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**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
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BRUCE C. EDES
1950-2004

Bennington said a sad and unexpected farewell to Selectman Bruce Edes, who collapsed during a road race on October 31.

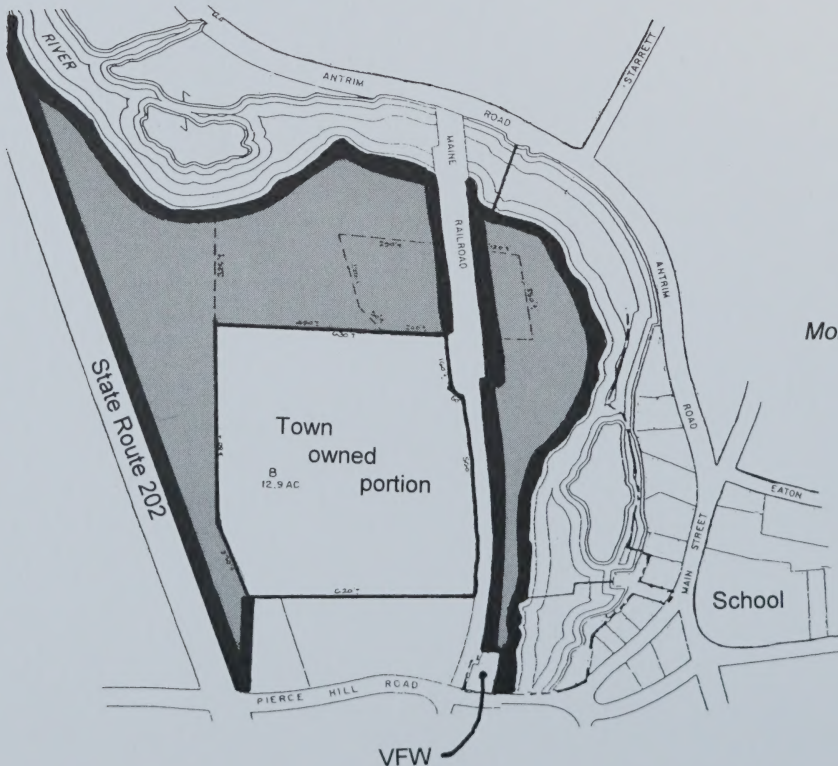
Bruce was a well-known and well-respected member of the community. A former firefighter and rescue captain, current EMT, avid outdoorsman, marathon runner, former Boy Scout leader, and dancer with the Monadnock Mavericks, Bruce volunteered his time and talents for the benefit of others. As well as being dedicated to his family and community, Bruce was a highly valued member of the Monadnock Paper Mill family.

We miss his infectious smile, his wicked sense of humor and his genuine care and concern for Bennington and the community at large.

The Town of Bennington proposes designating a 12.9-acre parcel of land for the creation of a Town Forest to be named in memory of Bruce Edes. Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. is enthusiastic about donating 17 acres of abutting land to enlarge the Town Forest in honor of Bruce, a long-time employee of their facility.

The Conservation Commission will manage the forest. Long-range plans are to create a natural environment for the community to visit and appreciate the beauty of the outdoors amidst trails leading to the beautiful Contoocook River and overlook the perfectly manicured lawns of the Monadnock Paper Mills, which were maintained by Bruce. These long-range plans not only fit the goals of the Conservation Commission, but also will help memorialize Bruce in the most true of all forms.

A "YES" vote on Warrant Articles 18 and 19 will help bring this project to fruition.



*Shaded area
indicates proposed
gift from
Monadnock Paper Mills*

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

John J. Cronin, III

Term Expires 2006

SELECTMEN

Joseph C. Cuddemi, Chairman

Term Expires 2005

James E. Trow

Term Expires 2005

Terry D. Schnare

Term Expires 2006

TOWN CLERK

Debra Belcher

Term Expires 2007

TOWN TREASURER

Joyce L. Miner

Term Expires 2005

TAX COLLECTOR

Dawn A. Bond

Appointed

ROAD AGENT

David Blanchard

Appointed

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Elisabeth A. Shingler

Term Expires 2005

Karen Aucella

Term Expires 2005

Laurie MacKeigan

Term Expires 2005

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Appointed by State

Mark Chase, Warden

Joseph O'Brien, Deputy Warden

Kristie French, Deputy Warden

DJ Warner, Deputy Warden

David Mosher, Deputy Warden

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Joseph MacGregor

Term Expires 2006

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appointed by Moderator

Lucien Lizotte, Chairman

Harvey Goodwin

Scott Sweeney

Brent Paradis

Jane Handy

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph Cuddemi

Philip Germain

Donald Parker

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Victoria Turner

Term Expires 2006

Barbara E. Moorehead

Term Expires 2008

Druscilla Cox

Term Expires 2010

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Elizabeth Lewsen-Green

Term Expires 2005

Rich Page

Term Expires 2005

Leslie MacGregor

Term Expires 2007

OFFICER OF HEALTH/WELFARE

Glenn Wilson, Acting

Appointed

CHIEF OF POLICE

C. Stephen Campbell

Appointed

ADMINISTRATOR

Denise P. French

Appointed

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Philip Traxler

Term Expires 2005

Jill S. Young

Term Expires 2006

Charles E. Zabriskie, Jr.

Term Expires 2007

PLANNING BOARD

Letitia Rice

Term Expires 2005

Terry D. Schnare, ex-officio

Term Expires 2005

Jeffrey Rose (Alternate)

Term Expires 2005

Philip Germain, Chairman

Term Expires 2006

Vacant

Term Expires 2007

Joseph Eisenberg (Alternate)

Term Expires 2005

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

John Tyler	Term Expires 2005
Barbara Goodwin	Term Expires 2005
David Beck	Term Expires 2005
James Trow (Alternate)	Term Expires 2005
James Cleary, Chairman	Term Expires 2007
Judy Heddy	Term Expires 2007
Peter Martel (Alternate)	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph MacGregor	Term Expires 2005
Vacant	Term Expires 2005
Vacant	Term Expires 2006
Jonathan Manley, Chairman	Term Expires 2007
Dennis McKenney	Term Expires 2007
Letitia Rice	Term Expires 2007

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph MacGregor, Chairman	Peter Eppig
Joseph Cuddemi	Philip Germain
Harvey Goodwin	

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Glenn Wilson	Term Expires 2005
Rob Horn	Term Expires 2006
Mark Chase	Term Expires 2007

NEWHALL PARK BOARD

Appointed by Selectmen

Joyce Desaulniers	Term Expires 2005
David Parker	Term Expires 2006
Brian Whittemore	Term Expires 2007
Priscilla Roberts, Alternate	Term Expires 2007

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appointed

Mark Chase, Chief	Term Expires 2005
Joseph O'Brien, First Deputy Chief	Term Expires 2005
Kristie J. French, Second Deputy Chief	Term Expires 2005

RECREATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Kelly Byrne
Michelle Ricco

Wanda Grant
Cindy Norton

Joseph Cuddemi, ex-officio

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Peter Hopkins

Appointed by Selectmen

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Terry Schnare

Richard Verney

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

David Blanchard

C. Stephen Campbell

Denise P. French

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: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Tuesday, the eighth of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at the Fire Station on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 1:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, for an optional veteran's tax credit for qualified veterans? The optional veteran's tax credit proposed is \$500, compared to the existing tax credit of \$100.
(Recommended by the Selectmen)
3. Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, I-a, for an optional tax credit for service-connected total disability for qualified veterans? The optional tax credit for service-connected total disability proposed is \$2,000, compared to the existing tax credit of \$1,400.
(Recommended by the Selectmen)
4. Shall the Town of Bennington adopt the Exemption for the Blind, based on any person who is legally blind as determined by the Blind Services Program, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, or Department of Education? Every inhabitant shall be exempt each year on the assessed value, for property tax purposes, of his or her residential real estate to the value of \$15,000.
(Recommended by the Selectmen)
5. 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 proposed with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling (one million one hundred eighteen thousand forty-nine dollars) \$1,118,049? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be (one million forty-two thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars) \$1,042,355, 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 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
10. 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 the Budget Committee)
11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
13. 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 the Budget Committee)
14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred sixty-three dollars and fifty cents (\$463.50) as its share of the 2005 programming for Project LIFT, which provides literacy services and materials to Bennington citizens over 16 years of age?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

18. Shall the Town designate Town owned land (Map 9, Lot 8) as a Town forest to be named in memory of Bruce Edes and, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 31:112, authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the Town forest?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission)

19. Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to accept land and/or easements on land now belonging to Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. and adjacent to Town land (Map 9, Lot 8) for the purpose of expanding a Town forest dedicated to the memory of Bruce Edes?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission)

20. Are you in favor of authorizing the Planning Board to prepare and amend, with input from municipal departments and committees, a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six years to aid the Selectmen and the Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget as permitted by RSA 674:5?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Planning Board)

21. Shall the Town permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Library Trustees)

22. To see if the town will vote to urge the selectmen to do everything in their power to restore full Postal Service to downtown Bennington.

(Petitioned Warrant Article)

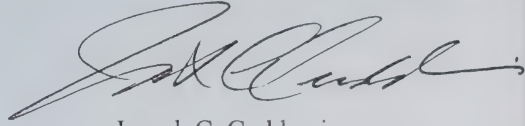
23. Polling hours in the Town of Bennington are now 8 o'clock in the morning to 7 o'clock in the evening. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 10 o'clock in the morning and close at 8 o'clock in the evening for all regular state elections beginning in 2006?

(Petitioned Warrant Article)

24. To see if the town will vote to direct the Selectmen to assemble all of the Minutes of the Town Meeting, sessions One and Two, in note book form to be available in the Town Hall and the Town Library. The note books shall include the Minutes of Town Meetings going at least 25 years back, and of this and all future Town Meetings. The purpose of this warrant article being to codify the votes of the town, and to make it easier for townspeople to see what decisions have been made in the past.

(Petitioned Warrant Article)

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand and five.



Joseph C. Cuddemi

Terry D. Schnare



James E. Trow

*Board of Selectmen
Bennington, New Hampshire*

a true copy of Warrant – Attest

Joseph C. Cuddemi

Terry D. Schnare



James E. Trow

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

BENNINGTON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

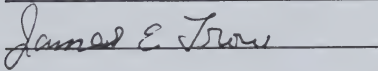
1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted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

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on FEBRUARY 9, 2005.

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.





THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
 MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2005

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuig FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuig FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		104,490	102,086	113,706	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		24,167	23,858	26,836	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		8,670	8,259	8,720	
4152	Revaluation of Property		1,500	18,379	4,500	
4153	Legal Expense		12,000	9,143	10,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		135,544	131,151	142,947	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		6,750	5,375	4,850	
4194	General Government Buildings		14,150	13,286	15,600	
4195	Cemeteries		7,872	7,087	6,518	
4196	Insurance		17,000	15,176	18,000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		0	0	0	
4199	Other General Government		2,000	1,817	2,000	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		141,186	144,676	152,579	
4215-4219	Ambulance		10,000	10,000	8,500	
4220-4229	Fire		54,330	53,154	56,617	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		750	845	4,000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		0	0	0	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		0	0	0	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	0	0	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		96,921	88,492	100,390	
4312	Highways & Streets		84,500	72,959	86,500	
4313	Bridges		0	0	0	
4316	Street Lighting		7,800	7,357	7,300	
4319	Other		0	0	0	
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		23,901	25,050	25,720	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		800	375	800	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		56,591	59,388	64,400	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	0	0	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		25,350	29,877	33,400	

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		20,300	23,291	24,800	
4332	Water Services		17,000	11,753	18,600	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other		1,750	1,791	9,000	
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		0	0	0	
4353	Purchase Costs		0	0	0	
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		0	0	0	
4359	Other Electric Costs		0	0	0	
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		1,844	1,445	2,050	
4414	Pest Control		150	0	2,650	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,800	5,800	5,800	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		8,055	7,290	8,610	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		585	585	600	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,550	4,889	4,775	
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		25,080	25,057	24,300	
4550-4559	Library		69,807	69,150	76,584	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		3,650	1,050	1,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1,000	1,000	1,000	
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	60	675	
4619	Other Conservation		0	0	0	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING		0	0	0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		0	0	0	
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		33,050	33,050	33,050	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		10,187	10,158	8,172	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		2,600	329	2,500	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	0	0	

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensiung FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensiung FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		0	0	0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		0	0	0	
4903	Buildings		0	0	0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		0	0	0	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		0	0	0	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		0	0	0	
4914	To Enterprise Fund		0	0	0	
	Sewer-		0	0	0	
	Water-		0	0	0	
	Electric-		0	0	0	
	Airport-		0	0	0	
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		0	0	0	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917		0	0	0	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds		0	0	0	
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		0	0	0	
4919	To Agency Funds		0	0	0	
SUBTOTAL 1			1,042,355	1,024,488	1,118,049	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensiung FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensiung FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4915	Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	6	15,000	15,000	37,000	
4915	Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	13	10,000	10,000	10,000	
4915	Rescue Capital Reserve Fund	12	12,000	12,000	8,000	
4915	Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund	9	0	0	12,500	
4915	Library Capital Reserve Fund	10	5,000	5,000	5,000	
4915	Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund	8	10,000	10,000	20,000	
4915	Water Capital Reserve Fund	7	8,000	8,000	8,000	
4915	Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	11	5,000	5,000	5,000	
4915	Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	14	5,000	5,000	5,000	
4915	Bridge Maintenance ETF		3,000	3,000	0	
4915	Town Buildings ETF		5,000	5,000	0	
4915	Sidewalk Construction Capital Reserve Fund	16	11,000	11,000	11,000	
4915	Property Reval Capital Reserve Fund	15	0	0	15,000	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			89,000	89,000	136,500	XXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensiung FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensiung FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4955	Project Lift	17	450.00	450.00	463.50	
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	463.50	XXXXXXXXXX

