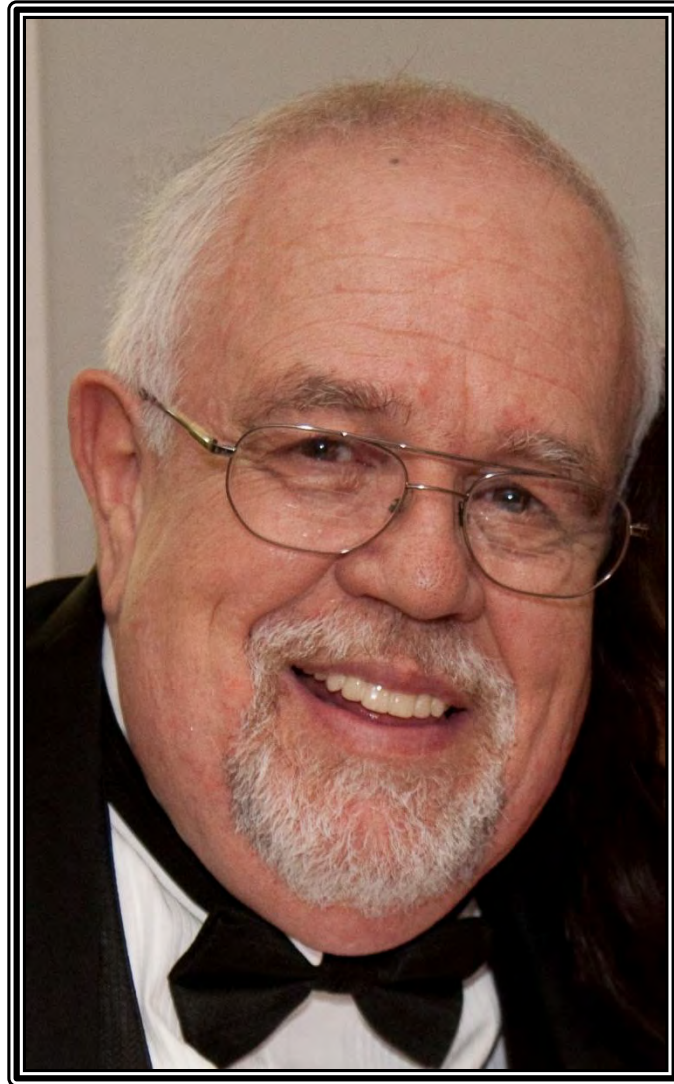


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NEW HAMPSHIRE

John R. French

1948-2013

John was born and raised in Bennington and spent many years giving back to his community. He entered the United States Air Force upon graduating high school and served two tours of duty in Vietnam before his honorable discharge and return to Bennington in 1970. John served Bennington with pride, serving as Fire Chief, Water/Sewer Commissioner, Civil Defense Director (aka Emergency Management Director), part-time Police Officer, and member of the Capital Reserve Funding Committee. John was instrumental in implementing the 9-1-1 street numbering program in Bennington in the early 1990s. His years of service to his community spanned from 1970-2003. He also umpired for the Crotched Mountain Little League Program, served on the Board of Directors for the Fire Mutual Aid Dispatch System, and was a member of the Brown & Knight VFW Post 8268 and the American Legion. Family, golf, and camping kept John busy in his downtime until becoming a Grandpa became his most cherished role.

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TOWN OFFICIALS

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**BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

for the Year Ended December 31, 2013

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	<u>Term Expires</u>
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
Jeffrey D. Rose	March 2014
James C. Cleary.....	March 2015
Steven K. Osienski.....	March 2016
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	
Shelagh M. Clough.....	March 2014
Jill S. Young	March 2015
Karen Bartlett	March 2016
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Mary Eppig.....	March 2014
David McKenzie, Alternate.....	March 2014
Victoria Burnham.....	March 2015
Jill Wilmoth.....	March 2016
MODERATOR	
John J. Cronin, III	March 2014
PLANNING BOARD	
Jeffrey Rose, Ex-Officio.....	March 2014
Sam Cohen	March 2014
Peter Martel	March 2015
David McKenzie, Chair.....	March 2016
Christopher Maple.....	March 2016
SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE	
Linda Quintanilha	March 2015
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	
Melissa Searles.....	March 2014
Drusilla Cox.....	March 2016
Victoria Turner, Chair	March 2018
TOWN CLERK	
Debra Belcher	March 2016
TOWN TREASURER	
Melissa Clark.....	March 2014
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	
Richard Page	March 2014
Valerie Germain	March 2015
David Parker	March 2016
WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS	
Glenn Wilson.....	March 2014
David Desaulniers	March 2015
John Spanos.....	March 2016

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATOR	Denise P. French
BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	Dario Carrara
CHIEF OF POLICE	C. Stephen Campbell
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
Director	C. Stephen Campbell
Assistant Director	Kristie J. LaPlante
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Fire Chief	Michael C. Roina
HEALTH OFFICER	Lise Lemieux
HEALTH OFFICER, DEPUTY	Dario Carrara
HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR	Debra Davidson
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	Leslie MacGregor
ROAD AGENT	Gary Russell
TAX COLLECTOR	Kristie J. LaPlante
TOWN TREASURER, DEPUTY	Joyce L. Miner

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	<u>Term Expires</u>
BUDGET COMMITTEE	
John Baybutt	2014
Melissa Clark.....	2014
Harvey Goodwin.....	2014
Richard Reed	2014
Debra Whitney	2014
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE	
James Cleary	2014
Harvey Goodwin.....	2014
Joseph MacGregor.....	2014
David McKenzie	2014
Steven Osienski	2014
Jeffrey Rose	2014

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Joseph MacGregor.....	2014
Jon Manley.....	2014
John Baybutt.....	2015
Valerie Germain, Chair.....	2015
David Blanchard.....	2016

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

C. Stephen Campbell.....	2014
Kristie LaPlante.....	2014
Joseph MacGregor.....	2014
Richard Reed, Chair.....	2014
Michael Roina.....	2014
Gary Russell.....	2014

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

C. Stephen Campbell.....	2014
Gary Russell.....	2014

NEWHALL PARK BOARD

David Parker.....	2014
Brian Whittemore, Alternate.....	2014
David Baker.....	2015
Gretchen Hutton.....	2016

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Benjamin Billings.....	2014
David Parker.....	2014
Gary Russell.....	2014

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Sam Cohen.....	2014
Barbara Moorehead.....	2014
Steven Osienski.....	2015
Christopher Clough, Chair.....	2016
Melissa Clark, Vice Chair.....	2016
Anthony Parisi, Alternate.....	2016

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Molly Eppig, Peter Eppig, Peter Martel, David McKenzie

BUILDING/FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Peter Martel, Steven Osienski, Jeff Rose, Rhea Taylor

BENNINGTON TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: You are hereby notified in accordance with RSA 40:13, the First Session of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Pierce School, 19 Main Street in said Town. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each Warrant Article. Warrant Articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The Second Session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot, and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the First Session on official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Pierce School, 19 Main Street in said Town, to act upon the following:

(Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 2:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.)

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Are you in favor of amending **Article VII** (General Requirements) of the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

N. Poultry: Non-commercial keeping of chickens or ducks is permitted in all zones, provided the following conditions are met:

1. Chickens and ducks in the Village District must be confined to a pen or other structure.
2. Newly constructed housing for poultry, including pens, must meet all setback requirements of the zone in which the lot is located.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

3. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the Budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million five hundred eighty nine thousand nine hundred nine dollars (**\$1,589,909**)?

Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be one million five hundred eighty four thousand six hundred two dollars (**\$1,584,602**) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (**\$9,000**) for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera for the Fire Department?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (**\$20,000**) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (**\$10,000**) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (**\$1,000**) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five hundred dollars (**\$2,500**) to be added to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Fund?

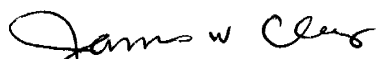
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

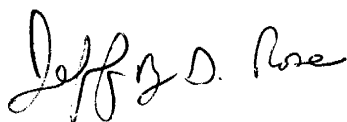
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Fire Department Protective Gear Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center – a nonprofit organization? The appropriation would provide \$4,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center’s programs and services.
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred eighty one dollars (**\$681**) in support of the American Red Cross – a nonprofit organization?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) in support of the Contoocook Valley Transportation Company – a nonprofit organization?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates – a nonprofit organization?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (**\$300**) in support of the Contoocook Housing Trust – a nonprofit organization?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) in support of the Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County – a nonprofit organization?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)


Given under our hands and seal this 22nd day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen.


James W. Cleary

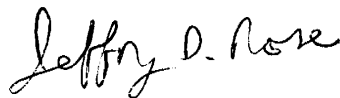

Steven K. Osienski


Jeffrey D. Rose

a true copy of Warrant – Attest


James W. Cleary


Steven K. Osienski


Jeffrey D. Rose

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

of BENNINGTON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): January 24, 2014

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

_____ *James W. Cleary*

_____ *John D. Rose*

_____ *[Signature]*

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)230-5090

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuig FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuig FY (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
4130-4139	Executive		131,704	128,106	134,850	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		36,102	33,704	43,583	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		36,179	36,493	68,679	
4152	Revaluation of Property		0	0	0	
4153	Legal Expense		7,200	2,476	6,200	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		232,132	221,531	208,655	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		7,100	4,643	7,100	
4194	General Government Buildings		26,001	29,911	28,001	
4195	Cemeteries		8,750	9,106	11,850	
4196	Insurance		24,500	22,921	24,500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		0	0	0	
4199	Other General Government		10,250	8,742	11,100	
PUBLIC SAFETY						
4210-4214	Police		227,925	241,827	242,395	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,000	8,000	8,000	
4220-4229	Fire		73,450	72,076	74,219	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		4,000	3,764	4,000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2,750	473	2,750	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		0	0	0	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	0	0	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
4311	Administration		172,786	196,732	180,635	
4312	Highways & Streets		128,000	129,484	133,500	
4313	Bridges		0	0	0	
4316	Street Lighting		10,300	11,397	10,300	
4319	Other		0	0	0	
SANITATION						
4321	Administration		29,000	29,987	29,949	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		1,919	1,839	1,602	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		64,060	62,650	60,900	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	0	0	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		35,900	29,880	35,900	

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT						
4331	Administration		30,620	26,616	30,070	
4332	Water Services		34,900	18,553	24,400	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		4,000	2,385	4,000	
ELECTRIC						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		0	0	0	
4353	Purchase Costs		0	0	0	
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		0	0	0	
4359	Other Electric Costs		0	0	0	
HEALTH						
4411	Administration		500	72	500	
4414	Pest Control		550	450	550	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,891	5,845	5,891	
WELFARE						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		13,031	15,300	13,031	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts		750	375	750	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		5,101	2,035	5,101	
CULTURE & RECREATION						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		33,600	35,425	34,600	
4550-4559	Library		104,456	104,955	137,073	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		700	660	700	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		2,400	400	400	
CONSERVATION						
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	598	675	
4619	Other Conservation		500	577	500	
DEBT SERVICE						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		4,740	4,304	0	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		157	143	0	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		3,000	4,769	3,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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CAPITAL OUTLAY						
4901	Land		-	-	-	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		-	-	-	
4903	Buildings		-	-	-	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		-	-	-	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		-	-	-	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		-	-	-	
4914	To Enterprise Fund		-	-	-	
	- Sewer		-	-	-	
	- Water		-	-	-	
	- Electric		-	-	-	
	- Airport		-	-	-	
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		-	-	-	
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		-	-	-	
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			1,523,579	1,509,204	1,589,909	

Use page 5 for special and individual warrant articles.

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	Fire Truck	5	15,000	15,000	20,000	
4915	Highway Equipment	6	20,000	20,000	10,000	
4915	Rescue Vehicle	7	5,000	5,000	5,000	
4915	Police Cruiser	8	0	0	15,000	
4915	Road Rehabilitation	9	15,000	15,000	15,000	
4915	Mower	10	2,500	2,500	1,000	
4915	Library	11	5,000	5,000	5,000	
4915	FD Breathing Apparatus	12	0	0	2,500	
4915	Highway Truck	13	15,000	15,000	25,000	
4915	Water	14	5,000	5,000	15,000	
4915	Sewer		25,000	25,000	0	
4915	FD Protective Gear	16	0	0	5,000	
4915	Property Revaluation		25,000	25,000	0	
4915	Town Buildings Exp Trust Fund	15	15,000	15,000	15,000	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			147,500		133,500	

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4963	Town Clerk Computers	9	3,000	3,000	0	
4963	FD Protective Gear	10	5,000	5,000	0	
4963	Grapevine Family Center	24	5,000	5,000	0	
4963	American Red Cross	25	500	500	0	
4963	Contoocook Valley Transportation	26	500	500	0	
4963	Court Appointed Special Advocates	27	500	500	0	
4963	Contoocook Housing Trust	28	300	300	0	
4964	FD Thermal Imaging Camera	4	0	0	9,000	
4964	Grapevine Family Center	17	0	0	5,000	
4964	American Red Cross	18	0	0	681	
4964	Contoocook Valley Transportation	19	0	0	500	
4964	Court Appointed Special Advocates	20	0	0	500	
4964	Contoocook Housing Trust	21	0	0	500	
4964	Child Advocacy Center	22	0	0	300	
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			14,800		16,481	

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		2,500	0	1,000
3180	Resident Taxes		0	0	0
3185	Yield Taxes		4,000	2,211	4,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		500	500	500
3189	Other Taxes		0	0	0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		48,000	49,497	50,000
	Inventory Penalties		7,000	7,103	7,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		850	616	850
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		300	405	400
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		200,000	229,453	225,000
3230	Building Permits		3,000	3,012	3,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6,000	6,334	6,500
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		10,000	25,369	10,000
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues		0	0	0
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		66,000	65,516	66,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		40,000	37,832	40,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		0	0	0
3355	Housing & Community Development		0	0	0
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		0	0	0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		0	0	0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		0	0	0
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		2,000	1,677	2,000
3409	Other Charges		0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		500	0	500
3502	Interest on Investments		100	(689)	100
3503-3509	Other		20,000	74,080	20,000

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		0	0	0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		0	0	0
3914	From Enterprise Funds		0	0	0
	Sewer - (Offset)		33,000	33,534	33,000
	Water - (Offset)		62,000	61,888	62,000
	Electric - (Offset)		0	0	0
	Airport - (Offset)		0	0	0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		0	0	0
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		750	424	750
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds		0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	0
	Amount Voted From Fund Balance		0	0	0
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		0	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			506,500	598,762	533,100

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1,523,579	1,589,909
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	147,500	133,500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	14,800	16,481
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,685,879	1,739,890
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	506,500	533,100
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1,179,379	1,206,790

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE TOWN

of BENNINGTON

For the Ensuing Year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.


1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-6 or MS-7) and the warrant.
3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

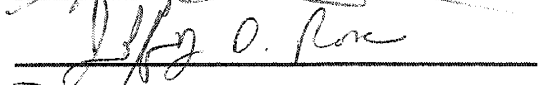
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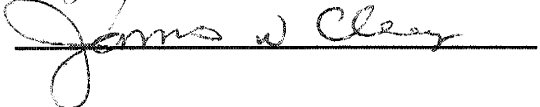
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Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.







NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)230-5090

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2014

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130-4139	Executive	131,704	1,959	0	133,663
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	36,102	3,836	0	39,938
4150-4151	Financial Administration	36,179	32,500	0	68,679
4152	Revaluation of Property	0	0	0	0
4153	Legal Expense	7,200	0	0	7,200
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	232,132	6,102	0	238,234
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	7,100	0	0	7,100
4194	General Government Buildings	26,001	0	0	26,001
4195	Cemeteries	8,750	0	0	8,750
4196	Insurance	24,500	0	0	24,500
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	0	0	0	0
4199	Other General Government	10,250	850	0	11,100
PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210-4214	Police	227,925	13,623	0	241,548
4215-4219	Ambulance	8,000	0	0	8,000
4220-4229	Fire	73,450	2,069	0	75,519
4240-4249	Building Inspection	4,000	0	0	4,000
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2,750	0	0	2,750
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	0	0	0	0
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER					
4301-4309	Airport Operations	0	0	0	0
HIGHWAYS & STREETS					
4311	Administration	172,786	2,454	0	175,240
4312	Highways & Streets	128,000	0	0	128,000
4313	Bridges	0	0	0	0
4316	Street Lighting	10,300	0	0	10,300
4319	Other	0	0	0	0
SANITATION					
4321	Administration	29,000	529	0	29,529
4323	Solid Waste Collection	1,919	0	0	1,919
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	64,060	0	0	64,060
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	0	0	0	0
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	35,900	0	0	35,900

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2014

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT					
4331	Administration	30,620	0	0	30,620
4332	Water Services	34,900	0	0	34,900
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other	4,000	0	0	4,000
ELECTRIC					
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation	0	0	0	0
4353	Purchase Costs	0	0	0	0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	0	0	0	0
4359	Other Electric Costs	0	0	0	0
HEALTH					
4411	Administration	500	0	0	500
4414	Pest Control	550	0	0	550
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5,891	0	0	5,891
WELFARE					
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	13,031	58	0	13,089
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts	750	0	0	750
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	5,101	0	0	5,101
CULTURE & RECREATION					
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	33,600	0	0	33,600
4550-4559	Library	104,456	1,940	0	106,396
4583	Patriotic Purposes	700	0	0	700
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	2,400	0	0	2,400
CONSERVATION					
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources	675	0	0	675
4619	Other Conservation	500	0	0	500
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING	0	0	0	0
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0	0	0	0
DEBT SERVICE					
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	4,740	0	-4,740	0
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	157	0	-157	0
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000	0	0	3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	0	0	0	0

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2014

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
4901	Land				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.				
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer-				
	Water-				
	Electric-				
	Airport-				
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds				
4919	To Fiduciary Funds				
TOTAL		1,523,579	65,920	-4,897	1,584,602

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
4130	53rd week of wages	4155	Premium Holidays for Worker's Comp and Unemployment Comp; change in health insurance enrollment
4140	Two additional elections, 53rd week of wages	4210	Dispatch Contract
4150	Federal audit, special project assessing contract, 2014 revaluation (DRA mandate)	4711	Bond Paid Off
4155	53rd week of wages, NHRS rate increase, payroll costs associated with contractual wage obligation, dental insurance	4721	Bond Paid Off
4199	Information technology contract		
4210	Contractual wage increase, Prosecutor Contract, 53rd week of wages		
4220	Grant award, Dispatch contract		
4331	53rd week of wages		
4321	53rd week of wages		
4441	53rd week of wages		
4550	53rd week of wages		

FORM
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NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
FORM MS-1 FOR 2013
Municipal Services Division
PO BOX 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 Phone (603) 230-5950
E-mail Address: equalization@rev.state.nh.us


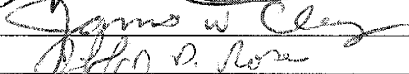
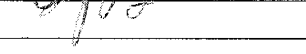
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Original Date: _____
Copy (check box if copy)
Revision Date: _____

CITY/TOWN OF BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Rev 1707.03(d)(7)

PRINT NAMES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS	SIGNATURES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS* (Sign in ink)
STEVEN K. OSIENSKI	
JAMES W. CLEARY	
JEFFREY D. ROSE	
*Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.	
Date Signed <u>October 30, 2013</u> <u>Revision</u>	Check one: Governing Body <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assessors <input type="checkbox"/>
City/Town Telephone # <u>588-2189</u>	<u>re: Utilities</u>
Due date: September 1, 2013	

Complete the above required certification by inserting the name of the city/town officials, the date on which the certificate is signed, and have the majority of the members of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign in ink.

