing the school district, however, is the cost of maintaining the junior high at Haverhill Academy and the condition of the Alumni Hall gymnasium. The west wall of Alumni Hall has buckled and the school board has been forced to close the building for safety reasons. We are presently holding physical education in the Haverhill Academy cafeteria and students are presently eating in the cafeteria. The Haverhill Cooperative School Board and the administration have studied whether we would be able to combine grades 7-12 at Woodsville High School on a temporary basis until a building project has been

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1987 TO JUNE 30, 1988

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1987		\$ 10,390.14
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$ 34,500.00	
Revenue from State Sources	77,284.44	
Revenue from Federal Sources	8,121.19	
Received as income from Trust Funds	361.70	
Received from all Other Sources	<u>1,543.39</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$121,810.72
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR		132,200.86
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		<u>110,100.06</u>
BALANCE ON HAND, JUNE 30, 1988		22,100.80
July 20, 1988		
		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, NH of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988 and find them correct in all respects.

July 22, 1988

Dorothy Elliott
Auditor

completed. After careful review it has been determined that the district will be able to educate the 7th and 8th grades at Woodsville High School and continue to provide the same educational program at a considerable savings to the taxpayers. At the March 23, 1989, annual school district meeting the school district will vote on whether or not to close Haverhill Academy and transfer the Junior High to Woodsville High School.

In closing I would like to thank the Benton School Board for the support and recognize Harold Haskins, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the past nineteen years who will retire at the end of the 1988-89 school year. Harry started his career thirty-two years ago as a teacher in Gloucester, Massachusetts and then taught in Manchester and Wolburn, Massachusetts. In September, 1966 Harry assumed the principalship of the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative Elementary Schools and four years later was promoted to the newly created position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools. In his first annual report to the districts as Assistant Superintendent Harry wrote, "I hope that my new position will afford me continuing opportunities to serve the educational needs of the children of the ...districts." As Assistant Superintendent Harry Haskins has played a major role in building our school system and through his leadership, commitment and expertise certainly served the educational needs of our children well. No one can deny that Harry has earned his retirement and yet we all recognize that when he retires a part of what has made our schools so successful will leave us. We wish Harry a happy and healthy retirement and appreciate that he chose to spend so many of his professional years working in SAU 23 to make our schools a better place for children.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas B. McDonald
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARIES

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 Superintendents.

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 1988-89 school year will receive a salary of \$59,400.00 prorated among the several school districts. The Assistant Superintendents will receive salaries of \$50,613.00 and \$46,440.00 prorated among the several school districts.

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

	SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY	
Bath	\$	2,435.00
Benton		380.00
Haverhill Cooperative		21,361.00
Lincoln-Woodstock Co-op.		23,398.00
Monroe		6,849.00
Piermont		2,542.00
Warren		2,435.00
		<u>\$59,400.00</u>

	(1) ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY	(2) ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY
Bath	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 1,904.00
Benton	324.00	297.00
Haverhill Cooperative	18,201.00	16,699.00
Lincoln-Woodstock Co-op.	19,936.00	18,293.00
Monroe	5,836.00	5,355.00
Piermont	2,166.00	1,988.00
Warren	2,075.00	1,904.00
	<u>\$50,613.00</u>	<u>\$46,440.00</u>

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