

**2015
ANNUAL REPORTS**



**for the
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



Boston and Main Railroad Covered Bridge

50th Anniversary of its Demise

Built in 1877 by the Peterborough and Hillsborough Railroad, the covered railroad bridge was the oldest of its kind in the country that was still in use when it burned on April 30, 1965. The hundred-foot long wood lattice truss bridge stood on a foundation of dry stone piers. It had survived floods and hurricanes during the half century when the railroad was the most important transportation method in Bennington. However, at approximately 2:45 p.m. flames were spotted shortly after a freight train passed through the bridge. The fire, fueled by winds that day, destroyed the bridge in less than two and a half hours, causing it to collapse into the river.

The Boston and Maine Railroad, the owners of the line and the bridge, elected not to rebuild the covered bridge after the loss. They cited the insurance rates for a wooden covered railroad bridge, which would have not been feasible in an age when railroads in the area (and throughout the United States) were becoming increasingly obsolete. The stone piers that hold up this bridge stand as the sole testament to the covered bridge of days gone by.

Details extracted from news articles and from "A History of Bennington, NH"

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TOWN OFFICIALS

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**BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

for the Year Ended December 31, 2015

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Term Expires

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven K. Osienski March 2016
Jeffrey D. Rose..... March 2017
James Cleary March 2018

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Karen Bartlett March 2016
Joshua Segal..... March 2017

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

David McKenzie, Alternate March 2016
Jill Wilmoth March 2016
Mary Eppig March 2017
Victoria Burnham..... March 2018

MODERATOR

John J. Cronin, III March 2016

PLANNING BOARD

David McKenzie, Chair March 2016
Christopher Maple March 2016
Jeffrey Rose, Ex-Officio March 2017
Sam Cohen March 2017
Donald Trow..... March 2018

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Linda Quintanilha March 2018

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Drusilla Cox..... March 2016
Victoria Turner, Chair March 2018
Melissa Searles March 2020

TOWN CLERK

Debra Belcher March 2016

TOWN TREASURER

Joyce Miner March 2016

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

David Parker..... March 2016
Mark Mackesy March 2017
Valerie Germain March 2018

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

John Spanos March 2016
Glenn Wilson..... March 2017
David Desaulniers March 2018

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Christopher Clough, Chair	2016
Melissa Clark, Vice Chair.....	2016
Sam Cohen	2017
Anthony Parisi	2017
Steven Osienski	2018

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATOR Denise P. French

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Dario Carrara

CHIEF OF POLICE..... Bret M. Sullivan

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director.....	Keith Nason
Assistant Director	Kristie J. LaPlante

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief..... Michael C. Roina

HEALTH OFFICER..... Dario Carrara

HEALTH OFFICER, DEPUTY Debra Davidson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR Debra Davidson

LIBRARY DIRECTOR..... Leslie MacGregor

ROAD AGENT..... Gary Russell

TAX COLLECTOR Kristie J. LaPlante

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	<u>Term Expires</u>
BUDGET COMMITTEE	
John Baybutt	2016
Jon Charlonne.....	2016
Richard Reed	2016
Barry White	2016
Debra Whitney.....	2016

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

James Cleary	2016
Peter Eppig	2016
Joseph MacGregor	2016
David McKenzie	2016
Steven Osienski	2016
Jeffrey Rose	2016

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Michael Munhall	2016
Stephen Willette	2016
Joseph MacGregor	2017
Jon Manley	2017
John Baybutt	2018
Valerie Germain, Chair	2018

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Bret Sullivan	2016
Kristie LaPlante	2016
Joseph MacGregor	2016
Richard Reed	2016
Michael Roina.....	2016
Gary Russell.....	2016

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bret Sullivan	2016
James Cleary	2016
Gary Russell.....	2016

NEWHALL PARK BOARD

Gretchen Hutton	2016
David Parker.....	2017
Brian Whittemore.....	2018

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

David Parker.....	2016
Jeffrey Rose	2016
Gary Russell.....	2016

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Molly Eppig, Peter Eppig, Peter Martel, David McKenzie, Michael Munhall

BUILDING/FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thomas James, Peter Martel, Steven Osienski, Jeffrey Rose

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 Wednesday, February 3, 2016 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 8, 2016 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), **A.** of the Zoning Ordinance to read as follows?
 - A. Sanitary Protection. All dwellings and sanitary systems shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with standards set by the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission, by the Town Subdivision Regulations and other applicable health and sanitary codes. Sanitary systems shall be subject to the same setback requirements as buildings.
(Recommended by the Planning Board)
3. Are you in favor of amending **Article XIII** (Excavation), **Condition 7** of the Zoning Ordinance to read as follows?
 7. The proposed excavation shall be situated a minimum of 50 feet from a property boundary line, except that with the permission of the abutter it may be permitted as near as 10 feet from said boundary line.
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

4. 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 six hundred fifty two thousand five hundred twenty two dollars (**\$1,652,522**)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be one million six hundred fifty two thousand seven hundred seventy dollars (**\$1,652,770**) 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)

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

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

6. 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)

7. 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)

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five hundred dollars (**\$2,500**) to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

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

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

10. 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)

11. 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)
12. 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)
13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty six hundred dollars (**\$2,600**) to be added to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
14. 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)
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 Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (**\$12,000**) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
18. 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)

19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars (**\$700**) in support of the American Red Cross – 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 Contoocook Valley Transportation Company – a nonprofit organization?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

21. 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)

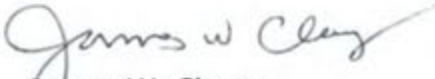
22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (**\$300**) in support of the Contoocook Housing Trust – a nonprofit organization?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

23. 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)

24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (**\$3,000**) for the development of a Natural Resource Inventory?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission)

25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (**\$6,000**) in support of Whittemore Beach staffing?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Recreation Committee)

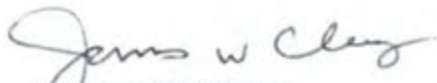
Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen.



James W. Cleary

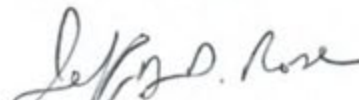

Steven K. Osienski


Jeffrey D. Rose

a true copy of Warrant – Attest


James W. Cleary


Steven K. Osienski


Jeffrey D. Rose

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee is pleased to report on our actions and activities pursuant to preparation of the Town's budget for 2016.

The Committee held a series of meetings to determine a thoughtful approach in considering the merits of the various budget submissions we would review as part of the process of making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen, as to the money needed to fund the Town's various operations and Departments.

The members of the Budget Committee agreed that our review would be undertaken using the criteria of "need" rather than "want" as the basis of looking at each line-item and determining as to whether or not it would be accepted as submitted, modified or turned down, being classified as a "want" rather than a "need".

Following an in-depth review of the various line-items in the proposed Town budget, several key Departments were invited to attend individual sessions to discuss their budget requests and establish the need for the requested amount to be approved as submitted. Through thoughtful discussion, and some give and take, these budgets were reworked to reflect funding that was indeed needed while less important requests for 2016 were modified or deleted to reflect fiscal responsibility in not subjecting the taxpayer to unnecessary expenses. The cooperation and support for our task was manifest and those Department Heads we met with are to be commended for their willingness to compromise in reworking their budgets to keep Town expenses as low as possible, while not neglecting necessary programs.

We are pleased that our input assisted the Selectmen in developing a proposed Budget, which despite the times shows only a 0.09% increase in the 2016 Operating Budget. It should be pointed out that the Budget Committee supports a new initiative that would require certain key Town Departments to establish three-year plans of what may be needed in order for the Town to keep pace with anticipated future requirements, projects and equipment purchases.

Through yearly updates by Department Heads it is felt that better management systems and budgeting would result.

Discussions with the Selectmen will be requested in the near future to discuss this recommendation. The Budget Committee would like to thank Kristie LaPlante who took careful notes during our various meetings and advised us on details necessary to understand the operations of the various Departments whose budgets we were reviewing.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Baybutt, Jon Charlonne, Rick Reed, Barry White, Debra Whitney



Budget of the Town of Bennington
Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: January 25, 2016

For Assistance Please Contact:
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GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

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.

Governing Body Certifications		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
JEFFREY P. ROSE	Selectman	<i>Jeffrey P. Rose</i>
JAMES W. CLEARY	Selectman	<i>James W. Cleary</i>
STEVE OSIENSKI	SELECTMAN	<i>Steve Osienksi</i>

A hard-copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:

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MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	03	\$138,311	\$132,565	\$152,364	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$39,507	\$37,590	\$45,403	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	03	\$54,189	\$55,030	\$30,189	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$4,700	\$2,517	\$4,700	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	03	\$239,112	\$220,555	\$247,549	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	03	\$6,550	\$4,228	\$5,659	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$28,001	\$29,563	\$27,201	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$11,550	\$11,482	\$12,550	\$0
4196	Insurance	03	\$28,613	\$29,937	\$31,000	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	03	\$13,373	\$14,772	\$11,610	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	03	\$250,327	\$238,317	\$252,363	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	03	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	03	\$93,428	\$105,395	\$95,930	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	03	\$3,000	\$2,519	\$3,000	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	03	\$1,750	\$637	\$1,750	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	03	\$181,018	\$170,556	\$180,593	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$152,500	\$118,933	\$136,000	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$11,000	\$8,375	\$9,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	03	\$29,540	\$23,665	\$30,325	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	03	\$1,602	\$1,696	\$1,602	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	03	\$56,825	\$63,597	\$63,075	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	03	\$36,150	\$39,348	\$38,250	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Administration	03	\$30,070	\$34,600	\$35,595	\$0
4332	Water Services	03	\$29,200	\$25,837	\$24,400	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	03	\$3,500	\$2,798	\$3,500	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration	03	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
4414	Pest Control	03	\$550	\$0	\$150	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	03	\$5,891	\$0	\$5,891	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	03	\$14,389	\$8,597	\$14,389	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	03	\$750	\$525	\$550	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	03	\$4,861	\$1,793	\$4,861	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	03	\$28,601	\$27,785	\$28,601	\$0
4550-4559	Library	03	\$136,612	\$131,281	\$138,947	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	03	\$700	\$709	\$700	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	03	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	03	\$542	\$667	\$542	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	03	\$633	\$508	\$633	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	03	\$3,000	\$3,329	\$3,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$1,650,995	\$1,560,106	\$1,652,522	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$20,500	\$0
	Purpose: Water Department Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
	Purpose: Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
	Purpose: Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$0
	Purpose: Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$0
	Purpose: Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
	Purpose: Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
	Purpose: Mower Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: Library Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$0
	Purpose: Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
	Purpose: Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: Fire Department Protective Gear Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	17	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
	Purpose: Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund					
Special Articles Recommended			\$128,500	\$128,500	\$143,600	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	25	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
	Purpose: Whittemore Beach Staffing					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	23	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
	Purpose: Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	21	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
	Purpose: Court Appointed Special Advocates					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	20	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
	Purpose: Contoocook Valley Transportation Company					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	24	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
	Purpose: Natural Resources Inventory					

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	22	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0
Purpose: Contoocook Housing Trust						
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	18	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Purpose: The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center						
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	19	\$0	\$0	\$700	\$0
Purpose: American Red Cross						
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$16,500	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	03	\$200	\$0	\$200
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	03	\$10,000	\$9,961	\$8,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	03	\$500	\$500	\$500
3187	Excavation Tax	03	\$900	\$827	\$800
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	03	\$45,000	\$51,659	\$45,000
9991	Inventory Penalties	03	\$7,000	\$8,053	\$7,500
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	03	\$400	\$240	\$400
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	\$245,000	\$251,007	\$245,000
3230	Building Permits	03	\$2,000	\$1,936	\$2,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	03	\$6,000	\$5,366	\$6,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government	03	\$11,000	\$8,178	\$4,000
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	\$70,354	\$70,354	\$70,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	\$41,033	\$41,388	\$41,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and 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	03	\$2,500	\$3,005	\$3,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	03	\$500	\$150	\$500
3502	Interest on Investments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3503-3509	Other	03	\$30,000	\$30,248	\$30,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	03	\$33,000	\$32,040	\$33,000
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	03	\$62,000	\$55,103	\$62,000
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$750	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$568,137	\$570,015	\$558,900

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$1,650,995	\$1,652,522
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$128,500	\$143,600
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$7,481	\$16,500
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$1,786,976	\$1,812,622
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$544,850	\$558,900
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,242,126	\$1,253,722



DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE TOWN

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.

This form was posted with the warrant on: January 25, 2016

Instructions

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-636 or MS-737) 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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Fax: (603) 230-5947
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ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Municipality: BENNINGTON County: HILLSBOROUGH

PREPARER'S INFORMATION ?

First Name	Last Name	
DENISE	FRENCH	
Street No.	Street Name	Phone Number
7	SCHOOL STREET	(603) 588-2189
Email (optional)		
townadministrator@townofbennington.com		



APPROPRIATIONS					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4130 - 4139	Executive ?	\$138,311	\$18,894	\$5,060	\$152,145
4140 - 4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics ?	\$39,507	\$4,972		\$44,479
4150 - 4151	Financial Administration ?	\$54,189		\$29,000	\$25,189
4152	Revaluation of Property ?				
4153	Legal Expense ?	\$4,700			\$4,700
4155 - 4159	Personnel Administration ?	\$239,112	\$8,537		\$247,649
4191 - 4193	Planning & Zoning ?	\$6,550			\$6,550
4194	General Government Buildings ?	\$28,001			\$28,001
4195	Cemeteries ?	\$11,550			\$11,550
4196	Insurance ?	\$28,613			\$28,613
4197	Advertising & Regional Association ?				
4199	Other General Government ?	\$13,373	\$187	\$3,125	\$10,435
General Government Subtotal		\$563,906	\$32,590	\$37,185	\$559,311



APPROPRIATIONS					
PUBLIC SAFETY ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4210-4214	Police ?	\$250,327	\$15,312	\$6,250	\$259,389
4215-4219	Ambulance ?	\$8,000			\$8,000
4220-4229	Fire ?	\$93,428	\$10,027	\$10,000	\$93,455
4240-4249	Building Inspection ?	\$3,000			\$3,000
4290-4298	Emergency Management ?	\$1,750			\$1,750
4299	Other (Including Communications) ?				
Public Safety Subtotal		\$356,505	\$25,339	\$16,250	\$365,594
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4301 - 4309	Airport Operations ?				
Airport/Aviation Subtotal					
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4311	Administration ?	\$181,018	\$812		\$181,830
4312	Highways & Streets ?	\$152,500		\$18,000	\$134,500
4313	Bridges ?				
4316	Street Lighting ?	\$11,000			\$11,000
4319	Other ?				
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$344,518	\$812	\$18,000	\$327,330



APPROPRIATIONS					
SANITATION ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4321	Administration ?	\$29,540			\$29,540
4323	Solid Waste Collection ?	\$1,602	\$94		\$1,696
4324	Solid Waste Disposal ?	\$56,825	\$3,365		\$60,190
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up ?				
4326-4328	Sewage Collection & Disposal ?	\$36,150	\$2,100		\$38,250
4329	Other Sanitation ?				
Sanitation Subtotal		\$124,117	\$5,559		\$129,676

WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4331	Administration ?	\$30,070	\$5,500		\$35,570
4332	Water Services ?	\$29,200			\$29,200
4335	Water Treatment ?	\$3,500			\$3,500
4338 - 4339	Water Conservation & Other ?				
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$62,770	\$5,500		\$68,270



APPROPRIATIONS					
ELECTRIC ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4351 - 4352	Administration & Generation ?				
4353	Purchase Costs ?				
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance ?				
4359	Other Electric Costs ?				
Electric Subtotal					
HEALTH ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4411	Administration ?	\$250			\$250
4414	Pest Control ?	\$550			\$550
4415 - 4419	Health Agencies & Hospital & Other ?	\$5,891			\$5,891
Health Subtotal		\$6,691			\$6,691
WELFARE ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4441 - 4442	Administration & Direct Assistance ?	\$14,389			\$14,389
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments ?	\$750			\$750
4445 - 4449	Vendor Payments & Other ?	\$4,861			\$4,861
Welfare Subtotal		\$20,000			\$20,000



APPROPRIATIONS					
CULTURE AND RECREATION ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4520 - 4529	Parks & Recreation ?	\$28,601			\$28,601
4550 - 4559	Library ?	\$136,612	\$3,410		\$140,022
4583	Patriotic Purposes ?	\$700			\$700
4589	Other Culture & Recreation ?	\$2,400			\$2,400
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$168,313	\$3,410		\$171,723
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4611 - 4612	Admin. & Purch. of Natural Resources ?	\$542			\$542
4619	Other Conservation ?	\$633			\$633
4631 - 4632	Redevelopment and Housing ?				
4651 - 4659	Economic Development ?				
Conservation & Development Subtotal		\$1,175			\$1,175
DEBT SERVICE ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4711	Principal Long Term Bonds & Notes ?				
4721	Interest Long Term Bonds & Notes ?				
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes ?	\$3,000			\$3,000
4790 - 4799	Other Debt Service ?				
Debt Service Subtotal		\$3,000			\$3,000



APPROPRIATIONS					
CAPITAL OUTLAY ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4901	Land ?				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, & Equipment ?				
4903	Buildings ?				
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings ?				
Capital Outlay Subtotal					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT ?					
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
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 Transfers Out Subtotal					



Operating Budget Total	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
	\$1,650,995	\$73,210	\$71,435	\$1,652,770

EXPLANATION FOR INCREASES AND REDUCTIONS

Use this section of the form to explain why any increase or reduction was applied to the estimated appropriation for an account code. Supply an explanation for each individual increase or reduction on its own line. You can use the "Add New Line" button to insert a new line. The "Remove Line" button will remove that line from the form.