THIS REPORT FOR SIGNATURES/PREVIEW ONLY MS-1 TO BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO DRA

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Village Districts - pages 8-9 must be completed for EACH village district within the municipality.

RETURN THIS SIGNED AND COMPLETED INVENTORY FORM TO:

N.H. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
PO BOX 487
CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete. (If prepared by a person other than the city/town officials, this declaration is based on all information of which the preparer has knowledge.)

Preparer: DENISE FRENCH (Print/type) E-Mail Address: office@townofbennington.c

FOR DRA USE ONLY

Regular office hours: MON-THURS 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

See instructions on page 10, as needed.

(Form by Avitar Associates)
TS:2013-10-30T15:27:06

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Rev. 7/2011



Print Form

Submit by Email

Note: for ease of use please begin at the last section and work backwards
For Assistance Please Call: (603) 230-5950

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

DUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

Municipality Name

Bennington

Original Date (mm/dd/yy)

1 1 0 4 2 0 1 3

County Name

HILLSBOROUGH

Revision Date (mm/dd/yy)

1 1 0 4 2 0 1 3

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief (Rev 1707).

Assessor's Name

Municipal Official Name 1

S T E V E N K . O S I E N S K I

Municipal Official Name 2

J A M E S W . C L E A R Y

Municipal Official Name 3

J E F F R E Y D . R O S E

Municipal Official Name 4

Municipal Official Name 5

Municipal Official Name 6

Preparer Name

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Preparer Email

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Preparer Phone

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By checking this box, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this report and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete under penalties of perjury.

Municipal Officials

Assessing Official

Preparer

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions for individual items.



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1 VALUE OF LAND ONLY-EXCLUDE AMOUNT LISTED IN LINES 3A, 3B and 4	NUMBER OF ACRES	2013 ASSESSED VALUATION
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (p6)	4 6 5 4 . 3 1	3 8 4 5 6 2
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (Current Use Values) RSA 79-B (p7)	0	0
C. Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C (p7)	0	0
D. Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D (p8)	0	0
E. Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F (p8)	0	0
F. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	1 8 6 0 . 9 2	2 8 1 1 2 9 0 0
G. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Utility Land)	1 6 0 . 2 4	2 2 8 3 4 0 0
H. Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F and 1G)	6 6 7 5 . 4 7	3 0 7 8 0 8 6 2
I. Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	2 8 4 . 8 2	2 0 2 2 2 0 0
2 VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY-EXCLUDE AMOUNT LISTED IN LINES 3A, and 3B	# of STRUCTURES	2013 ASSESSED VALUATION
A. Residential		7 1 8 5 0 9 0 0
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		1 8 8 4 8 0 0
C. Commercial & Industrial (Do not include utility buildings)		7 9 6 0 4 0 0
D. Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D (p8)	0	0
E. Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F (p8)	0	0
F. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of Lines 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, and 2E)		8 1 6 9 6 1 0 0
G. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		6 0 8 2 3 0 0
3 UTILITIES-See RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definitions		2013 ASSESSED VALUATION
A. Utilities (From p5 Grand Total of All A Utilities)		2 7 9 2 8 0 0
B. Other Utilities (From p5 Total of All Other Utilities)		3 8 2 2 0 0 0
4 MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5		0
5 VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4)		1 1 9 0 9 1 7 6 2



		TOTAL # GRANTED	2013 ASSESSED VALUATION
6	CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic & Double Amputees Owning Special Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance)	0	0
7	IMPROVEMENTS TO ASSIST THE DEAF RSA 72:38-b V	0	0
8	IMPROVEMENTS TO ASSIST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES RSA 72:37-a	0	0
9	SCHOOL DINING/DORMITORY/KITCHEN EXEMPTION RSA 72:23-IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 For Each)	0	0
10a	NON UTILITY WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL EXEMPTION RSA 72:12-a	0	0
10b	UTILITY WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL EXEMPTION RSA 72:12-a	0	0
11	MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 Minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10a, and 10b) (This Figure Will Be Used To Calculate The Total Equalized Value For The Municipality)		1 1 9 0 9 1 7 6 2
		AMOUNT PER EXEMPTION	TOTAL # GRANTED
12	BLIND EXEMPTION RSA 72:37	1 5 0 0 0	0
13	ELDERLY EXEMPTION RSA 72:39-a & b (p6)		1 7 9 7 5 0 0 0
14	DEAF EXEMPTION RSA 72:38-b	0	0
15	DISABLED EXEMPTION RSA 72:37-b	0	0
		TOTAL # GRANTED	2013 ASSESSED VALUATION
16	WOOD HEATING ENERGY SYSTEMS EXEMPTION-RSA 72:70	0	0
17	SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS EXEMPTION-RSA 72:62	0	0
18	WIND POWERED ENERGY SYSTEMS EXEMPTION-RSA 72:66	0	0
19	ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DINING/DORMITORY/KITCHEN EXEMPTIONS-RSA 72:23 IV	0	0
20	TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)		9 7 5 0 0 0
21	NET VALUATION Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)		1 1 8 1 1 6 7 6 2
22	LESS UTILITIES (Line 3A) Do not include the value of other utilities listed in Line 3B		2 7 9 2 8 0 0
23	NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES TO COMPUTE STATE EDUCATION TAX (Line 21 minus Line 22)		1 1 5 3 2 3 9 6 2

NOTES:



UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC, HYDROELECTRIC, RENEWABLE-MISC., NUCLEAR, GAS/PIPELINE, WATER & SEWER

List by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution, and transmission of electricity, gas pipeline, water and petroleum products. Include ONLY the names of the companies listed on the Instructions Sheets (See instruction page 12)

Who Appraises/Establishes The Utility Value in The Municipality? (If Multiple, Please List)

Commerford Neider Perkins

If the Municipality Uses DRA Utility Values is it Equalized By The Ratio?

Yes No

SECTION A

LIST ELECTRIC COMPANIES-See page 12 in the instructions

2013 ASSESSED VALUATION

PUBLIC SERVICE OF N.H.

2 7 9 2 8 0 0

A1 TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION:

				2	7	9	2	8	0	0
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LIST GAS COMPANIES-See page 12 in the instructions

2013 ASSESSED VALUATION

0

A2 TOTAL OF ALL GAS COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION:

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LIST WATER AND SEWER COMPANIES-See page 12 in the instructions

2013 ASSESSED VALUATION

0



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LIST WATER AND SEWER COMPANIES-See page 12 in the instructions

A3 TOTAL OF ALL WATER AND SEWER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION:

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GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES (Sum of Lines A1-3 Must Agree With Page 3 Line 3A)

			2	7	9	2	8	0	0
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SECTION B

LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies):

2013 ASSESSED VALUATION

MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC

3 8 2 2 0 0 0

B1 TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION (Must Agree With Page 2 Line 3B)

			3	8	2	2	0	0	0
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VETERANS' TAX CREDITS

LIMITS

* NO. OF INDIVIDUALS

ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS

RSA 72:28 Veterans' Tax Credit/ Optional Veterans' Tax Credit

\$50 Standard Credit

\$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city/town

5 0 0

6 6

								3	2	7	5	0
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RSA 72:29-a Surviving Spouse

"The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States..."

\$700 Standard Credit

\$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town

7 0 0

0

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RSA 72:35 Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability

"Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury..."

\$700 Standard Credit

\$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town

7 0 0

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TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT

*If both husband and/or wife qualify for the credit they count as 2.

*If someone is living at a residence such as a brother & sister, and one qualifies count as 1, not one-half.

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DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:37-b

DEAF EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:38-b

	SINGLE	MARRIED
INCOME LIMITS	0	0
ASSET LIMITS	0	0

	SINGLE	MARRIED
INCOME LIMITS	0	0
ASSET LIMITS	0	0



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ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:39-a																			
NUMBER OF FIRST TIME FILERS GRANTED ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT TAX YEAR		PER AGE CATEGORY		TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT TAX YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS GRANTED															
AGE	#	AMOUNT PER INDIVIDUAL		AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT		TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT GRANTED											
65-74	0	2	5	0	0	0	65-74	3	7	5	0	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	0
75-79	0	5	0	0	0	0	75-79	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
80+	0	7	5	0	0	0	80+	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
TOTAL				1	7	9	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	5	0	0	
INCOME LIMITS	SINGLE	2	7	5	0	0	ASSET LIMITS	SINGLE	7	5	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	
	MARRIED	3	9	5	0	0		MARRIED	7	5	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	
COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TAX RELIEF INCENTIVE - RSA 79-E																			
Adopted:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					IF YES, NUMBER OF STRUCTURES:		0										
CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A																			
	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE		ASSESSED VALUATION		OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS		TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES												
FARM LAND	1	6	2	.4	3	5	2	1	7	6	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUST.	1	6	5	1	.5			
FOREST LAND	1	2	7	1	.5	7	1	2	7	9	6	8	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT TAX YEAR						
FOREST LAND w/ DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	2	9	1	9	.3	6	2	0	1	2	7	7							
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND			4	3	.3			4	2	3						TOTAL NUMBER			
WET LAND	2	5	7	.6	5	2	7	1	8		TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE				7	6			
TOTAL (must match p2)	4	6	5	4	.3	1	3	8	4	5	6	2	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE			1	4	6	



LAND USE CHANGE TAX				
GROSS MONIES RECEIVED FOR CALENDAR YEAR (JAN 1, 2012 THROUGH DEC 31, 2012)				0
CONSERVATION ALLOCATION: PERCENTAGE	0	AND/OR DOLLAR AMOUNT		0
MONIES TO CONSERVATION FUND				0
MONIES TO GENERAL FUND				0
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B (Must File PA-60)				
	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES RECEIVING CONSERVATION	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	0	0	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	0
FOREST LAND	0	0	REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND W/ DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	0	0		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	0	0		TOTAL NUMBER
WET LAND	0	0	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	0
TOTAL (must match page 2)	0	0	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	0
DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C				
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	# OF OWNERS	ASSESSED VALUATION	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS GRANTED (i.e.: Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track, etc.)	
0	0	0		
TAXATION OF FARM STRUCTURES & LAND UNDER FARM STRUCTURES - RSA 79-F				
TOTAL NUMBER GRANTED	TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	ASSESSED VALUATION LAND	ASSESSED VALUATION STRUCTURES
0	0	0	0	0



DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS - RSA 79-D
Historic Agricultural Structures

TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS	TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	ASSESSED VALUATION LAND	ASSESSED VALUATION STRUCTURES
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0 0 0 0 0

MAP **LOT** **BLOCK** **%** **DESCRIPTION** (i.e. Barns, Silos, Etc.)



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TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS RSA 162-K
(See Tax Increment Financing District Instructions for Details)

	TIF #1	TIF #2	TIF #3
Tax Increment Finance District Name			
Date of Adoption/Modification (mm/dd/yy)			
A Original Assessed Value			
B + Unretained Captured Assessed Value			
C = Amounts Used on P2 (for tax rate purposes)			
D + Retained captured assessed value (* be sure to manually add this figure when running warrant)			
E = Current Assessed Value			

	TIF #4	TIF #5	TIF #6
Tax Increment Finance District Name			
Date of Adoption/Modification (mm/dd/yy)			
A Original Assessed Value			
B + Unretained Captured Assessed Value			
C = Amounts Used on P2 (for tax rate purposes)			
D + Retained captured assessed value (* be sure to manually add this figure when running warrant)			
E = Current Assessed Value			

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX
Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2

	REVENUE	NUMBER OF ACRES
State & Federal Forest Land, Recreation and/or Flood control land from MS-4 acct. 3356 & 3357	0	0
White Mountain National Forest Only acct. 3186	0	0

	REVENUE	LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	5 0 0	Town of Antrim
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0	



2013 MS-1 Report

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX

Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2

	REVENUE		LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0		
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TOTALS of account 3186 (exclude WMNF)		5 0 0	

Note: If Municipality has Village Districts/Precincts an MS-1V Report MUST be filed for each MS-1V Report is available at http://www.revenue.nh.gov/munc_prop/municipal-services-forms/town-city.htm

Note: Please Use the Submit Via Email button on PG 1 to send to equalization@dra.nh.gov Save your data in PDF form by selecting File -> Save As -> PDF

TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2013 TOWN MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION-SESSION 1
AND
MARCH 12, 2013 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS-SESSION 2

Session 1 of the 2013 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington, New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and Joseph Cuddemi was recognized for his many years of service to the town. The Moderator, as mandated under Senate Bill 2, which the Town of Bennington adopted on March 12, 1996, briefly explained the procedures and rules of conduct for the deliberative session. Each warrant article will be read and discussed and any amendments proposed from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Moderator.

All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town and School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 12, 2013 at Pierce School in Bennington, New Hampshire. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Tuesday, the seventh of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at Pierce School on Tuesday, the twelfth of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: the casting of absentee ballots will begin at 2:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all the necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing. The March 12, 2013 election results are as follows:

Selectman (3 years)	Steven Osienski
Selectman (1 year)	Jeffrey Rose
Town Clerk (3 years)	Debra Belcher
Treasurer (1 year)	Melissa M. Clark
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Karen M. Bartlett
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)	David Parker
Water & Sewer Commissioner (3 years)	John Spanos
Library Trustee (3 years)	Jill Wilmouth
Planning Board (3 years)	David McKenzie
Planning Board (3 year)	Christopher M. Maple
Planning Board (2 years)	Peter Martel

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 982 registered voters. During Election Day, 8 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voters Checklist contained 1000 voters. A total of 417 voters cast their ballots in this election, which was a 41% voter turnout.

The Deliberative Town Meeting, Session 1 was attended by 31 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated the following articles noting that the first seven articles can not be changed:

2. Are you in favor of repealing Article VII (General Requirements), K.3 of the Zoning Ordinance? The section to be repealed reads as follows:

No structure or building shall be erected on a non-conforming lot of record unless the septic system requirements of the State of New Hampshire are complied with.

Note: Selectman Osienski asked David McKenzie, Chairman of the Planning Board to address the article. Mr. McKenzie stated that the article was redundant with the State law. The article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES-245 NO-143
THE ARTICLE PASSED

3. Are you in favor of repealing **Article VII** (General Requirements), **K.4** of the Zoning Ordinance? The section to be repealed reads as follows:

In the event two contiguous non-conforming lots of record are in common ownership and do not individually meet the district requirements for setback and other requirements not involving area and frontage they shall be deemed to constitute a single lot for the purpose of complying with this Ordinance and shall not be sold or transferred as separate lots.

Note: Moderator Cronin noted that at the present time the article does not comply with State law and needs to be repealed. The article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 226 NO- 151
THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Are you in favor of amending **Article IX** (Signs), **B.5** of the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

One portable sign of area no larger than 10 square feet is permitted per legally established business. A portable sign is any sign that is not firmly and permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent structure.

Note: Selectman Cleary asked David McKenzie to speak to the article. The article would clarify and define portable signs and allow for their use. The article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 257 NO- 151
THE ARTICLE PASSED

5. Are you in favor of amending **Article IX** (Signs), **B.9** of the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

One on-premises sign is permitted for any legally established business. If more than one legally established business exists on a lot, each is permitted to have at most one (1) freestanding sign and one (1) sign attached to the building. Freestanding signs must all be mounted on the same freestanding structure.

Note: Selectman Osienski asked David McKenzie to speak to the article. The article clarifies the current article. The article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 266 NO- 114
THE ARTICLE PASSES

6. Are you in favor of amending **Article IX** (Signs), **B.12** of the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

No freestanding sign or freestanding sign structure shall exceed 16 feet in height.

Note: Selectman Rose asked David McKenzie to speak to the article. The article provides guidelines for a multi-sign structure. The article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 275 NO- 111
THE ARTICLE PASSED

7. Are you in favor of amending **Article X** (Water Resource Protection Zone), **5** of the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Density and Use

- A. Impervious surfaces shall not exceed 20 percent of any lot in the Water Resource Protection Zone.
- B. For lots in the Water Resource Protection Zone that are not served by both public water and public sewer, the minimum lot size shall be three (3) acres.
- C. For lots in the Water Resource Protection Zone that are not served by both public water and public sewer, usage is restricted to one (1) single-family residence or one (1) commercial building per three (3) acres per lot.

Note: Selectman Cleary asked David McKenzie to speak to the article. The current article is ambiguous and needs clarification. It will limit septic tanks in the Water Resource Protection Zone. Scott Liljeburg asked if this would include the Village District. Mr. Liljeberg noted that it does not address small businesses. Peter Martel noted that the article is more lenient than before and only applies to lots without both town water and sewer. He added that a variance could also be applied for. Moderator Cronin added that when the current article was written, it was to protect the aquifer in town. Commercial uses are allowed. Selectman Rose noted that this is to clarify the existing article. The article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 251 NO- 126
THE ARTICLE PASSED

It was noted that the warrant articles would be presented out of order so that the article for the Grapevine can be heard.

24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center – a nonprofit organization? The appropriation would provide \$4,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center's programs and services.

Note: Kristin Vance from the Grapevine addressed the public noting that the Grapevine is asking for support for the programs that are offered to the town. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 245 NO- 146
THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the Budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million five hundred twenty three thousand five hundred seventy nine dollars (**\$1,523,579**)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be one million five hundred ten thousand nine hundred eighty four dollars (\$1,510,984) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that this is the town's operation budget. Anita Huddleston asked why the town's tax rate is so high compared to Peterborough. Peterborough has a much higher percent of industry to help support the town. Ms. Huddleston suggested that the warrant articles be looked at carefully to see if there are places to cut cost. Joseph MacGregor noted that State aid has also been cut. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES-225 NO- 126
THE ARTICLE PASSED

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (**\$3,000**) for the purchase of replacement computers for the Town Clerk's Office? This is a non-lapsing appropriation which shall not lapse until the purchase is complete or December 31, 2018 whichever comes first.

