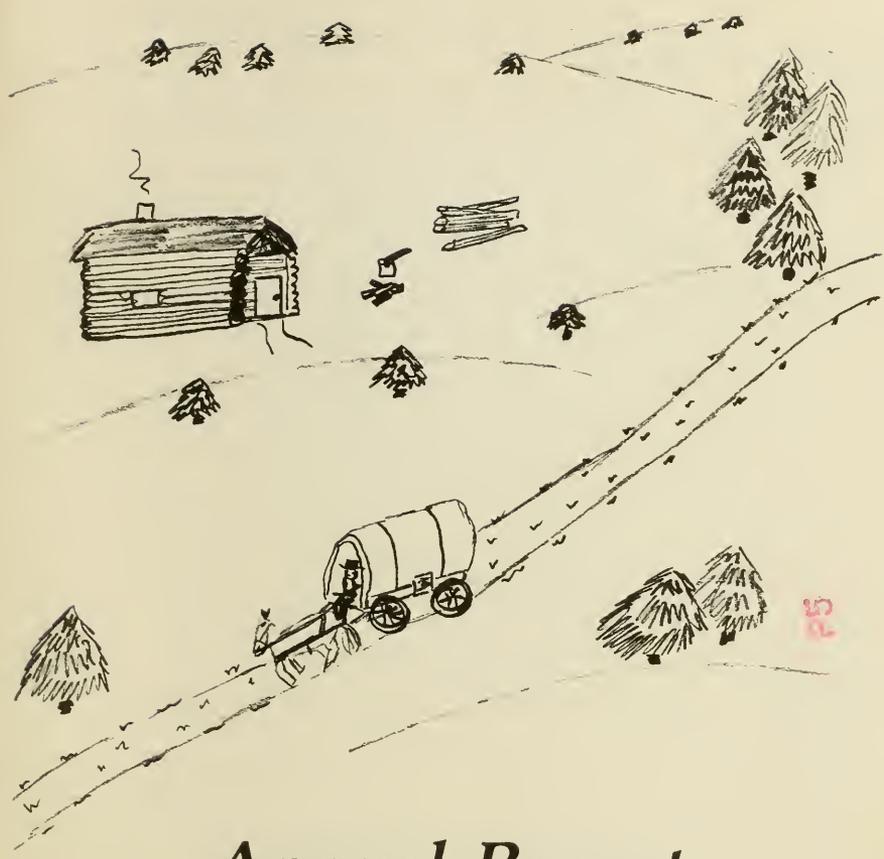


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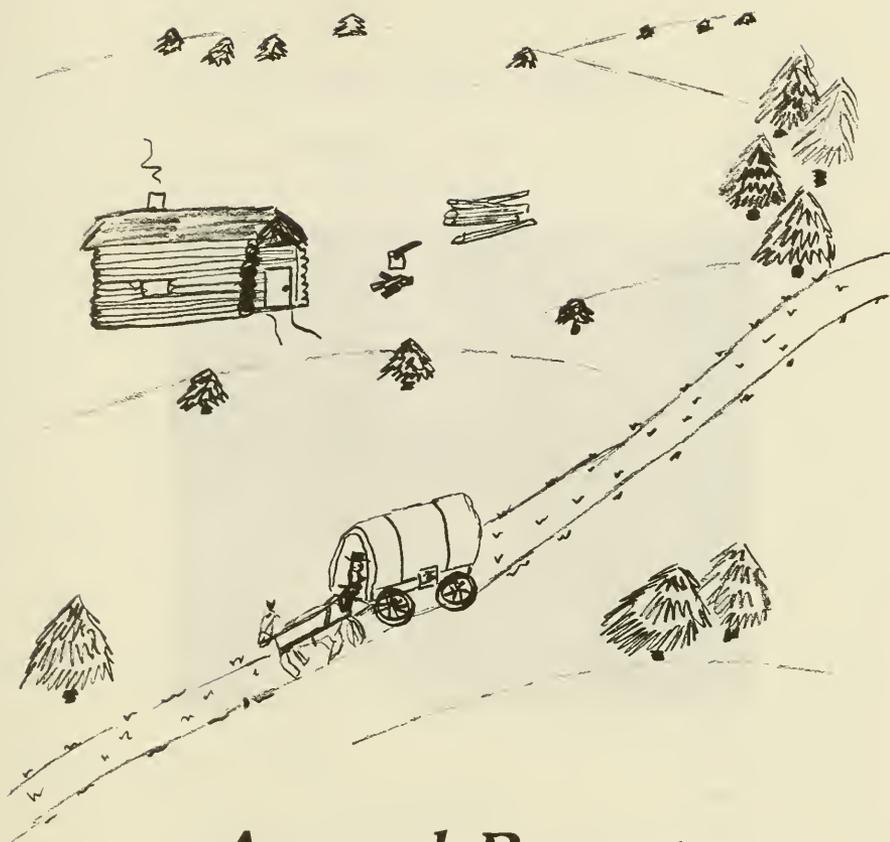


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For the Town of

BENTON **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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This years Town Report is Dedicated to:

William J. Harris
Born: 1919



Ballot Clerk	27 Years
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	16 Years
Trustee of Trust Funds	15 Years
Selectman	15 Years
Constable	5 Years
Sexton	2 Years

Onetime farmer, logger, serviceman and now sawmill worker. Husband for 45 years, father of 6, Grandfather of 11, Great-grandfather of 2. A man who is easy-going, gentle, well thought of in the area and respected by all who know him. Bill is a man who is looked up to by all and the Town of Benton thanks him for his many years of service to this town.

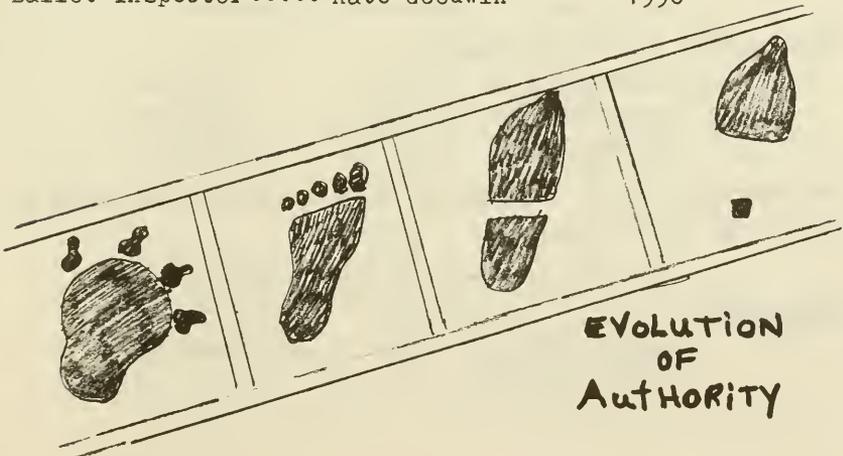
TOWN OF BENTON, NH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF TOWN OFFICERS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1989

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Benton Town Officers

Board of Selectmen		Term Expires
Chairman	John G. Elliott	1990
	Marjorie Robitzer	1991
	Peter Thompson	1992
Moderator	Daniel Elliott	1990
Town Clerk	Helena Harris	1990
Tax Collector	Dorothy Elliott	1990
	Maxine Tyler-Deputy	
Treasurer	Priscilla Boutin	1990
Auditor	Laurie Elliott	1990
Supervisors of Checklist		
	Jane Elliott	1990
	Seraphene Harris	1991
	Catherine Elliott	1992
Trustees of The Trust Funds		
	Joseph Boutin Jr.	1990
	Edward Matz	1991
	Scott Roden	1992
Surveyor of Wood And Lumber		
	Joseph Boutin Jr.	1990
Dog Officer	Richard Contois (moved)	
Sexton	Albert Sousa	1990
Ballot Clerk	Iona Boutin	1990
Ballot Inspector	Kate Goodwin	1990



Town Officers Phone Numbers & Office Hours

Selectmen:

Marjorie Robitzer	787-6053
John Elliott, Jr.	787-6781
Peter Thompson	787-6598

Selectmen sit the first Monday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 in the evening, at the Benton Community Building. Office phone number is 787-6541.

Town Clerk:

Helena Harris	787-6901
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Town Clerk hours are every Monday night from 6:00 to 8:00, at the Benton Community Building. Office phone is 787-6541

Tax Collector:

Dorothy Elliott	787-6197
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Tax Collector has office hours at her home. Please call ahead to make an appointment.

Treasurer:

Priscilla Boutin	787-6784
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The Treasurer has office hours in her home. Please call ahead to make an appointment.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

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

Supervisors sit at designated times. These times will be posted in a local paper.

Moderator:

Daniel Elliott	787-6189
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Sexton:

Albert Sousa 787-6790

Should the need arise to speak to your Sexton he can be reached at home, Please call an make an appointment.

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:

Joseph Boutin, Jr. 787-6083

Should the need arise to speak to Mr. Boutin, please call his home and make an appointment.

Road Agent:

Daniel Elliott 787-6189

Should you need to reach your Road Agent, call his home.

Planning Board:

Catherine Steel 787-6861

Kenneth Kealey 787-6084

Joseph Boutin, Jr. 787-6083

The Planning Board sits the first Monday of the month. If you should need to speak to them, call at home and make an appointment.



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 Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 13th) at seven o'clock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To choose a Selectmen for 3 years, a Supervisor of Checklist for 3 years, a Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years, a Sexton, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, a Treasurer 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for roads, previously established.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds that has previously been established for Tunnel Brook Bridge.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$193.20 for Benton's share of a maximum of \$4,000 to be used in conjunction with the North Country Councils' efforts to assist with the formation of a workable, affordable re-cycling plan for the Ammonoosuc Solid Waste District.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to purchase a used one-ton dump truck with plow to service and plow the Town roads, or \$25,000 for a new truck and plow.

(B) To see if the Town will vote to erect a Town garage on town land to house equipment purchased in part A. of this article.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to have the town road work, maintenance and plowing put up for public bid every two years.

(B) Shall all bids received be published in a local newspaper with name and amount of all bids submitted. This information to be published not later than two (2) weeks after Selectmen have made their decision.

Article 8: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI for an optional veterans' exemption and expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the exemption? The optional veterans exemption is \$100 rather than \$50. (2) Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, IV for an optional property tax exemption on residential property for a service-connected total disability? The optional disability exemption is \$1,400 rather than \$700.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars(\$25.00) for the support of the Northern Grafton County Adult Education program.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to designate and proclaim April 22, 1990 as Earth Day 1990 and set aside that day for public activities promoting preservation of the global environment and launching the "Decade of the Environment."