Account #	Explanation for Increase or Reduction	Add New Line
4130-4139	\$894 deferred wages; \$18,000 financial software = \$18,894	Remove Line
4130-4139	Removed \$5,060 for 2015 purchase of tax/utility software	Remove Line
4140-4149	\$4,972 cost for additional three elections	Remove Line
4130-4139	Removed \$27,000 Sansoucy assessing contract and \$2,000 Trustee of Trust Funds investment services = \$29,000	Remove Line
4155-4159	\$17,070 health ins., \$1,644 Group 1 retirement; offset by (\$615 dental), (\$119 fica/medi), (\$3,693 police retirement), (\$5,750 workers comp) = \$8,537	Remove Line
4199	\$187 IT contract	Remove Line
4199	Removed \$3,125 for 2015 purchase of Server	Remove Line
4210-4214	\$6,500 on-call wages; \$5,500 administrative asst; \$3,312 Prosecutor = \$15,312	Remove Line
4210-4214	Removed \$6,250 for 2015 overlapping Police Chief wages	Remove Line
4220-4229	\$875 mandated physicals; \$1,397 dispatch; wages \$7,755 = \$10,027	Remove Line
4220-4229	Removed \$10,000 for 2015 fire engine pump repair	Remove Line
4311	\$812 deferred wages	Remove Line
4311	Removed \$18,000 for 2015 grant match to secure additional TEP2 funds	Remove Line
4323	\$94 Household Hazardous Waste disposal contract	Remove Line
4324	\$1,640 Stantec contract; \$1,725 electronic waste contract	Remove Line
4326-4329	\$2,100 Antrim Sewer Department contract	Remove Line
4331	\$5,500 Antrim Water Department contract	Remove Line



4550-4559	Restore \$2,000 for 2015 one-time reduction to Book Collection line-item; \$1,410 health insurance = \$3,410	Remove Line
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BENNINGTON (041)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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's First Name

DENISE

Preparer's Last Name

FRENCH

Date

Jan 21, 2016

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

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.

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Governing Body or Committee Member's Signature and Title

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SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Submit to the Department of Revenue Administration by September 1

Instructions

Note: for ease of use please begin at the last section and work backwards

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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Data has been imported into the form from an external source. All form calculations have been disabled.

ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Entity Type: Municipality Village

Municipality: BENNINGTON

County: HILLSBOROUGH

Original Date 08/31/2015

Revision Date 09/16/2015

ASSESSOR

Cross Country Appraisal

Assessor's Name

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.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

STEVEN K. OSIENSKI

Municipal Official 1

JEFFREY D. ROSE

Municipal Official 3

Municipal Official 5

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JAMES W. CLEARY

Municipal Official 2

Municipal Official 4

Municipal Official 6

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

LORI J. RICCI

Preparer's Name

588-2189

Phone Number

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office@townofbennington.com

Email (optional)



Municipality Values		
Value Land Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A, 3B and 4) ?		
	Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
1-A Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A ?	4,648.31	\$329,217
1-B Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B ?		
1-C Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C ?		
1-D Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
1-E Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
1-F Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved) ?	1,775.06	\$20,959,400
1-G Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land) ?	243.63	\$2,388,300
1-H Total of Taxable Land ?	6,667	\$23,676,917
1-I Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land ?	289.14	\$1,567,500
Value Buildings Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A and 3B) ?		
	Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A Residential ?		\$64,092,200
2-B Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31 ?		\$1,443,600
2-C Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings) ?		\$10,989,000
2-D Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
2-E Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
2-F Total of Taxable Buildings ?		\$76,524,800
2-G Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings ?		\$6,755,400
Utilities and Timber ?		
		Assessed Valuation
3-A Utilities ?		\$3,221,200
3-B Other Utilities ?		
4 Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5 ?		
5) Valuation before Exemptions (Total of lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4) ?		\$103,422,917



Exemptions			Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans (RSA 72:36-a) ?			
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA (72:38-b V) ?			
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a) ?			
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (RSA 72:23-IV) ?			
10a	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?			
10b	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?			
11) Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties (Line 5 minus lines 6,7,8,9,10a,10b) ?				\$103,422,917

Summation of Exemptions ?				
		Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) ?	\$15,000		
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)		12	\$700,000
14	Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) ?			
15	Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) ?			
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70) ?			
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) ?			
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) ?			
19	Add'l School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions (RSA 72:23 IV) ?			
20) Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions (sum of lines 12-19)				\$700,000

Calculations	
21 NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)	\$102,722,917
22 LESS UTILITIES: (Line 3A) Do not include the value of other utilities listed in Line 38	\$3,221,200
23 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES TO COMPUTE STATE EDUCATION TAX (Line 21 minus Line 22)	\$99,501,717

Notes:



List Water and Sewer Companies ?

Water/Sewer Company	Assessed Valuation
A3 Total of all Water and Sewer Companies listed in this section:	
Grand Total Valuation of all Sect. A Utility Companies	\$3,221,200

SECTION B

List Other Utility Companies ?

Other Utility Company	Assessed Valuation
B1 Total of All Other Companies listed in this section (must agree with line 3B):	



Tax Credits and Exemptions

Veterans' Tax Credits ?

Credit Description	Limits	Number of Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
? Veterans' Tax Credit/Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) <small>(\$50 Standard Credit, \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city/town)</small>	\$500	66	\$32,750
? Surviving Spouse (RSA 72:29-a) <small>"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)</small>	\$700		
? Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (RSA 72:35) <small>"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)</small>	\$2,000	1	\$2,000
Total Number and Amount		67	\$34,750

*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.

Disabled and Deaf Exemption Report ?

	Disabled Exemption Report (RSA 72:37-b)		Deaf Exemption Report (RSA 72:38-b)	
	Single	Married	Single	Married
Income Limits ?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Asset Limits ?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Elderly Exemption Report - RSA 72:39-a ?

First Time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year			Total Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year & Total Number of Exemptions Granted			
Age	#	Amount Per Individual	Age	#	Max Allowable Exemption	Total Actual Exemption Granted
65-74	1	\$25,000	65-74	3	\$75,000	\$75,000
75-79		\$50,000	75-79	2	\$100,000	\$100,000
80+		\$75,000	80+	7	\$525,000	\$525,000
Total				12	\$700,000	\$700,000

Income Limits	Single	\$27,500	Asset Limits	Single	\$75,000
	Married	\$39,500		Married	\$75,000

Community Tax Relief Incentive - RSA 79-E ?

Adopted: Yes No Number of Structures:



Property Reports

Current Use Reports - RSA 79-A (?)

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation	Other Current Use Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land	184.63	\$55,163	Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	1,970.78
Forest Land	2,147.16	\$173,228	Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	2,036.67	\$96,055	Owners in Current Use	77
Unproductive Land	36.78	\$553	Parcels in Current Use	149
Wet Land	243.07	\$4,218		
Total	4,648.31	\$329,217		

Land Use Change Tax (?)

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)

Conservation Allocation Percentage And/Or Dollar Amount

Monies to Conservation Fund

Monies to General Fund

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	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	<input type="text"/>
Forest Land	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Removed from Conservation During Current Tax Year	<input type="text"/>
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		Total Number
Unproductive Land	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Owners in Conservation	<input type="text"/>
Wet Land	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Parcels in Conservation	<input type="text"/>
Total	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

Discretionary Easements - RSA 79-C (?)

Total Number of Acres	# of Owners	Assessed Valuation	Description of Discretionary Easements Granted (e.g. Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures - RSA 79-F (?)

Total Number Granted	Total Number of Structures	Total Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation Land	Assessed Valuation Structures
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



Tax Increment Financing Districts - RSA 162-K ?

TIF District Name	Date of Adoption/ Modification	Original Assessed Value	Unretained Captured Assessed Value	Amount used on page 2	Retained Captured Assessed Value	Current Assessed Value



BENNINGTON

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

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's First Name

Lori

Preparer's Last Name

Ricci

Lori Ricci Office Asst.
Preparer's Signature and Title

Sep 16, 2015
Date

Check to Certify Electronic Signature: You are required to check this box and provide your name above. By checking this box, you hereby declare and certify that the electronic signature above was actually signed by the Preparer and that the electronic signature is valid.

CERTIFICATION

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Lori Ricci
Preparer's Signature

Assessor's Signature

Jeffrey A. Rose
Municipal Official's Signature

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**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2015 TOWN MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION-SESSION 1
AND
MARCH 10, 2015 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS-SESSION 2**

Session 1 of the 2015 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and there was a moment of silence for long standing citizen, Marie Magoon. 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. It was noted that the articles will be heard out of order hearing article # 18 first.

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 10, 2015 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 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 3, 2015 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 10, 2015 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. The March 10, 2015 election results are as follows:

Selectman (3 years)	James Cleary
Treasurer (1 year)	Joyce Miner
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Jill Young
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)	Valerie Germain
Water & Sewer Commissioner (3 years)	David Desaulniers
Library Trustee (3 years)	Jeannette Regis
Planning Board (3 years)	Donald Trow
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)	Steven Osienki

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 986 registered voters. During Election Day, 6 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voters Checklist contained 992 voters. A total of 302 voters cast their ballots in this election, which was a 30.4% voter turnout.

The Deliberative Town Meeting, Session 1 was attended by 22 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated the following articles:

18. 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: Kristen Vance from The Grapevine thanked the Town for its support for the last ten years. The Grapevine has operated for the last four years without State funding and has not cut services to the community. The Grapevine served 276 Bennington residents last year. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS: YES-205 NO-87
THE ARTICLE PASSED

2. Are you in favor of amending **Article VII** (General Requirements) of the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

O. Small-Scale Farming: Small-scale farming, including horticulture, dairying, livestock and poultry raising, veterinary clinics, other agricultural enterprises or uses, and the care and raising of other domestic animals, is permitted in all districts, subject to the following conditions:

1. Farm animals in the Village District must be confined to a pen or other structure;

2. Newly constructed housing for animals, including pens, must meet all setback requirements of the zone in which the lot is located.

Accessory Uses: Occupations such as sale of handicrafts made on the premises and sale of locally raised produce are permitted as accessory uses.

Note: Selectman Rose noted that this article cannot be amended.

The article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS: YES- 234 NO- 56
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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 six hundred fifty thousand nine hundred ninety five dollars (**\$1,650,995**)?

Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be one million six hundred fifty two thousand eight hundred forty eight dollars (**\$1,652,848**) 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 Cleary addressed the article noting that much work has been done to get the budget down as low as possible. David McKenzie asked if the budget is turned down by the voters, who would decide if the Town will hold a Special Meeting or go to a default budget? Moderator Cronin noted that the Selectmen would make this decision. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 225 NO- 59
THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to fill the Town Treasurer position by appointment rather than election?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article stating that special skills and qualifications are required for the job. Mark Macesy asked if the Treasurer were to leave part way through their term, how would the position be filled? The Selectmen would appoint a new Treasurer for the remainder of the term. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 152 NO- 139
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

Note: Selectman Rose addressed the article noting that there is \$198,892 presently in the reserve fund. The fire truck is slated to be replaced in 2018. It was noted that the Fire Chief originally requested \$40,000. Fire Chief Michael Roina stated that the fire engine has many problems and

will not make the expected 20 year cycle. A replacement would cost the Town about \$400,000. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 197 NO- 96
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article noting that the Road Agent was not available to speak. The article is asking for the same amount that is normally added to the Reserve Fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 202 NO- 91
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

Note: Selectman Osienski asked Fire Chief Michael Roina to speak to the article. Chief Roina stated that the rescue vehicle was purchased in 2008. It is the busiest piece of equipment in the fire station. A new rescue vehicle will have a plastic body and will last longer as it will not rust. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 213 NO- 81

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?

Note: Selectman Rose addressed the article noting that Bennington has two police vehicles, a 2013 Explorer and a 2011 Crown Victoria. The fund currently has \$18,000. The replacement cost for the cruiser is \$29,000. It is not recommended that the cruiser is replaced with another Crown Victoria as it is not as ideal as an SUV. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 159 NO-134
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that the downtown project would begin this year. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 212 NO- 79
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectman Osienski addressed the article noting that this mower is for use at the ballpark. It will cost \$12,000 to replace. Replacement is due every ten years. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 175 NO- 115
THE ARTICLE PASSED

11. 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 Rose spoke to the article noting that this is an ongoing Capital Reserve Fund. GEP Dodge Librarian Leslie MacGregor stated that funds are needed for building repairs. The person to repair the slate roof has been contacted. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 198 NO- 95
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Fire Chief Roina to speak to the article. In the past, a grant was received to purchase SCBAs. They cost \$1,800 each and will need to be replaced starting in 2017. It is possible that the Fire Department could apply for another grant. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 227 NO- 68
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectman Osienski addressed the article noting that the fund has been depleted as a new truck was just purchased. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 171 NO- 118
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

Note: Selectman Rose addressed the article noting that there is \$35,500 in the fund. Work is scheduled for Eaton Avenue. Water Commissioner Glenn Wilson stated that the work will be done ahead of the sidewalk project. It is projected that 300 feet will be done a year. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 166 NO- 124
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 Cleary addressed the article stating that a major project is being worked on at the VFW. It will be repaired and converted for use by the Town for voting purposes as well as meetings. Grants are being looked at. Selectman Osienski stated that he hoped that this will be a community project. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 166 NO- 122
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

Note: Selectman Osienski asked Fire Chief Roina to speak to the article. The turnout gear has a life of ten years. The Fire Department is trying to replace two sets of gear a year. The gear currently costs \$2,500 per set. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES-218 NO- 74
THE ARTICLE PASSED

17. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the Town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

Note: Selectman Rose spoke to the article noting that the Selectmen have some concerns about funds in the stock market. Trustee of Trust Funds, Mark Mackesy stated that the payment currently comes out of a line item and the Trustees would like to use income made by the investments to pay the fees. The Selectmen noted a concern about being locked into the decision for five years. Molly Eppig noted that the article is about how the investment fees are paid and not the way the money is invested. It was noted that the fees are a percentage of what is invested. If the investments make money, the fees will then be paid from that money. The Town would only need to pay for the fees from the general fund in the case when the investments did not make money. The moderator suggested that the Trustees of Trust Funds put together a presentation for the voters to help them understand. Kristie LaPlante expressed a concern about the expenditure being included in the budget as a line item for the 2015 budget year. It was

explained that if money is made through the investments, the line item will not be used. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 190 NO- 89
THE ARTICLE PASSED

19. 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?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that this is a nonprofit organization. Fire Chief Roina noted that this is a great organization. The Red Cross was on the scene of the Acre Street fire within two hours to help with temporary housing. The money requested is based on the population of the town. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 220 NO- 73
THE ARTICLE PASSED

20. 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 Rose spoke to the article noting that the organization has been providing transportation in the area for 8 – 10 years and the need for this help is up at least 100% from last year. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 204 NO- 84
THE ARTICLE PASSED

21. 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 Cleary asked the Moderator to speak to the article. The Moderator stated that CASA is a valuable resource for the community helping both the youth and the disabled. Kelly St Pierre noted that as a foster parent she found their help invaluable with guardianship and giving children a voice in the court system. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 187 NO- 104
THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (**\$300**) in support of the Contoocook Housing Trust- a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Osienski asked Jonathan Manley to speak to the article. Mr. Manley is the local representative for the Housing trust which owns and operates low and moderate income housing

in Bennington. This is a much needed service. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 184 NO- 106
THE ARTICLE PASSED

23. 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?