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		0	0	5,000
3180	Resident Taxes		0	0	0
3185	Timber Taxes		3,084	6,770	5,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		500	0	500
3189	Other Taxes		0	0	0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		23,000	32,557	30,000
	Inventory Penalties		3,500	4,296	3,500
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		2,834	2,834	3,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		400	4,623	3,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		240,000	243,267	243,000
3230	Building Permits		1,000	1,050	1,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		12,000	8,373	8,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		1,778	0	0
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		26,679	26,679	27,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		47,750	47,750	47,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		35,433	35,433	36,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		11,372	11,372	10,526
3355	Housing & Community Development		0	0	0
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		0	0	0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		0	0	0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		0	0	0
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		1,200	7,644	8,000
3409	Other Charges		0	2,500	3,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		8,018	8,643	0
3502	Interest on Investments		0	256	200
3503-3509	Other		15,000	22,843	20,000

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		0	0	0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		0	0	0
3914	From Enterprise Funds		0	0	0
	Sewer - (Offset)		25,000	23,134	23,000
	Water - (Offset)		43,000	41,463	41,000
	Electric - (Offset)		0	0	0
	Airport - (Offset)		0	0	0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		0	0	0
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	0
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		0	0	0
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		0	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			501,548	531,487	517,726

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1,042,355	1,118,049
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	89,000	136,500
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	16,950	464
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,148,305	1,255,013
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	501,548	517,726
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	646,757	737,287

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: Bennington, New Hampshire

For the Ensuing Year January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

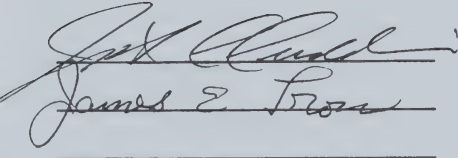
RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated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

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

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

or

Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted



NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2005

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	104490			104490
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	24167			24167
4150-4151	Financial Administration	8670			8670
4152	Revaluation of Property	1500			1500
4153	Legal Expense	12000			12000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	135544			135544
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	6750			6750
4194	General Government Buildings	14150			14150
4195	Cemeteries	7872			7872
4196	Insurance	17000			17000
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	0			0
4199	Other General Government	2000			2000
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	141186			141186
4215-4219	Ambulance	10000			10000
4220-4229	Fire	54330			54330
4240-4249	Building Inspection	750			750
4290-4298	Emergency Management	0			0
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	0			0
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations				
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	96921			96921
4312	Highways & Streets	84500			84500
4313	Bridges	0			0
4316	Street Lighting	7800			7800
4319	Other	0			0
SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration	23901			23901
4323	Solid Waste Collection	800			800
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	56591			56591
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	0			0
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	25350			25350

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2005

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration	20300			20300
4332	Water Services	17000			17000
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other	1750			1750
ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation	0			0
4353	Purchase Costs	0			0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	0			0
4359	Other Electric Costs	0			0
HEALTH		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	1844			1844
4414	Pest Control	150			150
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5800			5800
WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	8055			8055
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts	585			585
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	4550			4550
CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	25080			25080
4550-4559	Library	69807			69807
4583	Patriotic Purposes	3650			3650
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	1000			1000
CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	675			675
4619	Other Conservation	0			0
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING	0			0
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0			0
DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	33050			33050
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	10187			10187
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	2600			2600
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	0			0

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2005

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land	0			0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	0			0
4903	Buildings	0			0
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	0			0
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	0			0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	0			0
4914	To Enterprise Fund	0			0
	Sewer-	0			0
	Water-	0			0
	Electric-	0			0
	Airport-	0			0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	0			0
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917	0			0
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds	0			0
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds	0			0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	0			0
TOTAL		1042355			1042355

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

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions

FORM
MS-1

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

FORM MS-1 FOR 2004

Community Services Division, Municipal Finance Bureau
PO Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 Phone (603) 271-2687
Email: nduffy@rev.state.nh.us

Original Date: _____ 2004
Copy (check box if copy)
Revision Date: _____

CITY/TOWN of BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.
RSA 21-J:34

PRINT NAMES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS	SIGNATURES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS (Sign in ink)
JOSEPH C. CUDEMI	<i>Joseph C. Cudemi</i>
TERRY D. SCHNARE	
BRUCE C. EDES	<i>Bruce C. Edes</i>

Date signed _____ Check One: Governing Assessors
City/Town Telephone # 588*2189 Body **Due Date: September 1, 2004**

Complete the above required certification by inserting the name of the city/town officials, the date on which the certificate is signed, and have the majority of the members of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign in ink (RSA 41:15 & Rev. Rule 105.02).

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 forms prescribed for that purpose.
NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/town tax assessments and sworn to uphold under oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions (pages 10 thru 12) provided for individual towns.
THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1st TO AVOID LATE FILING PENALTIES. (RSA 21-J:34 & 36.)
RETURN THIS SIGNED AND COMPLETED INVENTORY FORM TO: NH Department Of Revenue Administration, Community Services Division, Municipal Finance Bureau, PO Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487.

Contact Person: DENISE FRENCH
(Print/type)

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

FOR DRA USE ONLY

LAND	Lines 1A, B, C, D, E & F List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic & paving)	NUMBER OF ACRES	2004 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
BUILDINGS	Lines 2A, B, C and D List all buildings.		
1 VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4 A Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See Instruction #1)		4398.191	\$ 370,170
B Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B		0	0
C Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C		0	0
D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D		0	0
E Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)		2080.622	\$ 28,733,500
F Commercial/Industrial Land (<u>DO NOT</u> include Public Utility Land)		153.620	\$ 2,507,600
G Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)		6632.433	\$ 31,611,270
H Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 1,747,400)		244.710	
2 VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B			\$ 65,607,000
A Residential			\$ 1,790,800
B Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			\$ 9,812,400
C Commercial/Industrial (<u>DO NOT</u> include Public Utility Buildings)			
D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	Number of Structures	0	0
E. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)			\$ 77,210,200
F Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 6,005,600)			
3 PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1V for complete definition)			\$ 2,917,100
A Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)			
B Other Public Utilities (Total of Section B from Utility Summary)			0
4 MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER (RSA 79:5)			
5 VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4)	This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.		\$ 111,738,570
6 Certain Disabled Veterans (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A Assistance RSA 72:36-a)	Total # granted	0	0
7 Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b	Total # granted	0	0
8 Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	Total # granted	0	0
9 School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each) (See Instruction #2)	Total # granted	0	0
10 Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a	Total # granted	0	0
11 MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10)	This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value of your municipality.		\$ 111,738,570
12 Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	Total # granted	0	0
	Amount granted per exemption	15,000	
13 Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a & b	Total # granted	24	\$ 1,150,000
14 Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	Total # granted	0	0
	Amount granted per exemption	0	
15 Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	Total # granted	0	0
	Amount granted per exemption	1,000	

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
 FORM MS-1 FOR 2004

16	Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # granted	0	0
17	Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # granted	0	0
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # granted	0	0
19	Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	Total # granted	0	0
20	TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			\$ 1,150,000
21	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			\$ 110,588,570
22	LESS Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in Line 3B			\$ 2,917,100
23	NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			\$ 107,671,470

FOR DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE USE ONLY

DATE _____ INITIALS _____ Equalization Bureau changes only (i.e. utilities, etc).

DATE _____ INITIALS _____ Both Municipal Finance and Equalization Bureau Changes (i.e. rerun tax bills).

DATE _____ INITIALS _____ Other, explain below.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC, GAS, OIL, PIPELINE, WATER & SEWER RSA 83-F

List by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution and transmission of electricity, gas pipeline, water and petroleum products. Include **ONLY** the names of the companies listed on the Instruction Sheets. (See Instruction #3)

SECTION A: LIST ELECTRIC COMPANIES, GENERATING PLANTS, ETC. (Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See Instruction #4)	2004 VALUATION
MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC	\$ 1,873,900
PUBLIC SERVICE OF N.H.	\$ 1,043,200
A1. TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED (See Instruction #4 for the names of the limited number of companies)	\$ 2,917,100

GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES	
A2. TOTAL OF ALL GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES LISTED (See Instruction #4 for the names of the limited number of companies)	0

WATER & SEWER COMPANIES	
A3. TOTAL OF ALL WATER & SEWER COMPANIES LISTED (See Instruction #4 for the names of the limited number of companies)	0

GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES (Sum of Lines A1, A2, and A3) This grand total of all sections must agree with the total listed on page 2, line 3A.	\$ 2,917,100
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SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies). (Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See Instruction #5)	2004 VALUATION
MCT TELECOM	\$ 5,000
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B. (See Instruction #5) Total must agree with total listed on Page 2, Line 3B.	\$ 5,000

TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	*NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty. RSA 72:35	\$ 700 minimum	0	0
	Optional amount adopted by municipality	2	\$ 2,800
Other war service credits. RSA 72:28	\$ 50 minimum	1	\$ 50
	Optional amount adopted by municipality	61	\$ 6,100
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		64	\$ 8,950

*If both husband & wife qualify for the credit they count as two.

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

DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE		ASSET LIMIT:
	MARRIED		

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:39-a						
NUMBER OF FIRST TIME FILERS GRANTED ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR		PER AGE CATEGORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION GRANTED			
AGE	#		AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74	0	\$ 25,000	65 - 74	10	\$ 25,000	\$ 250,000
75 - 79	0	\$ 50,000	75 - 79	6	\$ 50,000	\$ 300,000
80 +	0	\$ 75,000	80 +	8	\$ 75,000	\$ 600,000
			TOTAL	24		\$ 1,150,000
						Must Match Page 2, Line 13
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$ 23,500	ASSET LIMIT:		\$ 75,000	
	MARRIED	\$ 35,500				

CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A				
	TOTAL No. ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	164.130	\$ 46,908	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	1,765.992
FOREST LAND	1,243.019	\$ 141,850	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND W/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	2,745.692	\$ 178,021		TOTAL NUMBER
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	43.300	\$ 569	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	77
WETLAND	202.050	\$ 2,822	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	124
TOTAL (must match page 2)	4,398.191	\$ 370,170		

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B				
	TOTAL No. ACRES RECEIVING CONS. RES. ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	0	0	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	0
FOREST LAND	0	0	REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND W/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	0	0		TOTAL NUMBER
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	0	0	TOTAL No. OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RES.	0
WETLAND	0	0	TOTAL No. OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RES.	0
TOTAL (must match page 2)	0	0		

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C		
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETION EASEMENTS GRANTED (Map/Lot-Percentage Granted i.e.: Golf Course, Ball Park, etc.)
0	0	1
ASSESSED VALUATION		2
		3
		4

DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS - RSA 79-D Historical Agricultural Structures		
TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e.: Barns, Silos, etc.) MAP & LOT - PERCENTAGE GRANTED	
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	1	9
0	2	10
	3	11
ASSESSED VALUATION	4	12
\$ 0 L/O	5	13
\$ 0 B/O	6	14
TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS	7	15
0	8	16

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICTS RSA 162-K (See page 12 for instructions)	TIF#1	TIF#2	TIF#3	TIF#4
Date of Adoption				
Original assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
+ Unretained captured assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
= Amounts used on page 2 (tax rates)	\$	\$	\$	\$
+ Retained captured assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$

* LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.	MUNICIPALITY	LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT In Lieu of Taxes
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land from MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357		
White Mountain National Forest, Only acct. 3186		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186		
TOTALS of account 3186 (Exclude WMNF)		

* RSA 362-A:6, which previously allowed for municipalities to enter into payment in lieu of tax agreements with small scale power facilities, was repealed in 1997. No new or amended payment in lieu of tax agreements may be entered into since 1997.

Questions regarding these laws please consult with the DRA Utility Tax Appraiser at (603) 271-2687.

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2004 TOWN MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION-SESSION 1
AND MARCH 9, 2004 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS- SESSION 2**

Session 1 of the 2004 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Monday, February 2, 2004 at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington, New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town & School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 9, 2004 at the Bennington Fire Station. 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: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Monday, the second day of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening. You are hereby notified to meet at the Fire Station on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 1 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results of the March 9th elections are as follows:

- Selectman- Bruce Edes
- Moderator- John J. Cronin III
- Town Clerk- Debra Belcher
- Treasurer- Joyce L. Miner
- Library Trustee- Tammie J. Blanchette
- Trustee of the Trust Funds- Leslie MacGregor (write-in)
- Cemetery Trustee- Charles E. Zabriskie, Sr.
- Supervisor of the Checklist (4 years)- Barbara Moorehead
- Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years)- Druscilla Cox
- Water & Sewer Commissioner- Mark S. Chase
- Planning Board- Catriona Beck
- Planning Board - Peter Eppig
- Zoning Board of Adjustment- Judith Heddy
- Zoning Board of Adjustment- Jim Cleary (write-in)

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 789 registered voters. During Election Day, 26 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voter Checklist totaled 815 voters. A total of 357 voters cast their ballots in this election, which was a 45% voter turnout.

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

Before the discussion on the warrant articles began, the Moderator recognized Selectman, Jim Cleary for his many years of service to the town, as he would not be running for re-election. All those present joined in a round of applause for Selectman, Jim Cleary.