Article 11: 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 12: To see if the Town will appoint a committee to study the feasibility of constructing a system of dry hydrants and to get estimates of cost of this project.

Article 13: To see what action the Town will take about a Police Department.

A True Copy - Attest

Benton Selectmen
Marjorie Robitzer
John Elliott, Jr.
Peter Thompson

Budget & Summary Analysis

	Expenses 1988	Approp. 1989	Expenses 1989	Estimate 1990
Town Officers Salaries:	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,125
Town Officers Expenses:	\$ 1,456	1,500	1,551	1,500
Planning Board:.....	\$ 243	500	164	500
Elections:.....	\$ 1,228	300	298	1,050
Community Building:.....	\$ 1,515	1,600	1,355	1,500
Town Clerk Fees:.....	\$ 155	150	156	150
Legal Expenses:.....	\$ 129	500		500
Insurance & Bonds:.....	\$ 1,496	2,200	1,569	2,000
Dues:.....	\$ 710	710	680	725
Health Donations Including Ambulance Service:	\$ 1,073	1,721	1,722	1,750
Dump:.....	\$ 1,059	2,391	2,270	200
Welfare:.....	\$	500	220	500
Cemeteries:.....	\$ 178	350	152	350
Interest:.....	\$ 3,213	2,200	3,199	3,000
Trust Funds:.....	\$10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Fires:.....	\$	3,500	1,285	6,000
Police:.....	\$ 1,597	2,000	886	1,000
Roads: (Summer & Winter)	\$20,225	20,000	24,843	22,000
Special Fund ('88).....	\$ 6,358			
TOTALS	\$ 52,760	\$ 52,247	\$ 52,475	\$54,800

*Children are
like airplanes;
you only hear about
the ones that crash.*

1916
1 Broom cost
\$.40

*If you can't
do anything with
your kids, it's probably
because you don't!*

Town Of Benton

Summary of Inventory Valuation

Land - Improved and Unimproved:

Under Current Use	\$ 74,840
All Other	3,433,670
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	\$ 3,508,510
Buildings	3,854,070
Manufactured Housing as Defined In RSA674:31	270,930
Public Utilites - Electric Lines	466,450
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Sub - Total	\$ 8,099,960
Les One (1(Elderly Exemption	5,000
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Net Valuation	\$ 8,094,960

Town of Benton

Schedule of Town Property as of
Dec. 31, 1989

Town Hall - Land & Building	\$ 55,950
Furniture & Equipment	2,170
Old Town Clerks Office & Furnishings	330
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Total	\$ 58,450.00



"OLD TOWN
CLERKS
OFFICE"

Town Clerk's Report

Received From 1989 Motor Vehicle Permits:

268 Permits	\$14,411.00
16 Transfers.....	\$ 80.00
	<u> </u>
	\$14,491.00

Received From 1989 Dog Licenses:

78 Licenses.....	\$ 366.00
23 Fines & Penalties.....	\$ 317.00
	<u> </u>
	\$ 683.00

Total Money Incoming:.....\$15,174.00

Fees Retained by Clerk:

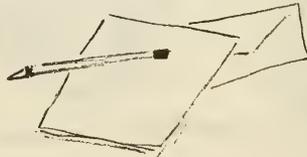
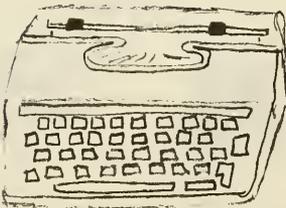
Motor Vehicle Permits.....	\$ 268.00
Dog Licenses.....	\$ 39.00
	<u> </u>
	\$ 307.00

Total Income.....	\$15,174.00
Less Clerk.....	307.00
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Total Turned Over To Treasurer.....\$14,867.00

(1 bad check - \$10.00 fee)

Helena Harris
Renton Town Clerk

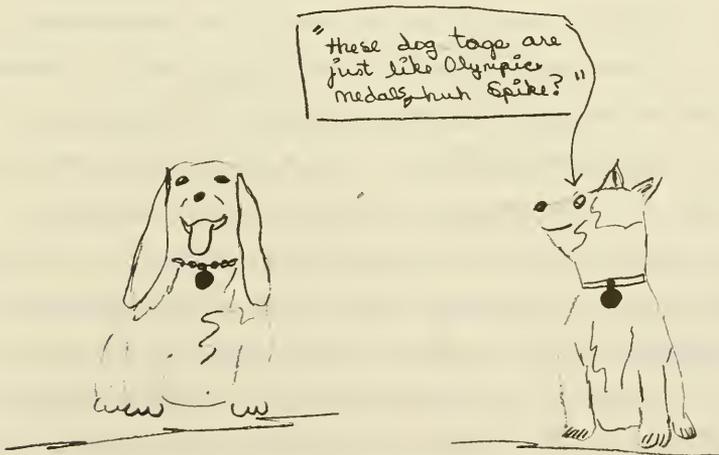


Dog Licenseing and Registration

Every owner or keeper of a dog three months old or over shall annually, on or before April 30, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the ensuing May 1, in the office of the clerk of the city or town wherein said dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar to which shall be attached a metal tag with the following information thereon: the name of the city or town, year of issue of license and its registered number. Said tag shall be furnished by the clerk at the expense of the city or town from the amount received from the dog license fees.

Before a license is issued under the provisions of this subdivision, except under the provisions of RSA 466:6, the owner or keeper of a dog shall furnish to the clerk a certificate that said dog has been vaccinated against rabies in accordance with the provisions of RSA 436:99.

The fee for every license for a year or portion of a year shall be A. \$3.50 for a neutered male or spayed female:
B. \$6.00 for any un-neutered male and unspayed female.



Selectmen's Report - 1989

The Selectmen of Benton had a rather frustrating year because our big aim was to get another small section of Tunnel Stream Road rebuilt as we had done the previous year. We soon had to drop that plan because the long, cold, snowless icy winter cost just about twice as much as we had figured by comparison with other years. We actually had to use 71% of our total road money for the year. Then again, we were luckier than some towns in our neighborhood who totally over-ran their budgets with the constant plowing and sanding necessary to enable people to get out to work in the morning and then home again in the evening.

During the year we met several times with Robert Pullman of the Lugas Corp. of Londerry, N.H. in regard to their interest in sites in South Benton on which to build a wood chip consuming plant that would produce electricity to be sold to Green Mt. Power or New England Power. Mr. Pullman stated that the plant, if built, should generate about 18 regular jobs at an average of \$8.00 per hour, provide a close market for Nat'l. Forest by products and generate about \$40,000 to \$50,000 in taxes. The companies meeting with the Selectmen was to determine if there was any definite negative reaction to the plant. The Selectmen talked to about 20 people in Benton and most were in favor of it. Even those not too enthusiastic could see the advantages to the majority of the people. Only one person was unconditionally opposed to it. We offered no tax incentives, merely the fact that our tax rate is about half of all our neighbors.

We were invited to tour their plant in Alexandria, N.H. which is about the same as the plant under consideration for Benton. On our tour through the well-landscaped, neat and tidy operation in a metal side building of pleasing appearance, we did note that the only obvious, possibly offensive segment was the 70 foot high chimney that is necessary for heat reclamation. We have heard nothing further on this matter.

Our police officer, Mr. Richard Contois has moved, resigning as of Sept. 30, 1989. We have a new resident in Benton, Phillip Smith of Howe Hill Road, a police officer in Lincoln. He would like to be closer to home and has applied to the Grafton Co. Sheriffs' office for employment and has hoped to also do Benton for extra income. He stated that he would not do this job for less than \$7.00 or \$8.00 per hour and would need uniforms and a vehicle. We shelved all of this matter until Town Meeting so that it can be discussed and, if necessary, acted upon at this time.

We attended many meetings as a member, decreed by the State of New Hampshire, of the Ammonoosuc Solid Waste District, and after reviewing all the facts of the future problems, decided to send all of the town rubbish to Sanco, Inc. in Bethlehem. The primary reason was the general consensus of opinion that shortly Vermont will no longer accept New Hampshire garbage and rubbish. Mr. Burt assured us that he can keep our disposal costs lower in sending all matter to Bethlehem to be weighed in rather than to new-bury to be rated as a truck-load or a half truck-load. We

expect to keep working as a four town organization to try to get a workable, cost effective plan to re-cycle much of our waste so that we can cut our rubbish train by half. As of now, Randy Burt will be present with a truck parked in front of our Community Building every Saturday morning from 10:30 to 12 noon in addition to his regular pick-up schedule, to accommodate those who do not need a regular pick-up or who hauled their own rubbish.

We had one rather stubborn fire this winter and a close look at the bill from the Fire Company Organization revealed that our biggest problem was that we had no water available or dry hydrants that could be pumped. This relatively small fire took four tank trucks to run a shuttle to and from Swiftwater to keep the water supply going. Benton has several small ponds which could be hooked into a roadside dry hydrant. Peter Thompson has some figures on this which might be discussed.

Some of the preliminary work, surveying and marketing, figuring grades, etc. is being done by the state of New Hampshire on the proposed Tunnel Brook Bridge.

We had a volunteer crew, instigated by the Planning Board, that spent a day clearing brush, leveling and straightening the old stones over in the High Street cemetery. That work party included Joseph Boutin, Sr, "Buster" Boutin, J.B. Boutin, Ken Kealey and Bob Miles. We owe them a vote of "thanks," and here's hoping that the same thing will happen again this year, and that 1990 will be a good year to say, with pride, "I live in Benton."

Selectmen of Benton

Report of Town Forest Fire Warden
And
State Forest Ranger

During the calendar year 1989, the State of New Hampshire experienced an average number of wildfires. The three leading cause of these wildfires were fires kindled without a fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden, children and debris burning fires that escaped control. All these causes are preventable, but only with your help.

Please help your town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. By New Hampshire State Law (RSA 224:27B), "No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or burn or cause to be burned any material, except when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden of the town where the burning is to be done."

Violations of RSA 224:27 and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$1,000 and/or a year in jail and you are also liable for paying all fire suppression costs.

The State of New Hampshire, Division of Forests and Lands assisted many towns in wildland fire suppression during 1989 including several large fires in Allenstown, Alton, Chesterfield, Concord areas, as well as the 100 acre fire on Mt. Belknap in Gilford.

If you have any questions regarding New Hampshire forest fire laws, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden, State Forest Ranger, or the Division of Forests

and Lands at 271-2217.

Forest Fire Statistics
1989

	<u>State</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Town</u>
Number of Fires	550	16	0
Acres Burned	554	16.5	0

Forest Ranger
John Q. Ricard

Forest Fire Warden
William J. Harris



"Smokey says - Be Careful with fire!"