Note: Selectman Rose asked the Moderator to speak to the article. Mr. Cronin noted that this is a nonprofit organization that helps children in the judicial system. The funding for Guardian et liatem is no longer available. NO amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2015 RESULTS YES- 214 no- 76
THE ARTICLE PASSED

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher

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Bennington Town Clerk

Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations As Voted
General Government			
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0
4130-4139	Executive	03	\$138,311
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$39,507
4150-4151	Financial Administration	03	\$54,189
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$4,700
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	03	\$239,112
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	03	\$6,550
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$28,001
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$11,550
4196	Insurance	03	\$28,613
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	18,19,20,21,22,23	\$7,481
4199	Other General Government	03	\$13,373
Public Safety			
4210-4214	Police	03	\$250,327
4215-4219	Ambulance	03	\$8,000
4220-4229	Fire	03	\$93,428
4240-4249	Building Inspection	03	\$3,000
4290-4298	Emergency Management	03	\$1,750
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0
Airport/Aviation Center			
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0
Highways and Streets			
4311	Administration	03	\$181,018
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$152,500
4313	Bridges		\$0
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$11,000
4319	Other		\$0
Sanitation			
4321	Administration	03	\$29,540
4323	Solid Waste Collection	03	\$1,602
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	03	\$56,825
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	03	\$36,150
Water Distribution and Treatment			
4331	Administration	03	\$30,070
4332	Water Services	03	\$29,200
4335	Water Treatment	03	\$3,500
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0
Electric			
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations As Voted
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0
Health			
4411	Administration	03	\$250
4414	Pest Control	03	\$550
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	03	\$5,891
Welfare			
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	03	\$14,389
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	03	\$750
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	03	\$4,861
Culture and Recreation			
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	03	\$28,601
4550-4559	Library	03	\$136,612
4583	Patriotic Purposes	03	\$700
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	03	\$2,400
Conservation and Development			
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	03	\$542
4619	Other Conservation	03	\$633
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0
Debt Service			
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	03	\$3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0
Capital Outlay			
4901	Land		\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0
Operating Transfers Out			
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05,06,07,08,09,10, 11,12,13,14,15,16	\$128,500
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds		\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0
Total Voted Appropriations			\$1,786,976



Tax Rate Breakdown Bennington

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,253,539	\$102,722,917	\$12.20
County	\$124,847	\$102,722,917	\$1.22
Local Education	\$1,504,320	\$102,722,917	\$14.64
State Education	\$250,444	\$99,501,717	\$2.52
Total	\$3,133,150		\$30.58

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total	\$0		\$0.00

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$3,133,150
War Service Credits	(\$34,750)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$3,098,400

Stephan Hamilton Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	10/30/2015
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Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview			
Description	Appropriation	Revenue	
Total Appropriation	\$1,786,976		
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$568,137)	
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0	
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$25,000)	
War Service Credits	\$34,750		
Special Adjustment	\$0		
Actual Overlay Used	\$24,950		
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$1,253,539		

County Apportionment			
Description	Appropriation	Revenue	
Net County Apportionment	\$124,847		
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$124,847		

Education			
Description	Appropriation	Revenue	
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0		
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$2,943,118		
Net Education Grant		(\$1,188,354)	
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$250,444)	
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$1,504,320		
State Education Tax	\$250,444		
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0		
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$250,444		

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)			
Description	Current Year	Prior Year	
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$102,722,917	\$102,764,731	
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$99,501,717	\$99,543,531	



FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN, CITY, OR VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET

Form Due Dates: **April 1, 2016**, if operating on a Calendar Year, reporting from 1/1/15 to 12/31/15,
OR
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ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Entity Type: Municipality Village

Municipality:

County:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION ?

First Name

Last Name

Preparer's Entity

Street No.

Street Name

Phone Number

Email (optional)



EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4130 - 4139	Executive ?	\$138,311		\$133,098
4140 - 4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics ?	\$39,507		\$37,792
4150 - 4151	Financial Administration ?	\$54,189		\$55,030
4152	Property Assessment ?			
4153	Legal Expense ?	\$4,700		\$2,517
4155 - 4159	Personnel Administration ?	\$239,112		\$220,555
4191 - 4193	Planning & Zoning ?	\$6,550		\$4,372
4194	General Government Buildings ?	\$28,001		\$30,083
4195	Cemeteries ?	\$11,550		\$11,482
4196	Insurance ?	\$28,613		\$29,937
4197	Advertising & Regional Association ?	\$7,481		\$7,481
4199	Other General Government Expense ?	\$13,373		\$14,772
General Government Subtotal		\$571,387		\$547,119
PUBLIC SAFETY ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4210 - 4214	Police ?	\$250,327		\$238,610
4215 - 4219	Ambulance ?	\$8,000		\$8,000
4220 - 4229	Fire ?	\$93,428		\$105,395
4240 - 4249	Building Inspection ?	\$3,000		\$2,554
4290 - 4298	Emergency Management ?	\$1,750		\$637
4299	Other (Including Communications) ?			
Public Safety Subtotal		\$356,505		\$355,196



AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4301 - 4309	Airport Operations ?			
Airport/Aviation Subtotal				

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4311	Administration ?	\$181,018		\$172,164
4312	Highway & Streets ?	\$152,500		\$118,933
4313	Bridges ?			
4316	Street Lighting ?	\$11,000		\$8,375
4319	Other ?			
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$344,518		\$299,472

SANITATION ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4321	Administration ?	\$29,540		\$23,825
4323	Solid Waste Collection ?	\$1,602		\$1,696
4324	Solid Waste Disposal ?	\$56,825		\$63,596
4325	Solid Waste Facility Clean-up ?			
4326 - 4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal, and Other ?	\$36,150		\$39,347
Sanitation Subtotal		\$124,117		\$128,464

WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4331	Administration ?	\$30,070		\$34,600
4332	Water Services ?	\$29,200		\$25,838



4335	Water Treatment ?	\$3,500		\$2,797
4338-4339	Water Conservation & Other ?			
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$62,770		\$63,235

ELECTRIC ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4351 - 4352	Administration & Generation ?			
4353	Purchase Costs ?			
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance ?			
4359	Other Electric Costs ?			
Electric Subtotal				

HEALTH ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4411	Administration ?	\$250		
4414	Pest Control ?	\$550		
4415 - 4419	Health Agencies & Hospital & Other ?	\$5,891		\$5,845
Health Subtotal		\$6,691		\$5,845

WELFARE ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4441 - 4442	Administration & Direct Assistance ?	\$14,389		\$8,569
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments ?	\$750		\$525
4445 - 4449	Vendor Payments & Other ?	\$4,861		\$1,793
Welfare Subtotal		\$20,000		\$10,887



CULTURE AND RECREATION ?

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4520 - 4529	Parks & Recreation ?	\$28,601		\$27,869
4550 - 4559	Library ?	\$136,612		\$131,577
4583	Patriotic Purposes ?	\$700		\$708
4589	Other Culture & Recreation ?	\$2,400		\$2,400
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$168,313		\$162,554

CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT ?

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4611 - 4612	Admin. & Purchase of Natural Resources ?	\$542		\$667
4619	Other Conservation ?	\$633		\$508
4631 - 4632	Redevelopment and Housing ?			
4651 - 4659	Economic Development ?			
Conservation & Development Subtotal		\$1,175		\$1,175

DEBT SERVICE ?

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes ?			
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes ?			
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes ?	\$3,000		\$3,329
4790 - 4799	Other Debt Service ?			
Debt Service Subtotal		\$3,000		\$3,329

CAPITAL OUTLAY ?

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4901	Land ?			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, & Equipment ?			



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4903	Buildings ?			
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings ?			
Capital Outlay Subtotal				

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT ?

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4912	To Special Revenue Fund ?			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund ?			
4914	To Enterprise Fund ?			
	Sewer			
	Water			
	Electric			
	Airport			
	Other			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund ?	\$128,500		\$128,500
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund - Not #4917 ?			
4917	Health Maintenance Trust Funds ?			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds ?			
4919	To Fiduciary Funds ?			
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$128,500		\$128,500

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS ?

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4931	Taxes Assessed for County ?	\$124,847		\$124,847
4932	Taxes Assessed For Village District ?			
4933	Taxes Assessed for Local Education ?	\$1,504,320		\$1,504,320
4934	Taxes Assessed for State Education ?	\$250,444		\$250,444



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4939	Payments to Other Governments ?			
Payments to Other Governments Subtotal		\$1,879,611		\$1,879,611
	Less Proprietary Funds, Special Revenue Funds, or Capital Projects Funds			
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		\$3,666,587		\$3,585,387



REVENUES

TAXES ?

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3110	Property Taxes ?	\$3,073,450		\$3,066,706
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund ?	\$200		
3121	Land Use Change Taxes - Conservation Fund ?			
3180	Resident Taxes ?			
3185	Yield Taxes ?	\$10,000		\$9,961
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes ?	\$500		\$500
3187	Excavation Tax (\$0.02 cents per cubic yard) ?	\$900		\$827
3189	Other Taxes ?			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes ?	\$45,000		\$51,659
	Inventory Penalties	\$7,000		\$8,053
Taxes Subtotal		\$3,137,050		\$3,137,706

LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES ?

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3210	Business Licenses & Permits ?	\$400		\$240
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees ?	\$245,000		\$251,056
3230	Building Permits ?	\$2,000		\$1,936
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, & Fees ?	\$6,000		\$5,317
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$253,400		\$258,549

FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ?

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3311 - 3319	From Federal Government ?	\$11,000		\$8,178
From Federal Government Subtotal		\$11,000		\$8,178



FROM STATE ?

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3351	Shared Revenues ?			
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution ?	\$70,354		\$70,354
3353	Highway Block Grant ?	\$41,033		\$41,388
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 ?			
From State Subtotal		\$111,387		\$111,742

CHARGES FOR SERVICES ?

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3401 - 3406	Income from Departments ?	\$2,500		\$3,005
3409	Other Charges ?			
Charges for Services Subtotal		\$2,500		\$3,005

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES ?

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3501	Sale of Municipal Property ?	\$500		\$150
3502	Interest on Investments ?			
3503 - 3509	Other ?	\$30,000		\$29,780
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$30,500		\$29,930



INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN ?

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3912	From Special Revenue Funds ?			
3913	From Capital Projects Funds ?			
3914	From Enterprise Funds ?	\$95,000		\$87,143
	Sewer - (Offset)	\$33,000		\$32,040
	Water - (Offset)	\$62,000		\$55,103
	Electric - (Offset)			
	Airport - (Offset)			
	Other - (Offset)			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds ?			
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds ?	\$750		
3917	Transfers from Conservation Fund ?			
Interfund Operating Transfers Subtotal		\$95,750		\$87,143

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES ?

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes ?			
Other Financing Sources Subtotal				

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 the 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 the supplemental schedule.

Less Propriety Funds, Spec. Rev. Funds, or Capital Project Funds			
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	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$3,641,587		\$3,636,253



Taxes/Liens Receivable Worksheet

Line Item	Year of this Report	For Prior Levy	TOTAL
Uncollected at End of Year	\$193,380	\$163,500	\$356,880
"Overlay" carried forward as "Allowance for Abatements"		\$40,000	\$40,000
Receivable at End of year (to Balance Sheet accounts 1080, 1100)	\$193,380	\$123,500	\$316,880

Reconciliation of Regional School District Liability

Line Item	Amount
Regional School District Liability at Beginning of Year (To Balance Sheet Account 2075, Beginning of Year)	\$826,751
ADD: Regional School District Assessment for Current Year	\$1,754,764
Total Liability Within Current Year (Sum of Lines 1 and 2)	\$2,581,515
SUBTRACT: Payments made to Regional School District	\$1,672,479
Due to School District End of Year (To Balance Sheet Account 2075, End of Year)	\$909,036

Reconciliation of Tax Anticipation Notes

Line Item	Amount
Short-Term (TANS) Debt at Beginning of Year (To Balance Sheet Account 2230, Beginning of Year)	
New Issues During Current Year	\$300,000
Issues Retired During Current Year	\$300,000
Short-Term (TANS) Debt Outstanding at End of Year (To Balance Sheet Account 2230, End of Year)	



BALANCE SHEET

Account	Current Assets ?	Beginning of Year	End of Year
1010	Cash and Equivalents ?	\$278,996	\$826,449
1030	Investments ?		
1080	Tax Receivable ?	\$191,141	\$193,380
1110	Tax Liens Receivable ?	\$123,464	\$123,500
1150	Accounts Receivable ?	\$46,378	\$10,057
1260	Due from Other Governments ?	\$2,656	\$2,086
1310	Due from Other Funds ?	\$423,173	\$31,540
1400	Other Current Assets ?		
1670	Tax Deeded Property (Subject to Resale) ?		
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,065,808	\$1,187,012

Account	Current Liabilities ?	Beginning of Year	End of Year
2020	Warrants and Accounts Payable ?	\$34,053	\$21,349
2030	Compensated Absences Payable ?		
2050	Contracts Payable ?		
2070	Due to Other Governments ?	\$357	\$394
2075	Due to School Districts ?	\$826,751	\$909,036
2080	Due to Other Funds ?		
2220	Deferred Revenue ?	\$894	\$1,614
2230	Notes Payable - Current ?		
2270	Other Payable ?		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$862,055	\$932,393



Account	Fund Equity ?	Beginning of Year	End of Year
2440	Non-spendable Fund Balance ?		
2450	Restricted Fund Balance ?		
2460	Committed Fund Balance ?		
2490	Assigned Fund Balance ?		\$34,800
2530	Unassigned Fund Balance ?	\$203,753	\$219,819
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$203,753	\$254,619
TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY		\$1,065,808	\$1,187,012

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 funds, or capital project funds.

General Fund Balance Sheet Reconciliation

Line Item	Amount
Total Revenues	\$3,636,253
Total Expenditures	\$3,585,387
Change (Increase or Decrease)	\$50,866
Ending Fund Equity from Balance Sheet	\$254,619
Less Beginning Fund Equity from Balance Sheet	\$203,753
Change (Increase or Decrease)	\$50,866



AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT (including Proprietary and Capital Project Funds)

Description	Original Obligation	Purpose	Annual Installment	Interest Rate (%) or Range (% - %)	Year of Final Payment (YYYY)	Bonds o/s at Beginning of Year	Bonds Issued this Year	Bonds Retired this Year	Bonds o/s at End of year
Total									
									Add Line



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1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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's First Name	Preparer's Last Name	Date
<input type="text" value="Tammy"/>	<input type="text" value="Webb"/>	<input type="text" value="Jan 22, 2016"/>

Tammy H Webb
Preparer's Signature

Audited Unaudited Compilation Report Attached

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

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.

Jeff D. Rose / selectman
Governing Body Member's Signature and Title

Governing Body Member's Signature and Title

James W. Cleary / Selectman
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INSTRUCTIONS For the MS-535 Financial Report of the Town, City, or Village District Budget

The MS-535 is to be used by every NH town, city, or village district to report the year end financial status of the budget. The report is to be completed at the end of the reporting year and submitted to the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) pursuant to RSA 21-J:34, V.

Cover Sheet

Prior to entering reporting data, please fill out all fields on the cover page.

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 later removed 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.

Budget Expenditures

Voted Appropriations	Enter gross appropriations as voted at the prior year's annual and any special meetings and as approved by DRA on the MS-2. For accounts 4931, 4932, 4933, and 4934 the voted appropriations should match the amounts shown on the tax rate calculation paperwork. In the future, DRA will pre-populate this column.
Other Authorizations	Enter expenditure authorizations in addition to amounts in column 3 and detail in the box at the bottom of the page. Examples: Emergency expenditures under RSA 32:11; grant expenditures under RSA 31:95-b; additional expenditures from capital reserve or trust funds by agents.
Actual Expenditures	Enter actual expenditures (include amounts in column 4). (Proprietary funds, special revenue, and capital project funds are to be netted out for this report, generally in acct. #4914 or #4912). Expenditures for "Payments to Other Governments" on page 4 are set in tax rates. For accounts 4931, 4932, 4933, and 4934 the actual expenditures should match the amounts shown on the tax rate calculation paperwork.

Revenues

Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Enter estimated revenues from reporting year MS-4 used to set the tax rate.
Actual Revenues	Enter revenues attributable to the reporting year. Proprietary funds, special revenue, and capital project funds are to be netted out for this report at the bottom of the column. In the first row, acct. #3110, add property tax amount from tax collector's warrant, plus any excess overlay. Enter general fund revenue in the last row.

General Fund Balance Sheet

<i>Beginning of Year Column</i>	Enter Beginning of the Year amounts using prior year's End of Year amounts or as adjusted by your auditors.
<i>End of Year Column</i>	Enter the End of Year amounts from your records or as adjusted by your auditors. See <i>Reconciliation Worksheets</i> to help calculate amounts. To be GASB 54 compliant, the fund balance classifications have changed. See the next sheet for further explanation.

Reconciliation Worksheet

<i>General Fund Section</i>	This section illustrates how revenues and expenditures flow through to Fund Balance
<i>School District Section</i>	Enter amounts to determine end of year school district liability, or call your SAU for year end amounts.
<i>Tax Anticipation Notes Section</i>	Enter amounts to determine end of year TAN liability amount.