Note: Selectman Rose asked Town Clerk, Debra Belcher to speak to the article. The town has received the current computer equipment from the State Department of Motor Vehicles. The State will no longer be providing equipment and service for the DMV computers. Each town will need to replace the equipment, as it is needed. Robin Clough asked why there is a time frame of five years on the article. This is legal wording for a non-lapsing article. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 273 NO- 126
THE ARTICLE PASSED

10. Shall the Town authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) for Fire Department Protective Gear and raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) towards this purpose, and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Fire Chief, Michael Roina to speak to the article. Turnout gear has a shelf life of ten years. It has been recommended that the gear is replaced on a rotating schedule. The cost of a set of turnout gear is between \$1500 and \$2500. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 270 NO- 128
THE ARTICLE PASSED

11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski noted that this is State mandated. If the town does not make appropriations for the scheduled revaluation, the State will oversee it and the town will have no control. The town will also have to pay for the revaluation all at once instead of over time if the State takes control. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 220 NO- 168
THE ARTICLE PASSED

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (**\$20,000**) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Rose asked Road Agent, Gary Russell to speak to the article. Mr. Russell noted that this is a continuation of a reserve fund for highway equipment. The current balance of the fund is \$2,500 as a loader/backhoe was purchased last year. Robin Clough asked why the town is currently renting a loader. The town is currently renting with the option to buy a used loader. Mr. Russell stated that purchasing the used loader would save the town money. Barry White asked if other towns that use the pit would use the loader. Only Bennington will use the loader. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 227 NO- 163
THE ARTICLE PASSED

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that this is the last year of this article to purchase a new cruiser. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 188 NO- 205
THE ARTICLE FAILED

14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski asked Road Agent, Gary Russell to speak to the article. Mr. Russell stated that money from a FEMA grant would be used for a culvert replacement on Bible Hill Road. The balance of this line is \$28,600. Mr. Russell noted that money has been moved from the paving budget to this line item. The job should be done in 2014. Barry White asked if this would push back the work on Gillis Hill Road. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 272 NO- 120
THE ARTICLE PASSED

15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund?

Note: Selectman Rose spoke to the article stating that the town is planning to rehabilitate the VFW building so that it may be used as a voting place. Anita Huddleton asked if the School Board might help the town have access to the school for voting. Moderator Cronin noted that the school poses problems and is not the ideal location for voting. The use of the school is a short-term solution. The requested funds will be added to the amount that is currently in the town building expendable trust fund to bring the VFW up to ADA standards. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 198 NO- 191
THE ARTICLE PASSED

16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Water Commissioner, John Spanos to speak to the article. The funds are for pump replacement and work at the pump house. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 219 NO- 169
THE ARTICLE PASSED

17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to be added to the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that the town currently has \$80,000 in the fund to re-dredge the Antrim lagoon. The total funding is due in 2014. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 206 NO- 180
THE ARTICLE PASSED

18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Rose asked Road Agent, Gary Russell to speak to the article. Mr. Russell noted that the town would need to replace the 1995 International. The current balance of the fund is \$90,000 and \$175,000 is needed. There is a possibility of purchasing a truck to use for three seasons and not outfit it for winter use. Robin Clough asked why the town would not re-build what it already has. Barry White asked why the trucks are hauling for Francestown on Gillis Hill Road. He stated that Francestown adds to the destruction of the road, but they do not help repair it. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 205 NO- 182
THE ARTICLE PASSED

19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Library Trustee, Mary Eppig to speak to the article. It was noted that this is the same amount that the library asks for annually. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 227 NO- 170
THE ARTICLE PASSED

20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (**\$2,500**) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that this is the last payment needed for the mower. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 194 NO- 193
THE ARTICLE PASSED

21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Rose asked Fire Chief, Michael Roina to speak to the article. Mr. Roina stated that the trucks should be no more than 20 years old to be in service. The ages of the current trucks are 7 years apart. Joseph Cuddemi asked if the town could expand this to 25 years. Selectman Cleary noted that surrounding towns have met to talk about the towns' needs. Barry White suggested that the town could save money if it did not need to outfit trucks to fit the current small fire station. Philip Germain noted that the fire truck is slated to be replaced in 2018. He suggested that the town extend the length of time in service to 25 years if the trucks can pass certification. Selectman Rose stated that the NFDA suggests a 20 year service time as a guideline, but it could be extended if the trucks pass certification. Barry White suggested that the Fire Departments in the area merge to create a central department. Mr. Roina noted a concern for public safety. Selectman Osienski noted that the Fire Department has been working on improvements and is now functioning well. Robin Clough noted that volunteers built the current Fire Department. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 232 NO- 159
THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Fire Chief, Michael Roina to speak to the article. A replacement for the rescue vehicle was purchased in 2009. The fund is starting again with the intent to replace the cab and chassis at a later date. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 246 NO- 144
THE ARTICLE PASSED

23. Shall the Town authorize the discontinuance of the Emergency Radios Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001 and transfer to the General Fund any balance remaining (\$.10 at December 31, 2012) in this Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that the current 10 cents is a residual balance and it is a housekeeping article to get this off the books. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 298 NO- 90
THE ARTICLE PASSED

25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the American Red Cross – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that this is an annual article for a non-profit organization. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 252 NO- 138
THE ARTICLE PASSED

26. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Contoocook Valley Transportation Company – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that this is a non-profit organization that provides transportation for many of the residents. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 244 NO- 145
THE ARTICLE PASSED

27. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Rose asked John Cronin to speak to the article. Mr. Cronin noted that funding for the court appointed special advocates has been cut and it serves an important need for the public. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 246 NO- 145
THE ARTICLE PASSED

28. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) in support of the Contoocook Housing Trust?

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that this is an annual article for a non-profit organization. Jonathan Manley noted that he is a board member and that the organization presently maintains two buildings in town for low and moderate income family housing. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 226 NO- 160
THE ARTICLE PASSED

29. Shall the Town vote to alter the manner in which positions on the Zoning Board of Adjustment are filled, from appointed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673:3, II, to elected?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that the article was presented by the current Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Selectmen currently appoints the Zoning Board members and the Zoning Board of Adjustment has the power to over-ride the Selectmen. It would be better if the members of the Zoning Board were elected. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2013 RESULTS: YES- 237 NO- 136
THE ARTICLE PASSED

In old business, Barry White asked why the town website is not updated regularly. He noted that this has been an on-going problem. The Assistant Administrator has been posting the up-dates.

Joseph MacGregor noted that there would be a Public Hearing at the SAU on February 6, 2013 where a proposed amendment will be presented to close Great Brook School. Mr. MacGregor strongly urged all to attend and support Great Brook School.

In new business, Barry White stated that the State provides training for Selectmen. There is a Selectmen's Academy offered on Saturdays. He suggested that all three Selectmen be required to go to training.

Leslie MacGregor stated that she is upset at the reprimand from Mr. White for the Assistant Administrator as she has too much work to do and the website has not been properly maintained. Peter Martel stated that it is important for minutes to be available to the public and that he could help make maintenance of the website easier.

Moderator Cronin noted that two thirds of the tax bill is due to the amount paid for school tax.

Fire Chief, Michael Roina invited the public to volunteer for the Fire Department.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Bennington Town Clerk

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

Date of Meeting: March 12, 2013

Town Of Bennington

County: Hillsborough

Mailing Address: 7 School Street #101, Bennington New Hampshire 03442

Phone #: 588-2189 Fax #: 588-8005 E-Mail: townadministrator@townofbennington.com

Certificate of Appropriations

(To be Completed After each Annual and Special Meeting)


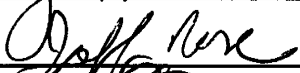
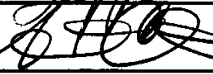
This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Governing Body (Selectmen)

Please sign in ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Date: March 20, 2013

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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1 Acct.#	2 PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	3 WARR. ART.#	4 Appropriations As Voted	5 For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130-4139	Executive		131704	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	9	39102	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		36179	
4152	Revaluation of Property		0	
4153	Legal Expense		7200	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		232132	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		7100	
4194	General Government Buildings		26001	
4195	Cemeteries		8750	
4196	Insurance		24500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc. WA# 24, 25, 26, 27, 28		6800	
4199	Other General Government		10250	
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210-4214	Police		227925	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8000	
4220-4229	Fire	10	78450	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		4000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2750	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		0	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER				
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311	Administration		172786	
4312	Highways & Streets		128000	
4313	Bridges		0	
4316	Street Lighting		10300	
4319	Other		0	
SANITATION				
4321	Administration		29000	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		1919	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		64060	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		35900	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT				
4331	Administration		30620	
4332	Water Services		34900	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		4000	
ELECTRIC				
4351-4359	Electrical Operations		0	

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
HEALTH				
4411	Administration		500	
4414	Pest Control		550	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5891	
WELFARE				
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		13031	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		750	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		5101	
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		33600	
4550-4559	Library		104456	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		700	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		2400	
CONSERVATION				
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	
4619	Other Conservation		500	
DEVELOPMENT				
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		0	
4651-4659	Economic Development		0	
DEBT SERVICE				
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		4740	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		157	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note		3000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4901	Land		0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		0	
4903	Buildings		0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs		0	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		0	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		0	
4914	To Proprietary Fund		0	
	Sewer-		0	
	Water-		0	
	Electric-		0	
	Airport-		0	
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund 11,12,14,16,17,18,19,20,21,22		132500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917	15	15000	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds		0	
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		0	
4919	To Agency Funds		0	
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			1685879	

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2013 Tax Rate Calculation

D.P.M.C.
11/8/13

TOWN/CITY: BENNINGTON

No Audit Received - RSA 41:31-d

Gross Appropriations	1,685,879
Less: Revenues	550,848
	0
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	4,613
War Service Credits	32,750

Net Town Appropriation	1,172,394
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,172,394
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TOWN RATE
9.93

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget:			
Gross Approp. - Revenue	0	0	0
Regional School Apportionment			2,905,095
Less: Education Grant			(1,212,702)

Education Tax (from below)	(250,031)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,442,362

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
12.21

EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.435	
102,682,329		250,031
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
115,323,962		

STATE SCHOOL RATE
2.17

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	129,318
	0

Approved County Tax Effort	129,318
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COUNTY RATE
1.09

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,994,105
Less: War Service Credits	(32,750)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,961,355

TOTAL RATE
25.40

PROOF OF RATE

Local Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
Education Tax (no utilities)	115,323,962	2.17	250,031
All Other Taxes	118,116,762	23.23	2,744,074
			2,994,105

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the Form MS-5 of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013 included in the accompanying prescribed form. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements included in the form prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Selectmen, the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Vachon Clukay & Company PC

February 11, 2014

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OR CITY BUDGET

Enter TOWN/CITY Name Here >

Enter Calendar Reporting Year Here >

(January 1 to December 31)

Enter Optional Reporting Year Here >

(July 1 to June 30)

DOES THE TOWN/CITY ACCOUNT FOR SOME EXPENDITURES AS PROPRIETARY FUNDS OR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS?

Enter Yes or No in box above & see instructions.

Enter town or city name in cell C5 and calendar reporting year for this report in C7 (optional reporting year in cell C9). In cell C12 enter yes if the municipality accounts for some expenditures as proprietary or capital project funds.

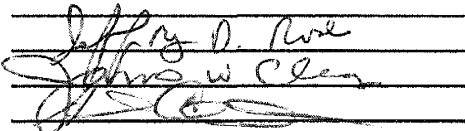
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Municipal Services Division
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Concord, NH 03302-0487
Telephone: (603) 230-5090

Return Completed Form By April 1 For Calendar Fiscal Year and By September 1 for Optional Fiscal Year

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Date Signed:

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.



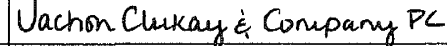
PREPARER

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete. (If prepared by a person other than the city/town officials, this declaration is based on all information of which the preparer has knowledge.)

Preparer (Please print or type)

Vachon Clukay & Company PC

Signature



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P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)230-5090

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Acct. #	EXPENDITURE	Voted Appropriations Final MS-2	Other Authorizations* Explain Below	Actual Expenditures
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL =				
show detail below				
4130-4139	Executive	131,704		128,542
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	39,102		36,929
4150-4151	Financial Administration	36,179		36,493
4152	Property Assessment			
4153	Legal Expense	7,200		2,476
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	232,132		218,041
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	7,100		4,821
4194	General Government Buildings	26,001		29,049
4195	Cemeteries	8,750		9,106
4196	Insurance	24,500		22,921
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	6,800		6,800
4199	Other General Government	10,250		8,742
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL =				
show detail below				
4210-4214	Police	227,925	12,791	241,423
4215-4219	Ambulance	8,000		8,000
4220-4229	Fire	78,450		76,982
4240-4249	Building Inspection	4,000		3,764
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2,750		473
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)			
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER TOTAL =				
show detail below				
4301-4309	Airport Operations			
HIGHWAYS & STREETS TOTAL =				
show detail below				
4311	Administration	172,786	10,796	194,974
4312	Highways & Streets	128,000		127,431
4313	Bridges			
4316	Street Lighting	10,300		10,488
4319	Other			
SANITATION TOTAL =				
show detail below				
4321	Administration	29,000		30,049
4323	Solid Waste Collection	1,919		1,839
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	64,060		62,485
4325	Solid Waste Facility Clean-up			
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	35,900		29,602
Page Sub-Totals		1,292,808	23,587	1,291,430

Explanation for "Other Authorizations" (Column 4)	
Acct. #	(Examples: Emergency expenditure; non-lapsing appropriations; grants; agents on capital reserve or trust, transfers)
4210	Appropriations accepted in accordance with RSA 31:95b - \$12,791
4311	Appropriations accepted in accordance with RSA 31:95b - \$10,796

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1	2	3	4	5
Acct. #	EXPENDITURE	Voted Appropriations Final MS-2	Other Authorizations* Explain Below	Actual Expenditures
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT =				
show detail below				
4331	Administration	30,620		46,497
4332	Water Services	34,900		
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other	4,000		
ELECTRIC =				
show detail below				
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation			
4353	Purchase Costs			
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance			
4359	Other Electric Costs			
HEALTH =				
show detail below				
4411	Administration	500		72
4414	Pest Control	550		450
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5,891		5,845
WELFARE =				
show detail below				
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	13,031		15,292
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts	750		375
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	5,101		2,035
CULTURE & RECREATION =				
show detail below				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	33,600		34,863
4550-4559	Library	104,456		104,493
4583	Patriotic Purposes	700		660
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	2,400		400
CONSERVATION =				
show detail below				
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	675		598
4619	Other Conservation	500		577
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing			
4651-4659	Economic Development			
DEBT SERVICE =				
show detail below				
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	4,740		4,740
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	157		143
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000		4,769
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			
<i>Page Sub-Totals</i>		245,571	0	221,809

Acct. #	Explanation for "Other Authorizations" (Column 4) (Examples: Emergency expenditure; non-lapsing appropriations; grants; agents on capital reserve or trust, transfers)

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1	2	3	4	5
Acct. #	EXPENDITURE	Voted Appropriations Final MS-2	Other Authorizations* Explain Below	Actual Expenditures
CAPITAL OUTLAY show detail below				
4901	Land			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment			
4903	Buildings			
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.			
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT show detail below				
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Enterprise Fund			
	- Sewer			
	- Water			
	- Electric			
	- Airport			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	132,500		132,500
4916	To Expend.Trust Fund - not #4917	15,000		15,000
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds			
4919	To Fiduciary Funds			
	<i>Page Sub-Totals</i>	147,500	0	147,500
	<i>Total Local Expenditure Sub-Totals</i>	1,685,879	23,587	1,660,739
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
4931	Taxes Assessed for County			129,318
4932	Taxes Assessed for Village Dist.			
4933	Taxes Assessed for Local Educ.			1,442,362
4934	Taxes Assessed for State Educ.			250,031
4939	Payments to Other Governments			
Less Proprietary Funds, Special Revenue Funds, or Capital Project Funds				
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		1,685,879	23,587	3,482,450

Acct. #	Explanation for "Other Authorizations" (Column 4) (Examples: Emergency expenditure; non-lapsing appropriations; grants; agents on capital reserve or trust, transfers)

NOTE: NH law requires all municipalities to gross appropriate. Full disclosure of those appropriations and offsetting revenues are required on this report. Those amounts accounted for in proprietary or other funds are subtracted from this report for purposes of general fund balance sheet disclosure. See Page 10 for revolving funds and the municipality's audited financials for more information on proprietary funds, special revenue funds, or capital project funds.

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Bennington	
2013	Reporting Year
n/a	Op FY Reporting Year

1	2	3	4
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenues Used to Set Tax Rate	Actual Revenues
	TAXES		
3110	Property Taxes (commitment less overlay)		2,984,322
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund	500	
3121	Land Use Change Taxes - Conservation Fund		
3180	Resident Taxes		
3185	Timber Taxes	3,000	2,211
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	500	500
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)	650	616
3189	Other Taxes		
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	48,000	49,497
	Inventory Penalties	7,300	
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	400	405
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	220,000	229,453
3230	Building Permits	3,000	3,012
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	6,000	6,333
3311-3319	From Federal Government		
	FROM STATE		
3351	Shared Revenues		
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	65,516	65,516
3353	Highway Block Grant	37,932	37,832
3354	Water Pollution Grant		
3355	Housing & Community Development		
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		
3359	Other (including Railroad Tax)		
3379	From Other Governments	22,000	25,369
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
3401-3406	Income from Departments	2,000	1,677
3409	Other Charges		
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	500	
3502	Interest on Investments	100	
3503-3509	Other	38,000	70,524
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		
3914	From Enterprise Funds		
	Sewer - (Offset)	33,000	33,534
	Water - (Offset)	62,000	61,887
	Electric - (Offset)		
	Airport - (Offset)		
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds	450	424
3917	Transfers from Conservation Fund		
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes		
	Less Proprietary Funds, Special Revenue Funds, or Capital Project Funds		
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	550,848	3,573,112

NOTE: NH law requires all municipalities to gross appropriate. Full disclosure of those appropriations and offsetting revenues are required on this report. Those revenues accounted for in proprietary or other funds are subtracted from this report for purposes of general fund balance sheet disclosure. See the municipality's audited financials for more information on proprietary funds, special revenue funds, or capital project funds. Also see supplemental schedule on page 10.