The Moderator noted that the following Zoning Ordinances may be discussed but could not be amended.

The Moderator initiated discussion on the following articles:

2. Are you in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance by repealing the existing Article XII- Cluster Development-and replacing it with a new Article XII- Open Space Residential Development, as proposed by the Planning Board? The full text of the Amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the Town Report.

Note: Selectman Cuddemi moved the article as read. The article was seconded without discussion and accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 194 NO- 129
THE ARTICLE PASSED

3. Are you in favor of amending Article XVII, Definitions, of Zoning Ordinance to redefine the definition of "Frontage" to read: The contiguous distance along the lot line dividing a lot from either (a) a publicly maintained highway, excepting limited access highways as defined by RSA 230:44 and Class VI highways; or (b) an approved road shown on a recorded subdivision plan, as proposed by the Planning Board? When a lot borders on more than one public highway, the frontage shall be on the roadway on which the lot has the greatest length.

Note: Selectman Cleary moved the article as read. The article was seconded without discussion and accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 212 NO- 112
THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Are you in favor of amending Article XVII, Definitions, of Zoning Ordinance to redefine the definition of "Front Setback" to read: The distance from the boundary of the

right-of-way line of a street(s) and the front line of a building or any projection thereof, as proposed by the Planning Board?

Note: Selectman Schnare moved the article as read. The article was seconded without discussion and accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 205 NO- 118
THE ARTICLE PASSED

5. Shall the Town of Bennington modify the elderly exemptions from property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$25,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$50,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$75,000. To qualify, the person must have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least 5 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$23,500, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$35,500; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000 (excluding the value of the person's residence)?

Note: Selectman Schnare addressed the article stating that the Selectmen recommended it. The Selectmen feel that since the town is being reevaluated, it would be a good time to increase the income requirements for the elderly property tax exemptions. This would enable more of the town's elderly citizens to qualify for the exemption. From the floor, Peter Martel inquired about the previous levels to qualify. Selectman Schnare clarified the old levels and explained that they had not been increased to keep up with the cost of living. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 293 NO- 50
THE ARTICLE PASSED

6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special 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 forty-two thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars (\$1,042,355)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be nine hundred seventy-six thousand and eight dollars (\$976,008), 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 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article and explained the cost increase of the dispatch and radio use. From the floor, Peter Martel asked for clarification of the town's reevaluation and the effect on the budget. Selectman Cleary explained the town-wide reevaluation and the cost to the town. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS YES- 198 NO- 142
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article and stated that the moneys to be put into the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund were the normal yearly amount. The fire truck will be due for replacement in five years. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 265 NO- 80
THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Schnare addressed the article noting that at present there is a balance of \$33,500 in the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund. From the floor, Peter Martel questioned if it was not possible that the people that use the town water pay for the majority of the expense instead of the whole town paying for the maintenance.

Selectman Schnare explained that the whole town adds to the water fund and the amount that the people pay for water does not cover all the expenses. Selectman Cronin added that the Water Fund is like the school. Not every family has a child in school but everyone is taxed to pay for it.

Mr. Martel stated that the school could be used by anyone in the community. He continued that he felt that the people who received town water should be taxed extra to pay for the service.

Selectman Cleary stated that the town has a commitment to maintain the system. From the floor, Kristie French added that the money from the water fund does not just pay for water, but it also is used to maintain the hydrants. David Moorehead added that though he does not have town water, he feels that the amount that is added to his tax bill is a fair deal. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 229 NO- 117
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 228 NO- 117

THE ARTICLE PASSED

10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$28,300) to purchase a new Police Cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of eighteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$18,300) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose? The balance of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is to come from general taxation.

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article noting the need to replace a cruiser. The actual amount that would be raised from taxes would be ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) but the article has to list the full amount of the cruiser. The balance of the price would come from the Capital Reserve Fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 164 NO- 182
THE ARTICLE FAILED

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 Schnare addressed the article noting that at present the Library Capital Reserve Fund has a balance of Forty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$41,500) in it. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS YES- 246 NO- 102
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectman Cleary moved that the article be moved as read. The article was accepted without discussion.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES-209 NO- 135
THE ARTICLE PASSED

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article stating that the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund currently has about thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) in it. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 249 NO- 96
THE ARTICLE PASSED

14. 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 Schnare addressed the article noting that the fund currently contains fourteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$14,400). The article was accepted without discussion.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 214 NO- 131
THE ARTICLE PASSED

15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Bridge Expendable Trust Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article. Peter Martel inquired as to the difference between article 15 and article 17. Selectman Cleary explained that article 17 refers to a replacement fund and article 15 is for bridge maintenance. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as moved.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 216 NO- 129
THE ARTICLE PASSED

16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) to be added to the Town Building Expendable Trust Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi moved that the article be moved as read. The article was accepted without discussion.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 196 NO- 147
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectman Schnare addressed the article noting that the Bridge Replacement Fund currently has thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,000) in it. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 220 NO- 120
THE ARTICLE PASSED

18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article noting that this is the final year of the revaluation and this is the final payment for it. The article was accepted without discussion.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 158 NO- 184
THE ARTICLE FAILED

19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article noting the work that would be done on Main Street, School Street and Cross Street. From the floor, Craig Spara inquired when we could expect the work to be done. Selectman Cuddemi explained that the town needs to look into drainage and a possible 80/20 matching funding. The work could possibly be completed in five years. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 192 NO- 155
THE ARTICLE PASSED

20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) as its share of year 2004 programming for Project LIFT, which provides literacy services and materials to Bennington citizens over 16 years of age?

Note: Selectman Schnare moved that the article be accepted as read. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 283 NO- 65
THE ARTICLE PASSED

21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for replacement of the Town Hall furnace?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 295 NO- 53
THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the purchase of Police Department protective vests?

Note: selectman Cuddemi addressed the article noting the need for protective vests for the Police Department. From the floor, Lori O'Brien questioned the need to purchase more vests. Chief Campbell explained that the vests that the department currently owns are well past the recommended age for protective vests. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 240 NO- 109
THE ARTICLE PASSED

23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the construction of cement pads at the Recycling Center?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article noting that the current containers need to be out of the mud. From the floor, Harvey Goodwin presented an amendment to the article in writing to the Moderator that read as follows:

“ Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for construction of concrete pads at the Recycling Center?”

The amendment passed by a voice vote.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 180 NO- 165
THE ARTICLE PASSED

24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for construction of guardrails on Mill Road?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article stating that this would complete the guardrails from the tracks to the Mill. From the floor, Kristie French suggested that the wording of the article be changed from Mill Road to Antrim Road to comply with the 911 listing. A written amendment was presented to the Moderator that read as follows:

“Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the construction of guard rails on Antrim Road?”

The amendment passed by voice vote.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES-204 NO- 145
THE ARTICLE PASSED

25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of upgrading the Library catalogue software?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 237 NO- 112
THE ARTICLE PASSED

26. Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund titled Emergency Police Radios established in 2001 and transfer to the General Fund the balance remaining in that Fund amounting to one hundred seventy-four dollars and seventy-six cents (\$174.76)?

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article and presented a written amendment to the Moderator that read as follows:

“Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund titled Fire Department Radios established in 2001 and transfer to the General Fund the balance remaining in that Fund amounting to one hundred seventy-four dollars and seventy-six cents (\$174.76)? The amendment passed by voice vote.

3/09/04 RESULTS: YES- 283 NO-65
THE ARTICLE PASSED

Selectman Cuddemi publicly thanked the many Town volunteers.

Selectman Cleary spoke to the issue of the upcoming vote to change the school funding ratio. He encouraged everyone to get out to vote on March 9th, as the proposed change would increase Bennington’s taxes.

There being no other business at hand, Kristie French made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Belcher
Town Clerk

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2004

Town/City Of: Bennington

County: Hillsborough

Mailing Address: 7 School St., #101

Bennington, New Hampshire 03442

Phone #: 603-588-2189 Fax #: 603-588-8005 E-Mail: townofbenn@mcttelecom.com

Certificate of Appropriations

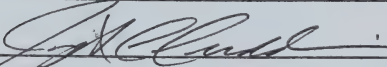


(To be Completed After Annual or Special Meeting)

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

Governing Body (Selectmen)

Please sign in ink.

Date: March 30, 2004

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

PENALTY: Failure to file within 20 days after each meeting at which appropriations were voted may result in a \$5.00 per day penalty for each days's delay (RSA 21-J:36).

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART. #	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		104490	
4140-4149	Election Reg. & Vital Statistics		24167	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		10170	
4152	Revaluation of Property			
4153	Legal Expense		12000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		135544	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		6750	
4194	General Government Buildings		14150	
4195	Cemeteries		7872	
4196	Insurance		17000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.			
4199	Other General Government		2000	

PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		141186	
4215-4219	Ambulance		10000	
4220-4229	Fire		54330	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		750	
4290-4298	Emergency Management			
4299	Other (Including Communications)			

AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations			

HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		96921	
4312	Highways & Streets		84500	
4313	Bridges			
4316	Street Lighting		7800	
4319	Other			

SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		23901	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		800	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		56591	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up			
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		25350	

WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		20300	
4332	Water Services		17000	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		1750	

ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4359	Electrical Operations			

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		WARR.		Appropriations As		For Use By			
Acct.#		(RSA 32:3,V)		ART.#		Voted		Department of Revenue Administration	
HEALTH						XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4411	Administration					1844			
4414	Pest Control					150			
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other					5800			
WELFARE						XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.					8055			
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					585			
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					4550			
CULTURE & RECREATION						XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation					25080			
4550-4559	Library					69807			
4583	Patriotic Purposes					3650			
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					1000			
CONSERVATION						XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources					675			
4619	Other Conservation								
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING								
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								
DEBT SERVICE						XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					33050			
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					10187			
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note					2600			
4790-4799	Other Debt Service								
CAPITAL OUTLAY						XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4901	Land								
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment								
4903	Buildings								
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs								
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4912	To Special Revenue Fund								
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					16950			
4914	To Enterprise Fund								
	Sewer-								
	Water-								
	Electric-								
	Airport-								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund					89000			
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917								
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds								
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds								
4919	To Agency Funds								
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS						1148305			

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Finance Bureau
2004 Tax Rate Calculation

Barbara Johnson
10/22/04

TOWN/CITY: BENNINGTON

Gross Appropriations	1,148,305
Less: Revenues	501,548
Less: Shared Revenues	19,978
Add: Overlay	15,563
War Service Credits	8,950

Net Town Appropriation	651,292
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	651,292
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TOWN RATE
5.88

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	2,112,975
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(875,539)
State Education Taxes	(252,596)

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	984,840
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LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
8.91

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$3.33
75,854,660	252,596
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
107,671,470	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	
Pay to State →	0

STATE SCHOOL RATE
2.35

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	117,219
Less: Shared Revenues	(4,514)

Approved County Tax Effort	112,705
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COUNTY RATE
1.02

TOTAL RATE
18.16

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,001,433
Less: War Service Credits	(8,950)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	1,992,483

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	107,671,470	2.35	252,596
All Other Taxes	110,588,570	15.81	1,748,837
			2,001,433

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Whether you are a snow sports fan, football fan or baseball fan, 2004 was a year to celebrate. Crotched Mountain Ski & Ride is up and running to full capacity; the Patriots won their second Superbowl, the Red Sox finally won the World Series after 86 years, and we hosted our own baseball playoff tournament right here in Bennington.

At the 2004 annual town meeting voters defeated funding of a replacement police cruiser and the contracted balance due for the revaluation. The taxpayers incurred excessive maintenance costs to keep the Crown Vic roadworthy; trade-in value is diminished because of high mileage. On the other hand, although funding was defeated for the revaluation, the Town was obligated by contract to proceed to completion. Fortunately an assessing line item in the operating budget existed and the expenditure was applied against this line item.

This Board of Selectmen, as did our predecessors, firmly stands on the merit of the Capital Reserve Funding program. Without these "savings" accounts, the tax rate would wildly fluctuate if the Town's major purchases were funded through the operating budget. We encourage you to support this worthwhile funding program and vote "YES" on warrant articles 6 through 16.

You probably have heard that the 1989 fire truck has a significant rust problem that is too costly to repair. The Selectmen, Capital Improvement Plan Committee and the Budget Committee all agree that it makes good fiscal sense to replace the vehicle now instead of the original replacement date of 2008. The Selectmen plan to exercise the authority granted to them in 1990 when the voters named the Selectmen as agents to carry out the object of the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund, which is to purchase a replacement fire truck.

Additionally, the Selectmen plan to exercise the authority granted to them at the 1993 Town Meeting when the voters named the Selectmen as agents to carry out the object of the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, which is to purchase a police cruiser.

The Town is the recipient of a \$700,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant. Reconstruction of the roadside in Town will restore pedestrian access by way of sidewalks and crosswalks, delineating the roadway, and parking with granite curbing. The Town is responsible for a matching amount of \$140,000. At the close of 2004, \$52,219 exists in the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. Thanks to the foresight of funding this Capital Reserve item, the reconstruction of the village area in a few years will become a reality without significantly impacting the tax rate.

The Revaluation of all properties was completed this summer. Overall, the value of the Town increased 70%. The next state-mandated Revaluation will be in 2009. We must continue to set aside money in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund in anticipation of the Revaluation.

The Selectmen continued their pursuit of encouraging property owners to bring their property into compliance with the Junk Yard Law. Your cooperation is appreciated. The task will continue in the spring.