Over The Roads

The year was a trying time in terms of road maintenance. The winter months of January - April of '89 saw a lack of snow cover which caused extensive ice problems, with ditches and culverts freezing. With nearly every storm bringing ice and freezing rain, most towns and the State itself well surpassed their budgets. Early snow in November and December helped to avoid this problem this winter.

Due to the cost of winter maintenance we were able to do only the necessities in other areas. We graded the roads twice, cleaned ditches, repositioned some culverts, used about 25 ton of cold patch and cleaned culverts this fall.

There have been alot of things said and writtin in the local papers about roads here in town. One says the roads are being plowed too often by their house, but do they think of the steep hills beyond? Then theres others that say and write that the road agent isn't doing enough plowing and sanding. These people all live within 2/10 of a mile of each other on the same road. It's like being between a rock and a hard place, a very frustrating place to be.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Elliott
Road Agent



Treasurer's Report - 1989

Received From Tax Collector:

1986	Tax Sale Redeemed	\$ 1,106.94
	Tax Sale Interest	112.36
	Tax Sale Costs	<u>24.75</u>
		\$ 1,244.05
1987	Tax Sale Redeemed	115.27
	Tax Sale Interest	17.73
	Tax Sale Costs	<u>24.75</u>
		\$ 157.75
1988	Property Tax	\$ 8,349.00
	Property Tax Interest	211.88
	Property Tax Costs	124.00
	Yield Tax	<u>82.50</u>
		\$ 8,768.30
1989	Property Tax	\$71,467.36
	Property Tax Interest	15.14
	Yield Tax	3,063.62
	Inventory Penalties	<u>60.00</u>
		\$74,606.12

Received From Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$14,143.00
Transfers	80.00
Dog Licenses Issued	327.00
Dog License Penalties	<u>317.00</u>
	\$14,867.00

Received From Dog Officer:

Reimbursement for Court Costs	\$ 75.00
Reimbursement For Officers Expense	<u>75.00</u>
	\$150.00

Received From Trustees of Trust Funds:

For Highways	\$ 137.15
For Cemeterys	<u>280.97</u>
	\$418.12

Received From Selectmen:

Planning Board	\$ 103.00
Building Permits	15.00
Community Bldg. Rent	2.00
Pistol Permits	25.00
Insurance Refund	<u>161.00</u>
	\$306.00

Received From State and Federal Sources:

State of N.H. Revenue Sharing	\$ 4,238.30
State Higheay Bloc Grant	9,416.50
Nat'l Forest Resefve	12,341.44
Fed'l Land Entitlement	<u>2,356.00</u>
	\$28,352.24

Received From Fleet Bank:

Tax Anticipation Loan	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
	\$40,000.00

Received From W.G. Savings Bank:

Transferred & Closed Choice Acct.	\$10,256.23
Yield Acct. Transfer	5,988.95
C.A. Prevuous Transfer to Gen'l	<u>3,500.00</u>
	\$19,745.18

Total Receipts	\$188,614.76
Gen'l Bank Bal. 1/1/89	9,559.54
Interest - 1989	<u>689.57</u>
	\$198,863.87

Less Selectmens Orders	<u>171,561.63</u>
	\$=27,302.24

Withdrawal for Deposit in Choice Acct.	\$ 10,000.00
Check & Deposit slip supplies	<u>100.74</u>
Final Balance - Gen'l Checking Balance	\$ 17,201.50

Choice Acct. #680021	
Bal. 1/1/89	\$ 3,690.03
Deposits	10,000.00
Interest	<u>91.23</u>
	\$13,781.23
Withdrawal	<u>3,500.00</u>
	\$ 10,281.23
Service Charge	<u>25.00</u>
	\$10,256.23

Act. Closed 9/19/89

Yield Acct. #30502	
Bal. 1/1/89	\$ 5,330.78
Deposits	5,913.68
Interest	<u>288.98</u>
	\$11,533.44
Withdrawal	<u>5,988.95</u>
Balance 12/31/89	\$ 5,544.49

Transferred to Gen'l Acct.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Boutin, Treasurer



Detailed Statement of Disbursements
By The Selectmen

Town Officers Salaries:

Dorothy Elliott, Auditor	\$ 25.00
Marjorie Robitzer, Selectmen	500.00
John Elliott, Jr. Selectmen	300.00
Peter Thompson, Selectmen	300.00
Dorothy Elliott, Tax Collector	300.00
Priscilla Boutin, Treasurer	300.00
Helena 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 - 1989	\$ 560.00
Postage	190.85
Office Supplies & Expenses	291.51
Notices, Telephone, Milage, Dog tags and Books	509.00
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	\$1,551.36

Election & Registration:

Catherine Elliott	\$ 56.80
Seraphene Harris	56.80
Jane Elliott	42.60
Helena Harris	28.40
Daniel Elliott, Moderator	28.40
Peter Thompson, selectman	28.40
John Elliott, Selectman	28.40
Marjorie Robitzer, Selectman	28.40
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	\$ 298.20

Planning Board	\$ 163.90
Insurance & Bonds	1,569.00
Dump	2,269.54
Welfare	219.55
Community Building:	
Fuel Oil	\$ 836.00
Cleaning Furncace	35.00
Desk	50.00
Lumber for Repairs	7.58
New England Telephone	259.08
New Hampshire Electric	167.25
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	\$ 1,354.91
Dues:	
N.H. Tax Coll. Assn.	\$ 15.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks Assn.	12.00
North Country Council	253.00
N.H. Municipal Assn.	400.00
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	\$680.00
Health Department:	
Ambulance	\$ 891.70
N. Country Home Health	275.00
White Mt. Mental Health	275.00
Tri-County Community Action	150.00
Cottage Hospital	130.00
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	\$1,721.70
Cemeteries	\$ 151.90
Taxes Bought by the Town	765.29
Discount, Abatements & Refunds	461.68
Interest on Temporary Loans	3,199.38

Temporary Loan Repayments	\$ 60,000.00
State of NH - Dog Lic. Fund	14.50
County Tax	18,561.00
Payments to Schools	39,284.72
Payments to CRF - Road Fund	6,000.00
Payments to CRF - Bridge Fund	4,000.00
Town Clerk Fees	156.00
Fire Department	1,285.00
Town Roads:	
Winter Roads:	
1-9-89 ET & HK Ide, Salt	119.15
2-6-89 ET & HK Ide, Salt & Chlorine	125.30
2-6-89 D. Elliott, Labor & Equipment	4,019.00
3-6-89 ET & HK Ide, Salt	168.70
3-6-89 Daniel Elliott, Labor & Equipment	3,974.00
4-3-89 Agway, Salt	135.74
4-3-89 D. Elliott, Labor & Equipment	3,944.00
4-3-89 ET & HK Ide, Salt	71.68
5-1-89 D. Elliott, Labor & Equipment	1,731.00
10-9-89 D. Elliott, Hauling & Mixing Sand Sand & Salt for Winter	935.00
10-9-89 Sand - 264 Yds @ \$2.50	660.00
11-13-89 S. Elliott, Labor & Equipemnt	258.00
11-13-89 ET & HK Ide, Plastic	112.95
11-13-89 AKZO Salt, Inc.	430.88
12-3-89 Daniel Elliott, Labor & Equip.	1,517.00
12-28-89 Daniel Elliott, Labor & Equip.	2,730.00
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	\$ 20,932.40

Summer Roads:

6-5-89	Blaktop, Inc.	\$ 235.48
8-7-89	Blaktop, Inc.	237.80
8-7-89	D. Elliott, Labor & Equipmnet	574.00
8-7-89	Michael Harris, mowing	150.00
10-9-89	D. Elliott, Labor & Equipment	1,081.00
11-13-89	Morrill Construction, Gravel	42.00'
11-13-89	D. Elliott, Labor & Equipment	1,548.00
12-3-89	Agway Inc. Bridge Approach Markers	11.92

Total \$ 3,910.00

Summary:

Winter Roads, Labor & Equipment	\$ 19,108.00
Summer Roads, Labor & Equipment	\$ 3,910.00
General Material & Supplies	\$ 2,381.60
Total	\$ 24,842.60

Police Expenses

886.41

Total Selectmen's Orders

\$171,561.63

1914
Lantern cost 90¢

1899
Town Clerk
earned \$20.00

1899

Taxes on 1400 acres of un-
divided land was \$25.79

1915
Town reports
cost \$16.50

1897
Taxes on 5
acre farm-
\$3.19

Town of Benton, NH
Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1989

	\$ 2,125	\$	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,125	\$	\$	\$
	Appropriations	Reimbursements	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended balance	Over-draft	
Town Officers Salaries	2,125		2,125	2,125			
Town Officers Expenses	1,500	15	1,515	1,551		36.00	
Planning Board	500	95	595	164	431		
Elections	300		300	298	2		
Community Building	1,600		1,600	1,355	245		
Town Clerk Fees	150		150	156		6.00	
Legal Expenses	500		500		500		
Insurance & Bonds	2,200	161	2,361	1,569	792		
Dues	710		710	680	30		
Health Donations Including Ambulance Service	1,721		1,721	1,722		1.00	
Dump	2,391		2,391	2,270	121		
Welfare	500		500	220	280		
Cemeteries	350	281	631	152	479		
Interest	2,200		2,200	3,199		999.00	

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures For Yr. 1989

Trust Funds	Appropriations	Reimbursements	Total Avail.	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Over Draft
	\$10,000	\$	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$	\$
Fires	3,500		3,500	1,285	2,215	
Police	2,000	150	2,150	886	1,264	
Roads	20,000	137	20,137	24,843	4,706	
	\$52,247.00	\$ 839.00	\$53,086.00	\$52,475.00	\$ 6,359.00	\$ 5,748.00
					- 5,748.00	
					\$ 611.00	Unexpected Balance

(frustrate from select man in 1963 town Report)
 "We have built the Tunnel Road through to the North + South Road, 5 miles in length, at the cost of \$1408.75."

Town Auditors Report

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Elliott

Town Auditor



Town Meeting Minutes - 1989

Agreeable to the warrant for the annual town meeting, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Daniel Elliott, on March 14, 1989 at 7:00 PM at the Benton Community Building, in Benton, N.H.

Town meeting opened with the warrant being read by Moderator Elliott. A motion was then made and seconded to recess town meeting and open School Meeting.

Town Meeting was reopened at 7:41 P.M.