Fund Balance Explanation: Changes from Previous Year's as Necessitated by GASB 54

As Previously Classified in Prior Years



a. Assigned (Formerly Reserve for encumbrances)	2440
b. Committed (Formerly Reserve for Continuing Appropriations)	2450
c. Restricted (Formerly Reserve for Appropriations Voted for CRF/ETF)	2460
d. Committed (Formerly Reserve for Appropriations Voted)	2460
e. Assigned (Formerly Reserve for Special Purposes)	2490
f. Unassigned (Formerly Unreserved Fund Balance)	2530

As Required under GASB 54

a. Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440	= Non-cash items such as inventories or prepaid items.
b. Restricted Fund Balance	2450	= Funds legally restricted, such as a grant or library funds.
c. Committed Fund Balance	2460	= Only used for a specific voted purpose, like a special WA.
d. Assigned Fund Balance	2490	= Intended for specific purpose such as an encumbrance.
e. Unassigned Fund balance	2530	= Spendable fund balance (formerly: unreserved or surplus).

SELECTMENS MESSAGE

We begin this year's Town Report with an update on our Police Department. After twenty years of outstanding service, Chief C. Stephen Campbell retired. At the "passing of authority" ceremony on April 1, 2015 we officially thanked Steve for his extremely dedicated and professional supervision of the Bennington Police Department. After a brief tribute to Steve, we formally welcomed our new Chief, Bret Sullivan, to pave the path forward for our Force. Later in June, Steve and his wife Pamela were feted at a joint retirement party which was hosted by the Town and Conval colleagues of Pamela's.

By now many of you have had a chance to meet Chief Sullivan. Bret joined our Police Department as our second full-time officer in 2013, coming to us with 16 years of full-time Police Officer experience. During the year and a half between Bret's hiring and Steven's retirement we were able to get to know Bret's temperament and observe his capabilities. Though stylistically quite different from Chief Campbell, the Selectmen, two members of our Police Chief Advisory Committee (Debra Ash and Keith Nason) and resident John Cronin are very confident that we selected the right person for the job.

Soon after Bret's promotion to Chief, we welcomed another outstanding individual as our second full-time officer. Sergeant Jason LePine came to us with nine years of Law Enforcement experience, having previously worked in Peterborough and Antrim. We also welcomed part-time officer Lionel Emonds to our Department.

As recommended by the Police Study Committee, the Police Department hired Catherine McGillicuddy to assist with part-time administrative support functions and aid the Chief in training officers in the use of their IMC software. Cathy is extremely efficient and has been able to tackle administrative reports to allow our officers to spend more time on the streets rather than behind a computer.

Please join us in welcoming these professionals. We believe they will provide the same level of fair, competent policing to which we have become accustomed.

One of Steve's many responsibilities for the Town was that of Emergency Management Director. The Selectmen appointed Keith Nason to fill the Director vacancy and join our Emergency Management team.

To round out staffing changes for our emergency services, please join us in welcoming firefighters Jason Powers, Michael Andersen, Zackery Andersen, and Keith Nason.

In addition to significant staff changes with the Police Department, we had changes in other departments as well. Ben Billings, our very capable Transfer Station Manager, left our employ in February to accept a job working for the State of New Hampshire. Ben's replacement, Wayne "Buzz" Frye worked with us through the fall when he accepted a job elsewhere with more routine hours. In Buzz's absence, the Town has hired Bill OConnor to take the helm at the Transfer Station. You may still see both Ben and Buzz occasionally at the Transfer Station, as they have both agreed to stay on to assist us as needed.

By a close vote of 152 "Yes" and 139 "No" the Town voted at the March 10th Town Meeting to authorize the Selectmen to fill the Town Treasurer position by appointment rather than by election; effective March 2016.

Another business change put in to place in 2015 was the Selectmen's authorization that the Fire Chief decrease his work schedule with the Highway Department to 24 weekly hours. This move enables the Chief to use the 16 other hours to carry out Fire Department administrative duties. Retiring or resigning from our employ were Firefighters Joe Mullahy, Michelle Roy, Willow Tarr and Donald Warner, part-time Police Officer John Giffin, Health Officer Lise Lemieux, and Deputy Town Clerk Linda Osienski. We have been fortunate that our current Code Enforcement Officer Dario Carrara will take over the position of Health Officer, with Human Services Director Debra Davidson filling the Deputy Health Officer position. The Town Clerk, with recommendation from the Board of Selectmen, hired Debra Whitney to serve as our Deputy Town Clerk. You may remember Deb from her years of service in the 2000s.

We would also like to thank certain volunteers in Town: Rhea Taylor for her work on our Building Committee, Bethany and Jim Craig as they step up to co-chair our Recreation Committee, and Michael Munhall who has joined both our Energy Committee and Conservation Commission. We offer thanks to all those that give of their time to volunteer for committees and appreciation to those that do their jobs with efficiency and diligence.

In other Town Business, we were able to make technological progress at Town Hall this year. In advance of the purchase of new Tax and Utility Billing Software, the Town replaced its file server to a larger unit with more storage. Our new Tax and Utility Billing Software replaced 27 year old software that was antiquated at best. One of the many features of this new software enables customers to pay online for property taxes and water/sewer billings (the customer pays a small convenience fee). Visit bennington.nhtaxkiosk.com and take a look at this new feature.

In 2015 the Town awarded two \$1,000 Edward French Memorial Scholarships to Bennington seniors. Christopher Heffernan will study at Plymouth State University with an eye towards pursuing a career in music education; Andrew Hunt will attend the University of Maine at Presque Isle to study business. In addition, the Town awarded three Bruce Edes Scholarships, which are awarded to exceptional individuals whose lives closely mirrors that of Bruce Edes and are committed to community service, respect and support for family and friends, as well as achieving accomplishments for self-improvement. The Selectmen accepted the Award Evaluation Committee's recommendation and awarded scholarships to Victoria Marchand (tuition to attend the UNH Barry Conservation Camp), Julianna Stone (towards her desire to work in the medical field), and Dominique Tarr (towards her interest in studying environmental biology).

Have you noticed the fire hydrants in Town have been repainted? Boy Scouts Troop 2 volunteered over 100 man hours to scrape and repaint the hydrants. THANK YOU Gentlemen!

After much consideration, the Selectmen have accepted the recommendation from the Solid Waste Committee to not have "Free Day" at the Transfer Station in June. This program has become costly to the Town, creates chaos at the Transfer Station with the increased traffic, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to coordinate sufficient staffing. We hope that by letting everybody know of this in advance that our residents will be able to plan their bulk disposal and will not be inconvenienced.

In 2015 the Town purchased two new vehicles. In early spring, the Highway Department replaced the failing 1995 Dump Truck and purchased a 2015 Freightliner Dump Truck. In addition, the Police Department received a fair and reasonable offer on the Crown Victoria that enabled the Police Department to sell that vehicle and purchase a 2015 Ford Explorer at the previous year's list price. Once again, Bennington resident and Code 3 – Public Safety

Equipment employee Keith Nason, has offered to help outfit the new Cruiser at no additional expense to the Town. We are very appreciative of this very generous officer.

For the last year the Building and Energy Committees have worked tirelessly to develop options for rehabilitating the VFW building culminating with application the LCHIP Grant Program. Unfortunately, the LCHIP Grant was not awarded. If we had received this Grant the Town would have had to come up with significant matching funds.

Now that we are seemingly back at square one financially with the VFW, we really need to take a look at what the Town wants for the Building and how much we are willing to spend. The Building and Energy Committees have thoroughly studied the building (thanks to a matching grant) and have come up with a plan that will yield us a fabulous, very energy efficient building. But even with Grant money, the Town's cost would be substantial. This March the Selectmen will ask residents to provide their feedback on a non-binding referendum, asking how you believe we should proceed and how we should best spend our tax dollars on this Town building.

Lastly, we would like to talk about the budget. Once again it has been a significant team effort to develop an affordable budget. It would be a nearly impossible task without countless hours put forth by volunteers on the Budget Committee, the Capital Reserve Funding Committee, and dedicated work by the Administrator and Deputy Administrator. In 2016 we are proposing a nearly flat budget, going up a mere 0.09%, or \$1,527. This continues to become more and more difficult, in part because of cuts at the State level that continue to shift costs back to municipalities. This year alone, the State has reduced funding for Police Standards & Training, the NH Department of Environmental Services has cut back on their Solid Waste Certification Training, the NH Fire Academy has implemented an unfunded mandate that requires physicals for most of their firefighter training programs, and State adequacy grants have reduced payments to the Conval School District. We will continue to work diligently to spend your tax dollars wisely.

As we move into the new calendar year we await the second phase construction of the downtown Transportation Enhancement Project which will better define the Antrim Road, Bible Hill Road, Eaton Avenue and Main Street intersection. The project will also provide handicapped sidewalks along Frankestown Road to the Eaton Avenue intersection while at the same time improving draining and improved traffic and pedestrian safety at both sites. Northeast Mechanics, Inc., Pittsfield NH plans to begin construction in April with completion by July 1, 2016. This project represents the last of our previously funded grant opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted

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

Board of Selectmen

Town Clerk's Revenue Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$ 242,219.24
Municipal Agent Fees		\$ 6,222.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		\$ 772.00
Motor Vehicle Mail Program		\$ 1,473.00
OHRV	Town	\$ 130.00
OHRV	State	\$ 2,639.00
Fish and Game	Town	\$ 49.00
Fish and Game	State	\$ 1,474.50
UCC Lien Filings		\$ 240.00
Marriage Licenses:	Town	\$ 63.00
	State	\$ 367.00
Certified Copies:	Town	\$ 472.00
	State	\$ 513.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	\$ 1463.50
	State	\$ 177.00
	Animal Population Control	\$ 612.00
Dog Mail Program		\$ 319.00
Dog License Fines		\$ 415.00
Election Fees		\$ 0
Bad Check Fees		\$ 140.00
Parking Tickets		\$ 0
Checklist		\$ 350.00
Misc.		\$ 10.50
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		<u>\$260,120.74</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, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	2015	2014
UNCOLLECTED TAXES January 1, 2015		
Property Taxes		\$191,141.00
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
Property Taxes	\$3,107,209.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	9,961.22	0.00
Excavation Taxes	852.49	0.00
OVERPAYMENT		
Property Taxes	1,764.31	33.00
Prepaid 2015	1,491.33	0.00
INTEREST & FEES	1,700.02	13,363.36
TOTAL DEBITS	\$3,122,978.37	\$204,537.36
REMITTED TO TREASURER 2015		
Property Taxes	\$2,888,578.35	\$98,043.97
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	9,961.22	0.00
Interest/Fees	1,700.02	13,363.36
Excavation Taxes	801.21	0.00
Credit Carried From 2014	0.00	379.63
Conversion to Lien (principal)	0.00	91,384.40
ABATEMENTS		
Property Taxes	28,532.31	1,366.00
Yield Tax	25.64	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	0.00	0.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES December 31, 2015		
Property Taxes	\$193,353.98	\$0.00
Yield Tax	\$25.64	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$3,122,978.37	\$204,537.36

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, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	2014	2013	TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:			ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
			2012	2011	2010	
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2015		\$78,860.74	\$61,458.36	\$4,805.11	\$3,038.43	\$15,301.64
Liens Executed 2015	101,787.91					1,366.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	2,504.41	2,879.57	21119.05	2,573.34	0.00	7,255.06
TOTAL DEBITS	\$104,292.32	\$81,740.31	\$82,577.41	\$7,378.45	\$3,038.43	\$23,922.70
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER						
Redemptions	\$26,837.61	\$10,755.63	\$49,999.12	\$2,426.66	\$0.00	\$12,845.53
Interest & Costs	2,504.41	2,879.57	21,119.05	2,573.34	0.00	7,255.06
Abatement of Unredeemed Liens	253.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Abatement of Interest & Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 2015	74,696.67	68,105.11	11,459.24	2,378.45	3,038.43	3,822.11
TOTAL CREDITS	\$104,292.32	\$81,740.31	\$82,577.41	\$7,378.45	\$3,038.43	\$23,922.70

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, 2015

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2015	\$	278,995.78
Receipts		\$	4,533,089.81
Disbursements		\$	<u>(3,985,636.26)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2015	\$	826,449.33

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash Balance	1/1/2015	\$	12,430.92
Deposit unexpended	2015	\$	8.00
Deposit	12/23/2015	\$	252.00
Interest Earned		\$	<u>6.34</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2015	\$	12,697.26

RUSSELL J. REMILLARD - ESCROW ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2015	\$	1,343.78
Interest Earned		\$	0.11
Less to General Fund	7/28/2015	\$	<u>(1,343.89)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2015	\$	-

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Miner
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

For Year Ended December 31, 2015

LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Property Tax	\$ 2,888,578.35
Yield Tax	\$ 9,961.22
Excavation Tax	\$ 801.21
Interest/Penalties	\$ 1,700.02

\$ 2,901,040.80

LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Property Tax	\$ 98,043.97
Interest/Penalties	\$ 13,363.36
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 102,864.55
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	\$ 36,331.43

\$ 250,603.31

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

\$ 86,182.64

TOWN CLERK REVENUE

\$ 260,120.74

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Highway Block Grant	\$ 41,387.71
State of NH - Rooms & Meals	\$ 70,354.15
State of NH - Speed & DWI Grants	\$ 876.01

\$ 112,617.87

LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Building Permits	\$ 1,936.00
Demolition Permits	\$ -
Driveway Permits	\$ -
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 2,314.76
Court Fines	\$ 2,400.00
Pistol Permits	\$ 60.00
Bad Check Fees	\$ 70.00

\$ 6,780.76

REIMBURSEMENTS

Police Special Details	\$ 1,266.00
NH Retirement Refund	\$ 877.39
HealthTrust-Return of Dental Surplus	\$ 682.77
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 8,168.71
Department of Justice - PD Safety Vests	\$ 1,031.25
FEMA - Snowstorm Juno	\$ 7,302.29
Welfare Department	\$ 280.00

\$ 19,608.41

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$ 100.00	
Fire Department	\$ 175.94	
Photocopies	\$ 28.25	
Planning Board	\$ 1,319.75	
Police Department	\$ 274.60	
Recreation Department	\$ -	
Recycling	\$ 15,517.96	
Sewer Department	\$ 500.00	
Zoning	\$ 298.25	
	<u> </u>	\$ 18,214.75
SALE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY		\$ 4,400.00
INTEREST/BANK FEES		\$ (467.60)
DONATIONS		
Monadnock Paper Mill - Earth Day	\$ 250.00	
Milford Masonic Temple - Welfare Donation	\$ 450.00	
Hampshire 100 - Newhall Donation	\$ 100.00	
NH Preservation Alliance	\$ 2,500.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 3,300.00
REIMBURSEMENTS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		\$ 31,299.64
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE		\$ 300,000.00
TOTAL 2015 RECEIPTS		<u><u>\$ 3,993,701.32</u></u>

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2015

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$	4,500	
Telephone	\$	1,665	
Computer	\$	16,367	
Copier Lease	\$	1,550	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	1,124	
Advertising	\$	1,576	
General Supplies	\$	631	
Office Supplies	\$	2,852	
Postage	\$	3,065	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	519	
Administrator Salary	\$	42,714	
Deputy Administrator Salary	\$	12,946	
Admin Part-Time Salary	\$	40,521	
Deputy Administrator Overtime	\$	129	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	486	
Moderator Salary	\$	20	
Town Report Printing	\$	1,666	
Newsletter Printing	\$	236	
Total Executive Office			\$ 132,567

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Town Clerk Salary	\$	21,844	
Deputy Town Clerk Salary	\$	4,091	
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	\$	4,679	
Fica/Medi - Clerk/Deputy	\$	1,984	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	1,142	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	390	
Office Supplies	\$	1,601	
Books and Periodicals	\$	36	
Municipal Agent Mail Program	\$	54	
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$	450	
Supervisors Clerical Wages	\$	32	
Supervisors of the Checklist Conval	\$	225	
Advertising	\$	287	
Supervisors Office Supplies	\$	122	
Election Ballot Clerks	\$	282	
Election Printing	\$	335	
Election Meals	\$	35	
Total Election and Registration			\$ 37,589

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$	16,129	
Assessing/Tax Map Maintenance	\$	33,387	
Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions	\$	40	
Tax Collector Fees	\$	2,889	
Treasurer Salary	\$	2,000	
Tax Collector	\$	500	
Total Financial Administration			\$ 54,945

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS		
Mileage	\$	85
Total Trustees of Trust Funds		\$ 85
JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE		
General Legal Support	\$	2,517
Total Judicial & Legal Expense		\$ 2,517
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		
Group Health Insurance	\$	123,310
Group Dental Insurance	\$	3,314
FICA/Medicare	\$	27,931
Group 1 Retirement	\$	23,692
Police Retirement	\$	36,113
Unemployment Compensation	\$	500
Workers Compensation	\$	5,694
Total Personnel Administration		\$ 220,554
PLANNING AND ZONING		
PB Recording Secretary	\$	1,065
PB SWRPC Member Dues	\$	1,618
PB Miscellaneous	\$	806
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$	465
ZBA Miscellaneous	\$	274
Total Planning and Zoning		\$ 4,228
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$	9,672
Security System Maintenance	\$	1,483
Electricity	\$	3,917
Heat & Oil	\$	9,896
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	4,595
Total General Government		\$ 29,563
CEMETERIES		
Evergreen Cemetery Groundskeeping	\$	1,760
Sunnyside Groundskeeping	\$	3,740
Labor	\$	4,010
Maintenance Supplies	\$	518
Stone/Tree Maintenance	\$	1,454
Total Cemeteries		\$ 11,482
PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE		
NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$	28,937
Insurance Deductible Coverage	\$	1,000
Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance		\$ 29,937
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
General Contingency Fund	\$	5,022
Computers	\$	4,446
IT Support	\$	5,172
Abatement Interest	\$	132
Total General Government		\$ 14,772