The Town of Antrim has changed the future of funding their ambulance service. Through 2004 Bennington residents have not been billed for ambulance service. Beginning January 1, 2005 the individual receiving ambulance transport service, or their insurance company, will be billed for services. Arrangements are in place for abating the ambulance bill in cases of hardship.

We applaud Fire Chief Mark Chase and Good Samaritan Michael Althouse for their rescue of a canoeist after his canoe capsized in Powder Mill Pond. Their selflessness is to be commended.

The following folks retired from their positions in 2004:

- Catriona Beck – Planning Board and Cable TV Consortium
- Tammie Blanchette – Library Trustee
- Frank Carrara – Trustee of the Trust Funds and Zoning Board of Adjustment
- James Cleary – Selectman
- Nick Collemacine – Water/Sewer Commissioner
- John French – Capital Improvement Plan Committee
- Kristie French – Assistant Town Clerk
- Chester Heinzman – Building Inspector
- Barbara Huntley – Health & Welfare Officer
- Mae Lizotte – Trustee of the Trust Funds
- Robyn Manley – Budget Committee
- Terry Schnare – Conservation Commission
- Kelly St. Pierre – Recreation Committee
- Carrie Whittemore – Library Trustee

We are sincerely grateful to all of them for their commitment and dedication to serve the Town. Thank you one and all! We wish you well in your future endeavors.

On a somber note, we miss the energy and enthusiasm that Bruce Edes brought to the Town and the community at large. A true gentleman and friend whom we feel honored to have known. Please familiarize yourself with the plans to create a Town Forest in his memory. Your "YES" vote on articles 18 and 19 will carry on Bruce's spirit and appreciation of life.

The year ended with the unexpected closure of the Community Post Office. The Selectmen continue to work with Postal and State officials in an attempt to bring the Post Office back to Bennington.

Out of respect and admiration for our Veteran's, the Selectmen have included warrant articles to raise the veteran credit from \$100 to \$500, and raise the service-connected total disability tax credit from \$1400 to \$2000. Please join us in supporting these warrant articles.

The Selectmen extend their thanks and appreciation to the employees and volunteers who do such a great job providing services to the Town. It is a pleasure working with them. We encourage our fellow residents to take an active part in the community. There are numerous committees that need staffing and Boards that have vacancies. Please let us know your interests.

Joseph Cuddemi, Chair

Terry Schnare

James Trow

Town Clerk's Revenue Report
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$242,302.34
Motor Vehicle Copy Fee		\$95.00
Municipal Agent Fees		\$5,200.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		\$852.00
Motor Vehicle Mail Program		\$308.00
UCC Filings		\$390.00
Marriage Licenses:	Town	\$91.00
	State	\$494.00
Certified Copies:	Town	\$162.00
	State	\$302.00
Dog Licenses	Town	\$1,829.50
	State	\$206.00
	Animal Population Control	\$782.00
	Dog Mail Program	\$2.00
Dog Fines		\$295.00
Bad Check Fees		\$225.00
Election Fees		\$12.00
Corporate Filing Fees		\$10.00
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		\$253,557.84

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

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

	2004	2003
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 01/01/04		
Property Taxes		\$159,736.30
Land Use Change		
Yield Taxes		
Excavation Tax		
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
Property Taxes	\$1,995,965.00	
Land Use Change Taxes		
Yield Taxes	7,378.63	
Excavation Taxes	2,833.84	
OVERPAYMENT		
Property Taxes	11,416.68	
2005 Prepaid		
INTEREST - FEES	2,454.97	10,619.33
TOTAL DEBITS	<hr/> \$2,020,049.12	\$170,355.63
REMITTED TO TREASURER 2004		
Property Taxes	\$1,840,909.55	\$84,333.76
Land Use Change Taxes		
Yield Taxes	7,378.63	
Interest/Fees	2,454.97	10,619.33
Excavation Taxes	2,833.84	
Conversion to Lien (principal)		65,685.09
ABATEMENTS		
Property Taxes	1,506.05	8,733.00
Current Levy Deeded		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12/31/04		
Property Taxes	53,535.43	
TOTAL CREDITS	<hr/> \$1,908,618.47	\$169,371.18

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

Respectfully Submitted



Dawn A. Bond
TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

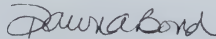
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

		TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:			ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
		2003	2002	PRIOR	
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2004			\$47,150.00	\$35,488.14	\$57,577.99
Liens Executed 2004		\$75,289.01			9,745.00
Interest & Costs Collected	Interest	1,286.21	4,150.74	7,866.72	4,024.20
After Lien Execution	Costs	615.85	610.92	446.57	153.70
Paid Prior to Deed					
TOTAL DEBITS		\$77,191.07	\$51,911.66	\$43,801.43	\$71,500.89
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REMITTANCE TO TREASURER					
Redemptions		\$30,457.28	\$23,258.39	\$22,792.60	\$20,516.00
Interest & Costs		1,902.06	4,719.29	8,313.29	4,177.90
Unredeemed Tax Liens 12/31/2004		44,831.73	23,933.98	12,695.54	46,806.99
TOTAL CREDITS		\$77,191.07	\$51,911.66	\$43,801.43	\$71,500.89

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Respectfully Submitted



Dawn A. Bond
TAX COLLECTOR

WATER & SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

Unpaid Balance January 1, 2004		\$10,561.00
Charges:		
Water Usage	\$43,588.71	
Water Interest	\$391.23	
Lien Fees	\$53.00	
Sewer Usage	\$26,205.85	
Sewer Interest	<u>+ \$80.71</u>	
TOTAL CHARGES		+ \$70,319.50
		\$80,880.50
2003 Credit Carried Forward		- \$8.08
Prepaid 2005 Water		+ \$10.66
Conversion to Lien		- \$3,025.57
Receipts to Treasurer		- \$62,166.40
Abatements		
Water	\$1,532.53	
Sewer	<u>+ \$921.76</u>	
Total Abatements		- \$2,454.29
Unpaid Water & Sewer December 31, 2004		\$13,236.82

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

Respectfully Submitted



**Dawn A. Bond
Tax Collector**

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
GENERAL ACCOUNT

2004

Cash Balance as at :	1/1/2004	\$	512,194.58
Plus Receipts			2,708,715.98
Less Disbursements			(2,790,520.44)
Cash Balance as at :	12/31/2004	\$	430,390.12

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CONSERVATION FUND

2004

Cash Balance as at :	1/1/2004	\$	4,335.43
Interest Earned			11.44
Cash Balance as at :	12/31/2004	\$	4,346.87

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Bennington Police Dept - Special Revenue Fund
2004

Cash Balance as at :	1/1/2004	\$	538.09
Plus Interest			0.32
Less Disbursements - Acct Closed			(538.41)
Cash Balance as at :	12/31/2004	\$	-

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
DRIVEWAY SECURITY ACCOUNT
2004

Cash Balance as at :	1/1/2004	\$	5,988.92
Plus Interest			9.55
Plus receipts 2004			8,000.00
Security Deposits returned 2004			(5,000.00)
Cash Balance as at :	12/31/2004	\$	8,998.47

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
NHMA - PLIT
2004

Cash Balance as at :	1/1/2004	\$	1,342.59
Plus Interest			3.54
Cash Balance as at :	12/31/2004	\$	1,346.13

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Marshall Bennett - Escrow Account
2004

Cash Balance as at :	1/1/2004	\$	1,319.22
Plus Interest			3.48
Cash Balance as at :	12/31/2004	\$	1,322.70

Joyce L. Miner
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Property Tax	\$1,841,410
Yield Tax	7,379
Excavation Tax	2,834
Interest/Penalties	<u>2,455</u>

\$1,854,077

LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Property Tax	\$83,696
Interest/Penalties	10,619
Tax Liens Redeemed	97,024
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	<u>19,113</u>

\$210,452

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

\$62,166

TOWN CLERK REVENUE

\$253,558

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Shared Revenue Grant	\$98,921
Highway Block Grant	35,433
Water Pollution Grant	11,372
DWI Grant	2,161
Speed Patrol Grant	1,792
Snow Removal Grant	1,778
Police Vests Grant	1,330
Forestry Grant	<u>1,000</u>

\$153,787

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

\$120,000

LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Building Permits	\$1,050
Driveway Permits	90
Cable Franchise Fees	4,251
Pistol Permits	40
Sign Permits	20
Court Fines	3,864
Bad Check Fees	<u>200</u>

\$9,515

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS

Police	\$696
Planning	723
Zoning	333
Recycling	13,896
Cemetery	350
Election and Registration	250
Photocopies	91
Highway	<u>402</u>

\$16,741

REIMBURSEMENTS		
PD Special Details	\$8,947	
Conval Election Costs	<u>276</u>	\$9,223
SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY		\$8,293
INTEREST		\$256
DONATION - CROTCHED MOUNTAIN SKI & RIDE		<u>\$2,500</u>
TOTAL 2004 RECEIPTS		<u><u>\$2,700,569</u></u>

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$2,250	
Telephone	1,498	
Computer	6,757	
Xerox Machine Rental	1,817	
Dues and Subscriptions	812	
Advertising	321	
General Supplies	568	
Office Supplies	2,861	
Postage	2,639	
Miscellaneous Expenses	74	
Adminstrator Salary	38,850	
Administrative Assistant	29,765	
Part-Time Office Support	10,033	
Mileage/Expenses	674	
Moderator's Salary	60	
Town Report Printing	2,683	
Newsletter Printing	425	
Total Executive Office	425	\$102,087

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Town Clerk	\$13,303	
Deputy Town Clerk	3,243	
Assistant Town Clerk	2,661	
Dues and Subscriptions	60	
Office Supplies	887	
Books & Periodicals	83	
Municipal Agent Mail Program	55	
Supervisors of the Checklist	750	
Supervisors of the Checklist - Conval	510	
Advertising	351	
Supervisors Office Supplies	42	
Voter Ballot Clerks	761	
Election Printing	741	
Election Meals	412	
Total Election and Registration	412	\$23,859

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$5,936	
Assessing/Tax Map Maintenance	18,379	
Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions	20	
Tax Collector Fees	1,224	
Treasurer's Salary	750	
Overlay	330	
Refunds - Town Clerk	113	
Refunds - Tax Collector	11,783	
Total Financial Administration	11,783	\$38,535

JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE		
General Legal Support	\$8,700	
Defense Proceedings	443	
Total Judicial & Legal Expense	<u> </u>	\$9,143
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		
Group Health Insurance	\$79,598	
Group Dental Insurance	3,731	
FICA/Medicare	22,818	
Group 1 Retirement	9,770	
Police Retirement	8,715	
Unemployment Compensation	85	
Workers Compensation	6,434	
Total Personnel Administration	<u> </u>	\$131,151
PLANNING AND ZONING		
Recording Secretary	\$940	
SWRPC Member Dues	1,584	
Miscellaneous	497	
Master Plan	2,000	
ZBA Miscellaneous	354	
Total Planning and Zoning	<u> </u>	\$5,375
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$5,619	
Security/Fire System Maintenance	1,110	
Electricity	2,455	
Heat & Oil	2,681	
Repairs and Maintenance	1,363	
Supplies	59	
Total General Government	<u> </u>	\$13,287
CEMETERIES		
Evergreen Groundskeeping/Laborer	\$2,875	
Evergreen Maintenance Supplies	10	
Sunnyside Groundskeeping/Laborer	2,875	
Labor	172	
Headstone Maintenance	1,155	
Total Cemeteries	<u> </u>	\$7,087
PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE		
NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$15,176	
Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance	<u> </u>	\$15,176
CONTINGENCY FUND		
General Contingency Fund	\$1,817	
Total Contingency Fund	<u> </u>	\$1,817

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief	\$47,606	
Patrol Officer	35,000	
Overtime	11,915	
Part-Time Officers Salary	14,574	
Crossing Guard Salary	3,731	
Holiday Compensation	4,096	
Special Detail Wages	7,309	
Traffic Enforcement Grant	3,953	
Administrative Telephone	2,219	
Cellular Telephone	431	
Lease of Pagers	313	
Photo Services	117	
Dispatch Services	8,397	
Equipment/Training Supplies	2,787	
Administrative Office Supplies	713	
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	60	
Administrative Gasoline	6,186	
Administrative Vehicle Repairs	4,392	
Books/Periodicals	288	
Uniforms	304	
Miscellaneous	1,548	
Total Police Department		\$155,939

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Antrim Ambulance	\$10,000	
Total Ambulance Service		\$10,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Elected Chiefs Salaries	\$1,500	
Administrative Telephone	1,385	
Dispatch Services	7,783	
General Supplies	2,392	
Firefighter Emergency Calls	8,000	
Medical	1,235	
Fire Prevention Materials	494	
Training	1,706	
Radio Lease	8,147	
Equipment Replacement	11,109	
Radio Repairs	359	
Gasoline	850	
Vehicles	3,684	
Electricity	1,724	
Heating Oil	1,374	
Repairs/Maintenance	1,412	
Total Fire Department		\$53,154