Article 1: This article read; to choose a selectmen for 3 years, a Moderator for 2 years, a Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years, a Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years, a Sexton, Town Clerk, a Tax Collector, a Treasurer and all other necessary Town officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

<u>Results were:</u> Selectmen	Peter Thompson
Moderator	Daniel Elliott
Supervisor of Check List	Catherine Elliott
Trustee of Trust Funds	Scott Roden
Sexton	Burt Sousa
Town Clerk	Helena Harris
Tax Collector	Dorothy Elliott
Treasurer	Priscilla Boutin
Auditor	Laurie Elliott
Dog Officer	Richard Contois
Ballot Clerk	Iona Boutin
Ballot Inspector	Kate Goodwin
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	Joseph Boutin, Jr.

At this time there was a thank you given to Maxine Tyler for her 16 years as Tax Collector. John Elliott Jr., Selectmen, expressed the towns appreciation for her hard work, honesty, and dedication in these 16 years.

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.

Results; A motion was made to accept these articles as written. At this time Richard Contois asked the town what they wanted of him as a constable for the town.

He told the town what his jurisdiction was and where would they like him to patrol if this is wanted of him. Also asked if town felt he should enforce more laws. Ed Matz wanted to know if all of this would lead into a full time job. Richard Contois replied no to this. He said he's only do this on holidays and such, because as a part time officer he is only allowed 1300 hours work a year. Ed Matz asked if Mr. Contois thought he needed a cruiser and the reply was no, as he is allowed to use his own car for this. He would need some sort of an emblem for his car door or something to show he is an officer. Catherine Steel wanted to know if the Stop sign in front of Gregorys house could be changed to a Yield sign? She then made a motion for the town to petition the state to change this Stop sign to a Yield sign. This motion was seconded.. Sera Harris said the North and South Road was not under town jurisdiction and was patrolled by the Government, therefore Richard Contois has no reason to patrol it. John Roden said the constable has jurisdiction all over the town, even if its a government road. Ed Matz thinks patrolling is a good idea as we are having alot more break-ins around town. Jim Elliott Sr. wanted to know what this cruise time would do to our budget, as there was only \$1000 budgeted for the Police Department. Richard Contois said even if there is only \$1000 budgeted, if he's called out he had to go, no matter what. He figures patrol hours would be around 20 hours a year. John Elliott, Jr, said Richard Contois would need insurance if he was to do this. The figure on this is \$8.76 per \$100 of pay. The Selectmen are to check on this figure for the town. Motion was seconded to accept this article.

Article 3: 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 raising Benton's share of the cost of rehabilitation of the bridge over Tunnel Brook and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in this fund.

Results: Marjorie Robitzer, Selectwoman, read what she

had for information on this. State & Forest Service has sent estimates for this project. If done by the State it would cost \$155,000 with the towns share being \$12,000. It was asked if this figure could go up before they get to do any work on the bridge. Marjorie Robitzer said there is a clause in their contract that said "allowing for inflation." Marjorie Robitzer has been about 8 years getting something done on this bridge so it really should be done now. Motion made and seconded to accept. There was a request from Ken Kealey that a notation be put in minutes that should this deal fall through, we should be able to put the money set aside for this into our Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 4: This article read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Results: Ed Matz said the Trustees have put this money in this fund to make some money. Interest is \$800 on \$10,000 if it stays in the bank for a year. Motion made and seconded to accept this article.

Article 5: 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 as recommended in the budget and will vote to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Results: There were some corrections to the Budget and Summary Analysis. Legal Expenses should read: Exp. 88 - \$129 and Est. 89 - \$500. Also Trust Funds for road rebuilding should read: Est. 89 - \$6,000. Police Department Est. 89 is upped \$1000 and Insurance is upped \$200. This makes the total Est. for 89 - \$50,135. Motion made and seconded to accept this article.

Article 6: This article read: "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 building for unpaid taxes."

Results: A ballot vote was taken on this article and the results were: yes-39 (to accept) No - 04 (denied)

Article 7: This article Read: 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.

<u>Results:</u>	Last Years Figures	This Years Figs.
N.C.H.H.	\$284	\$660
W.M.M.H.	305	550
Com. Action	140	150
Srs. Council	0	250
Cottage Hosp.	100	500
Ambulance	244	891

Motion made and seconded to accept Ambulance. It was suggested we should take a percentage of a total such as we did last year and give to the rest. Last years total requested was \$1073 minus \$244 for the Ambulance. Motion made and seconded to disburse the \$829 left over among the other requests as we can't afford to send the full amount they have asked for.

Article 8: This article read: 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.

Results: Motion made and seconded to accept this article.

Article 9: 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, iff all previous taxes are paid, and will set the amount of said discount.

Results: Tax Collector Maxine Tyler gave her report of results of last years not having a discount. Seems things went just as well without a discount and it also made things easier on the Tax Collector. Motion made and seconded to accept doing away with discount for one more year. Maxine Tyler thought this would be good for the new Tax Collector.

Article 10: 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.

Results: Motion made and seconded to accept this article.

Article 11: This article read: to see if the town will vote to instruct the towns representatives to the General Court to respond to our solid waste crisis by taking all necessary measures to insure that N.H. adopt legislation that will permit consumers to return for refund of deposit within N.H. 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.

Results: Motion made and seconded to turn this down for this year.

Article 12: This article read: 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.

Results: A motion was made and seconded to accept this article as written.

Article 13: This article read: 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.

Results: Catherine Steel explained what this was. A Motion was made and seconded to recess until July 11, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss results of this.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn town meeting at 9:49 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helena L. Harts
Benton Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:13 P.m. on July 11, 1989 at the Benton Community Building. Moderator Daniel Elliott read warrant Article 13 as to why this meeting was being held. Article 13 of town meeting, held March 14, 1989 read: 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 motion was made and seconded at this time to recess town meeting until July 11, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss results of what a Master Plan involved.

Cathy Steel opened with a presentation on what a Master Plan is. This is a development plan of land in a community. It's a projection of future growth. The state requires this or they can tell us what to do with our land. Also with a Master Plan the state would be more willing to give us assistance should we ask for any.

Ed Matz asked if a Master Plan is accepted would our zoning regulations need to be updated. Cathy Steel stated there would have to be some changes made.

Laurie Elliott asked if a Master Plan has any control over National Forests. Cathy Steel said that no one has any control over this.

Was also stated that with a Master Plan we can state just what we want done to our town. Should we not want condos, or perhaps we would like bigger building lots if we see growth coming in this direction.

Was asked if a Master Plan was accepted and there were any changes made would the town be notified and it was said they surely would.

Cathy Steel explained that the Master Plan explains how this town is laid out and how it runs. The Master Plan is just a guideline, we would still have to go by our zoning regulations. These would probably have to be changed if Master Plan is accepted.

There was some concern as to three people (meaning the Planning Board) running the town. Was explained this was not the case. Zoning Regulations are what the town goes

by. Planning Board just set up the Master Plan so the town could see what it was all about. The town has the final say by the way they decide to vote.

Jim Page said he doesn't see how state could approve such a plan as this one that has been drawn up. A plan is something which looks into the future. The Master Plan drawn up so far only tells us what we already have, not what we want. The state wants to know what the town wants to do.

Cathy Steel said the town, according to the survey taken, wants to remain just about the same. Rural, independent, and so forth.

Carol Miles said Master Plan has no real plan to it, only research on Benton,... This Master Plan needs objectives in order for the state to approve it.

Was decided town wants to keep zoning regulations we have as of now, stay rural, self controlled, independent, even though we are growing. Then if necessary we can change zoning regulations as needed.

Motion made to accept article 13 as printed and go by current zoning regulations with the understanding that changes in the future would be dealt with then and changed in the zoning regulations in accordance.

Motion was seconded.

A ballot vote was taken and results were: yes - 19

No - 03

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 P.M.



Helena Harris
Benton Town Clerk

Tax Collector's Report
 Summary of Tax Accounts
 Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1989

<u>Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>DR.</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>
Property Taxes:.....\$			\$ 8349.92	\$
Yield Taxes:.....\$			\$ 82.50	\$723.51

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes:.....\$	\$83,977.09	\$		\$
Yield Taxes:.....\$	8,739.13	\$		\$

Overpayments:

a/c Yield Tax:.....\$	313.44	\$		\$
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Interest Collected on
Delinquent Taxes:

\$	15.14	\$	335.88	\$
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TOTAL DEBITS \$93,044.80 \$8768.30 \$723.51

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer During
Fiscal Year:

	1989	1988	1987
Property Taxes (includes \$60 Inv. Penalties).....\$	\$71,527.36	\$ 8349.92	\$
Yield Taxes.....\$	8,739.13	\$ 82.50	\$
& 313.44	\$		\$
Interest on Taxes.....\$	15.14	\$ 335.88	\$

Discounts Allowed:

Yield Taxes.....\$			\$723.51
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Uncollected Taxes end Of Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes.....\$	\$12,449.73	\$		\$
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TOTAL CREDITS.....\$93,044.80 \$8768.30 \$723.51

Tax Collector's Report
 Summary of Tax Sale/Tax Lien Accounts
 Fiscal Yr. Ended December 31, 1989

	<u>DR.</u>		
	(Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levys Of:)		
	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
<u>Balance of Unredeemed Taxes</u>			
<u>Beginning of Fiscal Year:</u>	\$	\$ 320.94	\$ 1106.94
<u>Taxes Sold/Executed to Town During Fiscal Year:</u>			
	\$ 765.29	\$	\$
<u>Interest Collected After Sale/Lien Execution:</u>			
	\$	\$ 17.73	\$ 112.36
<u>Redemption Costs:</u>			
	\$	\$ 24.75	\$ 24.75
TOTAL DEBITS.....	\$ 765.29	\$363.42	\$1244.05

	<u>CR.</u>		
	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
<u>Remittance To Treasurer</u>			
<u>During Fiscal Year:</u>			
<u>Redemptions:.....</u>	\$	\$ 115.47	\$ 1106.94
<u>Interest & Cost After Sale:</u>			
	\$	\$ 42.48	\$ 137.11
<u>Unredeemed Taxes End of Year:</u>			
	\$ 765.29	\$ 205.67	\$
TOTAL CREDITS.....	\$ 765.29	\$ 363.42	\$ 1244.05



GLENCLIFF HOME ANTICIPATES BUDGET CUTS
(Taken from the Boston Sunday Globe, 01-21-90)

Glencliff-As she sat in a small hall between the nurses' station and an activities room, Marie's attention was divided between the sing-along going on next to her and her tatting.

Sitting there, she picked up on the words she could remember to the songs, while she wove a spool of pink thread between her fingers, knotting it in delicate designs. This forgotten art was being played out with the precision and attention of a true craftsman, but with little thought, as if it were second nature.

"I learned this from a resident at New Hampshire Hospital," the 74 year-old Marie said with the trace of a French-Canadian accent. State confidentiality laws prohibit identification of Marie.