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$	79,799	
Sergeant/Patrol Officer Salary	\$	47,267	
Overtime	\$	17,720	
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$	33,026	
Crossing Guard Salary	\$	4,726	
Special Detail Wages	\$	1,572	
Regional Prosecutor	\$	26,212	
Administrative Telephone	\$	2,318	
Cellular Telephone	\$	345	
Dispatch Service	\$	13,796	
Equipment/Training Supplies	\$	2,056	
Administrative Office Supplies	\$	1,241	
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$	84	
Administrative Gasoline	\$	5,142	
Administrative Vehicle Repairs	\$	1,071	
Uniforms	\$	1,431	
Miscellaneous	\$	511	
Total Police Department			\$ 238,317

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Antrim Ambulance	\$	8,000	
Total Ambulance Service			\$ 8,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Administration	\$	10,730	
Administrative Telephone	\$	1,321	
Dispatch Service	\$	15,920	
Dues/Subscriptions	\$	559	
General Supplies	\$	2,069	
Firefighter Emergency Calls	\$	27,136	
Forestry	\$	1,139	
Fire Prevention Materials	\$	554	
Training	\$	413	
Equipment Replacement	\$	6,101	
Service Contracts	\$	3,193	
Radio Repairs	\$	768	
Gasoline	\$	1,630	
Vehicle Repairs	\$	17,585	
Electricity	\$	2,455	
Heating Oil	\$	4,011	
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$	3,295	
Total Fire Department			\$ 98,879

MEDICAL/RESCUE

Medical Supplies	\$	1,308	
Training	\$	4,465	
Equipment Replacement	\$	742	
Total Medical/Rescue			\$ 6,515

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Building Inspector Salary	\$	2,031	
Mileage	\$	453	
Books & Education	\$	35	
Total Building Inspection			\$ 2,519

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Pre-Emergency Wages	\$	152
Supplies	\$	485
Total Emergency Management		\$ 637
GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Road Agent Salary	\$	45,643
Road Agent Overtime	\$	10,235
Highway Truck Driver Salary	\$	29,489
Highway Truck Driver Overtime	\$	450
Highway Laborer Salary	\$	27,694
Highway Laborer Overtime	\$	4,095
Telephone	\$	1,527
Garage Electricity	\$	1,322
Highway Garage Heat	\$	1,665
Building Maintenance/Repairs	\$	755
General Supplies	\$	3,776
Street Signs	\$	347
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$	10,339
Gasoline/Oil	\$	14,618
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	\$	14,175
Miscellaneous	\$	4,425
Total General Highway Department		\$ 170,555
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		
Tar/Patch/Seal	\$	18,542
Paving	\$	45,000
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$	2,407
Equipment Rental	\$	1,500
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$	23,605
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$	21,650
Gravel Preparation	\$	6,230
Total Highways and Streets		\$ 118,934
STREET LIGHTING		
Eversource	\$	8,375
Total Street Lighting		\$ 8,375
TRANSFER STATION		
Attendants Salary	\$	21,586
Laborer Salary	\$	2,079
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$	1,696
Landfill Post-Closure Costs	\$	3,705
Telephone	\$	366
Hauling and Disposal	\$	42,481
Electricity	\$	1,167
Office Heat	\$	215
General Supplies	\$	594
Certification	\$	275
Miscellaneous	\$	309
Recyclables Removal	\$	7,078
Electronics Recycle Program	\$	3,290
Tire Recycle Program	\$	2,150
Container Lease	\$	1,100
NRRA Annual Dues	\$	103
Highway Dept. Assistance	\$	764
Total Transfer Station		\$ 88,958

WATER DEPARTMENT

Labor Wages	\$	1,394	
Commissioners Salaries	\$	1,700	
Town of Antrim	\$	29,958	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$	245	
Postage	\$	601	
Miscellaneous	\$	702	
Telephone	\$	1,022	
Electricity	\$	9,541	
Pumphouse Heat	\$	1,199	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$	12,220	
Water Samples	\$	1,855	
Corrosion Control	\$	2,797	
Total Water Department			\$ 63,234

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Town of Antrim	\$	32,750	
Electricity	\$	4,912	
Propane	\$	68	
Repair/Maintenance	\$	834	
Monitoring Fee	\$	450	
Generator Maintenance	\$	333	
Total Sewer Department			\$ 39,347

HEALTH AGENCIES

Home Health Care	\$	4,000	
Monadnock Family Services	\$	1,845	
Total Health Agencies			\$ 5,845

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Human Services Director Salary	\$	2,817	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	30	
Rental Assistance	\$	5,749	
Meals on Wheels	\$	525	
Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$	1,793	
Total Human Services Department			\$ 10,914

PARKS AND RECREATION

Telephone	\$	508	
Christmas Party	\$	431	
Fishing Derby	\$	754	
Activities	\$	499	
Little League	\$	2,000	
Miscellaneous	\$	475	
Groundskeeping	\$	14,576	
Electricity - Newhall Field	\$	888	
Ballfield Chemical Toilets	\$	686	
Recreation Facilities	\$	6,003	
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$	120	
Beach /Red Cross Supplies	\$	180	
Beach Chem Toilets	\$	665	
Total Parks and Recreation			\$ 27,785

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	\$	47,761	
Librarian Assistants Salary	\$	24,997	
Health Insurance	\$	18,756	
Dental Insurance	\$	476	
Fica/Medicare	\$	5,533	
Group 1 Retirement	\$	4,935	
Book Collection	\$	11,049	
Media Collection	\$	2,876	
Telephone	\$	544	
Building Electricity	\$	1,438	
Building Heating Oil	\$	2,821	
Grounds Maintenance	\$	1,152	
Building Maintenance	\$	675	
Photo Copier Supplies	\$	3,994	
Circulation & Office	\$	1,129	
Program Supplies	\$	1,008	
Conference Fees	\$	1,170	
Technology	\$	966	
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Total Library			\$ 131,280

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day	\$	709	
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Total Patriotic Purposes			\$ 709

EDUCATION

Edward E. French Scholarships	\$	2,000	
Project LIFT	\$	400	
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Total Education			\$ 2,400

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Labor/Secretary	\$	425	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	242	
Education	\$	500	
Miscellaneous	\$	8	
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			\$ 1,175

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Fire Truck Capital Reserve	\$	20,000	
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$	10,000	
Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve	\$	5,000	
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve	\$	15,000	
Road Rehab Capital Reserve	\$	15,000	
Mower Capital Reserve	\$	1,000	
Library Capital Reserve	\$	5,000	
FD Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve	\$	2,500	
Highway Truck Capital Reserve	\$	20,000	
Water Capital Reserve	\$	15,000	
Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund	\$	15,000	
FD Protective Gear Capital Reserve	\$	5,000	
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Total Capital Reserve Funds			\$ 128,500

2015 WARRANT ARTICLES		
Contoocook Housing Trust	\$	500
Contoocook Valley Transportation	\$	500
Grapevine Family Center	\$	5,000
American Red Cross	\$	681
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$	500
Child Advocacy Center	\$	300
Total 2015 Warrant Articles		<u>7,481</u>
SUBTOTAL - 2015 EXPENDITURES & WARRANT ARTICLES		<u>\$ 1,698,598</u>
PAYMENT OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE		\$ <u>303,329</u> \$ 303,329
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
Hillsborough County	\$	124,847
Local School Contribution	\$	1,504,320
State School Contribution	\$	250,444
Total Payments to Other Governments		<u>\$ 1,879,611</u>
TOTAL 2015 EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ 3,881,538</u>

2015 Payroll

Michael Andersen		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 801.95	
		\$ 801.95
Zackary Andersen		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 2,148.19	
		\$ 2,148.19
Karen Bartlett		
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 4,679.22	
Conservation Recording Secretary	\$ 425.00	
Water Dept. Recording Secretary	\$ 20.00	
		\$ 5,124.22
Damon Beaudreau		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 900.00	
		\$ 900.00
Debra Belcher		
Town Clerk	\$ 21,844.20	
Cemetery Recording Secretary	\$ 720.00	
Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$ 1,065.00	
Water Dept. Recording Secretary	\$ 270.00	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$ 465.00	
		\$ 24,364.20
Benjamin Billings		
Highway Assistance	\$ 1,335.91	
Transfer Station Laborer	\$ 100.95	
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 2,241.09	
		\$ 3,677.95
Robert Boisvert		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 299.58	
		\$ 299.58
Matthew Blanchard		
Transfer Station Laborer	\$ 108.00	
Highway Assistance	\$ 74.25	
		\$ 182.25
Clyde Campbell		
Police Chief - Regular	\$ 31,589.22	
Overtime	\$ 3,612.42	
Special Detail Wages	\$ 754.71	
Health Insurance Stipend	\$ 1,507.64	
		\$ 37,463.99
Dario Carrara		
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 2,031.25	
		\$ 2,031.25
James Cleary		
Selectman	\$ 1,500.00	
		\$ 1,500.00

2015 Payroll

Howard Clow			
Transfer Station Attendant	<u>\$ 10,862.68</u>		\$ 10,862.68
Drusilla Cox			
Supervisor Checklist	\$ 150.00		
Supervisor Checklist/Conval	<u>\$ 75.00</u>		\$ 225.00
Debra Davidson			
Welfare Officer	<u>\$ 2,817.50</u>		\$ 2,817.50
David Desaulniers			
Water Department Wages	\$ 128.00		
Water Commissioner Salary	\$ 500.00		
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 32.00</u>		\$ 660.00
Adam Dunning			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 2,447.91</u>		\$ 2,447.91
Lionel Emond			
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 1,526.88</u>		\$ 1,526.88
David Foster			
Highway Assistance	\$ 855.00		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 2,316.52</u>		\$ 3,171.52
Denise French			
Town Administrator	\$ 42,713.82		
Short Term Disability Insurance	<u>\$ 7,064.31</u>		\$ 49,778.13
Wayne Frye			
Transfer Station Attendant	<u>\$ 7,829.25</u>		\$ 7,829.25
John Giffin			
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 423.60		
Special Detail Wages	<u>\$ 157.00</u>		\$ 580.60
Patrick Greene			
Highway Assistance	\$ 35.00		
Transfer Station Laborer	<u>\$ 270.00</u>		\$ 305.00
Bruce Hall			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 311.93</u>		\$ 311.93
Matthew Hall			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 4,199.65</u>		\$ 4,199.65

2015 Payroll

Walter Kiblin		
Highway Driver - Regular	\$ 27,163.77	
Highway Driver - Overtime	\$ 450.14	
Highway Assistance	\$ 211.64	
Water Line Maintenance	\$ 269.36	
Short Term Disability Insurance	<u>\$ 9,679.32</u>	
		\$ 37,774.23
Kristie LaPlante		
Admin Assistant - Regular	\$ 40,520.91	
Admin Assistant - Overtime	\$ 128.66	
Emergency Management	<u>\$ 152.48</u>	
		\$ 40,802.05
Jason Lepine		
Full-Time Police Officer	\$ 34,653.82	
Overtime	<u>\$ 7,272.82</u>	
		\$ 41,926.64
Leslie MacGregor		
Library Director	<u>\$ 47,761.49</u>	
		\$ 47,761.49
Philip Marcellino		
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 5,851.41</u>	
		\$ 5,851.41
Catherine McGillicuddy		
Part-Time Police Admin	<u>\$ 1,785.00</u>	
		\$ 1,785.00
Lester Milton		
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 14,098.04</u>	
		\$ 14,098.04
Joyce Miner		
Treasurer	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	
		\$ 2,000.00
Francis Morrill Jr.		
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 9,394.66	
Special Detail Wages	<u>\$ 430.00</u>	
		\$ 9,824.66
Keith Nason		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,189.48</u>	
		\$ 1,189.48
Joseph O'Brien		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 585.60</u>	
		\$ 585.60
Linda Osienski		
Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 4,090.96	
Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 45.77</u>	
		\$ 4,136.73

2015 Payroll

Steven Osienski			
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>		\$ 1,500.00
David Parker			
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 652.50		
Transfer Station Laborer	\$ 652.50		
Recreation Groundskeeping	<u>\$ 3,772.50</u>		\$ 5,077.50
Scott Plourde			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,482.92</u>		\$ 1,482.92
Jason Powers			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,806.12</u>		\$ 1,806.12
Kristin Readel			
Library Assistant	<u>\$ 60.00</u>		\$ 60.00
Lori Ricci			
Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 12,899.95</u>		\$ 12,899.95
Michael Roina			
FD Administration	\$ 10,730.02		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 7,588.34		
Highway Laborer- Regular	\$ 21,334.41		
Highway Laborer- Overtime	\$ 4,094.99		
Transfer Station Laborer	\$ 100.95		
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 396.02</u>		\$ 44,244.73
Jeffrey Rose			
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>		\$ 1,500.00
Gary Russell			
Road Agent - Salary	\$ 45,643.31		
Road Agent - Overtime	\$ 10,235.00		
Highway Assistance	\$ 510.16		
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 690.03</u>		\$ 57,078.50
Matthew Sandquist			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 227.10</u>		\$ 227.10
Dwayne Searles			
Transfer Station Laborer	<u>\$ 763.00</u>		\$ 763.00

2015 Payroll

Melissa Searles

Library Assistant	\$ 24,419.10
Supervisor Checklist	\$ 150.00
Supervisor Checklist/Conval	\$ 75.00
Website	<u>\$ 750.00</u>

\$ 25,394.10

John Spanos

Water Commissioner Salary	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
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\$ 500.00

Jeffrey Stillman

Transfer Station Laborer	\$ 84.00
Tri-Town Landfill	\$ 42.00
Highway Assistance	\$ 7,532.50
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 266.00</u>

\$ 7,924.50

Bret Sullivan

Police Chief - Regular	\$ 48,210.06
Full-Time Police Officer	\$ 12,612.84
Overtime	\$ 6,781.00
NH Retirement Refund	\$ 275.00
Special Detail Wages	<u>\$ 230.04</u>

\$ 68,108.94

Willow Tarr

FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 777.67</u>
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\$ 777.67

Christine Tarrío

Library Assistant	<u>\$ 518.00</u>
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\$ 518.00

Victoria Turner

Supervisor Checklist	\$ 150.00
Supervisor Clerical	\$ 32.50
Supervisor Checklist/Conval	<u>\$ 75.00</u>

\$ 257.50

Donald Warner

FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 53.48</u>
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\$ 53.48

Glenn Wilson

Water Department Wages	\$ 976.00
Water Commissioner Salary	<u>\$ 700.00</u>

\$ 1,676.00

Dorothy Zabriskie

Crossing Guard	<u>\$ 4,725.60</u>
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\$ 4,725.60