See accompanying independent accountant's compilation report

General Fund Balance Sheet for Town/City of		Bennington		2013
or Optional Reporting Year = n/a				
A. ASSETS	Acct. #	Beginning of Year	End of year	
Current assets	(a)	(b)	(c)	
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	469,822	851,418	
b. Investments	1030			
c. Restricted Assets				
d. Taxes receivable	1080	264,632	215,063	
e. Tax liens receivable	1110	173,251	158,212	
f. Accounts receivable	1150	8,182	13,086	
g. Due from other governments	1260	3,856	2,550	
h. Due from other funds	1310	49,296	456,911	
i. Other current assets	1400			
j. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670			
TOTAL ASSETS			969,039	1,697,240
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Acct. #	Beginning of Year	End of year	
Current liabilities	(a)	(b)	(c)	
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	31,343	37,578	
b. Compensated absences payable	2030			
c. Contracts payable	2050			
d. Due to other governments	2070	444	385	
e. Due to school districts	2075	796,038	828,035	
f. Due to other funds	2080	3,900	45,355	
g. Deferred revenue	2220	1,262	3,032	
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		556,141	
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250			
j. Other payables	2270			
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			832,987	1,470,526
Fund equity				
a. Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440			
b. Restricted Fund Balance	2450			
c. Committed Fund Balance	2460			
d. Assigned Fund Balance	2490	19,000	14,000	
e. Unassigned Fund Balance	2530	117,052	212,714	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY			136,052	226,714
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			969,039	1,697,240

*Note: To be GASB 54 compliant, the fund balance classifications have changed. See tab called Fund Balance Explanation.

NOTE: NH law requires all municipalities to gross appropriate, but this balance sheet only reflects the general fund.
See the municipality's audited financials for more information on proprietary funds, special revenue, or capital project funds.

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MS-5	RECONCILIATION <i>(to assist in balance sheet preparation)</i>		
A. GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET RECONCILIATION			
	Total Revenues From Page 5	3,573,112	
	Less Expenditures From Page 4	3,482,450	
	Increase (decrease)	90,662	
	Ending Fund Equity From Balance Sheet	226,714	These cells should be equal
	Less Beginning Fund Equity From Balance Sheet	136,052	
	Increase (decrease)	90,662	
B. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY ACCT. #2075		Amount	
	1. School district liability at beg. of year <i>(From balance sheet Acct # 2075, column b)</i>	796,038	
	2. ADD: School district assessment for current year	1,692,393	
	3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR <i>(Sum of lines 1 and 2)</i>	2,488,431	
	4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district	< 1,660,396 >	
	<i>(To balance sheet Acct # 2075, column c)</i>	828,035	
C. RECONCILIATION OF TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES		Amount	
	1. Short-term (TANS/RANS) debt at beginning of year	\$ - 0 -	
	2. ADD: New issues during current year	956,141	
	3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year	< 400,000 >	
	4. Short-term (TANS/RANS) debt outstanding at end of year <i>(Lines 1 + 2 - 3)</i> <i>(To balance sheet in Acct # 2230, column c)</i>	556,141	
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AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT (including proprietary and capital project funds)										
Description	Original obligation	Purpose	Annual installment	Interest rate	Date of final payment	Bonds o/s at beginning of year	Bonds issued this year	Bonds retired this year	Bonds o/s at end of year	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	
Sewer bonds - 1986	\$ 128,200	Sewer	4,740	6.63%	Feb. 2013	\$ 4,740		\$ 4,740	\$ -	
TOTAL----->	\$ 128,200					\$ 4,740	\$ -	\$ 4,740	\$ -	

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Supplemental Page
Revolving Funds and Conservation Funds

Please provide information regarding revenues, expenditures, and outstanding balances for Conservation Fund and each revolving fund under RSA 31:95-d.

Name of Fund	Revenues	Expenditures	Balance Remaining in Fund
Conservation Commission Fund	\$ 5	\$ -	\$ 11,848

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

We would like to start our annual message by dedicating the 2013 Town Report to two public servants who gave freely of themselves for the good of the community. Former Fire Chief John French passed away in August and former Library Trustee Eunice Blanchard passed away in October. We salute the honor of these former Town Officials who were each a part of the group of devoted people upon whom small towns are dependant. Together, John and Eunice gave a combined 48 years of service to the Town of Bennington.

The common theme over the last few years has been that of financial challenge – the challenge that our residents face with secure employment, with equitable pay, and with the ever rising costs of commodities. And we also have discussed the challenges that we, as municipal leaders, face in developing a Town budget that is fair, given the balancing act required to accommodate the financial obligations of the State, County, and School District. This year was a challenge to ensure the Town does not slip backwards and continues to move forward despite the recession.

The State continues to balance its budget on the backs of municipalities, with decreases in State contributions for the New Hampshire Retirement System, eliminating their maintenance and replacement obligations for computers for the Town Clerks office, and even the elimination of portable toilets at the Town beach. These three components resulted in \$21,174 worth of costs the Town had to absorb in the 2013 budget. Using 2013 wages as a baseline, the State has downshifted nearly \$23,000 worth of retirement costs to the Town of Bennington alone since 2009. The Town is mandated by law to enroll our full-time employees in the New Hampshire Retirement System and to pay these costs.

On the County side, Bennington paid \$10,862 more in 2013 than in the prior year, with fewer County services to offer our residents. County budget cuts have eliminated their Department of Correction Community Service Program which provided free labor and was utilized by the Highway Department and Cemetery Trustees throughout the year primarily for building maintenance and groundskeeping. However, these tasks still need to happen, which has resulted in increases to the Highway Department and Cemetery portions of the budget to pay for these once free services.

Each year we have seen the budget for Conval increase, along with our assessments. These budget increases, however, were augmented by significant increases in State and Federal Aid to the School District. As those Aid programs have phased out, the Town's share of the Conval budget increased \$247,891 in 2013 *alone*. Although it is too early to know the exact impact, we are bracing for another increase in 2014.

However, there is good news in regards to the Town's financial position. Due to careful spending and conservative budgeting of revenues, the 2013 audit reveals a \$90,662 increase in the Town's Fund Equity.

In 2013, the Town purchased a replacement Police Cruiser against the desire of some voters. As repair estimates in the spring reached the \$7,585 mark just to keep the existing cruiser safe until 2014, the Board was forced to look at the long term financial impact the aging cruiser would have on taxpayers versus the cost to purchase a new one. When the voters created the Capital Reserve Fund for the Police Cruiser it was specific to the purchase of a vehicle and therefore could not be used to fund maintenance/repair obligations. The \$29,929 purchase price of the cruiser, combined with \$7,820 in donated equipment (thanks to Code 3 – Public Safety Equipment and resident Keith Nason) made purchasing a new cruiser feasible. Although we understand that many residents had misgivings about the purchase, we truly believe it was a fiscally responsible choice.

By State mandate every Town/City in NH is required to certify the values of their properties every five years. The Town's last complete revaluation was done in 2009, which requires us to complete the task again in 2014. Excluding the cost of special assessing projects, the total contracted cost is \$52,000, of

which \$33,000 will come from monies already set aside in a Capital Reserve Fund and \$19,000 will come from general taxation in the 2014 operating budget.

On a lighter note, we welcomed several new Town officials in 2013. The new officials are David Blanchard on the Conservation Commission, Melissa Clark as our Treasurer, Anthony Parisi on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, David McKenzie on the Capital Reserve Funding Committee, and Melissa Searles as Supervisor of the Checklist. We also welcomed several new employees to the roster of those willing and able to serve our residents. In 2013 we welcomed Ryan Storro as part-time Police Officer, Bret Sullivan as full-time Police Officer, Heather Vanderpool as our Beach Manager and Water Safety Instructor, Howard Clow and Patrick Greene as Transfer Station Attendants, and Chad Broulliet, Joe Mullahy, Donald Warner, and Robert Bosivert as our newest members of the Fire Department. THANK YOU for your willingness to serve the community.

But with every new volunteer or employee that serves our community that means a vacancy has been created through resignation or retirement. In 2013 those volunteers/employees include Mike Tacy (Transfer Station), John Giffin (full-time Police Officer), Ben Bartlett and Michael Poitras (Fire Department), Robyn Manley (Capital Reserve Funding Committee), Bruce Nixon (Building Committee), Thomas Belcher (Treasurer), and Barbara Moorehead (Supervisor of the Checklist).

We are also happy to report that after 10 months of being closed, the new bridge on the Antrim/Bennington townline on North Bennington Road is in and the roadway opened back up to traffic in October! The construction was done by Cold River Bridges, LLC, but the years of advocating and planning for this project was done thanks to the hard work of prior Boards of Selectmen and our Town Administrator, Denise French.

Three new projects are under way as we end 2013: the Bible Hill Road culvert replacement project (with 75% FEMA funds), the second phase of the Downtown Safety Improvements Project (with 80% federal funds), and the renovation of the VFW (with Town funds and donated labor). THANK YOU to Phil Germain, who has graciously offered to help lead the downtown renovation project. Be on the look-out for detour signs and construction zones.

As we do every year, we would like to extend an invitation to any who have the time and/or talent to volunteer in the many aspects of Town government. We have many roles to fill, not all are large commitments, but together make our Town a better place in which we all choose to live. With a small commitment you can become part of a much larger community and help make everyone's lives a little better.

To conclude, this Board has had to balance the needs of the Town with the budget impacts imposed by the State, County, and School District. In some ways this limits our forward progress, but in other ways requires us to be more innovative. We hope that you can see how we are trying to work with what we have, while trying to move forward. We also pledge to try to keep the Town's budget under control by continuing to manage our expenses and scrutinize the every growing list of "wants" versus actual "needs".

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Cleary, Chair
Steven K. Osienski
Jeffrey D. Rose

Selectmen

Town Clerk's Revenue Report
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$220,909.61
Municipal Agent Fees		\$ 6,072.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		\$ 686.00
Motor Vehicle Mail Program		\$ 1,525.00
UCC Lien Filings		\$ 405.00
Marriage Licenses:	Town	\$ 70.00
	State	\$ 380.00
Certified Copies:	Town	\$ 224.00
	State	\$ 366.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	\$ 1592.50
	State	\$ 183.00
Animal Population Control		\$ 664.00
Dog Mail Program		\$ 328.00
Dog License Fines		\$ 1,575.00
Election Fees		\$ 10.00
Bad Check Fees		\$ 117.00
Parking Tickets		\$ 25.00
Checklist		\$ 150.00
Misc.		\$ 3.50
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		<u>\$235,285.61</u>

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	2013	2012
UNCOLLECTED TAXES January 1, 2013		
Property Taxes		\$263,271.95
Yield Taxes		\$0.00
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
Property Taxes	\$2,970,239.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,211.31	0.00
Excavation Taxes	616.06	0.00
OVERPAYMENT		
Property Taxes	0.00	5,792.86
Prepaid 2014	2,569.54	0.00
INTEREST & FEES	1,840.78	15,417.30
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,977,476.69	\$284,482.11
REMITTED TO TREASURER 2013		
Property Taxes	\$2,755,929.50	\$138,234.79
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,211.31	0.00
Interest/Fees	1,840.78	15,417.30
Excavation Taxes	616.06	0.00
Credit Carried From 2012	0.00	596.07
Conversion to Lien (principal)	0.00	124,399.09
ABATEMENTS		
Property Taxes	1,816.00	5,834.86
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	0.00	0.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES December 31, 2013		
Property Taxes	\$215,063.04	\$0.00
Yield Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,977,476.69	\$284,482.11

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristie J. LaPlante
Tax Collector**

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013**

TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:

	2012	2011	2010	2009	ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2013		\$113,756.23	\$69,073.31	\$6,757.49	\$38,664.40
Liens Executed 2013	135,769.49				1,982.00
Interest & Costs Collected	1,221.24	7,265.57	18,618.82	1,926.07	0.00
After Lien Execution	717.86	871.34	1,189.21	329.80	230.44
TOTAL DEBITS	\$137,708.59	\$121,893.14	\$88,881.34	\$9,013.36	\$40,876.84

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER

Redemptions	\$38,034.40	\$40,424.67	\$61,557.45	\$6,757.49	\$26,063.00
Interest & Costs	1,939.10	8,136.91	19,808.03	2,255.87	230.44
Abatement of Unredeemed Liens	7,741.16	0.00	1,804.78	0.00	408.36
Abatement of Interest & Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 2013	89,993.93	73,331.56	5,711.08	0.00	14,175.04
TOTAL CREDITS	\$137,708.59	\$121,893.14	\$88,881.34	\$9,013.36	\$40,876.84

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristie J. LaPlante
Tax Collector**

TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2013	\$	469,821.57
Receipts			5,287,912.09
Disbursements			<u>(4,911,446.55)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2013	\$	846,287.11

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash Balance	1/1/2013	\$	9,043.53
Interest Earned			<u>4.53</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2013	\$	9,048.06

RUSSELL J. REMILLARD - ESCROW ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2013	\$	1,343.24
Interest Earned			<u>0.27</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2013	\$	1,343.51

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Clark
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

For Year Ended December 31, 2013

LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Property Tax	\$ 2,755,929.50
Yield Tax	\$ 2,211.31
Excavation Tax	\$ 616.06
Interest/Penalties	\$ 1,840.78

\$ 2,760,597.65

LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Property Tax	\$ 138,234.79
Yield Tax	\$ -
Interest/Penalties	\$ 15,417.30
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 172,837.01
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	\$ 32,372.35

\$ 358,861.45

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

\$ 90,372.77

TOWN CLERK REVENUE

\$ 235,285.61

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Highway Block Grant	\$ 37,832.45
State of NH - Rooms & Meals	\$ 65,516.09
State of NH - Speed & DWI Grants	\$ 12,791.40
State of NH - FD Training Grant	\$ 1,781.28

\$ 117,921.22

LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Building Permits	\$ 3,012.25
Demolition Permits	\$ 10.00
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 2,194.84
Court Fines	\$ 3,360.48
Pistol Permits	\$ 140.00
Bad Check Fees	\$ 106.00

\$ 8,823.57

REIMBURSEMENTS

Police Special Details	\$ 2,463.00
FEMA - February 2013 Snowstorm	\$ 10,796.28
NH Retirement Refund	\$ 7,228.26
TAN Interest Overpayment	\$ 102.78
Conval - LGC Refund	\$ 30,118.20
LGC - Property-Liability Insurance Refund	\$ 7,244.06
LGC - Lightning Strike Insurance Claim	\$ 3,396.86
Welfare Department	\$ 840.00
Discover Magazine Refund	\$ 119.75
Contract Resolution	\$ 3,300.00

\$ 65,609.19

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 423.86	
Fire Department	\$ 5.00	
Photocopies	\$ 18.30	
Planning Board	\$ 921.06	
Police Department	\$ 263.98	
Recreation Department	\$ 530.00	
Recycling	\$ 16,605.85	
Water Department	\$ 140.00	
Zoning	\$ 91.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 18,999.55
SALE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY		\$ -
INTEREST/BANK FEES		\$ (817.83)
DONATIONS		
Monadnock Paper Mill - Earth Day	\$ 250.00	
Milford Masonic Temple - Welfare Donation	\$ 450.00	
NE Grassroots - Energy Committee	\$ 950.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,650.00
REIMBURSEMENTS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		\$ 107,311.14
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE		\$ 400,000.00
TOTAL 2013 RECEIPTS		<u><u>\$ 4,164,614.32</u></u>

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2013

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$	4,500.00	
Telephone	\$	1,415.00	
Computer	\$	7,651.00	
Copier Lease	\$	1,758.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	1,008.00	
Advertising	\$	693.00	
General Supplies	\$	303.00	
Office Supplies	\$	2,552.00	
Postage	\$	3,012.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	357.00	
Administrator Salary	\$	51,048.00	
Deputy Administrator Salary	\$	38,884.00	
Admin Part-Time Salary	\$	11,737.00	
Deputy Administrator Overtime	\$	197.00	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	1,484.00	
Moderator's Salary	\$	20.00	
Town Report Printing	\$	1,392.00	
Newsletter Printing	\$	96.00	
Total Executive Office			\$ 128,107.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Town Clerk	\$	20,834.00	
Deputy Town Clerk	\$	4,003.00	
Assistant Town Clerk	\$	4,610.00	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	1,030.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	95.00	
Office Supplies	\$	1,496.00	
Books and Periodicals	\$	75.00	
Municipal Agent Mail Program	\$	54.00	
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$	300.00	
Supervisors Clerical Wages	\$	213.00	
Advertising	\$	279.00	
Election Ballot Clerks	\$	261.00	
Election Printing	\$	380.00	
Election Meals	\$	75.00	
Total Election and Registration			\$ 33,705.00

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$	14,488.00	
Assessing/Tax Map Maintenance	\$	13,430.00	
Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions	\$	40.00	
Tax Collector Fees	\$	2,485.00	
Treasurer's Salary	\$	2,000.00	
Town Clerk	\$	321.00	
Tax Collector	\$	1,139.00	
Total Financial Administration			\$ 33,903.00