Back in her room, the small tables and cabinets around Marie's bed were decorated with doilies she had created through her tatting. Sitting atop the doilies were religious cards and figurines. In the trunk at the foot of her bed, Marie anxiously pulled out a newly finished blue doily she said she planned to sell for \$4.00.

Marie is one of 133 residents at the Glencliff Home for the Elderly, a state-run nursing home for the mentally disabled elderly. About 30 of the residents have mental retardation; the rest have mental illnesses.

Marie moved to Glencliff 17 years ago. Like most of the residents, the people she sees and knows at Glencliff, residents and staff, have become her only family. Those from the earlier days of her life left her behind, forgotten to the halls of a state psychiatric hospital.

Now, with the latest talk of state budget cuts by the governor and Legislature, the home's superintendent says New Hampshire is forgetting these people, too.

"Very few of the residents have family involvement. Very few," said Sandra Knapp, Glencliff's superintendent. "Many of them were left in the psychiatric institutions decades ago and forgotten.

"Some will verbalize it and some don't. It comes out most on holidays. Christmas is a very lonely time," Knapp said in a recent interview from her office at the home atop a hill that overlooks the White Mountains.

This year, the state contributed about \$2.2 million of Glencliff's \$3.8 million operating budget. The rest of the budget is made up from federal and private sources.

Exact budget cuts to the home, where the average age of residents is 77, are uncertain at this point, but are anticipated, said Donald Shumway, director of the State Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services. "There's no clear pattern yet on how we will take the cuts," he explained.

Among the cuts outlined to date, out-of-state travel, training and maintenance funds may face elimination amounting to \$56,700. "Now, out-of-state travel sounds like it wouldn't do much harm, but because Glencliff is near the border, our surgeon who cares for the residents lives in Vermont," Shumway explained.

More directly impacting the staff, however, these anticipated budget cuts may force Glencliff to lay off 15 persons, Shumway said.

"We really do have a conservative budget already and it's not adequate to meet the needs of the home," Knapp said. There is no money for staff development and Knapp admitted that the 141-person staff at Glencliff is "not well trained."

On Oct. 1, the home faces changes in federal standards that require improvements in conditions at nursing homes. Among the improvements Glencliff will be forced to implement: nursing assistants hired must be certified within three months of employment, more in-service programs will be required, a quality assurance department must be established and a medical director must be hired.

With budget cuts, Shumway said the home will not meet these standards.

Knapp added she anticipates testifying before the Legislature when Glencliff's budget is addressed. "I hope we can negotiate some of it so that they understand

what's in Glencliff's budget and what these federal standards are," she said.

Glencliff has done its best to keep costs down, according to Knapp. The home generates its own electricity through a hydro plant, diesel and steam. "We utilize totally the hydro and diesel," she explained. "We're never without electricity."

During the summer months, the staff and residents maintain three vegetable gardens, producing vegetables for residents meals. "it makes it more like home," Knapp said.

Early in the spring, they tap their maple trees to make maple syrup, which is used by the kitchen staff for breakfast and cooking. "We also use it to barter with," Knapp added, explaining that on one occasion the home traded its maple syrup for potatoes from the state prison.

Glencliff residents make crafts that are sold each year at a Christmas fair at the home. Proceeds are used to partially fund activities and craft programs for residents.

Founded by the state in 1909, Glencliff originally was a sanitarium for tuberculosis patients. In 1969, Glencliff was converted into a home for the state's chronically mentally ill elderly by the Legislature to alleviate crowded conditions at New Hampshire Hospital in Concord.

Today, Glencliff is not a standard nursing home in philosophy or appearance. A recent remodeling allowed residents to choose paint schemes for their rooms, and matching curtains and bedspreads. The wall colors in most of the buildings are bright. In the underground tunnels that connect six of the homes buildings, a local Boy Scout troop painted murals on the walls.

"The philosophy really makes the difference here," Knapp emphasized. "It is to provide the most home-like atmosphere that we can, providing for these residents to allow them a freedom of choice and to be understanding of their individual needs. I mean that in the fullest sense of each one."

Knapp, who has been superintendent at Glencliff for nine years and who has worked there since she was in college in 1975, knows each of the residents and staffers by name. As she walks through the buildings, she greets and encourages residents, often stopping for a hug or a personal conversation.

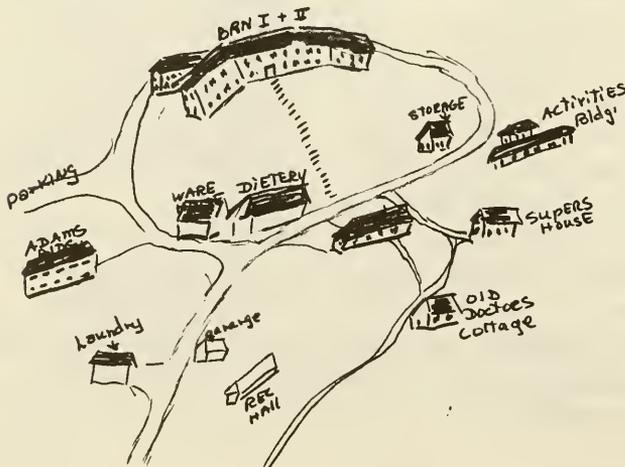
"Are they happy? For the most part, yes," Knapp said. "Most will tell you it's the best place they've ever lived."

And, most live out their lives at Glencliff, On an average, two residents die each month. The home has 34 persons on a waiting list for rooms.

"We have funeral services right here in the chapel," Knapp explained, "and a cemetery down the road where residents can be bused to if they want" to visit deceased residents.

Many families will allow funerals to take place at the home, but others simply want to bury their relatives and forget they were even alive, she said. When it happens, it is unsettling to Glencliff residents and staff alike, Knapp said.

A few years ago, to be sure they were remembered on special occasions, each staffer at Glencliff adopted a resident. Residents are remembered on their birthdays and during the holidays, in an attempt to lighten the pain of being forgotten by society, Knapp said.



Adult Education Program

In our area, one in four adults have not graduated high school, one in seven has finished eight years or less.

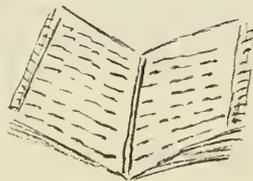
To meet the needs of adult learners, there is an Adult Education Program in woodsville. Presently staffed by Vista volunteer Beverly Woods, the office co-ordinates a volunteer tutoring program which is individually set up to the needs of each tutor and student. Some are individually tutored while others meet in groups. At present there are about 35 students in this area program from Woodsville, Bath, Benton, Piermont, and Monroe.

Many students are studying for the equivalent of a high school diploma while others are working on basic math or reading.

Volunteer tutors are the heart of the program. Currently there are 7 tutors. More are needed. No experience is required-only the ability to understand high school level reading and math and a desire to help others. Materials and assistance are provided. A few hours of your time each week can make a big difference in someone's life.

The Adult Education program runs on a bare-bones budget. All services are free of charge. All donations are very helpful: an electric typewriter, shelving, file cabinets, a desk, lamps, etc. are sorely needed.

If you are interested in making a donation, becoming a volunteer or a student, please contact Beverly Woods at the Adult Education office in the Village Plaza building in Woodsville, Mondays & Thursdays, 10 to 1, Wednesdays 1 to 4, or by appointment. Telephone 747-8198.



THE DEVIL'S DREAM

A man walked up to the gates of hell,
The devil himself had answered the Bell.
He looked him over from head to toe,

And said, "My man I'd like to know
What you have done in the line of sin,
That entitles you to come within?"

Then the flatlander stepped forth with is usual gile,
And flashed his best fake, city smile.

"When I moved to N.H. in '73
I said, "I'll make these hicks look up to me."

I got myself on the Land Use Board,
And the simple ones treated me like a Lord.

A tax map and a master plan,
Were the tools I needed to pull this scam.

All the other rules quickly wrote,
Cause now I had em' by the throat!
You couldn't build a house if I said you can't
And it did no good to weep or rant.

The poorer folks, I put To flight,
They couldn't meet the rules, that's right!
The wet land rule, (The State helped out)

Will really make the farmer shout.
A slope of twenty-five degrees
Will put a builder on his knees.

I told 'em business they could run,
And their screams is how I got my fun.

With all these rules, it's plain to see,
I took away their liberty.

The flatlander talked both long and loud,
The devil stood and his head he bowed.

At last he said, "Let's make it clear,
You'll have to move, you can't stay here,
'Cause once you mingle with this mob,

I'll have to hunt myself a job.

Handy Primer For Taxes

Reports that a number of local residents have complained about their tax bills is not news. But with a view to lending a helping hand to those who may be confused by the method used in arriving at the final levy, we offer this handy primer which may be cut out and pasted in a hat or an old baseball glove.

Tax Bill: The amount you have to borrow to keep a roof over your head for the ensuing year.

Assessed Valuation: The value placed on your house by the Board of Assessors after checking the old betting stubs and bottle caps in the backyard.

Appraised Valuation: The amount the Assessors would like to be able to sell your house for if they were in the real estate business and had it on the market.

Front Foot Valuation: Obtained by the counting of the number of fence pickets, multiplying by 179, and adding a dollar sign.

Depreciation: A purely theoretical condition resulting from old age which is cancelled out by "inflationary trends."

Functional Depreciations: A term used on taxpayers who understand the word "depreciation."

Revaluation: A complicated method whereby a reappraisal of a dwelling indicates it is worth more than the Venezuelan oil fields.

Abatement: An amount of money refunded to taxpayers who carry a loaded revolver on their persons.

Error: A mistake which can be made only by taxpayers.

Error in Grading: A mistake made by the assessors when computing value of property owned by a city father.

Tax Warrant: A complete list of all the mistakes made by the Board of Assessors.

Tax Rate: A figure bandied about by the politicians during election campaigns which has nothing to do with tax bills.

Total Valuation: A figure showing that the city is worth more than last year and costs twice as much to keep going.