BUILDING INSPECTION

Building Inspector's Salary	\$845	
Total Building Inspection		\$845

GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Road Agent Salary	\$30,863	
Highway Laborer Salary	32,749	
Road Agent Overtime	991	
Highway Laborer Overtime	2,672	
Highway Part-Time Laborer	762	
Telephone	728	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	280	
Garage Electricity	1,015	
Highway Garage Heat	1,397	
Barn Maintenance/Repairs	2,731	
General Supplies	1,710	
Street Signs	410	
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	4,947	
Gasoline/Oil	4,186	
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	2,582	
Miscellaneous	471	
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Total General Highway Department		\$88,494
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		
Tar/Patch/Seal	\$15,067	
Paving	31,442	
Paving/Recon Equipment	795	
Road Maintenance Supplies	50	
Road Drainage Supplies	3,327	
Snow/Ice Supplies	12,739	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	5,938	
Gravel Preparation	3,600	
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Total Highways and Streets		\$72,958
STREET LIGHTING		
Street Lighting Electricity	\$7,357	
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Total Street Lighting		\$7,357
TRANSFER STATION		
Attendants	\$25,050	
Household Hazardous Waste Day	375	
Post-Closure Costs	6,212	
Telephone	381	
Hauling and Disposal	44,600	
Electricity	755	
Shed Heat	152	
General Supplies	378	
Certification	75	
Miscellaneous	213	
Recyclables Removal	3,563	
Container Lease	2,959	
NHRRRA Annual Dues	100	
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Total Transfer Station		\$84,813

WATER DEPARTMENT

Labor Wages	\$310	
Commissioners Salaries	300	
Town of Antrim	22,010	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	175	
Postage	415	
Miscellaneous	81	
Telephone	713	
Electricity	7,039	
Pumphouse Heat	898	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	3,103	
Corrosion Control	1,791	
Total Water Department		\$36,835

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Sewage Treatment - Town of Antrim	\$24,157	
Electricity	2,788	
Propane	208	
Repair/Maintenance	2,723	
Total Sewer Department		\$29,876

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Officer	\$522	
Deputy Health Officer	572	
Miscellaneous	351	
Total Health Department		\$1,445

HEALTH AGENCIES

Home Health Care	\$4,000	
Monadnock Family and Mental Health	1,800	
Total Health Agencies		\$5,800

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Welfare Officer	\$2,150	
Deputy Welfare Officer	50	
Dues and Subscriptions	30	
Postage	16	
Rental Assistance	5,044	
St. Joseph Community Services	585	
Vendor Payments - Medical	806	
Vendor Payments - Food	54	
Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	1,471	
Vendor Payments - Gasoline	15	
Miscellaneous	2,543	
Total Welfare Department		\$12,764

PARKS AND RECREATION

Telephone	\$623	
Christmas Party	96	
Fishing Derby	200	
Activities	911	
Little League	1,250	
Miscellaneous	564	
Groundskeeping	5,612	
Electricity - Newhall Field	1,043	
Ballfield Repairs	3,500	
Ballfield Chemical Toilets	1,751	
Recreation Facilities	5,907	
Lifeguard Salary	3,262	
Beach Improvements	190	
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	40	
Beach Red Cross Supplies	108	
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Total Parks and Recreation		\$25,057

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	\$28,288	
Librarian Assistants	14,491	
Book Collection	14,354	
Media Collection	3,152	
Telephone	581	
Building Electricity	927	
Building Heating Oil	1,474	
Grounds Maintenance	665	
Building Maintenance	1,095	
Photo Copier Supplies	1,368	
Program Supplies	1,000	
Conference/Fees	1,600	
Technology	155	
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Total Library		\$69,149

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day	\$1,050	
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Total Patriotic Purposes		\$1,050

SCHOLARSHIP

Edward French Scholarship	\$1,000	
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Total Edward French Scholarship		\$1,000

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dues and Subscriptions	\$60	
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Total Conservation Commission		\$60

PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES

Note Repayments	\$1,300	
General Obligation Debt	31,750	
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Total Principal - Long Term Notes		\$33,050

INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES			
Interest on Notes		\$114	
Interest General Obligation Debt		10,045	
Total Interest - Long Term Notes		<u>10,159</u>	\$10,159
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES			
Interest - Tax Anticipation Note		\$329	
Total Tax Anticipation Notes		<u>329</u>	\$329
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
Fire Truck Capital Reserve	\$15,000		
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	10,000		
Rescue Capital Reserve	12,000		
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve	0		
Library Capital Reserve	5,000		
Highway Truck Capital Reserve	10,000		
Water Capital Reserve	8,000		
Sewer Capital Reserve	5,000		
Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve	5,000		
Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve	3,000		
Town Buildings Capital Reserve	5,000		
Sidewalk Construction	11,000		
Total Capital Reserve Funds		<u>11,000</u>	\$89,000
2004 WARRANT ARTICLES			
Project LIFT	\$450		
Town Hall Furnace Replacement	2,897		
Police Protective Vests	2,659		
Recycling Center Cement Pads	3,800		
Mill Road Guard Rails	5,000		
Library Catalog Software Upgrade	1,500		
Total 2004 Warrant Articles			<u>\$16,306</u>
TOTAL 2004 EXPENDITURES			<u><u>\$1,152,957</u></u>

2004 PAYROLL

Marguerite E. Armstrong	\$103.50
Karen P. Aucella	\$13.50
Catriona D. Beck	\$13.50
Debra Belcher	\$13,303.26
Karn M. Belcher	\$1,354.75
Thomas J. Belcher	\$142.43
Thomas S. Belcher	\$2,885.32
David Blanchard	\$31,853.86
Dawn A. Bond	\$29,764.83
Catherine C. Campbell	\$975.00
C. Stephen Campbell	\$63,493.95
Josephine Carrara	\$67.50
Elizabeth S. Cashion	\$20.25
Estelle A. Cashion	\$58.50
Scott A. Champagne	\$42.00
Mark S. Chase	\$830.00
David M. Chenard	\$7,358.10
Melissa A. Clough	\$14,040.00
Drusilla Cox	\$243.00
John J. Cronin III	\$60.00
Joseph C. Cuddemi	\$750.00
Franklin D. Dalton	\$4,448.01
Rolad R. Davison II	\$890.00
Bruce C. Edes	\$490.38
Abigail L. Eneguess	\$720.00
Denise P. French	\$40,237.65
Kristie J. French	\$12,080.55
Jessica L. Gagnon	\$1,005.00
Dorothy Glynn	\$15.00
Patricia C. Goodwin	\$451.41
Robert C. Horn	\$150.00
Barbara A. Huntley	\$1,597.00
Walter D. Kiblin	\$35,420.78
Leslie MacGregor	\$28,288.00
Robyn W. Manley	\$18.00
Philip M. Marcellino	\$47,245.12
Darlene L. McKenney	\$210.00
Lester P. Milton	\$7,746.00
Joyce L. Miner	\$750.00
Barbara E. Moorehead	\$420.00
Megan M. Neveu	\$1,536.75
Joseph J. O'Brien	\$500.00
Linda J. Osienski	\$24.00
Donald G. Parker, Sr.	\$13,613.84
Adam Perry	\$178.67
Terry D. Schnare	\$750.00
Vera M. Spanos	\$24.00
Daniel Sullivan	\$5.25
Michael Tacy	\$10,480.63
James E. Trow	\$259.62
Victoria Turner	\$420.00
Debra M. Whitney	\$3,243.42
Sfa Whittemore	\$124.50
Glenn P. Wilson	\$2,052.00
Jill S. Young	\$120.00
Dorothy A. Zabriskie	\$3,730.56
Michael A. Zabriskie	\$215.46
TOTAL 2004 PAYROLL	\$386,834.85

FORM **F-65 (MS-5)**
(7-1-2004)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION



**ANNUAL CITY/TOWN
FINANCIAL REPORT**

30 3 006 004 1437
Bennington Town
Chr Bd Selectmen
7 School Street, Unit 101
Bennington, NH03442

(Please correct any error in name, address, and ZIP Code)

PLEASE
RETURN
COMPLETED
FORM TO

State of New Hampshire
Department of Revenue Administration
Community Services Division
PO Box 487
Concord, NH 03302-0487
Telephone: (603) 271-3397

Part I **GENERAL FUND - Revenues and expenditures for the period - Specify -**

January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004
OR
July 1, 200__ to June 30, 200__

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual		Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
1. Revenues from taxes (Including state education)			
a. Property taxes (commitment less overlay plus Section C, line 6, column (c), page 12)		3110	\$ 1,988,913
b. State and local taxes assessed for school districts	\$ 1,237,436	4933	
c. Land use change taxes - General Fund		3120	
d. Land use change taxes - Conservation Fund		3121	
e. Resident taxes		3180	
f. Timber taxes		3185	7,379
g. Payments in lieu of taxes		3186	
h. Other taxes (Explain on separate schedule)		3189	
i. Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes		3190	32,187
j. Excavation Tax (@ \$.02 per cu. yd.)		3187	2,834
k. TOTAL (Excluding line 1b)			\$ 2,031,313
2. TOTAL revenues for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)			
			\$
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees			
a. Business licenses and permits		3210	390
b. Motor vehicle permit fees		3220	248,757
c. Building permits		3230	1,050

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)			
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No.	Amount
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees (Continued)		(a)	(b)
d. Other licenses, permits, and fees	3290	T99	7,002
e. TOTAL			\$ 257,199
4. Revenue from the federal government		B50	
a. Housing and urban renewal (HUD)	3311	\$	
b. Environmental protection	3312	B89	
c. Other federal grants and reimbursements - Specify -		B89	
Police grant	3319		1,330
d. TOTAL		\$	1,330
5. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire		C30	
a. Shared revenue block grant	3351	\$	51,171
b. Meals and rooms distribution	3352	C30	47,750
c. Highway block grant	3353	C46	35,433
d. Water pollution grants	3354	C89	11,372
e. Housing and community development	3355	C50	
f. State and federal forest land reimbursement	3356	C89	
g. Flood control reimbursement	3357	C89	
h. Other state grants and reimbursements - Specify -		C	
Emergency management grant	1,778		
Police grant	3,953	3359	5,731
i. TOTAL		\$	151,457
6. Revenue from other governments		D	
Intergovernmental revenue - Other	3379	\$	276
7. Revenue from charges for services		A89	
<i>(Exclude interfund transfers)</i>			
a. Income from departments	3401	\$	1,065
b. Water supply system charges	3402	A91	42,382
c. Sewer user charges	3403	A80	25,365
d. Garbage-refuse charges	3404	A81	
e. Electric user charges	3405	A92	
f. Airport fees	3406	A01	
g. Parking		A60	
h. Transit or bus system		A94	
i. Parks and Recreation		A61	
j. Other Charges	3409	A89	
k. TOTAL		\$	68,812

Part I		GENERAL FUND (Continued)	
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No.	Amount
8. Revenue from miscellaneous sources		(a)	(b)
a. Special assessments	3500	U01 \$	
b. Sale of municipal property	3501	U11	8,643
c. Interest on investments	3502	U20	255
d. Rents of property	3503	U40	
e. Fines and forfeits	3504	U99	3,864
f. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	U99	
g. Contributions and donations	3508	U99	2,500
h. Other miscellaneous sources not otherwise classified	3509	U99	25,281
i. TOTAL		\$	40,543
9. Interfund operating transfers in			
a. Transfers from special revenue fund	3912	\$	
b. Transfers from capital projects fund	3913		
c. Transfers from proprietary funds	3914		
d. Transfers from capital reserve fund	3915		
e. Transfers from trust and fiduciary funds	3916		
f. Transfers from conservation fund	3917		
g. TOTAL		\$	
10. Other financial sources			
a. Proceeds from long-term notes and general obligation bonds	3934	\$	
b. Proceeds from all other bonds	3935		
c. Other long-term financial sources	3939		
d. TOTAL		\$	
11. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES		\$	2,550,930
12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (Beginning of year) (Should equal line B.2f, column b, page 9)		\$	176,221
13. TOTAL OF LINES 11 AND 12 (Should equal line 21, page 8)		\$	2,727,151
Remarks			

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)				
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual				
	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
1. General government				
a. Executive	4130	E29 \$ 102,598	G29 \$	F29 \$
b. Election and registration	4140	E89 24,091	G89	F89
c. Financial administration	4150	E23 26,309	G23	F23
d. Revaluation of property	4152	E23 4,800	G23	F23
e. Legal expense	4153	E25 9,294	G25	F25
f. Personnel administration	4155	E29 131,151	G29	F29
g. Planning and zoning	4191	E29 5,375	G29	F29
h. General government building	4194	E31 16,618	G31 2,897	F31
i. Cemeteries	4195	E89 7,087	G89	F89
j. Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	E89 15,176	G89	F89
k. Advertising and regional association	4197	E89	G89	F89
l. Other general government	4199	E89 1,817	G89	F89
m. TOTAL		\$ 344,316	\$ 2,897	\$
2. Public safety				
a. Police	4210	E62 \$ 160,178	G62 \$ 2,659	F62 \$
b. Ambulance	4215	E32 10,000	G32	F32
c. Fire	4220	E24 57,341	G24	F24
d. Building inspection	4240	E66 845	G66	F66
e. Emergency management	4290	E89	G89	F89
f. Other public safety (including communications)	4299	E89	G89	F89
g. TOTAL		\$ 228,364	\$ 2,659	\$
3. Airport/Aviation center				
a. Administration	4301	\$	\$	\$
b. Airport operations	4302			
c. Other	4309			
d. TOTAL		E01 \$	G01 \$	F01 \$
Remarks				