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS		
Investment Services	\$	2,485.00
Office Supplies	\$	23.00
Mileage	\$	82.00
Total Trustees of Trust Funds		\$ 2,590.00
JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE		
General Legal Support	\$	2,222.00
Planning Board	\$	254.00
Total Judicial & Legal Expense		\$ 2,476.00
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		
Group Health Insurance	\$	118,039.00
Group Dental Insurance	\$	3,737.00
FICA/Medicare	\$	35,780.00
Group 1 Retirement	\$	27,125.00
Police Retirement	\$	32,517.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$	757.00
Workers Compensation	\$	3,576.00
Total Personnel Administration		\$ 221,531.00
PLANNING AND ZONING		
PB Recording Secretary	\$	1,575.00
PB SWRPC Member Dues	\$	1,621.00
PB Miscellaneous	\$	687.00
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$	515.00
ZBA Training	\$	120.00
ZBA Miscellaneous	\$	125.00
Total Planning and Zoning		\$ 4,643.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$	11,159.00
Security System Maintenance	\$	652.00
Electricity	\$	3,941.00
Heat & Oil	\$	10,294.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	3,866.00
Total General Government		\$ 29,912.00
CEMETERIES		
Evergreen Cemetery Groundskeeping	\$	2,397.00
Sunnyside Groundskeeping	\$	3,144.00
Labor	\$	3,565.00
Total Cemeteries		\$ 9,106.00
PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE		
NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$	21,921.00
Insurance Deductible Coverage	\$	1,000.00
Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance		\$ 22,921.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
General Contingency Fund	\$	2,511.00	
Computers	\$	2,100.00	
IT Support	\$	3,948.00	
Abatement Interest	\$	<u>183.00</u>	
Total Contingency Fund			\$ 8,742.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT			
Police Chief Salary	\$	69,734.00	
Patrol Officer Salary	\$	38,269.00	
Overtime	\$	25,967.00	
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$	26,930.00	
Crossing Guard Salary	\$	4,102.00	
Special Detail Wages	\$	13,006.00	
Regional Prosecutor	\$	24,472.00	
Administrative Telephone	\$	2,156.00	
Cellular Telephone	\$	180.00	
Dispatch Services	\$	13,975.00	
Equipment/Training Supplies	\$	5,152.00	
Administrative Office Supplies	\$	1,647.00	
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$	60.00	
Administrative Gasoline	\$	9,204.00	
Administrative Vehicle Repairs	\$	3,871.00	
Uniforms	\$	1,955.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	<u>1,148.00</u>	
Total Police Department			\$ 241,828.00
AMBULANCE SERVICE			
Antrim Ambulance	\$	<u>8,000.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Service			\$ 8,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Chiefs Salaries	\$	3,000.00	
Administrative Telephone	\$	826.00	
Dispatch Services	\$	13,883.00	
Dues/Subscriptions	\$	653.00	
General Supplies	\$	2,650.00	
Firefighter Emergency Calls	\$	15,926.00	
Forestry	\$	652.00	
Training	\$	860.00	
Fire Prevention Materials	\$	96.00	
Equipment Replacement	\$	8,859.00	
Service Contracts	\$	3,172.00	
Radio Repairs	\$	703.00	
Gasoline	\$	2,744.00	
Vehicle Repairs	\$	3,378.00	
Electricity	\$	2,204.00	
Heating Oil	\$	4,076.00	
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$	<u>3,366.00</u>	
Total Fire Department			\$ 67,048.00

MEDICAL/RESCUE		
Medical Supplies	\$	2,029.00
Training	\$	1,750.00
Equipment Replacement	\$	1,250.00
Total Medical/Rescue		<u>5,029.00</u>
	\$	5,029.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT		
Building Inspector Salary	\$	3,100.00
Mileage	\$	579.00
Books & Education	\$	85.00
Total Building Inspection		<u>3,764.00</u>
	\$	3,764.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Pre-Emergency Wages	\$	148.00
Emergency Wages	\$	49.00
Mileage	\$	30.00
Supplies	\$	246.00
Total Emergency Management		<u>473.00</u>
	\$	473.00
GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Road Agent Salary	\$	44,904.00
Road Agent Overtime	\$	7,334.00
Highway Truck Driver Salary	\$	38,318.00
Highway Truck Driver Overtime	\$	3,720.00
Highway Laborer Salary	\$	32,481.00
Highway Laborer Overtime	\$	4,498.00
Telephone	\$	1,095.00
Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$	498.00
Garage Electricity	\$	1,608.00
Highway Garage Heat	\$	2,627.00
Building Maintenance/Repairs	\$	280.00
General Supplies	\$	3,795.00
Street Signs	\$	907.00
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$	14,671.00
Gasoline/Oil	\$	26,953.00
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	\$	11,061.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,984.00
Total General Highway Department		<u>196,734.00</u>
	\$	196,734.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		
Tar/Patch/Seal	\$	16,738.00
Paving	\$	43,219.00
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$	2,856.00
Road Drainage Supplies	\$	10,883.00
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$	26,540.00
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$	22,583.00
Gravel Preparation	\$	6,665.00
Total Highways and Streets		<u>129,484.00</u>
	\$	129,484.00
STREET LIGHTING		
PSNH	\$	11,397.00
Total Street Lighting		<u>11,397.00</u>
	\$	11,397.00

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants	\$	27,237.00	
Laborer	\$	2,750.00	
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$	1,839.00	
Landfill Post-Closure Costs	\$	4,457.00	
Telephone	\$	505.00	
Hauling and Disposal	\$	46,126.00	
Electricity	\$	1,177.00	
Office Heat	\$	348.00	
General Supplies	\$	442.00	
Equipment Maintenance	\$	121.00	
Certification	\$	300.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	533.00	
Recyclables Removal	\$	5,356.00	
Electronics Recycle Program	\$	1,300.00	
Tire Recycle Program	\$	825.00	
Container Lease	\$	1,000.00	
NRRA Annual Dues	\$	74.00	
Highway Dept. Assistance	\$	87.00	
Total Transfer Station			\$ 94,477.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

Labor Wages	\$	1,098.00	
Commissioners Salaries	\$	1,700.00	
Town of Antrim	\$	22,716.00	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$	220.00	
Postage	\$	778.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	104.00	
Telephone	\$	1,844.00	
Electricity	\$	9,859.00	
Pumphouse Heat	\$	1,099.00	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$	5,316.00	
Water Samples	\$	435.00	
Corrosion Control	\$	2,385.00	
Total Water Department			\$ 47,554.00

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Town of Antrim	\$	23,606.00	
Electricity	\$	3,837.00	
Propane	\$	132.00	
Repair/Maintenance	\$	1,537.00	
Monitoring Fee	\$	447.00	
Generator Maintenance	\$	322.00	
Total Sewer Department			\$ 29,881.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Officer Salary	\$	72.00	
Total Health Department			\$ 72.00

ANIMAL CONTROL

Veterinary Services	\$	450.00	
Total Animal Control			\$ 450.00

HEALTH AGENCIES

Home Health Care	\$	4,000.00	
Monadnock Family Services	\$	1,845.00	
Total Health Agencies			\$ 5,845.00

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Human Services Director Salary	\$	2,423.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	30.00	
Rental Assistance	\$	12,847.00	
Meals on Wheels	\$	375.00	
Vendor Payments - Food	\$	200.00	
Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$	1,835.00	
Total Human Services Department			\$ 17,710.00

PARKS AND RECREATION

Telephone	\$	536.00	
Christmas Party	\$	259.00	
Fishing Derby	\$	767.00	
Activities	\$	502.00	
Little League	\$	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	397.00	
Groundskeeping	\$	18,681.00	
Electricity - Newhall Field	\$	848.00	
Ballfield Chemical Toilets	\$	588.00	
Recreation Facilities	\$	3,741.00	
Lifeguard Salaries	\$	6,235.00	
Beach Groundskeeping	\$	508.00	
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$	120.00	
Beach /Red Cross Supplies	\$	243.00	
Total Parks and Recreation			\$ 35,425.00

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	\$	46,020.00	
Librarian Assistants Salary	\$	23,668.00	
Book Collection	\$	16,100.00	
Media Collection	\$	4,616.00	
Telephone	\$	497.00	
Building Electricity	\$	2,202.00	
Building Heating Oil	\$	3,043.00	
Grounds Maintenance	\$	1,195.00	
Building Maintenance	\$	288.00	
Photo Copier Supplies	\$	3,744.00	
Circulation & Office	\$	1,920.00	
Program Supplies	\$	706.00	
Conference Fees	\$	715.00	
Technology	\$	242.00	
Total Library			\$ 104,956.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day	\$	660.00	
Total Patriotic Purposes			\$ 660.00

EDUCATION			
Project LIFT		\$ 400.00	
Total Education		<u> </u>	\$ 400.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
Technical Assistance		\$ 280.00	
Dues & Subscriptions		\$ 210.00	
Office Supplies		\$ 108.00	
Maint & Develop Forests		\$ 577.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,175.00
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTE			
General Obligation Debt		\$ 4,304.00	
Total Principal - Long Term Note		<u> </u>	\$ 4,304.00
INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTE			
Interest General Obligation Debt		\$ 143.00	
Total Interest - Long Term Note		<u> </u>	\$ 143.00
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES			
Interest Tax Anticipation Note		\$ 4,769.00	
Total Tax Anticipation Notes		<u> </u>	\$ 4,769.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
Fire Truck Capital Reserve		\$ 15,000.00	
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve		\$ 20,000.00	
Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve		\$ 5,000.00	
Road Rehab Capital Reserve		\$ 15,000.00	
Mower Capital Reserve		\$ 2,500.00	
Library Capital Reserve		\$ 5,000.00	
Highway Truck Capital Reserve		\$ 15,000.00	
Water Capital Reserve		\$ 5,000.00	
Sewer Capital Reserve		\$ 25,000.00	
Town Buildings		\$ 15,000.00	
Property Reval		\$ 25,000.00	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		<u> </u>	\$ 147,500.00
2012 WARRANT ARTICLES			
Bridge Replacement		\$ 52,354.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 52,354.00
2013 WARRANT ARTICLES			
Town Clerk Computers		\$ 3,000.00	
Fire Dept. Protective Clothing		\$ 5,000.00	
Contoocook Housing Trust		\$ 300.00	
American Red Cross		\$ 500.00	
Grapevine Family Center		\$ 5,000.00	
Contoocook Valley Transportation		\$ 500.00	
Court Appointed Special Advocates		\$ 500.00	
Total 2013 Warrant Articles		<u> </u>	\$ 14,800.00
SUBTOTAL - 2013 EXPENDITURES & WARRANT ARTICLES			\$ 1,723,868.00

PAYMENT OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE \$ 400,000.00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Hillsborough County	\$ 129,318.00	
Local School Contribution	\$ 1,660,396.00	
State School Contribution	\$ 250,031.00	
Total Payments to Other Governments		<u>\$ 2,039,745.00</u>

PURCHASES FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Bridge Replacement	\$ 33,470.22	
Fire Department SCBAs	\$ 1,135.12	
Fire Department Protective Gear	\$ 4,608.18	
Highway Equipment	\$ 11,000.00	
Highway Mower	\$ 11,749.17	
Library	\$ 4,839.02	
Police Cruiser	\$ 22,929.00	
Road Rehab	\$ 17,580.33	
Total Capital Reserve Purchases		<u>\$ 107,311.04</u>

TOTAL 2013 EXPENDITURES

\$ 4,270,924.04

2013 Payroll

Alyssa Austin		
Crossing Guard	\$ 248.00	\$ 248.00
Benjamin Bartlett		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 134.72	\$ 134.72
Karen Bartlett		
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 4,609.66	
Cemetery Recording Secretary	\$ 20.00	
Conservation Recording Secretary	\$ 280.00	
Part-Time Administration	\$ 63.12	
Water Dept. Recording Secretary	\$ 30.00	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$ 20.00	\$ 5,022.78
Damon Beaudreau		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 1,726.13	\$ 1,726.13
Debra Belcher		
Town Clerk	\$ 20,834.09	
Cemetery Recording Secretary	\$ 295.00	
Part-Time Administration	\$ 298.50	
Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$ 1,575.00	
Water Dept. Recording Secretary	\$ 300.00	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$ 495.00	\$ 23,797.59
Benjamin Billings		
Recreation Groundskeeping	\$ 96.14	
Highway Laborer	\$ 785.66	
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 14,191.52	\$ 15,073.32
Matthew Blanchard		
Transfer Station Laborer	\$ 229.50	\$ 229.50
Robert Boisvert		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 214.72	\$ 214.72
Chad Brouillet		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 328.38	\$ 328.38

2013 Payroll

Clyde Campbell		
Police Chief - Regular	\$ 69,733.69	
Overtime	\$ 18,504.34	
NH Retirement Refund	\$ 1,878.29	
Special Detail Wages	\$ 8,446.59	
Emergency Management	\$ 197.40	
Health Insurance Stipend	<u>\$ 4,411.44</u>	\$ 103,171.75
Dario Carrara		
Code Enforcement Officer	<u>\$ 3,100.00</u>	\$ 3,100.00
Melissa Clark		
Treasurer	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
James Cleary		
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
James Clough		
Lifeguard	<u>\$ 306.00</u>	\$ 306.00
Howard Clow		
Transfer Station Attendant	<u>\$ 8,565.00</u>	\$ 8,565.00
Drusilla Cox		
Checklist Supervisor	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	\$ 150.00
Debra Davidson		
Welfare Officer	<u>\$ 2,423.25</u>	\$ 2,423.25
David Desaulniers		
Water Department Wages	\$ 64.00	
Water Commissioner Salary	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$ 564.00
Adam Dunning		
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 500.00	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,313.54</u>	\$ 1,813.54
David Foster		
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 250.00	
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 1,345.11	
Police Dept. Vehicle Repairs	<u>\$ 252.60</u>	\$ 1,847.71
Wyatt Fox II		
Highway Laborer	<u>\$ 45.00</u>	\$ 45.00

2013 Payroll

Denise French			
Town Administrator	\$ 51,047.56		\$ 51,047.56
John Giffin			
Full-Time Police Officer	\$ 32,499.41		
Overtime	\$ 7,088.37		
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 1,003.00		
Special Detail Wages	\$ 4,186.10		
Witness Fee	\$ 30.00		
NH Retirement Refund	\$ 407.65		\$ 45,214.53
Patrick Greene			
Transfer Station Laborer	\$ 140.00		\$ 140.00
Bruce Hall			
Highway Laborer	\$ 121.96		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 296.97		\$ 418.93
Matthew Hall			
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 1,000.00		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 2,526.03		\$ 3,526.03
Daniel Heffernan			
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 250.50		\$ 250.50
Michael Hoiriis			
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 69.47		\$ 69.47
Walter Kiblin			
Highway Driver - Regular	\$ 38,317.78		
Highway Driver - Overtime	\$ 3,719.61		
Tri-Town Landfill Postclosure	\$ 37.08		
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 18.54		
General Government Bldg. Maint.	\$ 55.62		
Water Line Maintenance	\$ 185.40		\$ 42,334.03
Joseph LaCourse			
Lifeguard	\$ 1,617.75		\$ 1,617.75
Kristie LaPlante			
Admin Assistant	\$ 38,883.99		
Admin Assistant - Overtime	\$ 197.20		
Recreation Groundskeeping	\$ 28.17		\$ 39,109.36

2013 Payroll

Lise Lemieux			
	Health Officer	<u>\$ 72.00</u>	\$ 72.00
Leslie MacGregor			
	Library Director	<u>\$ 46,020.00</u>	\$ 46,020.00
Philip Marcellino			
	Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 9,802.40	
	NH Retirement Refund	<u>\$ 67.70</u>	\$ 9,870.10
Lester Milton			
	Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 9,785.00	
	Special Detail Wages	<u>\$ 373.30</u>	\$ 10,158.30
Joyce Miner			
	Deputy Treasurer	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$ 500.00
Joseph Mullahy			
	FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 71.57</u>	\$ 71.57
Joseph O'Brien			
	FD Emergency Calls	\$ 448.38	
	General Government Security System	\$ 255.00	
	Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 120.00</u>	\$ 823.38
Nelson Ortega			
	Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 1,248.00</u>	\$ 1,248.00
Linda Osienski			
	Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 4,003.30	
	Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 210.70</u>	\$ 4,214.00
Steven Osienski			
	Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
David Parker			
	Recreation Groundskeeping	<u>\$ 3,750.00</u>	\$ 3,750.00
Christopher Parsons			
	NH Retirement Refund	<u>\$ 425.46</u>	\$ 425.46
Scott Plourde			
	Fire Chief Salary	\$ 250.00	
	FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,515.63</u>	\$ 1,765.63

2013 Payroll

Grace Pope		
Lifeguard	<u>\$ 1,009.38</u>	
		\$ 1,009.38
Lori Ricci		
Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 11,054.79</u>	
		\$ 11,054.79
Michael Roina		
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 1,000.00	
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 3,988.50	
Highway Laborer- Regular	\$ 27,338.82	
Highway Laborer- Overtime	\$ 4,498.22	
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 68.85	
General Government Bldg. Maint.	\$ 45.90	
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 107.10</u>	
		\$ 37,047.39
Jeffrey Rose		
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	
		\$ 1,500.00
Michelle Roy		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 147.18</u>	
		\$ 147.18
Gary Russell		
Road Agent - Salary	\$ 44,903.88	
Road Agent - Overtime	\$ 7,333.74	
Tri-Town Landfill Postclosure	\$ 21.63	
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 64.89</u>	
		\$ 52,324.14
Dwayne Searles		
Highway Laborer	\$ 42.00	
Transfer Station Laborer	<u>\$ 717.50</u>	
		\$ 759.50
Melissa Searles		
Library Assistant	\$ 23,527.53	
Website	<u>\$ 109.59</u>	
		\$ 23,637.12
John Spanos		
Water Commissioner Salary	\$ 500.00	
Water Department Wages	<u>\$ 96.00</u>	
		\$ 596.00
Ryan Storro		
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 5,091.50</u>	
		\$ 5,091.50
Bret Sullivan		
Full-Time Police Officer	\$ 5,769.60	
Overtime	<u>\$ 374.39</u>	
		\$ 6,143.99

2013 Payroll

Michael Tacy Transfer Station Attendant	<u>\$ 7,805.70</u>	\$ 7,805.70
Dominique Tarr Lifeguard	<u>\$ 1,802.25</u>	\$ 1,802.25
Jeffrey Tarr Highway Laborer Tri-Town Landfill Postclosure	<u>\$ 4,147.50</u> <u>\$ 30.00</u>	\$ 4,177.50
Willow Tarr FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 892.54</u>	\$ 892.54
Christine Tarrío Library Assistant	<u>\$ 140.00</u>	\$ 140.00
Victoria Turner Supervisor Clerical Checklist Supervisor	<u>\$ 212.50</u> <u>\$ 150.00</u>	\$ 362.50
Heather Vanderpool Lifeguard	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
Donald Warner FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 197.88</u>	\$ 197.88
Glenn Wilson Water Department Wages Water Commissioner Salary	<u>\$ 608.00</u> <u>\$ 700.00</u>	\$ 1,308.00
Douglas Witty FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 267.34</u>	\$ 267.34
Dorothy Zabriskie Crossing Guard	<u>\$ 3,854.16</u>	\$ 3,854.16
Total Payroll		\$ 597,526.85

Town Of Bennington
Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds
For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2013