Benton Street - Early 1900's



Benton Town Reports Trivia

From the years 1948 until the year of 1989, there have been:

Selectmen:

Charles Tyler	Served 3 years
Joseph Boutin Jr.	Served 13 years
John Boutin Sr.	Served 15 years
James Page	Served 29 years
Osmon Collins	Served 1 year
William Harris	Served 15 years
James Elliott	Served 7 years
George Tyler	Served 3 years
James White	Served 5 years
Wayne Klingler	Served 2 years
Matt Flynn	Served 2 years
Marjorie Robitzer	Served 5 years
Peter Thompson	Served 4 years
John Elliott Jr.	Served 5 years
Joseph Boutin Jr.	Served 1 year

Moderator:

Ira Elliott	Served 9 years
James Page	Served 15 years
Bruce Enderson	Served 5 years
John Elliott Jr.	Served 7 years
Daniel Elliott	Served 6 years
Larry Maxwell	Served 1/2 years

Town Clerks:

Floyd Hutchins	Served 2 years
Wayne Wheeler	Served 3 years
Ruth Page	Served 15 years
Margarett Elliott	Served 2 years
April Boutin	Served 2 years
Grace Gregory	Served 1 year
Jake Aldrich	Served 1 year
Marjorie Robitzer	Served 6 years
Helena Harris	Served 7 years

Tax Collectors:

Ira Elliott	Served 2 years
Lulu Clark	Served 4 years
Maxine Tyler	Served 17 years
Francis Lackie	Served 15 years
Dorothy Elliott	Served 1 year

Treasurers:

Margarett Elliott	Served 2 years
Priscilla Boutin	Served 36 years
Barbara Scott	Served 1 year

Road Agents:

Daniel Elliott	Served	years
Frank Drew	Served	years
John Boutin Sr.	Served	2 years
Albert Boutin	Served	1 year
George Tyler	Served	2 years
John Boutin Jr.	Served	14 years
Ira Elliott	Served	2 years
John Elliott Jr.	Served	years

Sextons:

Howard Tyler	Served	5 years
William Harris	Served	2 years
Charles Leonard	Served	1 year
William Coates	Served	1 year
James Page	Served	4 years
John Boutin Jr.	Served	4 years
Ira Elliott	Served	2 years
Vernon Hatch	Served	2 years
John Elliott Jr.	Served	7 years
John Boutin Sr.	Served	4 years
David Harris	Served	18 years
Bruce Elliott	Served	1 year
Arland Robitzer	Served	1 year
Albert Sousa	Served	1 year

Dog Officers:

David Harris	Served	5 years
Bruce Elliott	Served	1 year
Scott Roden	Served	2 years
Richard Contois	Served	1 year

Health Officers:

John Boutin Sr.	Served	24 years
Thomas Fenn	Served	3 years
Sera Harris	Served	6 years

Community Bldg. Committee:

Sera Harris	Served	7 years
Iona Boutin	Served	7 years
Laura Mason	Served	7 years

Overseer of Public Welfare:

Maxine Tyler	Served	8 years
Ethel Boutin	Served	16 years

Library Trustees:

Sera Harris	Served	6 years
Vevah Leonard	Served	7 years
Catherine Elliott	Served	1 year
Lulu Clark	Served	7 years
Mildred Elliott	Served	2 years

Fence Viewers:

John Harris	Served 1 year
Lester Noxon	Served 6 years
Forrest Clark	Served 1 year
Vernon Hatch	Served 2 years
Priscilla Boutin	Served 4 years
Guy Labounty	Served 2 years
Albert Boutin	Served 1 year
Iona Boutin	Served 5 years
James Leonard	Served 1 year
Charles Royce	Served 1 year

Auditors:

Ethel Boutin	Served 16 years
Jake Aldrich	Served 10 years
Iona Boutin	Served 1 year
Robert Longpre	Served 6 years
Matt Flynn	Served 3 years
John Connell	Served 1 year
Dorothy Elliott	Served 3 years
Laurie Elliott	Served 1 year

Constables:

Ira Elliott	Served 2 years
Ethel Boutin	Served 5 years
Percival Gregory	Served 2 years
Bill Harris	Served 5 years
George Tyler	Served 9 years
Bruce Enderson	Served 1 year
Tom Fenn	Served 2 years
Joseph Boutin Jr.	Served 1 year
Roy Irwin	Served 5 years
Richard Contois	Served 1 year

Supervisors of Check List:

Ethel Boutin	Served 16+ years
Forrest Clark	Served 13 years
Margaret Elliott	Served 4 years
Lena Collins	Served 11 years
Lester Noxon	Served 4 years
John Elliott Sr.	Served 14 years
John Boutin Sr.	Served 2 years
Laura Mason	Served 12 years
Mildred Elliott	Served 8 years
Jeanette Enderson	Served 7 years
Catherine Elliott	Served 8 years
Dorothy Elliott	Served 3 years
Sera Harris	Served 7 years
Jane Elliott	Served 5 years

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Floyd Hutchins	Served 3 years
Napolena Burke	Served 3 years
Wayne Wheeler	Served 2 years
Ira Elliott	Served 4 years
James Leonard	Served 9 years
Forrest Clark	Served 14 years
George Crowe	Served 3 years
Lester Noxon	Served 2 years
Joe Boutin Sr.	Served 14 years
Bill Harris	Served 15 years
John Elliott Sr.	Served 12 years
David Harris	Served 8 years
Richard Partain	Served 1 year
Arland Robitzer	Served 2 years
Ed Matz	Served 4 years
Joe Boutin Jr.	Served 6 years
Scott Roden	Served 14 years

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:

Joseph Boutin Jr.	Served 6 years
William Harris	Served 16 years
James Page	Served 14 years
Floyd Hutchins	Served 3 years

Ballot Clerk:

Frances Mardin	Served 2 years
Thelma Boutin	Served 2 years
Mary Wheeler	Served 2 years
Lulu Clark	Served 1 year
Lena Collins	Served 3 years
Grace Gregory	Served 4 years
Mildred Elliott	Served 6 years
Bill Harris	Served 27 years
Maxine Tyler	Served 2 years
Iona Boutin	Served 36 years

Ballot Inspectors:

Osmon Collins	Served 6 years
Mildred Elliott	Served 6 years
Max Goodwin	Served 2 years
Laura Noxon	Served 2 years
Kate Goodwin	Served 21 years

*Some people are
like blisters -
they don't show up
until the work is done.*

*The subject of
deepest interest to an
average being is
himself.*

*The making of
friends is like
the making of money.
Both are easier made
then kept.*

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT OFFICERS
SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Laurie Elliott	Term Expires 1992
Mrs. Paula Boutin	Term Expires 1991
Mr. Scott Roden	Term Expires 1990

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, Ed.D.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS
Harold J. Haskins (Retired June 30, 1989)
Keith M. Pfeifer
James Gaylord (July 1, 1989)

Record of Affirmative Votes for:
Annual School Meeting
March 14, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by Moderator John G. Elliott, Jr. Mr. Elliott read the school warrant and the following action was taken on Articles in the School Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: This Article read: To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
Results: John G. Elliott chosen Moderator for 1 year.

ARTICLE 2: This Article read: To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
Results: Helena J. Harris chosen Clerk for 1 year.

ARTICLE 3: This Article read: To choose one Member of the school board for a three year term ending in 1992.
Results: Laurie Elliott was chosen as a Member of the school board for a three year term.

ARTICLE 4: This Article read: To choose one Member of the school board for a one year term ending in 1990.
Results: Scott Roden was chosen to serve as a Member of the school board for 1 year.

ARTICLE 5: This article read: To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
Results: Maxine Tyler was chosen as treasure for 1 year.

ARTICLE 6: This Article read: To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer and fix the compensation of other agents and officers of the district.
Results: A motion was made and seconded to accept this article.

ARTICLE 7: This Article read: To hear reports of agents, committee, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
Results: Motion made and seconded to accept this article.

ARTICLE 8: This Article read: To choose agents, auditors, and committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
Results: Dorothy Elliott chosen as auditor for one year.

ARTICLE 9: This Article read: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of school, 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. Amount voted upon was \$154,283.00 for school year 1989-90.

Results: Ed Matz asked reason for Foundation Aid decrease. It was \$65,012.00 and is now \$51,516.00. Mr. Pfeifer said pupil count going down causes this. Mr. Matz also said that the school board in Benton doesn't have much say at the school meeting. He feels that when a budget is submitted to us we really don't have to much to say about it. Laurie Elliott said Haverhill has the lowest tuition rate around. John Roden asked about Superintendents raise last year. It was about a 6% raise. He gets about 60,000 yearly salary. Benton supplies \$380. of S.A.U. budget. Motion made and seconded to accept this article.

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

Results: Marjorie Robitzer went to a meeting in Concord and found this article was needless. Has no point in a town meeting or a school meeting, therefore should be omitted from future reports.

Laurie Elliott mentioned that Mr. Haskins is getting done and the Benton School Board would like to recognize the dedicated service of Harold Haskins, Assistant Superintendent, who is retiring after 32 years of service in public education. Mr. Haskins served the Lin-Wood school as Elementary Principal for 4 years and assumed the newly created position of Assistant Superintendent 19 years ago. Mr. Haskins is a dedicated educator and his services will be missed.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:39 P.M.

Helena L. Harris
Benton School Board
Secretary

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 13th day of March, 1990 at 7:15 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 1993.

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

ARTICLE 5: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

ARTICLE 7: 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 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this 30 day of January 1990

Laurie Elliott

Paula Boutin

Scott Roden
BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

A True Copy of Warrant--Attest:

Laurie Elliott

Paula Boutin

Scott Roden
BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

GENERAL FUND	BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT				+ or -
	Budgeted 1988-89	Expenditure 1988-89	Budgeted 1989-90	Budgeted 1990-91	
1100 Regular Education	94,475.00	66,787.99	88,700.00	105,325.00	16,625.00
1200 Special Education	21,700.00	20,600.00	31,200.00	35,280.00	4,080.00
1300 Vocational Programs				2,650.00	2,650.00
2140 Psychological Services		300.00	700.00	300.00	-400.00
2150 Speech and Audiology				3,472.00	3,472.00
2311 School Board Services	800.00	556.51	3,307.00	3,307.00	
2312 Annual Census Taker	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	
2313 Treasurer Services	50.00	50.00	70.00	75.00	5.00
2314 Elections & District Meetings			16.00	16.00	
2317 Audit Services	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	
2321 Office of the Superintendent	3,309.00	3,309.00	3,609.00	5,338.00	1,729.00
2390 Other Support Services General Adm	10,000.00	12,000.00	9,375.00	480.00	-8,895.00
2552 Pupil Transportation	16,160.00	14,000.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	
2553 Handicapped Transportation				2,574.00	2,574.00
2660 Data Processing Services	300.00	300.00	600.00	.00	-600.00
GRAND TOTAL	146,840.00	117,949.50	154,283.00	175,523.00	21,240.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

	Budgeted 1988-89	Expenditure 1988-89	Budgeted 1989-90	Budgeted 1990-91	+ or -
1000 Instruction					
<u>1100 Regular Education</u>					
561-1 Elementary Tuition	41,075.00	35,038.80	44,000.00	54,000.00	10,000.00
561-2 Jr. High Tuition	6,900.00	7,724.31	8,000.00	25,200.00	17,200.00
561-3 Sr. High Tuition	46,500.00	24,024.88	36,700.00	26,125.00	-10,575.00
Total 1100	94,475.00	66,787.99	88,700.00	105,325.00	16,625.00