Part GENERAL FUND (Continued)				
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)				
	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
4. Highways and streets				
a. Administration	4311	\$ 89,359		
b. Highways and streets	4312	81,810	5,000	
c. Bridges	4313			
d. Street lighting	4316	7,357		
e. Other highway, streets, and bridges	4319			
f. TOTAL		\$ 178,526	\$ 5,000	\$
5. Sanitation				
a. Administration	4321	\$ 25,175	\$	\$
b. Solid waste collection	4323	375		
c. Solid waste disposal	4324	63,171	3,800	
d. Solid waste clean-up	4325			
e. Sewage collection and disposal	4326	29,877		
f. Other sanitation	4329			
g. TOTAL		\$ 118,598	\$ 3,800	\$
6. Water distribution and treatment				
a. Administration	4331	\$ 23,292	\$	\$
b. Water services	4332	11,753		
c. Water treatment	4335	1,791		
d. Water conservation	4338			
e. Other water	4339			
f. TOTAL		\$ 36,836	\$	\$
7. Electric				
a. Administration	4351	\$	\$	\$
b. Generation	4352			
c. Purchase costs	4353			
d. Equipment maintenance	4354			
e. Other electric	4359			
f. TOTAL		\$	\$	\$

Part I. GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
8. Health				
a. Administration	4411	\$ 1,445	\$	\$
b. Pest control	4414			
c. Health agencies and hospitals	4415	5,800		
d. Vital statistics	4140			
e. Other health	4419			
f. TOTAL		\$ 7,245	\$	\$
9. TOTAL expenditures for education purposes <i>(This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)</i>				
		\$	\$	\$
10. Welfare				
a. Administration	4441	\$ 2,246	\$	\$
b. Direct assistance	4442	5,044		
c. Intergovernmental welfare payments	4444	585		
d. Vendor payments	4445	2,346		
e. Other welfare	4449	2,543		
f. TOTAL		\$ 12,764	\$	\$
11. Culture and recreation				
a. Parks and recreation	4520	\$ 25,057	\$	\$
b. Library	4550	49,521		
c. Patriotic purposes	4583	1,050		
d. Other culture and recreation	4589	1,449		
e. TOTAL		\$ 77,077	\$	\$
12. Conservation				
a. Administration	4611	\$ 60	\$	\$
b. Purchase of natural resources	4612			
c. Other conservation	4619			
d. TOTAL		\$ 60	\$	\$
13. Redevelopment and housing				
a. Administration	4631	\$	\$	\$
b. Redevelopment and housing	4632			
c. TOTAL		\$	\$	\$

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)				
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)				
	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
14. Economic development				
a. Administration	4651	\$	\$	\$
b. Economic development	4652			
c. Other economic development	4659			
d. TOTAL		E89 \$	G89 \$	F89 \$
15. Debt service				
a. Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	\$ 33,050		
b. Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	I89 10,158		
c. Interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes	4723	I89 329		
d. Other debt service charges	4790	E23		
e. TOTAL		\$ 43,537		
16. Capital outlay				
a. Land and improvements	4901		G \$	F \$
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	4902		G	
c. Buildings	4903			F
d. Improvements other than buildings	4909			F
e. TOTAL			G \$	F \$
17. Interfund operating transfers out				
a. Transfers to special revenue funds	4912	\$ 21,606		
b. Transfers to capital projects funds	4913			
c. Transfers to proprietary funds	4914			
d. Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	89,000		
e. Transfers to expendable trust funds	4916			
e. Transfers to nonexpendable trust funds	4918			
f. TOTAL		\$ 110,606		
Remarks				

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
18. Payments to other governments				
a. Taxes assessed for county	4931	\$ 117,219		
b. Taxes assessed for precincts/village districts	4932			
c. Local education taxes assessed	4933	984,840		
d. State education taxes assessed	4939	252,596		
e. Payments to other governments	4939			
f. TOTAL		\$ 1,354,655		
19. TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 2,512,584	\$ 14,356	\$
20. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (End of year) <i>(Should equal line B,2f, column c, on page 9 and line 13 on page 3, less line 19 above)</i>		\$ 214,567		
21. TOTAL OF LINES 19 AND 20 <i>(Should equal line 13 on page 3)</i>		\$ 2,727,151		

Part II

This area may be used to provide the detail requested whenever "Explain" or "Specify" is found.

Account number (a)	Item (b)	Amount (c)

Part III GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET - Please specify the period -

As of December 31, 2004 OR June 30, 200__

A. ASSETS			
	Account number (a)	Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
1. Current assets			
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	\$ 512,195	\$ 432,052
b. Investments	1030	1,343	
c. Taxes receivable (See worksheet, page 12)	1080	159,736	164,253
d. Tax liens receivable (See worksheet, page 12)	1110	80,216	68,269
e. Accounts receivable	1150	10,519	27,105
f. Due from other governments	1260		
g. Due from other funds	1310		3,992
h. Other current assets	1400		5,719
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
j. TOTAL ASSETS (Should equal line B3)		\$ 764,009	\$ 701,390
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
1. Current liabilities			
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$ 4,946	\$ 14,817
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050		
d. Due to other governments	2070	3,309	328
e. Due to school districts	2075	577,896	470,355
f. Due to other funds	2080	200	
g. Deferred revenue	2220	114	
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250		
j. Other payables Deposits	2270	1,323	1,323
k. TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 587,788	\$ 486,823
2. Fund equity			
a. Reserve for encumbrances (Please detail on page 10)	2440	\$	\$
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations (Detail on page 10)	2450		
c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus	2460		
d. Reserve for special purposes (Please detail on page 10)	2490		
e. Unreserved fund balance	2530	176,221	214,567
f. TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 176,221	\$ 214,567
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (Should equal line A1j)			
		\$ 764,009	\$ 701,390

Part IV: **DETAIL**

This page may be used to provide the detail requested wherever "Explain" or "Specify" is found. If additional space is needed, please add extra pages using the following format. Please show the detail and the total for each.

Account number (a)	Item (b)	Amount (c)

Please Detail Reserves from page 9 (Balance Sheet)

Account number (a)	Item (b)	Amount (c)

Part V: **GENERAL FUND**

A. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION
(Debt as of (enter date) December 31, 2004 for the ensuing five years)

	Year (a)	Principal (b)	Interest (c)	Total (d)
1.	2005	\$ 33,050	\$ 8,172	\$ 41,222
2.	2006	21,750	6,577	28,327
3.	2007	21,750	5,412	27,162
4.	2008	21,750	4,247	25,997
5.	2009	21,740	3,083	24,823
6. SUBTOTAL (Sum of lines 1-5)		120,040	27,491	147,531
7. Remaining periods of debt		35,360	3,332	38,692
8. TOTAL		\$ 155,400	\$ 30,823	\$186,223

Part VI RECONCILIATIONS	
A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY	
	Amount
1. School district liability at beginning of year (Account number 2075, column b, on page 9)	\$ 577,896
2. ADD: School district assessment for current year	1,237,436
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR (Sum of lines 1 and 2)	1,815,332
4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district	(1,344,977)
5. School district liability at end of year (line 3 less line 4) (Account number 2075, column c, on page 9)	470,355
B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	
	Amount
1. Short-term (TANS) debt at beginning of year	^{61V} \$ -
2. ADD: New issues during current year	120,000
3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year	(120,000)
4. Short-term (TANS) debt outstanding at end of year (Lines 1 + 2 - 3) (Be sure to include (TANS) in Account number 2230, column c, page 9)	^{64V}

PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE SECTIONS C AND D

C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET			
	Current year (a)	Prior year (b)	TOTAL (c)
1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year)*	15,563	60,000	75,563
2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made (From tax collector's report)	(2,485)	(10,355)	(12,840)
3. SUBTRACT: Discounts	()	()	()
4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)	()	()	()
5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR**	()	(60,000)	(60,000)
6. Excess of estimate (Add to revenue on page 1, line 1a)	13,078	(10,355)	2,723
*Use overlay amount for column (a) and use last year's balance of line 5, Allowance for Abatements for column b (see your form from last year).			
**The amount in column c will go into line 1(b) for next year's worksheet.			
D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET			
	1080 taxes (a)	1110 liens (b)	TOTALS (c)
1. Uncollected, end of year	\$ 164,253	\$ 128,269	\$ 292,522
2. SUBTRACT: "Overlay" carried forward as Allowance for Abatements (from Worksheet C, line 5)	()	(60,000)	(60,000)
3. Receivable, end of year*	164,253	68,269	232,522
*(These amounts are entered on page 9, account number 1080 and 1110, column c)			

SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period -
 January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 OR July 1, 200__ to June 30, 200__

	Capital projects			Special revenue		Proprietary funds	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	T01	T01	T01				
1. Revenue from taxes	\$	\$	\$				
2. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees	T99	T99	T99				
3. Revenue from the federal government	B89	B89	B89				
4. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire	C89	C89	C89				
5. Revenue from other governments	D89	D89	D89				
6. Revenue from charges for services							
(a) Water supply system charges				A81			
(b) Sewer user charges				A80			
(c) Garbage/refuse collection charges				A81			
(d) Electric	A92	A92	A92				
(e) Airport and aviation	A01	A01	A01				
(f) Highway and toll facilities	A44	A44	A44				
(g) Parks and recreation	A61	A61	A61				
(h) Parking	A60	A60	A60				
(i) Transit or bus system	A94	A94	A94				
(j) Other - Specify -	A	A	A				
(1)	A	A	A				
(2)	A	A	A				
(3)	A	A	A				
7. Revenue from miscellaneous sources	U20	U20	U20				
(a) Interest on investments		405					
(b) Other miscellaneous sources	U99	4,412	U99				
8. Interfund operating transfers in		24,899					
9. Other financial sources							
10. TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	\$ 29,716	\$				\$

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period -

January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 OR July 1, 200__ to June 30, 200__

EXPENDITURES (BY FUNCTIONS)	Proprietary funds			
	Capital projects (a)	Special revenue (b)	Enterprise (c)	Internal service (d)
1. General government	F69 \$	E89 \$	E89 \$	E89 \$
2. Public safety	F69	E89	E89	E89
3. Airport/Aviation center	F01	E01	E01	E01
4. Highways and streets	F44	E44	E44	E44
5. Sanitation	F60	E80	E80	E80
6. Water distribution and treatment	F91	F91	F91	F91
7. Electric	F92	E92	E92	E92
8. Health	F32	E32	E32	E32
9. Welfare	F79	E79	E79	E79
10. Culture and recreation	F61	E61	E61	E61
11. Parking	F60	E60	E60	E60
12. Transit or bus system	F94	E94	E94	E94
13. Conservation	F59	E59	E59	E59
14. Redevelopment and housing	F50	E50	E50	E50
15. Economic development	F69	E89	E89	E89
16. Debt service		E23	E23	E23
17. Capital outlay	F69	F89	F89	F89
18. Interfund operating transfers out		538		
19. Payments to other governments				
20. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	\$	\$	\$
Remarks			30,711	

BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period -

As of December 31, 2004 OR June 30, 200__

	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
A. ASSETS					
1. Current assets					
(a) Cash and equivalents	1010	\$	\$ 9,494	\$	\$
(b) Investments	1030				
(c) Accounts receivable	1150				
(d) Due from other governments	1260				
(e) Due from other funds	1310				
(f) Other - Specify -					
2. Fixed assets					
(a) Land and improvements	1610	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) Buildings	1620				
(c) Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	1640				
(d) Construction in progress	1650				
(e) Improvements other than buildings	1660				
(f) Other - Specify -					
3. TOTAL ASSETS		\$	\$ 9,494	\$	\$

BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS (Continued) - Please specify the period -
 As of December 31, 2004 OR June 30, 200__

	Account No.	Capital projects	Special revenue	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise	Internal service
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
1. Liabilities					
(a) Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) Compensated absences payable	2030				
(c) Contracts payable	2050				
(d) Due to other governments	2070				
(e) Due to other funds	2080				
(f) Deferred revenue	2220				
(g) Notes and bonds payable					
(h) Other - Specify -					
(i) TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	\$	\$	\$
2. Fund equity/Capital					
(a) Reserve for encumbrances	2440	\$	\$		
(b) Reserve for special purposes	2490				
(c) Unreserved fund balance	2530		9,494		
(d) Municipal contributed capital	2610				
(e) Other contributed capital	2620				
(f) Retained earnings	2790				
(g) TOTAL FUND EQUITY			9,494		
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
		\$	\$	\$	\$
			9,494		
		\$	\$	\$	\$

A. INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Report payments made to the State or other local governments on reimbursement or cost-sharing basis. Do not include these expenditures in part VII.

Purpose (a)	Account No. (b)	Amount (c)
Payments made to other local governments for:		M12
Schools		\$
Sewers		M80
All other - County	4931	M89
All other - Towns	4199	M89
Payments made to State for:		L44
Highways	4319	
All other purposes	4199	L89

B. DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Long-term debt purpose (a)	Bonds outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year (b)	Bonds during this fiscal year		Outstanding at the end of this fiscal year	
		Issued (c)	Retired (d)	General obligations (e)	Revenue bonds (f)
Water	19A 118,400	29A	39A 17,000	41A 101,400	44A
Sewer	19X 70,050	29X	39X 16,050	41X 54,000	44X
Industrial revenue	19T	29T	34T		44T
All other debt	19X	29X	39X	41X	44X
Education	19H	29F	39F	41F	44F
Interest on water debt	19I				

C. SALARIES AND WAGES

Report here the total salaries and wages paid to all employees of your city before deductions for social security, retirement, etc. include also salaries and wages paid to employees of any utility owned and operated by your government, as well as salaries and wages of city employees charged to construction projects. These amounts may be taken from the W3 form filed by your government for the year ended December 31.

Total wages paid
Z00
\$386,955

D. CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

Report separately for each of the two types of funds listed below, the total amount of cash on hand and on deposit and investments in Federal Government, Federal agency, State and local government, and non-governmental securities. Report all investments at par value. Exclude accounts receivable, value of real property, and all non-security assets.