First Deposit	Name of Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL	Ending Market Value	
				Balance Beginning of Year	Additions- Withdraw Gain-Loss	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	Expended During Year			Balance End of Year
CEMETERY TRUSTS												
1946-1960	Mount Calvary Cemetery	Perpetual Care	Common TF	775.00	2.75	777.75	294.88	13.33	0.00	308.21	1,085.96	1,121.26
1905-1997	Sunnyside Cemetery	Perpetual Care	Common TF	12,011.73	40.22	12,051.95	3,599.43	201.03	2,657.29	1,143.17	13,195.12	13,624.16
1913-2011	Evergreen Cemetery	Perpetual Care	Common TF	15,618.75	78.88	15,697.63	15,024.82	395.70	8,896.33	6,524.19	22,221.82	22,944.27
1958	Evergreen Cemetery Special Projects	Special Projects	Putnam Balanced Fd	1,271.00	0.00	1,271.00	262.03	494.51	494.51	262.03	1,533.03	30,256.45
Total Cemetery Trusts				29,676.48	121.85	29,798.33	19,181.16	1,104.57	12,048.13	8,237.60	38,035.93	67,946.14
EXPENDABLE TRUSTS												
2013	Trustee Checking	Operations Checking	TD Bank	12,737.18	-11,635.99	1,101.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,101.19	1,101.19
2013	Sunnyside Cemetery Expendable Trust	Enhance Sunnyside Cemetery	Common TF	0.00	2.26	2.26	0.00	2,379.92	0.00	2,379.92	2,382.18	2,459.63
Total Expendable Trusts				12,737.18	-11,633.73	1,103.45	0.00	2,379.92	0.00	2,379.92	3,483.37	3,580.82
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS												
1994	Edward French	Scholarship	Common TF	1,000.00	3.89	1,003.89	509.02	18.80	0.00	527.82	1,531.71	1,581.51
2010	Bruce Edes	Scholarship	Common TF	34,041.63	87.85	34,129.48	69.70	432.89	0.00	502.59	34,632.07	35,758.02
Total Scholarship Funds				35,041.63	91.74	35,133.37	578.72	451.69	0.00	1,030.41	36,163.78	37,339.53
LIBRARY												
2013	Emma Gipson Trust-027	Library	Common TF	0.00	78,834.36	78,834.36	0.00	986.45	679.03	307.42	79,141.78	81,714.78
2013	Bennington Women's Club-028	Library	Common TF	0.00	152.75	152.75	0.00	1.89	1.29	0.60	153.35	158.34
Total Library				0.00	78,987.11	78,987.11	0.00	988.34	680.32	308.02	79,295.13	81,873.12
FIRE DEPARTMENT												
1990	Fire Truck-001	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	152,961.14	18,819.63	171,780.77	4,227.78	1,035.49	0.00	5,263.27	177,044.04	177,044.04
1997	Rescue Truck-005	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	17,152.90	5,608.89	22,761.79	5,297.01	164.50	0.00	5,461.51	28,223.30	28,223.30
2001	Fire Department Radios-021	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	0.10	-0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	Fire Department SCBA-025	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	30,000.00	-493.84	29,506.16	43.86	174.59	0.00	218.45	29,724.61	29,724.61
2013	Fire Department Protective Gear	Equipment	Common CRF	0.00	482.46	482.46	0.00	26.05	0.00	26.05	508.51	508.51
Total Fire Department				200,114.14	24,417.04	224,531.18	9,568.65	1,400.63	0.00	10,969.28	235,500.46	235,500.46

Town Of Bennington
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For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2013

First Deposit	Name of Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL		
				Balance Beginning of Year	Additions-Withdraw Gain-Loss	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal & Income	Ending Market Value
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT												
1997	Highway Dept Equipment-006	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	0.00	9,438.35	9,438.35	2,909.51	123.10	0.00	3,032.61	12,470.96	12,470.96
1999	Highway Department Truck-008	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	77,873.33	28,700.59	106,573.92	17,876.04	728.57	0.00	18,604.61	125,178.53	125,178.53
1999	Highway Department Mower-010	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	9,003.33	-9,211.94	-208.61	1,922.46	11.75	0.00	1,934.21	1,725.60	1,725.60
2009	Road Rehabilitation-024	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	28,520.79	-1,922.97	26,597.82	120.66	179.45	181.28	118.83	26,716.65	26,716.65
Total Highway Department				115,397.45	27,004.03	142,401.48	22,828.67	1,042.87	181.28	23,690.26	166,091.74	166,091.74
GENERAL												
1993	Water Department-002	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	21,309.64	5,864.24	27,173.88	12,651.69	234.02	0.00	12,885.71	40,059.59	40,059.59
1994	Library-003	Structure Repair	Common CRF	34,499.79	976.70	35,476.49	4,947.85	223.65	5,122.08	49.42	35,525.91	35,525.91
1997	Sewer-004	Equipment	Common CRF	69,000.00	27,332.32	96,332.32	11,147.36	628.72	0.00	11,776.08	108,108.40	108,108.40
1999	Police Cruiser-009	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	24,422.97	-22,863.23	1,559.74	1,466.80	21.92	0.00	1,488.72	3,048.46	3,048.46
2001	Bridge Repair Expendable Tr-011	Expendable Trust	Common CRF	19,736.84	533.78	20,270.62	4,326.21	145.22	0.00	4,471.43	24,742.05	24,742.05
2001	Town Buildings Expendable-012	Expendable Trust	Common CRF	29,959.11	16,062.94	46,022.05	2,961.86	285.72	0.00	3,247.58	49,269.63	49,269.63
2001	Bridge Replacement-013	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	55,261.14	-32,065.88	23,195.26	13,105.96	396.03	13,000.00	501.99	23,697.25	23,697.25
2001	Sidewalk Repair-014	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	51,343.81	1,451.57	52,795.38	14,174.06	395.03	741.87	13,827.22	66,622.60	66,622.60
2002	Revaluation-015	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	2,690.00	25,728.45	28,418.45	5,154.75	192.31	0.00	5,347.06	33,765.51	33,765.51
Total General				308,223.30	23,020.89	331,244.19	69,936.54	2,522.62	18,863.95	53,595.21	384,839.40	384,839.40
GRAND TOTALS:				701,190.18	142,008.93	843,199.11	122,093.74	9,890.64	31,773.68	100,210.70	943,409.81	977,151.21

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

The following report reflects 2014 funds appropriated by the Funding Committee, categorized by Department for ease of use in understanding the financial impact of the Departments being funded:

<u>HIGHWAY DEPT FUNDS</u>		
A. Trucks	\$25,000	
B. Mower	\$ 1,000	
C. Bridge Repair	\$ 0	
D. Equipment	\$10,000	
E. Bridge Replacement	\$ 0	
F. Road Improvements	<u>\$15,000</u>	
Total Highway Dept Funds		\$51,000
 <u>FIRE DEPT FUNDS</u>		
A. Trucks	\$20,000	
B. Rescue Vehicle	\$ 5,000	
C. Breathing Apparatus	\$ 2,500	
D. Protective Gear	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	
Total Fire Dept Funds		\$32,500
 <u>POLICE DEPT FUND</u>		
A. Cruiser	<u>\$15,000</u>	
Total Police Dept Fund		\$15,000
 <u>UTILITY DEPT FUNDS</u>		
A. Water	\$15,000	
B. Sewer	<u>\$ 0</u>	
Total Utility Dept Funds		\$15,000
 <u>MUNICIPAL DEPT FUNDS</u>		
A. Revaluation	\$ 0	
B. Town Buildings	\$15,000	
C. Sidewalk Improvement	<u>\$ 0</u>	
Total Municipal Dept Funds		\$15,000
 <u>LIBRARY DEPT FUND</u>		
A. Repairs & Equipment	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	
Total Library Dept Fund		<u>\$ 5,000</u>
2014 Funding Requested		\$133,500

2013 ANALYSIS OF MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COMMITTEES

Highway Department:

The Town expended \$73,799.72 from various Highway Department Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) for an \$11,000 purchase of a used John Deere loader, a \$11,749.17 purchase of a mower, \$17,580.33 for road rehabilitation projects and \$33,470.22 for the Antrim/Bennington bridge.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$25,000 to the Highway Truck CRF, \$10,000 to the Highway Equipment CRF, \$15,000 to the Road Rehabilitation CRF and \$1,000 to the Mower CRF.

The Funding Committee voted not to fund the Bridge Replacement CRF since the Antrim/Bennington Bridge replacement project is nearing completion with existing funds. The Funding Committee voted not to fund the Bridge Repair CRF since available funding seems to be adequate.

December 31, 2013 CRF balances for all Highway Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$125,178.53
Mower	\$ 1,725.60
Bridge Repair	\$ 24,742.05
Equipment	\$ 12,470.96
Road Rehabilitation	\$ 26,716.65
Bridge Replacement	\$ <u>23,697.25</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$214,531.04

Fire Department:

The Town expended \$5,743.30 from two Fire Department Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) which included \$1,135.12 from the SCBA CRF and \$4,608.18 for the purchase of protective gear.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$20,000 to the Fire Truck CRF, \$5,000 to the Rescue Vehicle CRF, \$2,500 to the SCBA CRF and \$5,000 to the Protective Gear CRF.

December 31, 2013 CRF balances for all Fire Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$177,044.04
Rescue Vehicle	\$ 28,223.30
Breathing Apparatus	\$ 29,724.61
Protective Gear	\$ <u>508.51</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$235,500.46

Police Department:

The Town expended \$22,929 for the purchase of a 2013 Ford Explorer (Interceptor) from existing funds in the Cruiser CRF; the 2011 Crown Vic sedan is scheduled to be replaced in 2015 at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Police Cruiser CRF.

December 31, 2013 CRF balance for the Police Cruiser account is as follows:

Police Cruiser	\$ \$3,048.46
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Utility Departments:

No funds were expended from either the Water Capital Reserve Fund or the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Water Department CRF. At the recommendation of the Water/Sewer Commissioners funds were not appropriated for the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund since existing funds should be adequate to pay for the future dredging of the sewer lagoons.

December 31, 2013 CRF balances for the Utility Departments accounts are as follows:

Water	\$ 40,059.59
Sewer	<u>\$108,108.40</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$148,167.99

Municipal Departments:

The NH Department of Revenue Administration mandates that every municipality update their assessed values every five years; Bennington's last revaluation was 2009. Since the Revaluation CRF only has available funds of approximately \$33,500 the Selectmen included \$19,000 in the General Operating Budget to meet the \$52,000 contracted price with Cross Country Appraisal Group. Therefore, \$0 was appropriated to the Revaluation CRF.

The Selectmen continue their work with the Facilities Committee and the Energy Committee with the expectation of rehabilitating the VFW into a community building which will be able to accommodate voting activities. The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund.

Funding for the second phase of the downtown improvement project are sufficient; construction is scheduled for spring 2015. Therefore, \$0 was appropriated to the Sidewalk CRF.

December 31, 2013 CRF balances for the Municipal Departments accounts are as follows:

Revaluation	\$ 33,765.51
Town Buildings	\$ 49,269.63
Sidewalk Improvement	\$ <u>66,622.60</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$149,657.74

Library Department:

During the 2013 calendar year \$4,839.02 was expended from the Library CRF primarily in response to fulfilling Life Safety recommendations.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$5,000 to the Library CRF.

December 31, 2013 CRF balance for the Library account is as follows:

Library	\$ 35,525.91
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The cumulative balance of all Capital Reserve Funds as of December 31, 2013 is \$786,431.60.

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There is a lot available for you at the GEP Dodge Library. Through the Library each of you, as a GEP Dodge Library patron can:

Get Online:

We have free online access for our patrons. Patrons can get online either by using our in-house public computers or via our 24/7 public access Wi-Fi using their own devices such as laptops, Pads, Readers and Smart Phones. Patrons can use the library's Wi-Fi for downloading digital books, audio books or music. They can apply for jobs, send and receive e-mail, write resumes, do their homework, download airline tickets, check in with NH Unemployment, fill out tax and banking forms, apply to colleges, take online courses, post items on E-bay or Craigslist, and keep in touch with family and friends via e-mail and social media resources.

Attend a Program:

Programs planned and sponsored by the Library are held on and off site. Limited meeting space for large groups mandate that the Library hold some of its programs at locations other than inside the Library. Some of this year's Library programs included a winter story walk through the Bruce Edes Forest that we co-hosted with The Harris Center. We have pre-school story times held on Monday mornings for children not yet in school and story times with Pierce School classes. We have seasonal and holiday programs for families; our Halloween program was attended by 78 costumed patrons and at Christmas we had a special North Pole resident who, with his assistant, gave each family who came to the program, beautiful photographs of their children with Santa. There are after school chapter book story times, and youth and adult book groups. We had speakers, craft instruction, music programs, a magic show, story tellers, field trips and 125 patrons participated in the five week Summer Reading Program.

Pick-up a Museum Pass:

The Library has Museum passes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester and the Monsthire Museum in Norwich, VT. Over the years we alternate passes and sometimes have passes to Odiorne State Park, the Fells Historic Estate, and to the SEE Museum. Passes are usually obtained through patron donation and through monies raised by the Friends of the Library.

Use our Public Services:

We are one of the few places left in the area who have paper IRS forms available. For forms that are no longer printed by the US Government, patrons can use one of our online computers and print the forms found on the irs.gov website from the Library's copier.

The Library has a copier that prints in black and white and also in color. It is used by patrons printing from the public computers or by patrons wanting to print a variety of things such as photos, articles, recipes, knitting patterns, medical records, applications, forms, and bills.

Patrons use the Library's public FAX machine for sending and receiving FAXes; most often to and from banks and insurance companies.

The Library posts public service information for local, state and federal programs for health care, assistance programs, local businesses services and for cultural and family events held in the region.

We provide and organize Homebound Delivery service to people who, either because of weather conditions or health cannot come to the library to collect materials in person.

Get Basic Instruction:

The Library offers one on one basic instruction. Have you received a brand new e-reader and don't know how to use it? Patrons can get basic instruction for operating their new devices and at the same time receive a password for downloading free e-books and audio books to those devices. Patrons can also learn how to set-up their own e-mail accounts or social media accounts to keep in touch with friends and family, to apply for jobs, or to pay bills online.

Entertainment:

Want to watch movies when you are at home but aren't online and don't want to pay for Netflix, Red Box or Amazon Prime? The Library has a Visual collection of new and old movies, documentaries, children's programs, instructional programs, and television series. If you can't find what you want at the Library, we can get it for you through the NH State Library's inter-library loan services.

Do you have to commute to work a long way every day? Do you have to work with your hands but want to keep your mind entertained? Do you want to learn another language? Try audio books! You can get them in CD format at the Library or you can use the Library's digital access collection through our NH Downloadables membership. All you need is a Library card!

Reference:

Don't know where to go, how to find something, how to do something, how to get somewhere, or what something is? We can help you! Patrons ask us for help in finding answers, locating services, for finding information, and instruction. Many questions a week are asked about local history, genealogy, insects, plants, phone numbers and addresses for businesses physicians and for public assistance. Home school families rely on our reference materials for school work and instruction. The Library also has online reference resources. These resources include encyclopedias, medical references, professional journals and reader's advisories. All are free and are easy access to patrons with their Library card and a password. Patrons can access these resources online at the Library or from anywhere in the world with internet access, their Library patron number and the Library's password. Ebscohost provides access to a collection of databases that includes: Masterfile Premier, Business Search Elite, Health Source (medical references) Consumer Edition, Newspaper Source, Elementary through Secondary school academic reference resources, professional development collections and journals, ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), Novelist for elementary through adult ages, Ancestry.com and Heritage.com.

Borrow from us and from other Libraries:

Through your Library; 'the world is your oyster!' You can borrow our materials or materials from other Libraries. Bennington patrons can borrow from statewide Libraries, including academic libraries and nationwide Libraries. If it is available, we can get it for you. In 2013, Bennington patrons borrowed 434 materials from other Libraries. These materials arrive at our Library on Fridays via the NH State Library's inter-library loan van. Not only do we borrow materials, but we also lend materials.

A Library collection is not static. In-house materials are constantly being reviewed and evaluated for currency and need. Books are being published at a phenomenal rate in all formats and information is being discovered, developed and updated by the minute. Patrons are being informed of this through social and commercial media and expect the Library's collection to be current. In 2013 our patrons checked out 12,830 items, 434 were through inter-library loan, 738 were through digital resources at NH Downloadables and through our own digital subscription for Tumblebooks. GEP Dodge Library patrons have direct access to a collection of 42,252 items. Our collection stands at 23,932, they have access to 17,500 in NH Downloadables, 260 items in our subscription to Tumblebooks and 560 in the Nubanusit Library's visual collection. Periodicals are also available for patron check-out. Over the years, patrons have annually donated most of our newspaper and 25 periodical subscriptions. These gift donations, especially for local newspapers, benefit a great many patrons.

Exercise your Library card! Make new discoveries at your Library and make use of your Library resources! Keep an eye open for upcoming Library programs and make sure to sign-up to participate in this summer's science themed reading program entitled: *'Fizz! Boom! Read!'*

Thank you to all of our volunteers and Library supporters for donations of your time, talents, money, and materials. You are all the heart and soul of the Library.

Respectfully submitted;

Leslie MacGregor, Director
Melissa Searles, Assistant Director

Victoria Burnham, Trustee Chair
Molly Eppig, Trustee Treasurer
Jill Wilmoth, Trustee
David McKenzie, Trustee Alternate

**GEP DODGE LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT
2013**

<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>\$ 1178.03</u>
INCOME	
Interest from trusts held by Trustees of Trust Funds	\$ 679.03
Income from trusts held by NH PDIP for Library Trustees	\$ 0.00
Book Replacement	\$ 183.00
Book Sale	\$ 23.00
Copier Fees	\$ 130.00
Donations	\$ 20.02
Fax fees	\$ 108.50
 TOTAL INCOME	 + \$ 1143.55
EXPENSES	
Dues & education	\$ 150.00
Museum passes	\$ 276.25
Postage	\$ 46.00
Building maintenance	\$ 271.98
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 - \$ 744.23
 <u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	 <u>= \$ 1577.35</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department is continuing to work on making Bennington a safe and enjoyable place to live and work. Unfortunately the nature of our job sometimes requires us to make decisions which is not positive and may impact a person and/or family. Fortunately the vast majority of our contacts are in a positive manner. With that being said we promise to treat everyone in a fair and professional manner.

There were some personnel changes in 2013. In January we welcomed part-time Police Officer Ryan Storro to the Police Department. Since that time he has done a great job. In September, Full-Time Officer John Giffin accepted full-time employment with a neighboring police department, but has stayed with us as a part-time Officer. In November we hired Bret Sullivan from the Peterborough Police Department to fill the full-time vacancy. Bret grew up in the area and knows many people. In a short period of time I have heard many good things about him.

Last year I mentioned a trend in which we had a big increase in burglaries and thefts and I asked everyone to be vigilant by watching your property and your neighbor's property. I also asked you to secure your property and valuables. In 2012 I reported 26 burglary reports and 58 theft reports. This year I am please to say that we had a big decrease in both categories. In 2013 there were seven burglary reports and 29 theft reports. I again ask that you secure your property and valuables and to watch your property and your neighbor's. Let's hope the downward trend continues. I believe some of the decrease is because you did not hesitate to contact the police to report any type of suspicious activity. Please continue to report anything which seems unusual.