1200 Special Education					
310-1 Instruction Services	700.00		600.00		-600.00
320-1 Prescriptive Teacher	21,000.00	20,600.00	30,600.00	34,680.00	600.00
561-1 Elementary Tuition	21,700.00	20,600.00	31,200.00	35,280.00	4,080.00
Total 1200					

1300 Vocational Program					
562-3 Vocational Tuition				2,650.00	2,650.00
Total 1300				2,650.00	2,650.00

2000 Support Services					
<u>2140 Psychological Services</u>					
330-1 Pupil Services		300.00	700.00	300.00	-400.00
Total 2140		300.00	700.00	300.00	-400.00

2150 Speech and Audiology					
310-1 Speech/Language Services				3,472.00	3,472.00
Total 2150				3,472.00	3,472.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

	Budgeted 1988-89	Expenditure 1988-89	Budgeted 1989-90	Budgeted 1990-91	+ or -
<u>2311 School Board Services</u>					
110-1 Elementary Salaries	202.50	261.00	202.50	324.00	121.50
110-2 Jr. High Salaries	45.00	40.50	45.00	18.00	-27.00
110-3 Sr. High Salaries	202.50	148.50	202.50	108.00	-94.50
230-1 Elementary FICA		3.78	3.00	5.00	-1.00
230-2 Jr. High FICA		.58	1.00		
230-3 High FICA		2.15	3.00	2.00	-1.00
552-1 Elementary Liability Insurance			1,000.00	1,800.00	800.00
552-2 Jr. High Liability Insurance			500.00	100.00	-400.00
552-3 High Liability Insurance			1,000.00	600.00	-400.00
810-1 Elementary Dues & Fees	157.50		157.50	252.00	94.50
810-2 Jr. High Dues & Fees	35.00		35.00	14.00	-21.00
810-3 Sr. High Dues & Fees	157.50		157.50	84.00	73.50
890-1 Elem. SB Misc. Exp.		58.00			
890-2 JH SB Misc. Exp.		9.00			
890-3 HS SB Misc. Exp.		33.00			
Total 890		<u>100.00</u>			
Total 2311	800.00	556.51	3,307.00	3,307.00	.00

<u>2312 Annual Census Taker</u>					
370-1 Elementary Census Taker	7.20	9.28	7.20	11.00	3.80
370-2 Jr. High Census Taker	1.60	1.44	1.60	1.00	-.60
370-3 Sr. High Census Taker	7.20	5.28	7.20	4.00	-3.20
Total 2312	<u>16.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>.00</u>

		BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT				
		Budgeted 1988-89	Expenditure 1988-89	Budgeted 1989-90	Budgeted 1990-91	+ or -

2313	Treasurer Services					
	110-1 Elementary Salaries	22.50	29.00	22.50	36.00	13.50
	110-2 Jr. High Salaries	5.00	4.50	5.00	2.00	-3.00
	110-3 Sr. High Salaries	22.50	16.50	22.50	12.00	-10.50
	532-1 Elementary Postage					
	532-2 Jr. High Postage					
	532-3 Sr. High Postage					
	610-1 Elementary Treasurer Supplies			8.00	18.00	10.00
	610-2 Jr. High Treasurer Supplies			4.00	1.00	-3.00
	610-3 Sr. High Treasurer Supplies			8.00	6.00	-2.00
	Total 2313	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>70.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>

2314	Elections & District Meetings					
	110-1 Elementary SD Salaries			6.40	11.00	4.60
	110-2 Jr. High SD Salaries			3.20	1.00	-2.20
	110-3 Sr. High SD Salaries			6.40	4.00	-2.40
	390-1 Elementary District Clerk					
	390-2 Jr. High District Clerk					
	390-3 Sr. High District Clerk					
	Total 2314		-	<u>16.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>.00</u>

2317	Audit Services					
	390-1 Elementary Salaries	14.00	17.40	14.00	22.00	8.00
	390-2 Jr. High Salaries	2.00	2.70	2.00	1.00	-1.00
	390-3 Sr. High Salaries	14.00	9.90	14.00	7.00	-7.00
	Total 2317	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>.00</u>

		BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT				
		Budgeted	Expenditure	Budgeted	Budgeted	+ or -
		1988-89	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	
2321	Office of the Superintendent					
	351-1 Elementary SAV Management Services	1,489.05	1,833.04	1,500.00	3,843.00	2,343.00
	351-2 Jr. High SAV Management Services	330.90	330.90	609.00	214.00	-395.00
	351-3 Sr. High SAV Management Services	1,489.05	1,125.06	1,500.00	1,281.00	-219.00
	Total 2321	3,309.00	3,309.00	3,609.00	5,338.00	1,729.00

2390	Other Support Services General Adm					
	359-1 Elementary Special Ed. Services	4,500.00	6,959.99	4,250.00	346.00	-3,904.00
	359-2 Jr. High Special Ed. Services	1,000.00	1,080.01	875.00	19.00	-856.00
	359-3 High School Special Ed. Services	4,500.00	3,960.00	4,250.00	115.00	-4,135.00
	Total 2390	10,000.00	12,000.00	9,375.00	480.00	-8,895.00

2552	Pupil Transportation					
	513-1 Elementary Contracted Services	6,300.00	8,092.00	6,300.00	10,080.00	3,780.00
	513-2 Jr. High Contracted Services	1,400.00	1,274.00	1,400.00	560.00	-840.00
	513-3 Sr. High Contracted Services	6,300.00	4,634.00	6,300.00	3,360.00	-2940.00
	521-1 Elementary Non-owned auto Liability Ins.			200.00	360.00	160.00
	521-2 Jr. High Non-owned auto Liability Ins.			100.00	20.00	-80.00
	521-3 Sr. High Non-owned auto Liability Ins.			200.00	120.00	-80.00
	870-1 Elementary Contingency	972.00		972.00	1,555.00	583.00
	870-2 Jr. High Contingency	216.00		216.00	86.00	-130.00
	870-3 Sr. High Contingency	972.00		972.00	519.00	-453.00
	Total 2552	16,160.00	14,000.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	.00

	BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT				
	Budgeted	Expenditure	Budgeted	Budgeted	+ or -
	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1990-91</u>	
2553 Handicapped Transportation				2,574.00	2,574.00
513-1 Elementary Handicapped Transportation				2,574.00	2,574.00
Total 2553					

2660	Data Processing Services	135.00	174.00	270.00	-270.00
360-1	Elementary Contracted Services	30.00	27.00	60.00	-60.00
360-2	Jr. High Contracted Services	135.00	99.00	270.00	-270.00
360-3	Sr. High Contracted Services	<u>300.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>-600.00</u>
	Total 2660				
	GRAND TOTAL	146,840.00	117,949.50	154,283.00	175,523.00
					21,240.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

ESTIMATED REVENUE

	<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1990-91</u>
<u>Unreserved Fund Balance</u>		
1100 <u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>		
1100 Taxes	36,725.00	15,000.00
	59,812.00	139,101.00
3000 <u>Revenue From State Sources</u>		
3110 Foundation Aid	51,576.00	15,252.00
4000 <u>Revenue From Federal Sources</u>		
4810 Forest Reserve	6,170.00	6,170.00
	<u>154,283.00</u>	<u>175,523.00</u>

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

For Year Ending June 30, 1989

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
REVENUE		
Local Taxes	\$81,321.00	\$ 33,114.00
Interest on Investments		1,886.63
State Sources		
Foundation Aid	61,215.00	69,290.13
National Forest Reserve	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>6,170.72</u>
Total Revenues	\$147,036.00	\$110,461.48
 EXPENDITURES		
Instruction		
Regular Education	\$94,475.00	\$ 66,787.99
Special Education	21,700.00	20,600.00
General Administration		
Psychological Services		300.00
School Board	896.00	652.51
S.A.U. #23	13,309.00	15,309.00
Data Processing Services	300.00	300.00
Transportation		
Contract Services	<u>16,160.00</u>	<u>14,000.00</u>
Town Expenditures	\$146,840.00	\$117,949.50
Excess Expenditures over Revenue		\$ 7,488.02
Fund Balance -- July 1, 1988		\$ 44,213.31
Fund Balance -- June 30, 1989		\$ 36,725.29

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1989

<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>		
100	Cash	<u>\$39,189.35</u>
Total Assets		\$39,189.35
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>		
410	Intergovernmental Payables	\$ 2,464.06
Total Liabilities		\$ 2,464.06
<u>Fund Equity</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>		
770	Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>\$36,725.29</u>
Total Fund Equity		\$36,725.29
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity		\$39,189.35

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1989

<u>TAXES</u>	
<u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>	<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>	
1121 Current Appropriation	\$ <u>33,114.00</u>
Total Taxes	
1500 Earnings on Investments	\$ <u>1,886.63</u>
Total Other Revenue from Local Sources	\$ 1,886.63
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	\$ 35,000.63
<u>Revenue From State Sources</u>	
<u>Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
3110 Foundation Aid	\$ <u>69,290.13</u>
Total Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid	\$ 69,290.13
TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCE	\$ 69,290.13
<u>Revenue From Federal Sources</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
4800 Revenue In Lieu of Taxes	\$ <u>6,170.72</u>
Total Revenue from Federal Sources	\$ 6,170.72
TOTAL REVENUE	\$110,461.48

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1989

School District Benton

Function	Acct. No.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
		100 Salaries	200 Employee Benefits	300, 400, 500 Purchased Services	600 Supplies	700 Property	800 Other	Total	
Instruction	1000								
1. Regular Education Programs	1100								
2. Special Education Programs	1200			7,724				7,724	
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300								
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400								
Supporting Services	2000								
Pupils	2100								
5. Attendance and Social Work	2110								
6. Guidance	2120								
7. Health	2130								
8. Psychological	2140								
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150								
10. Other Pupils	2190								
Instructional	2200								
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210								
12. Educational Media	2220								
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290								
General Administration	2300								
14. School Board	2310	\$ 45	00					\$ 45	
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320		58	\$ 4	14			\$ 58	
16. Special Area Administration	2330			\$ 330	90			\$ 330	
17. Other General Administration	2390								
18. School Administration	2400			\$1080	01			\$ 1,080	
Business	2500								
19. Fiscal	2520								
20. Operation & Maint. & Plant	2540								
21. Pupil Transportation	2550			\$1,274	00			\$1,274	
22. Generalized Internal Servs.	2570								
23. Other Business	2590								
24. Managerial	2600			\$ 27	00			\$ 27	
25. Other Supporting Services	2900								
26. Total (Total of lines 1 thru 25)		\$ 45	00	58	\$10,440	36		\$ 9	\$10,494
									94