Type of fund (a)	Amount at end of fiscal year Omit cents (b)
Bond funds - Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement	W31
All other funds except employee retirement funds	W61 \$1,272,229

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signatures of a majority of the governing body:

[Handwritten signatures]

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Three copies of this report are sent to each municipality. Selectmen, treasurer and tax collector are expected to cooperate in making out this report. When completed, one copy should be returned to the Department of Revenue Administration and one copy should be placed in your municipal records. The third copy is for use in preparing the annual printed report for the voters.

Please be sure you have completed Part IX, Items A-D.

WHEN TO FILE: (R.S.A. 21-J)

* For cities/towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be filed on or before April 1.

* For cities/towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (year ending June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1.

WHERE TO FILE

Department of Revenue Administration
State of New Hampshire
Community Services Division
PO Box 487
Concord, NH 03302-0487

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

Principal Interest

Date of Creation	Name of trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beg Year	New Funds	Withdrawals	Yr End Balance	Balance Beg Year	Amount	Expended	Yr End Balance	Grand Total of Principal & Income at year end
Various Mt. Calvary	Various Mt. Calvary	Perpetual & Gen Care	Various	\$ 775.00			\$ 775.00	\$ 265.44	\$ 10.39		\$ 275.83	\$ 1,050.83
Various Sunny Side	Various Sunny Side	Perpetual & Gen Care	Various	\$ 12,011.73			\$ 12,011.73	\$ 3,265.33	\$ 131.36	\$ 11.53	\$ 3,385.16	\$ 15,396.89
Various Evergreen	Various Evergreen	Perpetual & Gen Care	Various	\$ 14,389.75			\$ 14,389.75	\$ 2,002.14	\$ 806.24	\$ 760.16	\$ 2,048.22	\$ 16,437.97
	Total Cemetary Funds			\$ 27,176.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,176.48	\$ 5,532.91	\$ 947.99	\$ 771.69	\$ 5,709.21	\$ 32,885.69
Various Library Funds	Various Library Funds	General Exp	CD BNH & NHPDIP	\$ 80,241.40			\$ 80,241.40	\$ -	\$ 3,335.55	\$ 3,293.62	\$ 41.93	\$ 80,283.33
1994 Edward Frencl Scholarship	1994 Edward Frencl Scholarship		NHPDIP	\$ 1,103.97			\$ 1,103.97	\$ 176.63	\$ 12.03		\$ 188.66	\$ 1,292.63
Capital Reserves:												
1990 Fire Truck	1990 Fire Truck	Equipment	NHPDIP	\$ 104,004.49	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 119,004.49	\$ 17,565.05	\$ 4,302.05		\$ 21,867.10	\$ 140,871.59
1993 Water Dept	1993 Water Dept	Equipment	CD BNH & NHPDIP	\$ 28,101.28	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 36,101.28	\$ 7,000.59	\$ 1,235.64		\$ 8,236.23	\$ 44,337.51
1993 Forestry Truck	1993 Forestry Truck		CD BNH & NHPDIP	\$ 17,516.77			\$ 17,516.77	\$ 3,458.19	\$ 710.16		\$ 4,168.35	\$ 21,685.12
1994 Library	1994 Library	Structure Rep.	NHPDIP	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (10,520.00)	\$ 35,480.00	\$ 590.25	\$ 532.39	\$ (153.66)	\$ 968.98	\$ 36,448.98
1997 Sewer	1997 Sewer	Equipment	CD BNH & NHPDIP & CD	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 3,687.86	\$ 842.86		\$ 4,530.72	\$ 29,530.72
1997 Rescue Truck	1997 Rescue Truck		CD Sovereign, NHPDIP	\$ 27,079.28	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 39,079.28	\$ 3,622.92	\$ 616.09		\$ 4,239.01	\$ 43,318.29
1997 Highway Dept Equip	1997 Highway Dept Equip		CD Sovereign, NHPDIP	\$ 14,291.81	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 24,291.81	\$ 187.48	\$ 230.70		\$ 418.18	\$ 24,709.99
1999 Highway Dept Truck	1999 Highway Dept Truck		CD Sovereign, NHPDIP, CI	\$ 65,787.66	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 75,787.66	\$ 6,732.54	\$ 2,782.70		\$ 9,515.24	\$ 85,302.90
1999 Police Cruiser	1999 Police Cruiser		NHPDIP	\$ 20,229.63			\$ 20,229.63	\$ 532.69	\$ 383.69		\$ 916.38	\$ 21,146.01
1999 Highway Dept Mower	1999 Highway Dept Mower		NHPDIP & CD BNH	\$ 5,503.33			\$ 5,503.33	\$ 592.95	\$ 218.61		\$ 811.56	\$ 6,314.89
2001 Bridge Expendable	2001 Bridge Expendable		NHPDIP	\$ 18,103.34	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 21,103.34	\$ 491.73	\$ 197.28		\$ 689.01	\$ 21,792.35
2001 Town Building	2001 Town Building		NHPDIP	\$ 30,670.11	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 35,670.11	\$ 587.13	\$ 331.25		\$ 918.38	\$ 36,588.49
2001 Bridge Replacement	2001 Bridge Replacement		NHPDIP & CD Sovereign	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 41,000.00	\$ 3,286.58	\$ 587.90		\$ 3,874.48	\$ 44,874.48
2001 Fire dep radios	2001 Fire dep radios		NHPDIP	\$ 174.76			\$ 174.76	\$ 0.04	\$ 1.46		\$ 1.50	\$ 176.26
2001 Sidewalk Repair	2001 Sidewalk Repair		NHPDIP	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 11,000.00		\$ 51,000.00	\$ 766.97	\$ 451.93		\$ 1,218.90	\$ 52,218.90
2002 Revaluation	2002 Revaluation		NHPDIP	\$ 1,300.00			\$ 1,300.00	\$ 376.96	\$ 16.29		\$ 393.25	\$ 1,693.25
				\$ 578,284.31	\$ 89,000.00	\$ (10,520.00)	\$ 656,764.31	\$ 55,189.47	\$ 17,736.57	\$ 3,911.65	\$ 68,707.07	\$ 725,471.38

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The requested 2005 funding for the Capital Improvement Plan Program totals \$136,500. The 2004 Capital Reserve Funds requested was \$119,000, two requests were defeated bringing the 2004 funding down to \$89,000.

By category/function the 2004 Capital Improvement Plan Committee took the following action on Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) and Expendable Trust Funds (ETF):

Fire Department:

The Fire Truck CRF balance is \$140,872. The 1989 KME Pumper has a significant rust problem, supports are rusted and the frame in the rear is buckled and twisted. Estimates to repair the frame range from \$30,000 to \$50,000. The original date to replace the vehicle is 2008. Three bids were secured for the purchase of a replacement fire truck in 2005; the lowest bid was for \$176,000.

The Committee voted to appropriate \$37,000 for the Fire Truck CRF.

Forestry Truck CRF balance is \$21,685. The Committee voted \$0 funding.

Rescue Van CRF balance is \$43,318. The rescue van has 4000 miles on it and should continue in service another three years. The Committee spread the needed \$24,000 future funding over a three-year period.

The Committee voted to appropriate \$8,000 for the Rescue Van CRF.

Water Department:

The Water Department CRF balance is \$44,338. The Commissioners informed the Committee of the need to acid-clean the well. The Committee members felt that the cleaning is a maintenance item and not a capital expenditure; money to acid-clean the well was included in the Operating Budget.

The Commissioners advised the Committee that they would eventually be sharing the cost with Antrim for the purchase of a portable generator that could be transported between the two pump stations, as needed, to provide emergency power. The Commissioners estimate that the Town's share would be \$18,500.

The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of \$8,000 for the Water Department CRF.

Sewer Department:

The Sewer Department CRF balance is \$29,531. The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of \$5,000 for the Sewer Department CRF, which was established for dredging at the Antrim lagoon.

Police Department:

The Police Cruiser CRF balance is \$21,146. At the 2004 Town Meeting voters defeated funding the Police Cruiser CRF resulting in the cruiser replacement program being extended to five years. This additional year of use is very costly for maintenance and greatly decreases the trade-in value when the odometer exceeds 100,000 miles.

The Committee voted to appropriate \$12,500 for the Police Cruiser CRF.

Highway Department:

The Highway Truck CRF balance is **\$85,303**. The cost to replace the 1995 International in 2006 is estimated to be \$120,000; the purchase will include a new plow, sander, etc. since new equipment was not included in the purchase of the 1995 International truck.

The Committee voted to appropriate \$20,000 for the Highway Truck CRF.

The Highway Equipment CRF balance is **\$24,710**. The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of \$10,000 for the Highway Equipment CRF.

The Mower CRF balance is **\$6,315**. The Committee voted \$0 funding.

The Bridge Maintenance ETF balance is **\$21,792**. The Committee voted \$0 funding.

The Bridge Replacement CRF balance is **\$44,874**. The State has provided a cost estimate of \$1,200,000 to replace the jointly owned bridge at the Antrim/Bennington town line (Depot Street/North Bennington Road). The Bennington Selectmen has previously stated that the balance would be split 50/50 with the Town of Antrim. This would amount to \$120,000 for each town. The State advised that the earliest year Bridge Aid Funds will be available is FY 2010, and could be postponed to a subsequent funding year.

The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of \$5,000.

The Sidewalk Replacement CRF balance is **\$52,219**. The Town is the recipient of a \$700,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant; the Town is responsible for a matching amount of \$140,000. The State advised the preliminary engineering is scheduled for FY 2006, construction is programmed for FY 2007.

The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of \$11,000.

Revaluation:

The Revaluation CRF balance is **\$1,693**. The 2004 \$30,000 Warrant Article to fund the Revaluation CRF was defeated by the voters. The Selectmen met their legal obligation of carrying the project to completion by spending against the Assessing line item in the Operating Budget. The next state-mandated revaluation is scheduled for 2009.

The Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 for the Revaluation CRF.

Library:

The Library CRF balance is **\$36,449**. In 2004 funds were withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund for replacement windows, \$5,720 and roof repairs, \$4,800.

The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of \$5,000 for the Library CRF.

Town Buildings:

The Town Buildings ETF balance is **\$36,588**. The Committee voted \$0 funding.

**GEP DODGE LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2004**

BEGINNING BALANCE **\$ 270.16**

INCOME

Book Replacement	\$ 44.00
Book Donations	\$ 60.99
Book Sale	\$ 255.85
Gifts Received	\$ 1,293.31
Interest/Misc Income	\$ 1.87
Other Income	\$ 666.25
Overdue	\$ 93.17
Copier Receipts	\$ 250.00
Town Book Fund	\$ 22,486.88
Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 3,083.80
Warrant Article	\$ 1,500.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 29,736.12**

EXPENSES

Books	\$ 16,921.77
Reference/Resource Books	\$ 2,618.64
Audio/Video	\$ 2,748.67
Periodicals	\$ 331.88
Bank Fees	\$ 11.35
Photocopier	\$ 1,482.00
Program Expenses	\$ 1,982.00
Business Expenses	\$ 1,395.97
Dues & Education	\$ 307.00
Technology	\$ 2,206.44

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 30,005.72**

ENDING BALANCE **\$.56**

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammie J. Blanchette
Library Treasurer

GEP Dodge Library

1906-2004

<http://www.dodgelibrary.com>

Leslie MacGregor- Director, Melissa Clough- Library Assistant,
Trustees: Lisa Shingler-chair, Karen Aucella -co-chair, Laurie MacKeigan,
Tammie Blanchette- treasurer, retired.

In 2004 the GEP Dodge Library began its final leg on the journey toward being fully automated. Over the past years we have worked to put the entire collection onto the state library's NHU-PAC database so that our holdings could be viewed by our patrons and by other NH state libraries. After spending the past 14 months verifying the on-line collection vs. our in-house collection and correcting and adjusting for discrepancies, the process of loading that electronic information held at the state library into our new circulation software was completed. This was only possible because of WAGNER QUINTANILHA'S knowledge and expertise and his many, many hours of donated time. By the end of 2005, our patrons will be able to access the entire collection via an electronic card catalog here in the library and ultimately from their home computers.

Through the various viruses and software glitches that periodically afflict the library's computers, WAGNER QUINTANILHA has patiently put up with our frequent calls for help and has generously spent many hours fixing and teaching us how to do basic trouble shooting and correction. We are forever grateful for all he has done for us and for all the time he has spent making the library more electronically accessible and 'user friendly' for our patrons.

Summer reading program 2004 was entitled 'Check out a Hero'. DEBI BELCHER once again created the much anticipated lawn mascot. This year she made a Super Hero who then, thanks to the SHINGLER-MARTEL family, was recycled to become the library's Frankenstein for Halloween. Debi is famous statewide for her annual creations.

This year's summer program readers read approximately 3,800 pages. We had 11 story time volunteers, twice weekly story times, a visit from a canine rescue team, a presentation by the Higgins Armory out of Worcester, MA held at Pierce School, a field trip to the Christa McAuliffe planetarium and an evening to see a winning NH Fisher Cats game. Thank you to OUR TOWN COUNTRY STORE in Bennington for their donation of an endless supply of popsicles for reading incentives, the BENNINGTON GARAGE for sponsoring the Higgins Armory, and to the TOADSTOOL BOOKSHOP in Peterborough for providing the terrific discounts for gift certificates earned by our outstanding readers. Thank you to JACK DANIELS MOTOR INN in Peterborough and PIERCE SCHOOL PTO for sponsoring our summer reading program t-shirt designed by LAURIE MACKEIGAN.