Total Payroll

\$ 607,520.57

MS-9 REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING 12/31/2015

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL		MARKET VALUE					
Date Created	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	%	Beginning Balance	Additions	Capital Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal & Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value	
Fire Department																	
1990	Fire Truck-001	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	76.05	192,071.43	20,000.00	731.17	0.00	212,802.60	6,821.02	1,771.50	0.00	8,592.52	221,395.12	1,042.32	222,437.44	
1997	Rescue Truck-005	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	13.38	27,810.70	5,000.00	123.47	0.00	32,934.17	5,716.07	299.42	0.00	6,015.49	38,949.66	183.38	39,133.04	
2001	Fire Department Radios-021	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2010	Fire Department SCBA-025	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	10.32	31,595.00	2,500.00	117.26	4,929.90	29,282.36	476.39	283.32	0.00	759.71	30,042.07	141.44	30,183.51	
2013	Fire Department Protective Gear	Equipment	Common CRF	0.25	672.32	5,000.00	2.74	5,000.00	675.06	45.66	6.81	0.00	52.47	727.53	3.43	730.96	
Total Fire Department					100	252,149.45	32,500.00	974.64	9,929.90	275,694.19	13,059.14	2,361.05	0.00	15,420.19	291,114.38	1,370.57	292,484.95
Expendable Trusts																	
2014	Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust	Cemetery Maintenance	Common CRF	100.00	1,752.48	250.00	6.59	0.00	2,009.07	3.71	17.11	0.00	20.82	2,029.89	9.56	2,039.45	
Total Expendable Trusts					100	1,752.48	250.00	6.59	2,009.07	3.71	17.11	0.00	20.82	2,029.89	9.56	2,039.45	
Highway Department																	
1997	Highway Dept Equipment-006	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	42.83	19,471.03	10,000.00	84.27	0.00	29,553.30	3,171.88	205.45	0.00	3,377.33	32,932.63	155.05	33,087.68	
1999	Highway Department Truck-008	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	30.05	131,794.85	20,000.00	466.38	129,195.75	23,065.48	19,743.32	353.74	20,054.25	42.81	23,108.29	108.80	23,217.09	
1999	Highway Department Mower-010	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	4.92	795.36	1,000.00	10.21	0.00	1,805.57	1,952.15	24.83	0.00	1,976.98	3,782.55	17.81	3,800.36	
2009	Road Rehabilitation-024	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	22.20	1,644.07	15,000.00	9.44	0.00	16,653.51	386.79	25.33	0.00	412.12	17,065.63	80.35	17,145.98	
Total Highway Department					100	153,705.31	46,000.00	570.30	129,195.75	71,079.86	25,254.14	609.35	20,054.25	5,809.24	76,889.10	362.01	77,251.11
General																	
1993	Water Department-002	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	12.71	22,406.43	15,000.00	132.67	0.00	37,539.10	13,270.07	323.35	0.00	13,593.42	51,132.52	240.74	51,373.26	
1994	Library-003	Structure Repair	Common CRF	10.22	38,697.54	5,000.00	141.48	2,995.59	40,843.43	129.08	334.90	208.75	255.23	41,098.66	193.50	41,292.16	
1997	Sewer-004	Equipment	Common CRF	22.87	96,492.44	0.00	397.86	18,560.40	78,329.90	12,665.33	959.66	0.00	13,644.99	91,974.89	433.03	92,407.92	
1999	Police Cruiser-009	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	8.30	16,585.57	15,000.00	68.48	0.00	31,654.05	1,565.94	168.12	0.00	1,734.06	33,388.11	157.19	33,545.30	
2001	Bridge Repair Expendable Tr-011	Expendable Trust	Common CRF	6.29	20,307.27	0.00	91.52	0.00	20,398.79	4,679.53	221.32	0.00	4,900.85	25,299.64	119.11	25,418.75	
2001	Town Buildings Expendable-012	Expendable Trust	Common CRF	19.85	61,116.34	15,000.00	239.37	800.00	75,555.71	3,713.54	581.26	0.00	4,294.80	79,850.51	375.94	80,226.45	
2001	Bridge Replacement-013	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	5.59	22,040.10	0.00	81.29	0.00	22,121.39	153.77	196.57	0.00	350.34	22,471.73	105.80	22,577.53	
2001	Sidewalk Repair-014	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	13.92	40,937.76	0.00	202.60	0.00	41,140.36	14,372.35	489.91	0.00	14,862.26	56,002.62	263.67	56,266.29	
2002	Revaluation-015	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	0.24	913.12	0.00	3.48	0.00	916.60	38.92	8.43	0.00	47.35	963.95	4.54	968.49	
Total General					100	319,496.57	50,000.00	1,358.75	22,355.99	348,499.33	50,608.53	3,283.52	208.75	53,683.30	402,182.63	1,893.52	404,076.15
GRAND TOTAL: CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS						727,103.81	128,750.00	2,910.28	161,481.64	697,282.45	88,925.52	6,271.03	20,263.00	74,933.55	772,216.00	3,635.66	775,851.66
GRAND TOTAL: BENNINGTON						905,445.32	128,750.00	3,208.25	161,588.13	875,815.44	108,075.46	13,158.63	25,597.60	95,636.49	971,451.93	3,225.26	974,677.19

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

The following report reflects 2015 funds appropriated by the Capital Reserve Funding Committee (CRFC), categorized by Department for ease of use in understanding the financial impact of the Departments being funded:

<u>HIGHWAY DEPT FUNDS</u>		
A. Trucks	\$20,000	
B. Mower	\$ 1,000	
C. Bridge Repair	\$ 0	
D. Equipment	\$10,000	
E. Bridge Replacement	\$ 0	
F. Road Rehabilitation	<u>\$15,000</u>	
Total Highway Dept Funds		\$46,000
 <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>
2016 Funding Requested		\$128,500

2015 ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL RESERVE INCOME AND EXPENSE ACTIVITY

Highway Department:

The Town expended \$149,250 (net) from the Highway Department CRF for the purchase of a 2015 Freightliner six-wheel dump truck. The acquisition replaces the 1995 International truck whose trade-in was \$6,250.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$20,000 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. The Funding Committee also voted not to fund the Bridge Repair CRF.

December 31, 2015 CRF balances for all Highway Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$ 23,108.29
Mower	\$ 3,782.55
Bridge Repair	\$ 25,299.64
Equipment	\$ 32,932.63
Road Rehabilitation	\$ 17,065.63
Bridge Replacement	\$ <u>22,471.73</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$124,660.47

Fire Department:

The Town expended \$9,929.90 from two Fire Department Capital Reserve Funds (CRF), which included \$4,929.90 from the SCBA CRF and \$5,000 for the purchase of protective gear (Protective Gear CRF).

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, 2015 CRF balances for all Fire Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$221,395.12
Rescue Vehicle	\$ 38,949.66
Breathing Apparatus	\$ 30,042.07
Protective Gear	\$ <u>727.53</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$291,114.38

Police Department:

The 2011 Crown Vic sedan was replaced in late December 2015; the purchase price for the 2015 Ford Explorer was \$28,595. The Town was able to sell the 2011 police cruiser through private sale for \$4,000; this revenue will be applied as an offset to the overall cost of outfitting the 2015 cruiser with adequate equipment.

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

December 31, 2015 CRF balance for the Police Cruiser account is as follows:

Police Cruiser	\$ 33,388.11
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The purchase of the new cruiser is not reflected in the Police Cruiser CRF balance (above).

Utility Departments:

The Town expended \$14,995 from the Water Department's Operating Budget for water line maintenance at the Eaton Avenue/Bible Hill Road intersection. Reimbursement of these expended funds from the CRF is not reflected in the \$51,132.52 CRF balance at December 31, 2015.

The Town expended \$18,560.40 from the Sewer CRF for Bennington's share of dredging the Antrim sewer lagoons.

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.

December 31, 2015 CRF balances for the Utility Departments accounts are as follows:

Water	\$ 51,132.52
Sewer	\$ <u>91,974.89</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$143,107.41

Municipal Departments:

The Selectmen continue their work with the Building Committee and the Energy Committee with the expectation of rehabilitating the VFW into a community building which will be able to accommodate voting activities. \$800 was spent from the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund for T.R. Fellows Engineering to provide a structural evaluation of the VFW foundation. The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund.

During the 2015 calendar year there were no funds expended from neither the Revaluation CRF nor the Sidewalk CRF. The Funding Committee voted not to fund either of these Capital Reserve accounts.

December 31, 2015 CRF balances for the Municipal Departments accounts are as follows:

Revaluation	\$ 963.95
Town Buildings	\$ 79,850.51
Sidewalk Improvement	\$ <u>56,002.62</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$136,817.08

Library Department:

During the 2015 calendar year, \$3,204.34 was expended from the Library CRF for roof repair (\$2,789) and a replacement sign (\$415).

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

December 31, 2015 CRF balance for the Library account is as follows:

Library	\$ 41,098.66
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The cumulative balance of all Capital Reserve Funds as of December 31, 2015 is \$770,186.11.

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The GEP Dodge Library broke through an accessibility barrier in 2015 by making all of the Library's catalog and database memberships available online to all of our 1,424 patrons. Patrons can now browse and search the Library's catalog and check on their own Library account through a dedicated computer at the front desk and from any of their own personal Wi-Fi accessible devices, such as phones, computers, tablets and readers from anywhere in the world, 24/7. From their own Library account, patrons can search, reserve, renew, and request an inter-Library loan. Once signed into their own account, patrons can also access any of the 15 databases that the Library belongs to, such as Ebscohost, Medline Plus, Consumer Health Complete, NH Overdrive, and TumbleBooks without having to have an additional password or site address to access them. This is especially helpful when trying to download, e-periodicals, e-books and e-audio books from NH Overdrive. Our new catalog is called *Apollo Bibliionix* and our catalog's address is dodglibrary.bibliionix.com.

Thanks to Doug Davie, the Library's website is up and running again after a year of dormancy. Doug helped us to transition from one host to another and then set-up the new website. The Library's website address is the same: www.dodglibrary.com. Our online catalog, our website and our Facebook accounts are linked and patrons will find the Library's addresses, hours, announcements and photos on all three.

Many of our patrons do not have online access at home, but with the Library's free public access Wi-Fi and use of their own devices including a cell phone, or using one of the Library's two public access computers, they can get online and they can print in black & white or color. Patrons use the Library's Wi-Fi and public computers to apply for jobs, send and receive email, 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 and tests, post items on e-bay and Craig's list, check websites such as Pinterest, Facebook, and generally keep in touch with family and friends. The Library also offers incoming and outgoing fax services as well.

The Library houses a materials collection of 25,202 items that includes 1,910 DVDs, 694 sound recordings, and 25 periodical subscriptions. In addition, our patrons have access to a rotating DVD collection of 560 belonging to the Nubanusit Library Cooperative, of which our Library is a member. In 2015 Bennington patrons checked out 16,287 print, audio and visual items from our own Library and borrowed an additional 989 items via inter-Library loan from other New Hampshire libraries. Having access to multiple NH library collections makes it feasible for patrons to borrow materials that we don't have room to shelve, are of limited edition, are out of print, or are too expensive for us to acquire.

Library patrons have access to a variety of Museum Passes, most of which were purchased through fund raising and donations. Current passes are to *The Museum of Fine Arts* in Boston; *The Currier Museum of Art* in Manchester, NH; *The Montshire Children's Museum* in Norwich,

VT; *The Fells* in Newbury, NH; *The Mariposa Museum*, Peterborough, NH; and *The Seacoast Science Center*, Odiorne State Park, Rye, NH.

Throughout the year the Library sponsors programs, speakers, field trips, story times, seasonal activities, the Summer Reading Program, story walks, book groups, clubs and various instructional classes. Not having an onsite meeting space has forced us to use spaces in venues other than at the Library and to share sponsorship with other Boards and Libraries. We have been fortunate to be able to make use of the VFW Hall and to be able to set-up a tent during the summer time for holding our various story times and programs. We have been privileged to have visits from Pierce School students and have been able to provide space and resources for different Scout troops and Home School families. Our LEGO Club on Tuesday afternoons has been very popular as has been our newest elementary aged book group.

We had many fun activities for our 'Heroes' themed Summer Reading Program in 2015. Thank you Mike Roina, and to all of our HEROES at the Bennington Fire Department for organizing a wonderful and memorable visit to the Bennington Fire Station; it was so much FUN! Thank you to our 10 Summer Reading Program Storytime volunteers, thank you to all who were able to join in on our field trips, which included a field trip up the Mount Washington on the Cog Railway, one to *Nuthin' But Good Times*, and on our annual trip to a NH Fisher Cats Game.

We've had a variety of fund raisers this year. Robyn Manley, who aside from providing us with gorgeous flower gardens, also created and donated a beautiful quilt to raffle off for the second year in a row. Peter Eppig hosted an instructional wine tasting fundraiser. And The Friends of the Library, spearheaded by Janice McKenzie and Molly Eppig, held their third Rhubarb Festival which included rhubarb plant sales, a baking contest and a craft fair.

We have so many, many to thank. Thank you to every single one of our Library patrons and volunteers who have faithfully used the Library's resources, donated their time, their talents, their money and materials for the benefit and enrichment of their neighbor patron's lives. It is only possible with all of your help. We are very grateful and thankful for the extra help we have received this year from Chris Maple, Christine Tarrío, Betty Coffin Brooks, Allison Hodgen, Kyle Howe, and RoAnne and John Cronin. Thank you to the Bennington Highway Department who keep our walks and parking areas open and clear and thank you Town Hall for all of your support.

Come to the Library and learn how to access our new catalog, make use of the collection, learn how to create things, get and share ideas and have fun. We're here to expand your world. We look forward to seeing all of you many times over this coming year.

There is so much to see, to do, to read, to learn and to discover.
Start your journey at your Library!

Leslie MacGregor, Director
Melissa Searles, Assistant Director

Jill Wilmoth, Trustee Chair
Molly Eppig, Trustee Treasurer
Jeannette Regis, Trustee
David McKenzie, Trustee Alternate

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2015 was a year with many changes for the Police Department. First, I would like to thank the Board of Selectman for the opportunity to serve this Town in a different capacity. After I was sworn in as Police Chief April 1, 2015, my first responsibility was to fill my full-time position with an Officer I knew would be a great fit for the Town of Bennington. Sergeant Jason LePine fit everything I was looking for. Since Sgt. LePine's arrival, we have collectively set a vision for the future of the Bennington Police Department. Our goal is to serve the Town of Bennington with professional Police Officers that understand the laws and how to apply them, and Officers you can rely on to serve and protect with professionalism, compassion and have a deep involvement within our Community.

In 2015 the entire Country witnessed a significant increase in drug use with the opioid epidemic causing many deaths across the State of New Hampshire. Unfortunately, Bennington is not immune. We responded to several drug overdose calls this year, one with a fatal ending. I want to be very clear that we are working hard to locate and prosecute individuals buying, selling or using illegal drugs. We have made arrests, and will be vigilant on making more. You have qualified, experienced, and well trained Officers working to help make this happen.

I would like to thank Sergeant LePine for his efforts since being hired May 1, 2015. Sergeant LePine has worked numerous felony cases including Child Abuse and Sexual Assaults. His efforts have resulted in the arrests of those who harm others, including our children. We have zero tolerance on abuse. Sergeant LePine, thank you for all you have done.

I would also like to thank Officers Marcellino, Milton, Morrill and our new addition, Officer Emond. You all have done an outstanding job and your dedication and hard work is very much appreciated. Thank you for everything you do. Officer Giffin resigned so he could spend more time with his family and doing things he loves to do. He was an asset to this Department and I enjoyed my time with him. He will be missed. Our part-time Administrative Assistant Cathy McGillicuddy joined us this year. She has been a great addition to this Agency and the Town of Bennington. Cathy brings years of experience and has brought the internal operations of this Agency to an entirely new level. Rain, snow, or cold Dottie Zabriskie is there with a smile on her face keeping our children safe while crossing for school. Thank you for another year Dottie! You are very much appreciated.

In closing, I would like to thank the Community for your support. I've met so many of you that have stopped in to share your ideas and concerns you have for our Town. With your help, it's easier for us to assist your needs. I look forward to hearing from more of you. I expect 2016 to bring on new changes and challenges and with your help we can continue to make this Community a safe and desirable place to live. I look forward to the new year!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bret Sullivan, Chief of Police

BENNINGTON FIRE RESCUE

First of all, I would like to apologize for not getting into the Town Report last year. This report will include the highlights from 2014 as well as 2015.

In 2014, Bennington Fire Rescue responded to 235 calls which was a record breaking year for us. Starting in early January, we were dispatched to a vacant building for a reported structure fire. Crews quickly arrived on scene and knocked the fire down, saving the rest of the building. The rest of the winter was uneventful, with 10 mutual aid building fires and multiple motor vehicle accidents. In June, members had a close call while operating at a motor vehicle accident - a motorist narrowly missed our apparatus positioned up traffic from our scene and went off the road and in to a tree, trapping the driver. The driver was severely injured and flown to UMASS Medical center where he recovered. In August the Fire Department was dispatched to Acre Street for a reported structure fire. First arriving crews on scene conducted a primary search that resulted in rescuing the sole occupant who was sleeping. The Fire Department then knocked down the remaining fire but the building was deemed to be a total loss. Also in 2014 we were rocked with a wet heavy snow just before Thanksgiving that caused widespread power outages which led to 13 service calls over the course of the storm. On Thanksgiving Day we were dispatched to the Birches of Bennington Condos for a reported structure fire. First arriving units on scene reported a fire in two center units of the building. Crews worked quickly and effectively to contain the fire to the two center units.

With 2014 behind us, the first few months of 2015 didn't give us much of a break with an oven fire, electrical fire, and multiple mutual aid responses. Snowfall was heavy and relentless, and emergency responses were difficult. In March, thanks to early detection and a fast response, crews were able to quickly extinguish an apartment fire with minimal water and smoke damage.

As reported in the news, 2015 was a record brush fire season for the State. As soon as the snow melted we saw a busy "Brush Season". Bennington was fortunate with only one small incident on Route 202 that was a direct result of carelessly discarded ashes. However, we assisted Antrim, Hancock, Hillsborough, Deering, Greenfield, Peterborough, and Lyndeborough with brush fires throughout the spring and summer.

Overall, we responded to 231 calls in 2015, including an unfortunate increase in opiate overdoses. In 2015, Bennington responders administered Narcan to six patients. Per capita, Bennington is no better than Manchester or any other large city.

Over the course of these last two years, our membership has undergone some serious training in the fire and medical field. Four personnel completed basic Firefighter training and four personnel completed their First Responder course. Our collective training with the Incident Command System over the last several years has proved beneficial both on scene and on paper; ICS training is a prerequisite for a \$40,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for which we recently applied.