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — HIGH
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1989

School District Benton

Function	Acct. No.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)			
		Salaries	Employee Benefits	300,400-500 Purchased Services	500 Supplies	700 Property	800 Other	Total			
Instruction	1000										
1. Regular Education Programs	1100										
2. Special Education Programs	1200			24,024	88			24,024			
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300										
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400										
Supporting Services	2000										
Pupils	2100										
5. Attendance and Social Work	2110										
6. Guidance	2120										
7. Health	2130										
8. Psychological	2140										
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150										
10. Other Pupils	2190										
Instructional	2200										
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210										
12. Educational Media	2220										
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290										
General Administration	2300										
14. School Board	2310	\$ 165	00	\$ 2	15	\$ 15	18	\$ 33			
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320					\$ 1,125	06	\$ 1,125			
16. Special Area Administration	2330					\$ 3,960	00	\$ 3,960			
17. Other General Administration	2390										
18. School Administration	2400										
Business	2500										
19. Fiscal	2520										
20. Operation & Maint. & Plant	2540										
21. Pupil Transportation	2550					\$ 4,634	00	\$ 4,634			
22. Centralized Internal Servs.	2570										
23. Other Business	2590										
24. Managerial	2600					\$ 99	00	\$ 99			
25. Other Supporting Services	2900										
26. Total (Total of lines 1 thru 25)		\$ 165	00	\$ 2	15	\$ 33,858	12	\$ 33	00	\$ 34,058	27

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — ELEMENTARY
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1989

School District Benton

Function	Acct. No.	(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
		100	Salaries						
Instruction	1000								
1. Regular Education Programs	1100				\$35,038.80				\$35,038.80
2. Special Education Programs	1200				\$20,600.00				\$20,600.00
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300								
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400								
Supporting Services	2000								
Pupils	2100								
5. Attendance and Social Work	2110								
6. Guidance	2120								
7. Health	2130								
8. Psychological	2140				\$ 300.00				\$ 300.00
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150								
10. Other Pupils	2190								
Instructional	2200								
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210								
12. Educational Media	2220								
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290								
General Administration	2300								
14. School Board	2310	\$290	00	\$ 3.78	\$ 26.68			\$ 58.00	\$ 378.46
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320				\$ 1,853.04				\$ 1,853.04
16. Special Area Administration	2330								
17. Other General Administration	2390				\$ 6,959.99				\$ 6,959.99
18. School Administration	2400								
Business	2500								
19. Fiscal	2520								
20. Operation & Maint. & Plant	2540								
21. Pupil Transportation	2550				\$ 8,092.00				\$ 8,092.00
22. Centralized Internal Servs.	2570								
23. Other Business	2590								
24. Managerial	2600				\$ 174.00				\$ 174.00
25. Other Supporting Services	2900								
26. Total (Total of lines 1 thru 25)		\$290	00	\$ 3.78	\$73,044.51			\$ 58.00	\$ 73,396.29

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — ELEMENTARY
For the Year Ended June 30, 1989

School District Benton

Function	Acct. No.	Salaries		Employee Benefits	Purchased Services	Supplies	Property	Other	Total
		(1) 100	(2) 200						
<i>Instruction</i>	1000								
1. Regular Education Programs	1100				\$35,038	80			\$35,038 80
2. Special Education Programs	1200				\$20,600	00			\$20,600 00
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300								
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400								
<i>Supporting Services</i>	2000								
<i>Pupils</i>	2100								
5. Attendance and Social Work	2110								
6. Guidance	2120								
7. Health	2130				\$ 300	00			\$ 300 00
8. Psychological	2140								
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150								
10. Other Pupils	2190								
<i>Instructional</i>	2200								
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210								
12. Educational Media	2220								
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290								
<i>General Administration</i>	2300								
14. School Board	2310	\$290	00	\$ 3	\$ 26	68		\$ 58	\$ 378 46
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320				\$ 1,853	04			\$ 1,853 04
16. Special Area Administration	2330								
17. Other General Administration	2390				\$ 6,959	99			\$ 6,959 99
18. School Administration	2400								
<i>Business</i>	2500								
19. Fiscal	2520								
20. Operation & Maint. & Plant	2540								
21. Pupil Transportation	2550				\$ 8,092	00			\$ 8,092 00
22. Centralized Internal Servs.	2570								
23. Other Business	2590								
24. Managerial	2600				\$ 174	00			\$ 174 00
25. Other Supporting Services	2900								
26. Total (Total of lines 1 thru 25)		\$290	00	\$ 3	\$73,044	51		\$ 58	\$ 73,396 29

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — DISTRICT WIDE
For the Year Ended June 30, 1989

School District Benton

Function	Acct. No.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
		100 Salaries	200 Employee Benefits	300, 400, 500 Purchased Services	600 Supplies	700 Property	800 Other	Total	
1. Adult/Continuing Education	1600								
2. Community Services	3000								
3. Facilities Acquisition and Construction	4000								
Other Outlays	5000								
4. Debt Service	5100								
Fund Transfers	5200								
5. Transfer to Special Revenue Funds	5220								
6. Transfer to Capital Project Funds	5230								
7. Transfer to Food Service Fund	5240								
8. Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	5250								
9. Total District Wide (Total of Lines 1 thru 8)									
10. Total General Fund*		\$500	00	\$ 6 51	\$117,342 99			\$ 100 00	\$117,949 50

* Total of page 7, line 26; 8, line 26; 9, line 26; line 9
 * Line 10, Column 7, must agree with Page 16, Line 17, Column 1

ALL FUNDS: SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE INFORMATION
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1989

School District Benton

Description	Function		Elementary (1)	Middle/Jr. High (2)		High (3)		Total (4)
	Object	ALL		ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	
1. Special Education Services (See Note Below)	ALL	ALL	\$20,600	00			\$20,600	00
2. Tuition to LEA's within New Hampshire	ALL	561	\$55,638	80	\$7,724	31	\$24,024	88
3. Tuition to LEA's outside New Hampshire	ALL	562						99
4. Tuition to Public Academics	ALL	563						
5. Other Tuition	ALL	569						
6. Land	ALL*	710						
7. Land Improvements	ALL*	720						
8. Buildings	ALL*	730						
9. Additional Equipment	ALL*	741						
10. Additional Equipment	ALL*	751						
11. Additional Equipment	ALL*	761						
12. Summer School	ALL	1420						

*Include all functions except 4000

STATEMENT OF ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1989

Description	(1) General		(2) Special Revenue		(3) Capital Projects		(4) Food Service		(5) Capital Reserve	
13. Fund Equity, July 1, 1988	\$ 44,213	31								
Additions:										
14. Revenue**	\$110,461	48								
15. Other Additions**										
16. Total Additions (Lines 14 and 15)	\$110,461	48								
Deletions:										
17. Expenditures**	\$117,949	50								
18. Other Deletions**										
19. Total Deletions (Lines 17 and 18)	\$117,949	50								

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

This past year has been a challenging one for School Administrative Unit 23. The SAU has been working on a number of short term and long range goals and objectives. These include the revision and/or development of school board policies, formulating SAU curriculum committees to develop written K-12 curriculum and assisting the school boards in Haverhill, Lincoln-Woodstock, Monroe, Piermont, and Warren to develop building proposals. The SAU school board's policy committee has been meeting monthly and the SAU curriculum committee developed a Curriculum Philosophy and Curriculum Goals and Objectives which were adopted by the SAU Board. The curriculum committee is now starting the process of organizing subcommittees to work on instructional goals and objectives in each academic area.

The Benton School District continues to tuition all its students to the Haverhill Cooperative School District. This year the Haverhill Cooperative School Board proposed a 6.7 million dollar plan for renovations and additions to the voters which failed to gain the required 2/3 affirmative vote. It is hoped that in the spring a revised plan will be brought to the voters for their consideration. Until the buildings are upgraded the Haverhill Cooperative School Board is recommending that Haverhill Academy be closed and seventh and eighth grade students be transferred to Woodsville High School. This decision will be made by the voters at the Annual School District Meeting.

Another program that has a direct impact on Benton students is the School Improvement Program sponsored by The New Hampshire Alliance for Effective Schools. Through the program the schools in the Haverhill Cooperative School District have addressed issues including discipline policies, grading and report cards, students at risk, school communications, and student performance outcomes. Haverhill's participation in this program has had a positive impact in our schools.

In closing I would like to recognize Mr. Bruce Chase who is retiring at the end of the year. Mr. Chase has served for the past five years as Chapter I Coordinator and prior to joining the SAU staff served for twenty-two years as a teacher and guidance counselor for the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District. We wish Bruce a happy and healthy retirement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school board, parents and members of the community for your support. Working together we will continue to strive to make our schools an even better place for children.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas B. McDonald, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON
 FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1988 TO JUNE 30, 1989

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1988		\$ 22,100.80
Received from Selectmen Current Appropriation	\$ 33,114.00	
Balance of Previous Appropriation	22,112.51	
Revenue from State Sources	69,290.13	
Revenue from Federal Sources	6,170.72	
Received as income from Trust Funds	438.91	
Received from all Other Sources	<u>1,998.45</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$133,124.72
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR		155,225.52
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		116,036.17
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1989		<u>39,189.35</u>
July 30, 1989		Maxine Tyler District Treasurer

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, banks 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, 1989, and find them correct in all respects.

August 4, 1989

Dorothy Elliott
Auditor

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I hereby submit my first annual report to the Town of Benton.

It has been a pleasure working with the Benton School Board as it prepared its annual budget. The increase in this budget may be found in the factors of rising student population, increased tuition costs, and declining revenue from state sources.

The budget presented has been given much thought and discussion. It fiscally represents the needs of the students of Benton.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gaylord
Assistant Superintendent

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 23

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S AND
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS' 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 expenses 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 1989-90 school year will receive a salary of \$62,964.00 prorated among the several school districts. The Assistant Superintendents will receive salaries of \$49,227.00 and \$46,000.00 prorated among the several school districts.

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

		SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY
Bath		\$ 2,663.00
Benton		378.00
Haverhill Cooperative		21,616.00
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative		27,056.00
Monroe		6,227.00
Piermont		2,625.00
Warren		2,399.00
		<u>\$62,964.00</u>
	(1) ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY	(2) ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY
Bath	\$ 2,082.00	\$ 1,945.00
Benton	295.00	276.00
Haverhill Coop	16,900.00	15,793.00
Lincoln-Woodstock	21,153.00	19,766.00
Monroe	4,868.00	4,549.00
Piermont	2,053.00	1,918.00
Warren	1,876.00	1,753.00
	<u>\$49,227.00</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>

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