STATISTICS:

- Police Contacts/Incidents 6,409
- Criminal Cases 412
- Non-Criminal Cases 2,885
- Arrests (Charged Offenses) 224
- Motor Vehicle Stops/Incidents 2,329
- Motor Vehicle Accidents 37
- Miscellaneous 522
(Court, juvenile, animal, mutual aid, and community policing events)

By the time you read this I will have been in Bennington for 19 years (February). I will say once again – I still enjoy working in Bennington. On behalf of all the officers – **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Campbell, Chief of Police

BENNINGTON FIRE RESCUE

I hope everyone had a safe and quiet 2013. It's that time of year again for you to see what we have been up to. This year was busier than any that I can remember, with Bennington Fire Rescue responding to 180 calls for service. Call volumes have increased throughout the area, and the seriousness of the calls we have been responding to has also escalated. Last year, during the month of February, we had over 40 emergency calls including three car fires within a 24 hour period. During the months of June/July, there was a tractor trailer rollover, a large propane leak at Rymes, and a three-alarm fire at the Monadnock Paper Mill. And to bring the year to an end, in December on a very cold day, two helicopters were requested from Dartmouth Hospital for two separate accidents. Our members were put to the test this year, and got the job done.

In 2013 we hired three members, two with a combination of over 30 years experience, and one that is brand new to the fire service. With those new members, we now have a roster of 18. Membership participated in well over 50 hours of scheduled training, with a handful taking courses elsewhere.

We were approached last winter by a North Bennington Road resident with a unique training opportunity. Instead of tearing her old house down we turned it into a live fire training. Four towns participated in the drill. Between those towns, six rookie firefighters got their first opportunity for an interior attack, something that you can't achieve without actually burning a house. Thank you Patti for the great opportunity!



Fire Prevention was done differently this year. During the day we provided the same fire awareness program with the use of our dispatch center's Fire Prevention Trailer. New this year, we added a Fire Prevention Dinner and open house in the evening. The kids at Pierce School had a great day learning about fire safety and the dangers of carbon monoxide. It was great to hear that most of the kids have working smoke detectors in their homes! The dinner and open house were very well attended. Everyone got to experience what the kids do on Fire Prevention day and they got to have a great meal.

At our open house we also had a demonstration of a thermal imaging camera. Thermal imaging

cameras are used in various fire and rescue situations. Cameras can locate hidden fires and hot spots throughout a building, which can prevent re-kindles and minimize property damage. Cameras can also be used to locate lost subjects by sensing their body heat. In 2014 we hope to purchase our first camera. The Bennington Firefighters Association has raised over \$1,000 through fund raising activities to help off-set the cost for the town.

A question that I have been receiving a lot recently is what the rules are on outside burning and the need for a permit when there is snow cover. The complete set of rules on outside burning are located at the Division of Forest and Lands website at www.nhdfi.org. As far as the permit question; when there is sufficient snow cover; 2+ inches of snow cover in the woods and a 100x100 area around the location of your fire, you **do not** need a permit. Any other time you do need a permit, even if it's raining.

Bennington Fire Rescue is made up of 18 Paid Call members. Our membership consists of electricians, hospital workers, bus drivers, truck drivers, carpenters, automotive technicians and highway workers. Despite our current numbers, we continue to actively seek people to come join our team. As a member of Bennington Fire Rescue, you will receive all of the necessary training to become a Firefighter or EMT. Experience in the fire service is helpful, but by no means required. If you would like to help your community in one of the most rewarding jobs in the world, stop by the station to pick up an application or contact me at 562-5258 (mike.roina@benningtonnhfire.com) and we can set up a time to meet!

You can also visit us at our website www.benningtonnhfire.com or follow Bennington Fire-Rescue on Facebook to stay current with our upcoming events and our ongoing calls.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Roina, Fire Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Town of Bennington and the bulk of New Hampshire are fortunate to have enjoyed a lull in events requiring the activation of local Emergency Management officials. Locally, in 2010 we managed wind and rain events, 2011 was relatively quiet, and in 2012 we proactively managed the wind damage associated with Hurricane Sandy.

In February 2013 our Highway Department did a tremendous job keeping the roads as clear as possible during "Snowstorm Nemo", which dumped 24 inches of snow over a 24 hour period. As the town dug out from the snow, Emergency Management Officials began work with FEMA project specialists to submit a claim for reimbursement of costs incurred as result of this storm. In June we finalized our reimbursement request of \$14,395; in October we received reimbursement of 75% of those costs, or \$10,796.

Also in February we met internally and with Antrim officials to preplan response requirements as a result of the closure of the Antrim/Bennington shared bridge on North Bennington Road. While we are fortunate to not have had to deploy the strategies discussed, significant planning went into ensuring our residents at the North end of Town were protected should the need arise due to flooding or any other natural or manmade disaster.

In the summer and fall of 2013 we worked with our Road Agent Gary Russell and the Town's engineer for the Bible Hill Road culvert project, Quantum Construction Consultants to ensure the culvert replacement project is on track to be constructed as planned in the summer of 2014.

Just because we haven't had emergencies to actively respond to does not mean that emergency management is dormant in the community. Emergency Management starts long before a disaster even occurs with mitigation and preparedness and culminates with response and recovery. The bulk of our work that residents are unaware of involves maintaining situational awareness with our local and State partners.

In 2014, Emergency Management administrative duties will shift towards the project management of the Bible Hill Road culvert replacement project to ensure the project meets State and FEMA requirements. Also in 2014 we will be working with Southwest Region Planning Commission to update our Hazard Mitigation Plan to remain in compliance with State and FEMA regulations. It is because of the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan that we were eligible to apply for the FEMA funds to replace the culvert on Bible Hill Road.

Bennington is fortunate that we have two individuals who share the role of Emergency Management Director responsibilities when the need necessitates. However, without the continued support and assistance of the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall Office Staff, Highway Department, Fire Department, and Police Department, our jobs would be meaningless. A continued THANK YOU to those who help make our job possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Campbell, Emergency Management Director
Kristie LaPlante, Assistant Emergency Management Director

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

So much for the easy winters...2013 brought us snow, cold, and wintery mixes in what seems to be a change in the weather pattern, keeping us busy through March.

In March we purchased a used John Deere 44C Loader to help with storm clean up downtown and for use in the pit loading gravel. The increased bucket size has greatly increased our efficiency. During a sizeable snowstorm in December, both the loader and the backhoe were used simultaneously throughout town to dig out fire hydrants and waterways.

Our initially plan for the summer was to complete a road reconstruction project on Birch Glen Drive. However, after an electric line for a private well house was discovered just under the surface of the roadway shoulder, we had to revise our plans. Instead we shimmed part of Birch Glen Drive and used the remaining funds for that project to pave Pierce Hill Road.

Throughout the spring and summer we were able to stock pile materials in the gravel pit that will be needed for road reconstruction projects, the Bible Hill Road culvert project, and the downtown improvement project.

When not working on Birch Glen Drive or in the gravel pit we were able to mow most of the road sides on Town roads. We also rented a boom lift to trim trees on Birch Glen Drive, Gillis Hill Road, and part of North Bennington Road.

One sunny day in the fall, just before leaving for the day, I received a call from the Town Office to check out Switzer Road for reports of flooding. Much to my surprise I found about 150 feet of roadway under rushing water. It appears a beaver dam up the road in the woods let go, causing a significant amount of water to overrun an otherwise quiet stream. Shortly after the water receded we were able to quickly repair the road and open it back up to traffic.

And finally, let's not forget the new bridge constructed this year at the Antrim/Bennington town line. I know the bridge closure was an inconvenience for many. The project started late last winter (February) and with diligent work from Cold River Bridges throughout the hot summer months, they were able to complete the bridge replacement and open the road up again in late October. There will be some minor touch-up work to the roadway in the spring but it is not expected to impact traffic.

Snow, sleet, rain, wind, storms, hot summer days – you name it, we had some variation of it this year. I hope you all enjoy a pleasant 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary S. Russell, Road Agent

TRANSFER STATION

2013 was the year of change at the Transfer Station.

In July, 13 year veteran employee Mike Tacy resigned due to health reasons. Mike was a loyal and dedicated employee who always showed up and did his job. He will be missed as a part of our team. We wish him the best of luck! To fill Mike's vacancy we hired Howard Clow, who had been our as-needed employee to help fill in during sick and vacation time. Howard has done well filling the big shoes Mike left behind.

Another change was a new contract for solid waste, demo, and recyclables removal. In January we switched from Cheshire Sanitation to Monadnock Disposal Service, Inc. This switch in vendors has worked well and saved us money with hauling fees, helping to keep our budget down.

In the early winter the Swap Shop was moved from just inside the main door to the opposite corner of the building to decrease congestion and improve traffic flow.

Our hours are Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are here to help you. If you need help unloading your vehicle or have questions about how/where to dispose of something, please do not hesitate to ask for our assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Billings, Dave Parker, Gary Russell
Solid Waste Committee

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Bennington Conservation Commission was established in March of 1989 with the purpose of conserving, protecting, and managing Bennington's natural and historical resources.

In this report, we would like to highlight the events of 2013:

On April 20th we held our 5th Annual Earth Day Clean-Up. This year the Conservation Commission decided to offer breakfast at the VFW to start the day. Patrick Greene and his wife Georgette cooked up delicious Belgian waffles topped off with local maple syrup from Verney Farms. Those who joined us for breakfast all agreed it was a good way to kick off the day's event and we plan on hosting breakfast at the 2014 Earth Day Clean-Up.

Approximately 160 bags of trash/litter were collected and there were about 70 volunteers who participated. The Conservation Commission would like to thank the Monadnock Paper Mills for their annual donation toward the food expenses as well as Patrick Greene and his wife for donating their time and the waffles. We would also like to express our appreciation to the Town Highway Department and Fire Department for their assistance. We are especially grateful to all of the volunteers who helped give the Bennington roadsides a good spring-cleaning.

In July, four Conservation members walked the Bennington-Antrim town line, located the monuments and renewed the marks on them with the current year. This process, titled perambulation, is very important and required by the state.

The Conservation Commission has two members, Joe MacGregor and Jon Manley, who serve on the River Advisory Committee. They keep the Commission informed of the water quality and current status of the Contoocook River. Our 2014 focus will be on invasive species as we hope to become more aware of threats to the river's health and what we can do to remediate the invasive species threat to this valuable resource.

The Bruce Edes Forest continues to be a wonderful resource for residents and visitors alike to enjoy the forest and adjacent Contoocook River. This year Sean Campbell raised money and constructed two benches for the forest for his Eagle Scout project. Two other benches were donated by the VFW and the Monadnock Paper Mill along with the Historical Society.

A brochure identifying trees and plants was completed and markers will be placed along the trails this spring. The Commission would like to thank Judith Klein-Dial for her technical assistance with the brochure.

The culminating event for the year was the perambulation of the Bennington-Greenfield town line in early December. Three members of the Conservation Commission, a member of the Greenfield Conservation Commission, and John Cronin all met at the corner boundary of Bennington, Frankestown, and Greenfield. This point, located just above the accessible trails network of Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center, was where we had completed our perambulation last year. We walked the Greenfield Bennington line, located and recorded on a GPS all the monuments, and renewed the marks. We finished our hike with a fireside lunch in the woods with roasted local culinary delights!

Our meetings are public and we welcome residents to attend with any conservation related matters, issues, or questions they may have.

Respectfully Submitted, Bennington Conservation Commission

PLANNING BOARD

In New Hampshire, the Planning Board has several functions. Its adjudicative functions include regulation of land subdivisions, review of site plans, and regulation of excavations. Legislative functions include preparation and adoption of the Master Plan and the Capital Improvement Program and recommendation of changes to the Zoning Ordinance, which take the form of proposed warrant articles for voter approval.

The Planning Board proposed six zoning warrant articles for the 2013 Town Meeting. All six were approved by the voters. For the 2014 ballot, the Board is proposing a single zoning warrant article. If the article is approved, the keeping of poultry will be allowed in all zones, as long as certain conditions are met. Currently poultry keeping is allowed only in the Rural-Agricultural Zone.

The Board completed the site plan review for the Taste of Texas drive-up restaurant on Highway 202 early in the year. The Board found that there were several items that required variance approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. When the ZBA approved these variance requests, the Planning Board approved the Site Plan, with several conditions attached. This was the sole site plan review request for the year, but the Board did some work on the site plan for the Highland Inn Condominium project, for which the plan was approved in 2010. At the time of approval only the site plan was submitted to the Board for signature and recording at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds. This year, as the developer moved to establish the condominium association, four more previously approved spec sheets and the condominium documents were submitted for approval and recording. The Board reviewed the four sheets to assure that the only change was the addition of signature blocks. The Board also reviewed the condominium documents to be certain that they complied with conditions imposed at the time of initial approval. When these reviews were successfully completed, the materials were signed and submitted to the Registry of Deeds.

The Board also received only a single subdivision request this year. At year's end the Board had not completed the hearing for this request. The Board did sign and submit the plat for a subdivision that was requested in 2012 but for which the conditions of approval were not met until 2013.

Excavators must receive permits from both the state and the town. Currently the state permits are for five years, while town permits for two gravel pits were for three years and expired in 2013. The Planning Board earlier approved issuing new permits for five years concurrently with the state permits. For the existing permits with a three-year duration, the Board approved a simple updating process to extend the permits so that they will ultimately run concurrently with the state permits. The permits for the two gravel pits mentioned above were each extended by two years so that both the Bennington and the state permits will be due for renewal at the same time.

The Planning Board is working on the town's Master Plan. In particular, the Plan is state-mandated to include a vision statement that captures the town's land-use philosophy. At year's end the Board was putting the finishing touches on a questionnaire to be mailed to all town residents and land owners. The responses to the questionnaire will form the basis for drafting a concise vision statement for the Master Plan.

I would like to thank the current members of the Planning Board for their dedicated service: Sam Cohen, Chris Maple, Peter Martel, and Jeff Rose.

Respectfully Submitted, David McKenzie, Chair

PUBLIC NOTICE

RESTORATION OF INVOLUNTARILY MERGED LOTS

Per RSA 674:39-aa, let this communication serve as notice that any lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 shall, at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status.

The deadline for submitting the request to the governing body is December 30, 2016.

HUMAN SERVICES

2013 brought a variety of economic struggles for families, bringing challenges that some families did not anticipate. As difficult as it is for many to ask for assistance, local assistance is available to all qualifying Bennington residents, the assistance granted is governed by statutory regulations the guidelines are very specific. Assistance is for those immediate life sustaining needs, such as housing, heat, food, medications, electricity. In accordance with NH RSA 165:1, "Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be relieved and maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town..."

Though communities are statutorily obligated to help residents who qualify for assistance, it should also be noted, in accordance to NH RSA 165:19 family members, if their situations allow, are also statutorily obligated to assist other family members in need. The municipality may request reimbursement to the municipality from family members, if it is determined the family is able to provide assistance to their family member who has sought local assistance. Briefly, "The relation of any poor person in the line of father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, son, daughter, husband, or wife shall assist or maintain such person when in need of relief if they are financially able..."

I always encourage the use of any and all outside resources, and there are many. The Monadnock United Way assists with several of these programs. I strongly encourage you to contact them if you are in need of any assistance. The number for the Monadnock United Way is 603-352-4209. The Monadnock United Way is located at 23 Center St, Keene, NH 03431. Other local resources such as the Grapevine Family and Community Center, located in Antrim (603) 588-2620. The RiverCenter, located in Peterborough 924-6800. Southern NH Services, 1-800-322-1073, local food pantries and more.

Meals on Wheels - Meals on Wheels provides a hot, nutritious meal that meets at least one third of the recommended daily allowance to homebound elderly and disabled individuals. If you know of an elderly or disabled person who may need some help with meals you should contact the local Meals on Wheels program at 603.352.2253, 1.800.541.4145 or via the internet at <http://www.hcsservices.org> and see if they can help.

The Grapevine - The Grapevine offers a variety of programs in support of families and community. They sponsor community suppers, a woodbank program, educational programs, childcare, parenting classes, Teen Avenue, the list goes on, it is a wonderful resource. 588-2620

The River Center – The River Center, located in Peterborough, provides family support. Providing services to assist families and individuals of all economic abilities. It provides opportunity to allow people to overcome challenges, encouraging good parenting, helping parents to take good care of themselves, in turn becoming stronger parents. They also provide guidance with financial needs. 924-6800

Southern NH Services – SNHS provides assistance in several areas, some being NH Easy - Apply for Medical Coverage, Food Stamps, Cash Assistance, Child Care and Medicare Beneficial Assistance Programs. 924-2243

These are just a few of the many programs that are offered within the Monadnock Region, if you find yourself in a situation where you may need to talk and find alternative resources, please contact me during office hours and we can work on a resolve.

The Town of Bennington does have limited resources, all funded by taxpayer dollars, however, there are many alternative resources that can assist anyone who may have a need.

For the Town of Bennington I saw a variety of situations in 2013. Assistance was granted 23 times, housing needs being the primary need. It is always good to help families move on and see better days ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Davidson, Welfare Director



Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services
 Report to the Town of
BENNINGTON
 2013
Annual Report

In 2013, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Bennington. The following information represents HCS's activities in Bennington during the past twelve months.

Service Report

Services Offered	Services Provided
Nursing	290 Visits
Physical Therapy	30 Visits
Occupational Therapy.....	10 Visits
Medical Social Work	12 Visits
Home Health Aide	92 Visits
Maternal and Child Health Services	6 Hours
Chronic Care.....	51 Hours

Total Unduplicated Residents Served with home care services: 21

Hospice services, geriatric care management and Nurse Is In clinics are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

Financial Report

The actual cost of all services provided in 2013 with all funding sources is \$64,529.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2014, we request an appropriation of \$4,000.00 to continue to be available for home care services in Bennington.

For information about services, residents may call (603) 532-8353 or 1-800-541-4145, or visit www.HCSservices.org.

Thank you for your continuing support of home care services.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

In the New Hampshire election cycle, odd numbered years are quieter than even. However, years that end with a 1 are made busy for supervisors by the ten-year purge of the checklist. So 2013 was our first truly quiet year in the last four. As does winter for the farmer, a quiet year provides time for contemplation and planning for the future.