Over the last two years the Department has made significant progress administratively. Midway through 2014, the Selectmen and the Fire Chief developed and implemented a new pay scale and Payroll Policy for Fire Department membership. The new Payroll Policy was implemented as a means to encourage training, fairly compensate those with significant training, and to compensate officers for their additional tasks and responsibilities. As most of you know, I had been working full-time for the Highway Department and doing Fire Department responsibilities in the evenings and on weekends. In early 2015 the Selectmen reconfigured my employment so

that I work for both the Highway and Fire Departments during the week, allotting two days per week to complete Fire Department administrative tasks. Although at face value it appears to be an increase in payroll expenses, in the end it has saved the Town money by cutting down the amount of over-time I work each week. If you have an inspection, Fire Prevention, or fire safety question, feel free to contact the Fire Station at 588-2188 and we can schedule an appointment.

Due to an increase in complaints received from the public, we going to be making contact with multi-family property owners during the course of 2016 to make sure buildings are compliant with the State Fire Code and Life Safety code. Per RSA 153:10a, Hardwired interconnected smoke and CO detectors are required in each unit contained within a multi-family dwelling. This outreach will not only protect the tenants occupying the dwelling but also the property owners from any liability in the event something should happen.

Bennington Fire Rescue is made up of 15 Paid Call members. Our membership consists of electricians, chemists, truck drivers, carpenters, salesmen, automotive technicians, equipment operators, and highway workers. Despite our current numbers, we continue to actively seek people to 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 or mike.roina@benningtonnhfire.com and we can set up a time to meet!

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Roina, Fire Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bennington Emergency Management has been busy this year with many changes to better serve our Community. With the retirement of Police Chief Steve Campbell who also served as the Emergency Management Director, the Board of Selectmen appointed longtime resident Keith Nason to replace Director Campbell. Keith Nason has a strong background in the Fire/EMS fields and also has a large number of relationships within the Fire/EMS/Homeland Security & Emergency Management and Law Enforcement communities around the country. Kristie LaPlante will continue to serve as the Deputy Director. Kristie also has a strong background in the Fire/EMS field and has been invaluable over the years with her extensive knowledge of Emergency Management reporting, grant paperwork and various reimbursement opportunities.

During 2015 Emergency Management brought together the Police and Fire Departments to create a stronger relationship in regard to training, information sharing and Community relations. One of the primary focuses of Emergency Management during 2015 was to work with Pierce School to enhance safety for our children and teachers. Principal Ann Allwarden and her team have been very supportive and have encouraged continued growth with our combined training and drills. During the last several months several different drills have taken place with continued student/teacher education through the Fire Department. Planned law enforcement training and drills within Pierce School will take place in early 2016. Each month the Pierce School Emergency Management Team meets to discuss various topics and to stay focused on the safety of both students and teachers. This team is all-inclusive with members from the school and each of the Town's emergency Departments.

2015 has also been a busy year for Emergency Management training given to us at both the State and Federal levels. This training will continue and grow through 2016 and the Bennington Emergency Management team and partners will continue to enhance their knowledge and abilities to better protect and serve our Community members.

Starting in early 2016 Emergency Management will be creating an entirely new Local Emergency Operations Plan which will require many of the Town's Departments such as the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen to work together to incorporate best practices and specific operational/tactical procedures in the event of any emergency. We will also be promoting the State of NH's *ReadyNH* app for your mobile phone and the *See Something, Say Something* programs.

As we continue to enhance our Community involvement and education we are encouraging anyone with comments, questions or ideas to contact us. Calls can be made to the Town Office during normal business hours or through the Police Department after hours. Email Keith at EMD@BenningtonNHfire.com or Kristie at DEMD@BenningtonNHfire.com

Respectfully Submitted

Keith W. Nason, Emergency Management Director

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

At the beginning of 2015 the first two weeks were fine; at about the same time it started to snow the Highway Department became shorthanded and then we lost some of our back-up help. Our new plow truck showed up in mid February and is working very well. The weather stayed cold and snowy for the rest of the winter keeping us very busy.

As things warmed up and dried out we were able to get on to summer maintenance including brush cutting, mowing road sides, grading and drainage work. The summer road job this year was to improve Pine Meadows Circle. We narrowed the intersection to help with plowing and drainage; replaced other culverts and stone-lined ditches before we added the pug mill top coat and added gravel for the shoulders. The road now cleans off a lot better when plowing and our road winter treatment works a lot better and reduces the amount of time and material used.

Back to the new dump truck, it replaced a 1995 International that we ran for twenty years. The new truck has a front side spinner and chute on the four seasons body which works well, not only for winter use but also for summer tasks which includes doing shoulders and under-drain.

The culvert and entrance at Birch Glen Drive was upgraded and paved. We also worked with the Water Department on the Eaton Avenue water line loop. We tied in the line and crossed Route 47 and started down the side of Eaton Avenue. With both sections done we hope to finish the project next year (2016).

The beginning of winter held off until the end of December which allowed us to do a lot of drainage work, shouldering and ditching on many paved roads to help extend the pavement life and drain water out of the road base material.

It seems with shouldering, ditching, culverts and catch basins that we have done in the past years are worth the time and effort. Even though we were under average for rain fall, when it did rain it seemed to come all at once this summer and resulted in very few problems. The biggest problem was from land clearing in two areas that produced more run off. In both situations the land owners had the problems fixed.

Near the end of the year during the budget process we discussed having a Roads Committee come up with a road plan for paved roads to survey condition, type of construction, time line and budget. If you are knowledgeable and interested in participating on the Roads Committee please contact the Town Office or Road Agent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary S. Russell, Road Agent

TRANSFER STATION

2015 was the year of change for the Transfer Station. Personnel changes, that is. In February, Ben Billings accepted full-time employment with NH DOT. Aside from working at the Transfer Station, Ben was also a big help at the Highway Department, filling in when extra help was needed. Ben will be missed and we wish him the best. In early spring, Ben's vacancy was filled by Wayne "Buzz" Frye. Buzz did a good job as well, but before yearend he resigned and accepted employment with another community that could offer him more hours. We wish Buzz the best. We would like to welcome our newest addition, Bill OConnor.

Due to changes in State regulations, we now have to check white goods for mercury switches. We stock pile these appliances near the metal dumpster and have been using a local Appliance School as needed to aid us in identifying and removing these switches.

After three years of excellent services with Monadnock Disposal Service (MDS), we signed another three-year contract with them for recyclables and waste removal. MDS has agreed to provide us with a container at no cost to be used for tire recycling. Our prior vendor was going to charge almost \$2 each day to rent the container plus pickup and fuel charge. We will still have to pay to haul tires away but this solution should be cheaper.

In 2015 we shipped 360 tons of trash and 62 tons of demo, we recycling 13 tons of plastic, 52 tons of mixed paper and cardboard, 33 tons of glass, two 130 yard containers full of tin and aluminum cans, two containers of tires, and four containers of e-waste.

Although the cost of recyclables continues to increase, recycling remains more cost effective than disposing of all items in the compactor. For example, glass costs \$33 per ton, which is one-third the cost of disposal with your regular trash. By recycling plastic, mixed paper and cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, and glass we kept 106 tons out of the compactor. If markets continue to fall our disposal cost will continue to increase.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Rose, Dave Parker and 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.

The Conservation Commission members are pleased to highlight our projects and accomplishments for 2015.

To begin with, we would like to acknowledge Michael Munhall as our newest Conservation Commission member. We appreciate his interest and desire to become our sixth Conservation member and welcome him to the Commission.

In 2015, the Conservation Commission and Recreation Committee co-sponsored an After School Science Program for Pierce School students in 2nd through 4th grades. The program was facilitated by a Commission member and promoted environmental and conservation education to the youth of Bennington. Three five-week sessions were held from January through June. Students met at the VFW and utilized the Bruce Edes Forest as an outdoor classroom to study the ecosystems of the forest through tracking, tree and plant identification (native and invasive), and insects. Pierce School students were engaged and enthusiastic as they learned about the local flora and fauna in an outdoor setting.

Through a newly created Conservation Education budget line item (reallocation of funds), the Conservation Commission was able to sponsor a Bennington Great Brook School student to attend the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, New Hampshire. The student attended the "On the Wild Side" session and experienced hiking, camping, fishing, identifying edible plants and more. We will offer similar experiences annually.

On April 18th we held our 7th Annual Earth Day Clean-up, offering complimentary breakfast to participants at the VFW. We strive to include all Town employees, volunteers, organizations, and local residents for the event. Daisy Troop 10914 attended the event and presented an Invasive Species display outside the VFW. The Selectman's office pitched in to come up with a contest for the person(s) that collected 'The Most Unusual Piece of Trash.' The prize was a complimentary trash/recycling pickup by the Selectmen. We would like to thank the Monadnock Paper Mills, the Highway and Fire Departments, Patrick Greene, and all the local residents who assisted in cleaning up Bennington's roadsides.

Our annual mapping projects included identifying all properties with Conservation Easements in Town and mapping of invasive plant species. If you are buying plants and shrubs for your property, we recommend that you purchase native species from a reputable nursery. For information on prohibited species and eradication of invasives go to: <http://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/plant-industry/invasive-plants.htm>

Commission members Jon Manley (NH House Rep) and Joe MacGregor have been an integral part of the Contoocook River Advisory Committee (CRAC). The CRAC assesses the water quality and current status of the Contoocook River. Relative to the River, these two members have met with officials from various State departments and are actively pursuing year round access to the trestle bridge that crosses the Contoocook between the Bruce Edes Forest and the Monadnock Paper Mill.

Collaboration among Conservation groups is an important part of accomplishing our goal of protecting our natural resources. In September, we met with representatives of the Frankestown

Conservation Commission and Frankestown Land Trust and discussed how to promote Conservation Easements.

Lastly, the Conservation Commission is pursuing a Natural Resources Inventory which is a compilation of documents and maps that identify and describe "important naturally-occurring resources within a community, watershed or region. It provides the basis for land conservation planning, allows natural resource information to be included in local planning and zoning, and provides communities with a strong foundation for informed decision-making."

As stewards of our Town's resources, it is our responsibility to ensure the health and viability of our natural resources and ensure they are protected. Our unique little niche in the Monadnock region offers a way of life that is worth conserving.

We appreciate the support of Bennington residents and welcome any interested parties to our monthly Conservation Commission meeting held on the third Thursday of each month.

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 one Zoning Warrant Article for the 2015 Town Meeting. The Article was approved by the voters. It allows small-scale farming in all zones, as long as certain conditions are met. For the 2016 ballot, the Board will propose two Zoning amendments. One clarifies setback requirements for septic systems, and the other resolves a conflict between the Zoning Ordinance and the Excavation Regulations regarding setback requirements.

The Board received and approved two Lot Line Adjustment requests this year. In addition the Board conducted a Site Walk of a property located on a Class VI road. The owner wished to build a much larger residence than is currently on the property. The Zoning Ordinance does not allow for building on properties that can only be accessed by Class VI roads or private roads that do not at least meet Class V standards. However, in view of improvements to the road (it is still a Class VI road) and the past issuance of a building permit on the property, the Board advised the Select Board to allow issuance of a building permit, with provisions releasing the Town from maintenance of the road and allowing only three-season occupancy of the property. The Board advised the requester to apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a Variance regarding expansion of a non-conforming use.

Excavators must receive permits from both the State and the Town. The Board received two requests for renewal of Gravel Pit Excavation Permits in 2015. The first request was granted and the Permit is now set to expire in 2020 at the same time the State permit comes up for renewal. The renewal process for the second request was in progress at year's end, with a hearing set for early 2016. In addition, the Board conducted a Site Walk of a dormant excavation site located on Durgin Road. As a result of the Site Walk, the Board advised the Select Board to release the reclamation bond for that site.

The Planning Board is working on the Town's Master Plan. The Master Plan was last updated in 2005, and so was due for update in 2015. The update was nearing completion at year's end, lacking contributions to the Capital Improvement Plan from a few sources. The Plan is expected to be finished early in 2016.

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

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

The assistance granted for 2015 was down considerably from prior years. There were a few families that had extenuating circumstances and I did my best to assist as necessary. However, overall it seemed that families are doing better financially and trying hard to make ends meet without asking for assistance. The requirements for being granted assistance are the same for everyone; not everyone who applied accepted the assistance they could have been provided.

If you find yourself having a difficult time, please give me a call and if you don't qualify for assistance through the Town, I may know of a program that you may qualify for or another avenue to help with your situation.

The food pantries in Antrim, Peterborough and Greenfield will provide food for Bennington residents. If you find yourself in a situation where food is needed, please give me a call and I will help you with the procedure to get some necessary food.

As always, those who were assisted and I, appreciate the assistance provided for Operation Santa, and Holiday Food Baskets. Those who were the "secret Santas" for a couple of families, Thank You so much; your help is very much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Davidson, Human Services Director

ANTRIM AND BENNINGTON FOOD PANTRY

The Antrim and Bennington Food Pantry is located at the Baptist Church, 85 Main Street, Antrim NH. The Food Pantry is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Pantry has been in existence for 29 years, since 1987. During the 2015 calendar year the Pantry served 1,120 families (some were repeat clients); total items served were 8,524.

For the convenience of Bennington residents who would like to donate non-perishable items, the Food Pantry has placed a collection bin at the Town Hall, 7 School Street.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawne D. Hugron,
Food Pantry Coordinator

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Facebook: Bennington Rec Committee

The Bennington Recreation Committee is charged with organizing programs and events for residents year-round. Many of the events hosted by the Recreation Committee are free to participants. The Recreation Committee also sponsors outside groups who may charge a fee for membership and/or services.

Ongoing programs include ConVal Martial Arts, Yoga, 4-H, and Girls Scouts. These programs meet in the Town Hall gymnasium and are open to both residents and non-residents. Membership fees are charged for participation in these programs. New members are welcome at any time throughout the year.

- 4-H: 1st Sunday of Each Month (time varies)
- ConVal Martial Arts: Mondays: 5:15pm-6:45pm
- Girl Scouts: Wednesdays: 3:30pm-5pm
- Yoga: Saturdays: 7:30am-8:30am

An Easter egg hunt for children was held March 28th at Newhall Field. Candy-filled eggs were hidden both outdoors and indoors due to snow cover. Easter themed crafts were available for children to make and take home.

Indoor soccer was offered in the Town Hall gymnasium weekly in March and April thanks to the efforts of volunteer coach Brian Yergeau. The program was for children in grades K-2 to practice their soccer skills in preparation for fall soccer through Antrim Recreation.

The annual Andy MacKenzie Fishing Derby was held at Cold Spring Pond on April 25th. This event is hosted by the Bennington Sportsman Club and is open to Bennington residents ages 15 and under. Prizes were awarded to all fishermen.

A beach volunteer day was held at Whittemore Beach on May 24th. Volunteers weeded and raked the beach, cleaned up litter, painted the picnic tables, and readied the area for summer use. The beach was not staffed during the 2015 summer season. Additional maintenance throughout the summer was completed by Town employees and volunteers.

In conjunction with the GEP Dodge Library Rhubarb Festival on June 6th, the Recreation Committee organized a town-wide yard sale. Booths were available at the VFW or residents could have their private yard sales listed on a town map. Both the booths and listings were free to Bennington residents.

A summer kick-off event was held at Whittemore Beach on June 19th, the last day of school for the ConVal School District. A food vendor, lawn games, and crafts were provided for participants. Over 100 beach-goers attended the event.

In lieu of a formal schedule of summer activities, the Recreation Committee provided residents with a brochure of local excursions that were family-friendly. These activities included visiting local fire towers, hiking, biking, museums, and other nearby attractions. Once completed, residents had the option of ordering a patch to commemorate the activity. These patches could be sewn onto a scout uniform, backpack, or jacket.

With multiple Halloween parties already in existence in Bennington, the Recreation Committee instead hosted a craft night at the Community Supper on October 8th. Attendees could create Halloween-themed crafts to take home.

Christmas festivities included a tree entry in the Antrim Festival of Trees, Christmas craft kits donated to the Fire Station's "Breakfast with Santa", and a Town tree lighting event on December 10th. The tree lighting event followed a Community Supper where residents had an opportunity to create birdseed ornaments to be hung on the town tree. Following the supper, residents gathered at the Town tree to officially light it and sing Christmas carols.

In addition to the programs and events listed, the Recreation Committee repaired the ropes and buoys designating the swimming area at Whittemore Beach and organized and replenished supplies in the beach shed. With the help of many volunteers the 2nd floor of Town Hall was made more user-friendly with the creation of a lounge/meeting space and reorganization of the stage area where supplies are currently stored.

The Recreation Committee thanks the volunteers who make recreation activities in Bennington possible and we look forward to additional residents volunteering in the future. New ideas and programs are always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany & Jim Craig, Recreation Committee Co-Chairs

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The year 2015 in Bennington brought us only the Town Election, leaving the Supervisors time to train, organize and prepare for the future. And what a future 2016 is, with four elections, one of them the Presidential Primary. As of this writing, we don't know what the voter turnout on February 9 will be, but we do know it is projected to be high, with competitive elections on both the Democratic and the Republican races.