And 2013 brought our first change to the board of Supervisors in many years. With regret we received the resignation of Barbara Moorehead, who has served as Supervisor since 2003. Those years have witnessed many changes to elections, not the least of which was the transition to a centralized voter registration database. Through it all, Barbara's kind attitude and sense of humor have cheered us up and cheered us on. Thank you, Barbara - we will truly miss you!

We welcome Melissa Searles, who stepped in as Supervisor to fill Barbara's spot. Many of you already know her as the Children's Librarian at the GEP Dodge Library here in town. Melissa has also served as a ballot clerk for many years.

As of this writing, there are 995 registered voters in Bennington:

222 Democrats, 315 Republicans, and 458 Undeclared voters.

This year's Town Elections will be Tuesday, March 11th. This year, we vote at the Pierce Elementary School. The Polls will be open 8am – 7pm. Remember, we have Same-Day registration in New Hampshire. Bring a picture I.D. with proof of residence to register to vote at the polls. Even if you are already registered, you will be asked to show a photo I.D. in order to vote.

Citizens wishing to vote must now bring the following forms of ID to the polls or be prepared to fill out a "challenged voter affidavit" as means of proving that they are indeed qualified to vote in town.

The following 5 types of photo IDs will be accepted in 2014:

- (1) A driver's license issued by any state or the federal government.
- (2) An identification card issued under RSA 260:21 or a nondriver's identification card issued by the motor vehicles division, department, agency, or office of any state.
- (3) A United States armed services identification card.
- (4) A United States passport or passcard.
- (5) A valid student identification card.

Expiration date on photo IDs cannot be more than 5 years old, with the exceptions of qualified IDs of voters over 65 years of age or student IDs issued before Sept 1, 2018.

Confused? So are we. It's a complicated solution to a problem that is not widespread. Voter impersonation is seldom the route by which voter fraud is carried out. Yet the risk of disenfranchising legitimate voters, especially the elderly and the poor, is real.

Those who are interested in reading more about voter fraud investigations in New Hampshire can visit this webpage:

<http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>

At the bottom right is a section entitled "*Voter Fraud Reports/Investigations*" with links to 2006, 2008, and 2010 investigation reports by the Attorney General.

There is also an interesting election fraud database here:
<http://votingrights.news21.com/interactive/election-fraud-database/>

We still count votes by hand in Bennington, and we welcome volunteers to help. Vote counting is an interesting and rewarding way to get involved with your community. Every vote will be counted, and every vote counts! Paper ballots are still the best guarantee of free open elections, as they ensure a voter-verified paper trail. All are welcome to lend a hand on Election Day evening. Volunteer with the Town Moderator or Town Clerk if you would like to help either during the day or in the evening.

Don't forget to visit the Bennington Elections web-pages if you have questions about voting, elections, etc. In them you can find information about registering to vote, the photo I.D. law, the Election schedule, absentee voting, previous years' election reports, links to State and Federal Elections' sites, and more. Please visit them at:
<http://benningtonelections.homestead.com/>

Respectfully Submitted,

Drusilla Cox, Melissa Searles, Victoria Turner

Supervisors of the Checklist

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

In 2013 the Water and Sewer Department faced very few issues. The Commissioners were advised by the Antrim Water and Sewer Department that the dredging of the sewer lagoons, previously scheduled for this year, is going to be put off until 2015. The funds for this project have already been met, thus no funding is requested for this year.

The Commissioners feel that we should be looking at major improvements to the water infrastructure within the next couple of years, as some of the system dates back to 1900.

The Commissioners are working with the Energy Committee to update the pump station, which will make the building more efficient and easier to heat.

All are reminded that any questions, big or small, can be directed to the Commissioners - either by contacting the Town Hall or visiting our web site www.benningtonnhwatersewer.webs.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Wilson
John Spanos
David Desaulniers

Water/Sewer Commissioners

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013**

Unpaid Balance January 1, 2013		\$5,063.87
Charges:		
Water Usage	\$61,256.24	
Water Interest	\$255.84	
Shutoff Notice Fees	\$250.00	
Sewer Usage	\$33,395.37	
Sewer Interest	\$264.32	
Disconnect/Restore Fees	\$105.00	
Impending Lien Fees	+ \$74.00	
TOTAL CHARGES		+ <u>\$95,600.77</u> \$100,664.64
 2012 Credit Carried Forward		 - \$666.45
 Prepaid 2014		
Water	\$461.29	
Sewer	<u>\$0.25</u>	
		+ \$461.54
 Conversion to Lien		
Water	\$235.14	
Sewer	<u>\$333.04</u>	
		- \$568.18
 Receipts to Treasurer		
Water	\$58,902.60	
Sewer	<u>\$31,470.17</u>	
		- \$90,372.77
 Abatements		
Water	\$119.70	
Sewer	<u>\$125.63</u>	
		- <u>\$245.33</u>
 Unpaid Water & Sewer Charges December 31, 2013		 \$9,273.45

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristie J. LaPlante
Tax Collector**

BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Your Bennington Historical Society had a banner year and a lot was accomplished. A big thank you to our volunteers that out did themselves; they are Linda Delay, Sandra Cleary, Brenda Gibbons and Catherine Conrey. Our directors include Frank Carrara, Linda Delay, Joyce Miner, Ronald McClure, David Sysyn, Barbara Willis, Ellen Hill and Rhea Taylor. Our officers are Arnold Cernota, president; David Glynn, vice-president; Sandra Cleary, secretary and Catherine Conrey, treasurer.

The yard sale held in August was a success – we made approximately \$1000. Thank you to all who helped and to all who donated things to sell.

David Sysyn gave the Pierce School third grade a tour of our museum along with a talk on Bennington's history.

The Peterborough Historical Society asked us if we would like to exhibit one of our artifacts; the piece chosen was our sampler – the death notice of Roxan Colby which dates to the time when our town was known as "Society Land". This piece of needlework was purchased by David Glynn and Ellen Hill for \$4000 – it is very rare!

Antrim's Great Brook School's fifth grade also had a display at Peterborough Historical Society about the Monadnock Paper Mill. The class visited our museum to learn about the paper mill and its associated dams.

We had new timers installed to illuminate the museum at night and light the stained glass window. Money from the estate of Raymond N. Holland will pay for the electricity used; he left the BHS \$7,500. His sister Frances Pietro of Ohio gave the society his beloved juke box.

We had two guest speakers, first George Morrison from the NH Humanities Council spoke on NH War Monuments and Memorials; second Charles Wibel spoke on the topic "Don't Throw Out Those Papers". Such treasure troves provide help to societies such as ours. We recently received three pieces of Southern paper money from Dereck and Kris Davis, thank you both. We also received two books and a collection of papers that relate to the history of Bennington's Congregational Church circa 1831. Thank you to Hattie Wilson Edmunds of Henniker and to the Richard and Lorraine families. About twenty-five years ago, Hattie gave our museum a large flow blue punch bowl that had been used at the inn/tavern in the center of the town. Hattie related to me that she wanted to help her home town!

Work on our book continues to near the end – we await decisions on choice of photos. If anyone has any old time photos of people, places or things we would appreciate any help.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Glynn, Vice President

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Bennington Energy Committee (BEC) was established in the fall of 2010 with the charge to help the Town find ways to save energy and thereby save money. A secondary objective is to help the Town's citizens save energy. The vision of the Energy Committee is to find ways that the Town can cut energy costs by 50% over the next decade. The BEC intends to examine all aspects of Town energy use, including both indoor and outdoor usage.

During 2013, the BEC has focused on improving the energy efficiency of the VFW Building and the Water Department's Pump House. Both of these buildings are poorly insulated, and as a result heating costs are much higher than they need to be.

The VFW Building is a former train station that was ceded to the Town by the VFW several years ago. The building is infrequently used both by the Town and by other groups such as the Boy Scouts and the Veterans of Foreign Wars themselves. Since the closure of the Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, the Town has found itself without a permanent place to vote. Recent elections have been held at Pierce Elementary School, but for a variety of reasons the school cannot be a long-term solution.

The Town's Building Committee has begun a process of planning the renovation of the VFW building so that it can be used as a voting venue and also as a meeting place for the Town. The Building Committee has engaged an architect to plan how the building can be renovated while preserving its historical character as a train station. This effort is partially funded by a grant that was received because of the historical value of the building. At the same time, the BEC applied for and received a grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund to hire an expert to design energy efficiency features that can be incorporated into the architect's design. We would then have a building that retains its historical character while greatly improving its energy efficiency. Once the design is finalized, the Town can apply for grants to help fund the renovation of the building.

The BEC's other project this year is the Water Department Pump House. The Pump House is poorly insulated and has obvious air leaks that could be quite easily repaired. The same consultant who assessed the energy-efficiency needs of the VFW Building also did an examination of the Pump House. Her report will be forthcoming shortly. The Town's Water Commissioners have been most helpful and supportive of this work to make the building far more energy efficient.

There remains considerable work to be done to address the needs uncovered in the energy audit of Town buildings that was conducted in the fall of 2011, including work on the Town Hall, the Fire Station, and the Library. The BEC will continue to advocate for this work in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Eppig
Peter Eppig
Peter Martel
David McKenzie

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2013

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride & Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
06/08/2013	Nicholas P Theberge Amanda R Manley	East Setauket, NY Bennington, NH
07/05/2013	Jason B Byam Tavia M Ellis	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/07/2013	Zachariah D Baker Annemarie L Beaudin	Bennington, NH Peterborough, NH
09/14/2013	Michael D Young Sr Cynthia D Paul	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
12/25/2013	Eric D Jenks Jandi L Wilkins	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH

I certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2013

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father and Mother</u>
02/08/2013	Blake James Trow	Peterborough, NH	Daniel and Amber Trow
02/19/2013	Elias Bennett Olsen	Peterborough, NH	Kristian and Kimberly Olsen
03/24/2013	Mason James Coe	Peterborough, NH	Gregory and Amanda Coe
05/08/2013	Hayleigh Marie Faith McGraw	Peterborough, NH	Zackery McGraw and Christine Gullage-McGraw
05/17/2013	Emerson Elise Mullahy	Peterborough, NH	Joseph Jr. and Aimee Mullahy
09/06/2013	Evan James Desaulniers	Peterborough, NH	David Desaulniers and Meredith Blair Desaulniers
09/15/2013	Aubree Makenzie Carpenite	Nashua, NH	Gary Carpenter and Julianne Kellogg
09/18/2013	Adam Richard Healey	Keene, NH	Caleb and Theresa Healey
09/22/2013	Caleb James Craig	Peterborough, NH	James and Bethany Craig
10/21/2013	Ethan Scott Parisi	Peterborough, NH	Anthony and Kristin Parisi
11/03/2013	Owen Grant Greene	Peterborough, NH	Casey and Jacqueline Greene
12/04/2013	Cadence Ashlynn Griswold	Peterborough, NH	Scott Griswold and Elizabeth Zaluki

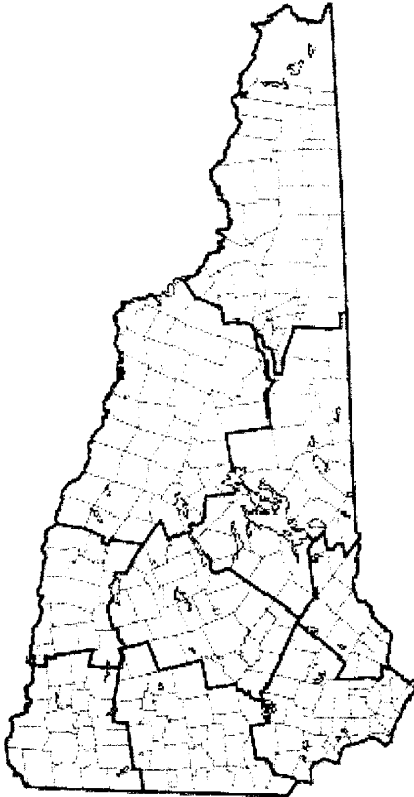
I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2013

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
03/18/2013	Joseph Diemond	Peterborough, NH	Arthur Diemond	Margaret O'Connell
08/11/2013	John French	Bennington, NH	Edward French	Addie Stinson
09/21/2013	Mary Blanchette	Peterborough, NH	George Ashey	Louise Thomas
10/28/2013	Eunice Blanchard	Peterborough, NH	George Watt	Elizabeth Eddy

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Bennington, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk: Tuesday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Thursday, 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Hillsborough
Peterborough NH LMA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

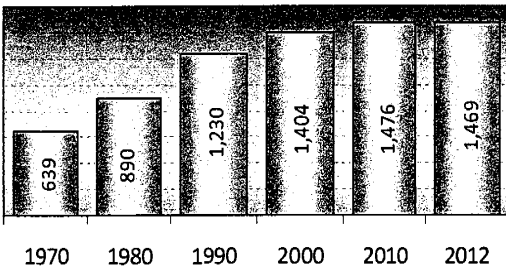
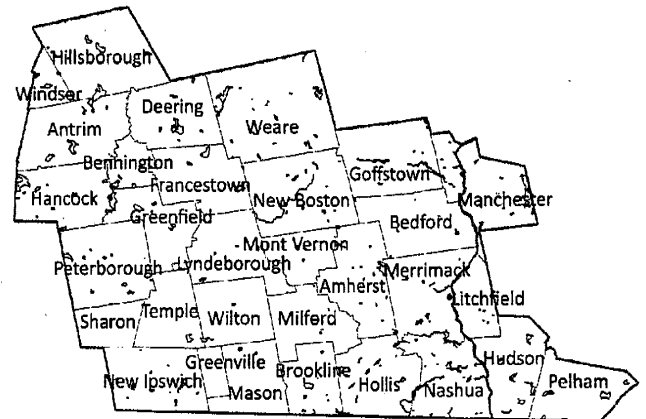
District 2
District 5
District 8
Hillsborough County Districts 3, 38

Incorporated: 1842

Origin: Formed from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Francestown, in 1842 this community was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington (Vermont), one of the most decisive battles of the Revolution, fought August 14-16, 1777. Bennington was originally a part of Hancock called Factory Village, as there was substantial industry powered by the Great Falls on the Contoocook River. According to the Town of Bennington history, the first papermaking machinery was installed in 1835 near the current Monadnock Paper Mills location.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 541 residents in 1850



Population Trends: Population change for Bennington totaled 878 over 52 years, from 591 in 1960 to 1,469 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 39 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 38 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2012 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,469 residents, which ranked 163rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 133.1 persons per square mile of land area. Bennington contains 11.0 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013	\$1,685,879
Budget: School Appropriations,	Not Available
Zoning Ordinance	1987/13
Master Plan	2005
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Water & Sewer; Checklist, Zoning**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Budget; Recreation; Hazard Mitigation Planning; Capital Reserve**

Public Library **G E P Dodge**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Part-time & On-Call
Emergency Medical Service	Part-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	9 miles 25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Bennington Water Department
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	None
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	TDS Telecom
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.90
2012 Equalization Ratio	111.4
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.69
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	86.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	8.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	5.4%

HOUSING (ACS 2008-2012)	
Total Housing Units	703
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	471
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	45
Five or More Units in Structure	134
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	53

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2012	1,469	402,922	
2010	1,476	400,721	
2000	1,404	382,384	
1990	1,230	336,549	
1980	890	276,608	
1970	639	223,941	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2008-2012

Population by Gender			
Male	642	Female	713
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	117		
Age 5 to 19	272		
Age 20 to 34	219		
Age 35 to 54	424		
Age 55 to 64	204		
Age 65 and over	119		
Median Age	39.5 years		

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	94.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	27.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2008-2012)	
Per capita income	\$28,153
Median 4-person family income	\$72,500
Median household income	\$63,393

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$51,250
Female	\$41,103

Individuals below the poverty level	5.6%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)	
Annual Average	2002 2012
Civilian labor force	816 834
Employed	788 790
Unemployed	28 44
Unemployment rate	3.4% 5.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002 2012
Goods Producing Industries	
Average Employment	273 n
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,125 n
Service Providing Industries	
Average Employment	85 n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 249 n
Total Private Industry	
Average Employment	358 358
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 917 \$ 973
Government (Federal, State, and Local)	
Average Employment	24 21
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 406 \$ 509
Total, Private Industry plus Government	
Average Employment	382 379
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 885 \$ 948

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)** District: **SAU 1**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Region 14 Applied Technology Center, Peterborough** Region: **14**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-4			
Total Enrollment	54			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Manchester**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England**

2013 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **9**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Crotched Mt. Ski & Ride Area	Ski - seasonal	250 +/-	2003
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.	Printing specialty papers	235	1819
Town of Bennington	Municipal services	60	
Alberto's Restaurant	Restaurant	26	1945
DH Hardwick & Son's, Inc.	Logging, gravel and site work	20 +/-	
Frankestown Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Excavating contractor, gravel sales	10 +/-	
Common Place Eatery	Restaurant	4	
Pierce Elementary School	Education		
Bennington Country Store	Convenience store		
Harris's 202 Convenience Store	Convenience store		

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	31, 47
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 5
	Distance	23 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim	Runway	3,260 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	32 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		29 miles
Portland, Maine		138 miles
Boston, Mass.		76 miles
New York City, NY		257 miles
Montreal, Quebec		259 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

	(ACS 2008-2012)
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.5%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.4%
Other means	1.6%
Worked at home	7.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	34.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2008-2012

Working in community of residence	16.0
Commuting to another NH community	80.8
Commuting out-of-state	3.2

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Crotched Mountain
	Other:

**TOWN OF BENNINGTONS
OFFICE HOURS
588-2189**

Town Hall	Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tax Collector	Available during Town Hall office hours
Town Clerk	Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon
Welfare Director	Tuesday evenings from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

MEETING SCHEDULES

Building Committee	Second and fourth Thursday at 7:15 p.m.
Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. <i>at the VFW</i>
Energy Committee	First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Library Trustees	First Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. <i>at the Library</i>
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. – Work Session
Recreation Committee	As needed, with proper notice
Selectmen	Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Trustees of Trust Funds	As needed, with proper notice
Water/Sewer Commissioners	Second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**LIBRARY HOURS
588-6585**

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS
588-3407**

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Eunice W. Blanchard

1924-2013

Eunice and her husband Robert moved to Bennington in 1952 to start a family and build their farm. Eunice served as a Library Trustee from 1964-1979 working tirelessly to bring the Library up to standards for the era and to create a friendly, welcoming environment at the GEP Dodge Library. She was passionate about literature and an avid reader, instilling her love of books upon her children and grandchildren. Eunice was energetic and epitomized her generation, working hard and taking nothing for granted. Eunice also attended the Bennington Congregational Church and enjoyed singing in the choir for much of her life. In her downtime, Eunice loved gardening, sewing, cooking, crafting, teaching, and reading.