As of this writing, there are 964 registered voters in Bennington: 207 Democrats, 309 Republicans, and 448 Undeclared. However, this number is expected to change as it always does in Presidential Election years.

2016 also brings us another change in our Board of Supervisors. This year, Drusilla Cox has decided to retire after 12 years as a Supervisor. Those years have witnessed many changes to elections, not the least of which was the transition to a centralized voter registration database, and the advent of new stricter voter ID laws. We will be sad to see Dru leave us after all this time, but understand her desire to let someone else have some fun! Stepping into her role is Brenda Gibbons, who has been a Ballot Clerk for several years. Thank you, Brenda, for stepping up!

Other changes in 2016 include some important changes to Election laws, especially New Hampshire's voter ID law, which grows increasingly complicated as each Legislative session has its way with it. The Supervisors feel that many of these changes make it more difficult for voters to sign in, adding cumbersome steps to the process without demonstrated benefits. A look at the Secretary of State's website reveals that there have been no verified cases of in-person voter fraud in New Hampshire in the years 2006 to present: <http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>

We certainly want to be sure that our elections are fair, open, and honest. But laws that have a chilling effect on voter turnout with no proven benefit are too restrictive, and should come under close scrutiny by the Legislature in the coming years. Photo ID laws could be a red herring that diverts attention from more important concerns (for example, the very real threat of electronic voting machines being hacked and tampered with). Interested in learning more about voting in the modern age? Here's a good place to start: <http://www.verifiedvotingfoundation.org/about-vvf/>

Fortunately, 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 and 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.

Please remember to bring your photo ID to the polls. This helps us all keep things moving in this busy election year: The following forms of ID are acceptable:

1. Driver's License issued by any State or the Federal Government.
2. Identification Card issued under RSA 260:21 or a Non-driver's Identification Card issued by the Motor Vehicles Division, Department, Agency, or Office of any other State.
3. United States Armed Services Identification Card.
4. United States Passport or Passcard.
5. Valid Student Identification Card.
6. Photo identification determined to be legitimate by the Supervisors of the Checklist, the Moderator, or the Town Clerk.

If you do not have one of these, you may have to fill out a "Challenged Voter Affidavit" as means of proving that you are indeed qualified to vote in Town.

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/>

See you at the polls!

Respectfully Submitted,

Drusilla Cox (outgoing), Melissa Searles, Victoria Turner, Brenda Gibbons (interim)

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

In 2015 the Water and Sewer Department continued to work on the Eaton Avenue water line project. Due to time constraints we were unable to complete what we wanted to complete, but will continue in 2016. There are a few building issues that we will be addressing in 2016, but for the most part, everything is running smoothly.

The Commissioners were advised from the Antrim Water and Sewer Department that the dredging of the sewer lagoons has been completed. The work was completed by local vendors and the employees of the Antrim Water and Sewer. This process saved us a substantial amount of money, for which we had a Capital Reserve Fund. The disposal costs in 2016 for this project will come out of that same Capital Reserve Fund. Once the project is completed the Commissioners will ask the voters to transfer the remaining balance in the existing Sewer Capital Reserve Fund to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund. We feel that we will be able to address more issues with the Water Department compared to the Sewer Department; those funds would help tremendously.

The Commissioners remind everyone that if you have questions about your water system, to contact us by either contacting the Town Hall or by visiting our web site www.benningtonnhwatersewer.webs.com

Respectfully Submitted,

David Desaulniers, John Spanos, and Glen Wilson
Water Sewer Commissioners

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Unpaid Balance January 1, 2015		\$10,454.19
Charges:		
Water Usage	\$69,835.55	
Water Interest	\$367.91	
Sewer Usage	\$32,147.89	
Sewer Interest	\$280.75	
Disconnect/Restore Fees	\$105.00	
Impending Lien Fees	+ \$152.00	
TOTAL CHARGES		+ <u>\$102,889.10</u> \$113,343.29
2014 Credit Carried Forward		- \$514.52
Prepaid 2016		
Water	\$107.70	
Sewer	<u>\$14.54</u>	
		+ \$122.24
Conversion to Lien		
Water	\$817.14	
Sewer	<u>\$960.91</u>	
		- \$1,778.05
Receipts to Treasurer		
Water	\$54,635.49	
Sewer	<u>\$31,547.15</u>	
		- \$86,182.64
Abatements		
Water	\$15,282.15	
Sewer	<u>\$979.08</u>	
		- <u>\$16,261.23</u>
Unpaid Water & Sewer Charges December 31, 2015		\$8,729.09

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

The Bennington Historical Society has been busy selling copies of our very own history of Bennington titled, "A History of Bennington, NH". On sale since September 2014, the book is a result of many years spent compiling pictures and memorabilia by life-long resident David Glynn. On May 30, 2015, we held an open house and book signing by the authors, David Dlynn and Stephanie Roper. There are copies of the Bennington Histories still available.

In January the Cub Scouts visited the Museum for a tour. The Scouts had many questions and were amazed at some of our artifacts and what they were used for.

Mrs. Kimon Zachos sent the Museum an album of old post cards. This gift, which was her late husband's collection, contains a lot of history. These cards will be on display and can be viewed at the Museum. Mr. Zachos grew up in Bennington and left town as a young man. Thank you, Mrs. Zachos.

Cemetery Trustee Joshua Segal presented the Museum with an updated guide book documenting each stone in Sunnyside Cemetery and the known background of the families. Joshua has been researching and cataloging data from the Sunnyside Cemetery for some time. In August Mr. Segal was our guest speaker and spoke about his work at the Cemetery and provided a guided tour. The book includes an index with names so family lots and stones can be looked up and located easier at the Cemetery.

Janice Hugron Harvey gave the Museum many school photos dating back to the 1940s. The photos are available to view and you may even recognize someone local! The photos are greatly appreciated.

The 5th annual yard sale was a great success. Thank you to all that donated their time to make this successful and to those that donated items. We hold our annual yard sale in August; please keep us in mind when spring cleaning. Donations are always welcome.

Sidney and Barbara Willis, local artists who grew up in Bennington, gave the Historical Society many prints of their paintings this summer. The prints went on sale at our annual yard sale and we still have copies available. If you are interested in purchasing a print, please call the Museum at 588-4871. Sid and Barbara's gifts are greatly appreciated.

David Glynn donated \$2,000 to the Historical Society from the sale of the Bennington Histories books. This donation is greatly appreciated and will help towards building expenses.

In December, the Society celebrated Christmas with the 1st and 2nd graders from Pierce School. The students made decorations and decorated the Christmas tree, sang Christmas carols, Rhea Taylor read a Christmas story, Santa left gifts for each and refreshments were served. Thank you to Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Tyler for bringing the children to the museum.

The Museum is open Saturdays from the end of May through October. Membership is \$15 per year and new members are always welcome. 603-588-4871.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bennington Historical Society

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.

The Town's Building Committee is planning the renovation of the Bennington Train Depot (VFW building) so that it can be used as a voting venue and also as a meeting place for the Town. The project aims to preserve the historical quality of the building in detail while improving the building's energy efficiency, which is currently very poor. To this end, the Building Committee prepared a proposal for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). The Energy Committee's role in this process was to make every effort to ensure that the proposal incorporated all of the energy-saving features that were proposed by our energy-efficiency consultant in her report, which was funded by the New England Grassroots Environment Fund in 2014.

The Energy Committee has recently been looking into the possibility of replacing the Town's 48 streetlights with light-emitting-diode (LED) fixtures. LED's use approximately half the energy to produce the same luminosity as the metal-halide bulbs that the Town is presently using. The change would then save approximately \$3,000 per year and enable us to meet the standard stated in the first paragraph of this report, at least for street lighting. It is estimated that the cost associated with changing the fixtures would be paid back in approximately four years by the energy savings of the LED bulbs. Furthermore, LED bulbs would require virtually no maintenance, having an estimated lifetime of 50 years. The Energy Committee will work on solidifying the above estimates in early 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Eppig, Peter Eppig, Peter Martel, David McKenzie, Michael Munhall

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Cemetery Trustees have worked on several different projects within the Town Cemeteries during 2015. Our focus this year has been to continue the maintenance and preservation of the Cemeteries. One of these projects was installing the new letters on the Sunnyside gate. The gate looks beautiful! The Trustees plan to continue this project by restoring the fence around Sunnyside Cemetery.

Trustee Joshua Segal began researching and creating a guide book for Evergreen Cemetery. The purpose of this guide is to document each stone and known background of the individuals. Work on the Evergreen Cemetery guide book is still continuing.

In going forward with maintenance and preservation, the Trustees continue to identify top concerns in Sunnyside Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery. This year several markers and stones in Evergreen were attended to. We have proposed a small increase in our budget for 2016 to allow for attention to be placed in Evergreen Cemetery to continue to the work on maintaining and preserving history. With funds graciously provided by a donor through the New Hampshire Charitable Funds, the Trustees will be able to maintain and preserve several cemetery stones within Sunnyside Cemetery in order to preserve their history. This will hopefully be a project that we will be able to continue each year as needed.

While we are very excited about the different projects that were completed within the Cemeteries, it is with great sadness that we announce that Jill Young has stepped down as a Cemetery Trustee. Jill has been a great asset to the Trustees. Through her numerous years of service, and Jill's extensive knowledge of the Town, the people who live in the Town, and the Cemeteries, she has served the Trustees with information that has been of true value. We would like to thank Jill for her many years serving the Town as a Cemetery Trustee. The doors are always open for you!

In closing, the Trustees would like to recognize the fine work by Jeremy Gagnon in the upkeep and maintenance at Sunnyside and Evergreen Cemeteries. Thank you for keeping our Cemeteries beautiful.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Bartlett, Joshua Segal

SCHOOL BOARD

As your School Board Representative, I'm proud to not only serve the Town, but serve with so many other dedicated and compassionate School Board members who care deeply about our Community and the education of our children. The current Board doesn't always have full consensus but everyone works well together with a spirit of collaboration that makes serving on the School Board a pleasure.

We have been working hard to keep the 2016/2017 budget down due to anticipated reductions in revenue which will have an impact on town assessments. The increase in the overall budget for the district for 2016/2017 is just over \$55,000, this includes the Board's recent decision to add back \$20,000 for Camp Quest. Camp Quest is a full week camp during the summer designed to give a summer camp experience to kids who might not otherwise have the opportunity. Camp Quest is also funded by the Rotary Club in Peterborough. Seventy-five children attend Camp Quest, many from Bennington.

Additionally, we are proud to present the voters with a teacher's contract that has a component allowing us to reward the work of extraordinary teachers with merit pay. In the past, teacher pay was based on a strict step program based on measurable items like education, experience and years of service without accounting for work above and beyond expectations. We are also pleased that the teachers and School Board came to an agreement on a lower cost health insurance program. Health insurance rates for the existing plan were to increase by nearly 20%. With this new agreement, we are able to keep costs down and still provide excellent coverage for our teachers and staff.

Finally, I know that the discussion of school closings and consolidating continues to be a point of contention. The School Board and Administration continue to discuss enrollment and search for ways to support the existing school structure.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Quintanilha, School Board Representative

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2015

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride & Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
03/28/2015	Forrest M Chauncey Bethany A Smith	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/22/2015	Matthew P Simmons Elizabeth H Immerman	Bennington, NH Peterborough, NH
09/19/2015	Donald H Clough Jr Danielle L Myhaver	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/26/2015	Lindsey E Matthews Sally M Chambers	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/26/2015	James B Pitchard Corinne L Frosch	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/03/2015	John J Dresser Diana L Ward	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/17/2015	Jeffrey M Gauthier Jennifer A Spiller	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
12/24/2015	Niles V LaPlant Jr Tandra Turnel	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, 2015

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father and Mother</u>
01/10/2015	Eivin Scott Griswold	Peterborough, NH	Scott Griswold and Elizabeth Zaluki
05/13/2015	Emmett Michael Nash	Peterborough, NH	Robert Nash VI and Whitney Levesque
07/13/2015	Olivia Marie Norris	Peterborough, NH	Kyle and Jennifer Norris
08/04/2015	Kyleigh Mae McCarthy	Concord, NH	Aaron and Samantha McCarthy
10/22/2015	Nolan David Samuelson	Peterborough, NH	Peter Jr. and Stephanie Samuelson
10/27/2015	Natalee Alice Helstein	Peterborough, NH	Matthew Helstein and Daisy Royea
11/07/2015	Jadrien Leonardo Brooks	Keene, NH	Justin Brooks and Jennilyn Rosa
12/09/2015	Sawyer Freeman Roina	Peterborough, NH	Michael Roina and Virginia Gilman
12/11/2015	Piper Skye Ferry	Peterborough, NH	Kylan Ferry and Mckayla Hamel

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, 2015

<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>
02/19/2015	Shirley Warren	Hillsborough, NH	Andrew Fuglestad	Arvilla Clark
03/13/2015	Larry Cook	Peterborough, NH	Charles Cook	Isabelle Sweeney
04/03/2015	Donald Clough, Sr	Bennington, NH	Donald Clough	Doris Emery
04/19/2015	David Desaulniers	Bennington, NH	Richard Desaulniers	Vernlyn Burgess
09/01/2015	Polly Main	Manchester, NH	Russell Fulger	Mary Breon
09/16/2015	Robert Cole	Jaffrey, NH	Charles Cole	Grace French
11/13/2015	Wayne Roy	Bennington, NH	Howard Roy	Olive Corliss
12/02/2015	Jane Pelletier	Bennington, NH	James Barringer	Grace Witchard

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

...In Memory of Those Town

We commemorate the following public servants community. We salute the honor of these devoted people upon whom



Robert L. Boisvert
1972-2015

Bob was a member of the Bennington Fire Department for three years, having previously been a member of the New Ipswich Fire Department. Bob was an active outdoorsman – he loved hunting, fishing, the White Mountains, camping, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling.



Donald H. Clough, Sr.
1953-2015

Don was a retired member of the Bennington Fire Department, having served proudly for over three decades. He was often seen walking throughout the area or riding his bike and chatting with those whose paths he crossed. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

Bernard F. "Bernie" Maillette
1932-2015

Bernie served as our Police Chief back in the day. He served in the Air Force, was a comptroller for Monadnock Paper Mills, and was a State Police Auxilliary. He enjoyed playing softball, swimming, biking, golfing, doing his own landscaping, growing tomatoes, and he loved animals.

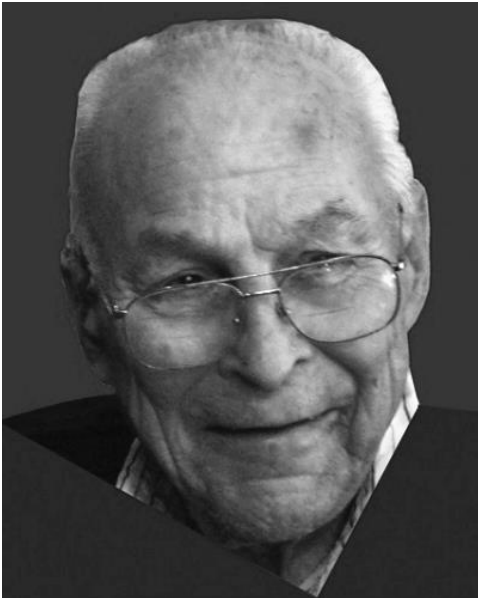
Servants We Lost in 2015...

who gave freely of themselves for the good of the residents who were each a part of the group of small towns are dependent.



Jane Pelletier
1938-2015

Jane was a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for three years, during which the ZBA was very involved in two cases. From 1986-2007, Jane and her husband Ed owned and operated Empire Pets. Jane had many hobbies – her vegetable garden, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, football, and precious moments with family.



Wayne C. Roy
1924-2015

Wayne served from 1972-1989 as a member of the Planning Board at a time that saw many subdivisions, extensive new construction, and the inception of the Zoning Ordinance. Wayne was a devoted family man and also served with the United States Marine Corps from 1942-1945. He was skilled with his hands and loved to garden; he enjoyed a round of golf, a game of cards, playing pool, and a game of checkers.

**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	By appointment

MEETING SCHEDULES

Building Committee	Second and fourth Thursday at 7:15 p.m.
Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 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	First and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Selectmen	Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.(starting 9/15/15)
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. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Noon - 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.

A Salute to C. Stephen Campbell



April 30, 2015 marked the last day of Police Chief Steve Campbell's 20-year tenure with the Bennington Police Department. A retired member of the United States Air Force, Steve continued to provide faithful service to our community as Police Chief and Emergency Management Director.

Steve wore many hats and served our community with pride. He was a father, a husband, a true cowboy at heart, a member of the VFW and the American Legion, and an active member of his Church. Steve believed in our youth and was active with the Pierce School population and beyond - working to foster positive relationships and influence our youth to make positive choices.

THANK YOU for your dedicated service, Steve. Enjoy your retirement!!