The library had two big structural projects in 2004. The first was to repair the slate roof afflicted by old age and damage done by the 2004 winter ice dams. Two of the copper valleys were replaced and a great portion of the slate was replaced or repaired. The second project was replacing all of the library's storm windows and basement casement windows.

Early this fall, the library received a Children's Literacy Foundation grant (CLiF). CLiF is a non-profit organization promoting reading and writing to children throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. The grant was for 87 books for preschool through middle

school age patrons. CLiF executive director, Duncan McDougal, awarded the books to the library at a presentation and storytelling held at Pierce School. The library's obligation for the receipt of the grant was to raise \$300.00 toward the \$1,000.00 cost of the books. Through many generous donations and help from OUR TOWN COUNTRY STORE who donated a couple of Mr. Peanut heads and peanuts to use for a raffle, the library was able to make the fundraising deadline. Thank you to Pierce School principal, PAM MATTHEWS for participating and welcoming us to the multi-purpose room at Pierce School for presentation of the books to the children of Bennington.

In 2004 the library housed 18,700 books, 1,022 videos and DVDs, 450 music CDs, 900 audio books, 45 periodicals, & three newspapers. Through the NH State inter-library loan system the library loaned 510 items, and borrowed 357. The library answered approximately 1,400 reference questions, supplied IRS tax forms, provided wireless internet access, FAX and copier services, a public access computer through most of the year, homebound services, displayed NH tourist information, and provided a public bulletin board. Some of the programs that the library held this year were the ongoing book groups, one for adults and two for middle school age patrons, several story times for preschool through elementary school aged children, a multi-generational summer reading program, a mystery night, and various seasonal celebrations.

Thank you to all of our many year 'round volunteers and to our six faithful Sunday afternoon volunteers: LISA LOGAN-15 years, LAURIE MACKEIGAN- 3 years, DEB PAGE- 7 years, LISA SHINGLER-16 years, DOROTHY SMITH- 8 years and JENNIFER SPARA- 2 years.

Thank you to library trustees: chair LISA SHINGLER, KAREN AUCELLA, and new trustee LAURIE MACKEIGAN who has replaced outgoing trustee TAMMIE BLANCHETTE who recently relocated to another town.

This 99 year old library is packed to the gills with current literature, multi media, reference resources, up-to-date technology and patron services. Come check out your library as it approaches its 100th year-- old age has never been so vigorous!

Respectfully submitted;
Leslie MacGregor, director

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The headstones in the Sunnyside and Evergreen Cemeteries are finally repaired. We wish to extend our thanks to the taxpayers for their help. We also would like to thank the House of Corrections men for raking both cemeteries this spring and fall.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENSES

Peterborough Granite Repair of Headstones	\$1155.00
Fence Repair	150.00
Mike Zabriskie - Labor	184.41
Lunch for Inmates	179.81
Advertisement for Grave Digger	35.00
Materials and Supplies	99.15
Mowing and Trimming – Evergreen and Sunnyside Cemeteries	<u>4872.00</u>
Total	\$6675.37

RECEIPTS

Interest paid to Town from Trust Funds	\$958.26
Sale of Lots Turned Over to the Town	350.00
Sale of Lots Turned Into Trust Funds	<u>700.00</u>
Total	\$2008.26

Philip Traxler
Jill S. Young
Charles Zabriskie

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Even though the numbers are down from 2003, the Police Department had another busy year. A couple of decreases were in routine calls for service and motor vehicle stops. Part of the reason was because we had more criminal investigations - in 2003 we had 325, whereas in 2004 we had 398. Some of the workload increase was also because of felony charges - in 2003 we had 4 and in 2004 we had 15. This usually requires more man-hours in investigating.

I still believe Bennington is a very safe place to live and work. However, we must work together to keep it a safe place. I believe Bennington has long been a small community and a close community in which neighbors know each other and watch out for each other. As most people know, Bennington and the entire area around us are growing; therefore, I again ask for your help in keeping Bennington a safe community. Please keep a watch in your neighborhood and the town. If you see anything that looks suspicious, out of place, or unusual please call the police at 588-6303. We cannot eliminate crime; however, if we work together we can prevent and/or reduce it some. If you have an emergency remember you should call 911.

I am happy to report that this year we did not have any personnel changes. Corporal Marcellino is still onboard and doing a great job. We still have our two part-time officers, Dave Chenard and Lester Milton. They to are doing an excellent job. I can honestly say that all of us enjoy working in Bennington.

New in the statistic category this year are numbers for calls to Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride. We made it through the first season. How did that effect the police department in numbers?

Assist Bennington Rescue/Antrim Ambulance = 11
Thefts = 20
Arrests = 7
Other Calls For Service = 17 (drugs, mischief, disorderly, motor vehicle, etc)
TOTAL = 55

Overall Statistics: In 2003 we had a total of 6335 Incidents/Calls for Service; in 2004 we had a total of 5627 (a decrease of 708 calls, or 10.2%)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Criminal	325	398
Arrests	182	176
Calls For Service	1615	1463
Motor Vehicle Stops	2684	2317
Miscellaneous	1529	1273

Miscellaneous category includes things such as: Accidents, Juvenile, Animal, Community Policing Events, Court and Mutual Aid.

In 2004 we had a total of 398 criminal cases (this includes crimes and/or motor vehicle violation cases). Out of the 398 cases, 381 have been cleared in an acceptable manner such as arrest or no charges pursued. This equates to a rate of 95.8% cleared in a satisfactory manner. There are a total of 17 unsolved cases, which include the following: Burglary – 2; Criminal Mischief – 3; Theft – 12.

I did some research on Chiefs/Officers in Bennington. I found that William Haag serve a total of 10 years (2 different times) and Dave Mancini served a total of 9 years and 7 months. In February 2005 I will have served Bennington 10 years. Yes, I still enjoy working for the town and hope to continue to do so.

I realize there are times when we have to make a decision that is negative and not popular with some people; however, all officers pledge to be professional and fair in their decision.

As always, we practice an open door policy. You are welcome to stop in anytime. However, please keep in mind there are times we might not be in the office; therefore, you might want to call first.

For information on what is happening in your Police Department please go to benningtonpd.com. Remember the ongoing programs we have; providing bicycle helmets to children who needs one, issuing gun safety locks, loaning (and in some cases donating) a child safety seat, cell phones for emergency use, teddy bears and quilts. Because of supply and demand we might be out of some items; however, we always get more. All you have to do is contact the police department and ask.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Campbell, Chief
Phil Marcellino, Corporal
Dave Chenard, Officer
Lester Milton, Officer

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

INCIDENT	Chief Campbell	Corporal Marcellino	Officer Chenard	Officer Milton	TOTAL
CRIMINAL					
ABANDONING A VEHICLE		1			1
ALCOHOL - ADULT	3	2	2		7
ALCOHOL - JUVENILE	4	9		1	14
ANIMAL CRUELTY	1				1
ARSON		1			1
ASSAULT	3	10	1		14
BAD CHECKS	49				49
BENCH WARRANT	10	4	1		15
BREACH OF BAIL CONDITIONS	5				5
BURGLARY	2	6	1		9
CONDUCT AFTER ACCIDENT	3	1	1		5
COUNTERFEIT MONEY	1				1
CRIMINAL LIABILITY	1				1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	12	6			18
CRIMINAL THREATENING	5	8		1	14
DISOBEYING OFFICER	1	1			2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	7	3	1		11
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	9	11	2	2	24
DRUGS	10	15		1	26
DWI	4	5	3	3	15
FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE	1				1
HARRASSMENT	11	6	1	6	24
ILLEGAL DUMPING/LITTERING	2	5		2	9
INTERFERENCE W/ EMERG. COMM.		1			1
LOADED WEAPON IN VEHICLE		1			1
OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION	3	4	1	2	10
PROHIBITIVE SALES	1	1		1	3
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY		14	2	3	19
RECKLESS CONDUCT	1				1
RECKLESS OPERATION	2	1	1		4
RESISTING ARREST		2			2
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1	1			2
STALKING	1	2			3
THEFT (AUTO)	2	4			6
THEFT	30	18	1	5	54
TRESSPASSING	5	7	1		13
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF RENTAL	7				7
VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	2				2
WITNESS TAMPERING	1	2			3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	200	152	19	27	398
ARRESTS					
FELONY	10	5			15
JUVENILE & PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	5	16	2	3	26
MISDEMEANOR	46	33	3	9	91
VIOLATION	15	19	5	5	44
TOTAL ARRESTS	76	73	10	17	176

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

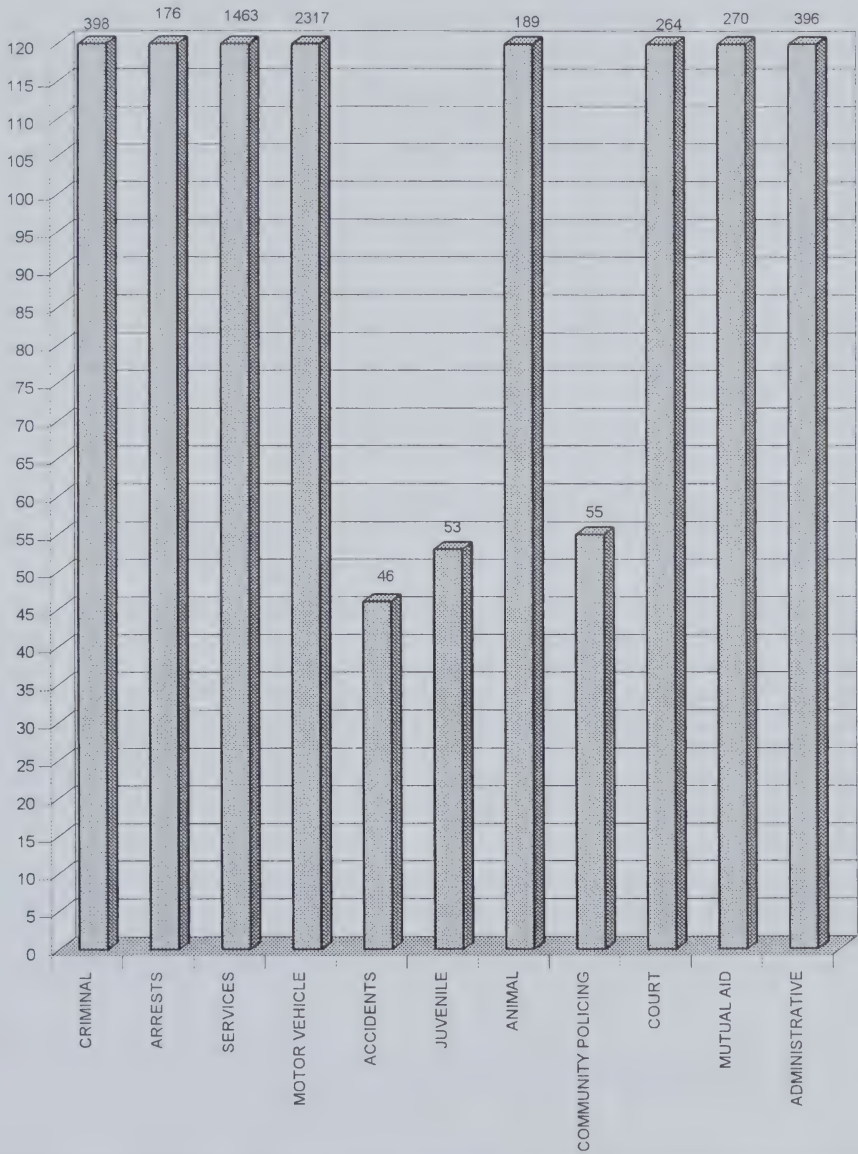
INCIDENT	Chief Campbell	Corporal Marcellino	Officer Chenard	Officer Milton	TOTAL
SERVICES					
ALARM	16	6		3	25
CHECK WELFARE	6	7		3	16
CIVIL STANDBY	15	6	1		22
CITIZEN / MOTORIST ASSIST	78	53	14	6	151
CIVIL	24	12	4	5	45
E911	6	7	1	1	15
INVESTIGATE INCIDENT / REPORT	99	81	41	29	250
PAPERWORK / SERVE PAPERS	30	25	3	10	68
PROPERTY CHECK	230	306	128	205	869
TRANSPORT	1			1	2
TOTAL SERVICES	505	503	192	263	1463
MOTOR VEHICLE					
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS					
WARNINGS	669	615	214	395	1893
SUMMONS					
OTHER	30	8	1	1	40
SPEED	74	16	4	26	120
SEAT BELT	6				6
UNINSPECTED	21	14		2	37
UNREGISTERED	5	2	1		8
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	805	655	220	424	2104
PARKING COMPLAINTS	39	22	2	6	69
TRAFFIC DETAIL	101	14			115
OHRV COMPLAINTS	9	14	5	1	29
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE	954	705	227	431	2317
ACCIDENTS					
TOTAL MV ACCIDENTS	28	14	1	3	46
MV ACCIDENTS W/ INJURY	8	3	0	2	13
PROPERTY DAMAGE (\$1000+)	18	12	0	3	33
JUVENILE					
CHECK THE WELFARE			1		1
ENDANGERING THE WELFARE		1	1	2	4
INVESTIGATE INCIDENT / REPORT	20	12			32
JV PETITIONS	1		1		2
JV POSSESSION CIGARETTES	1	4			5
MISSING	3	3	1	1	8
TRUANCY	1				1
TOTAL JUVENILE	26	20	4	3	53
ANIMAL					
CAT	6	6		1	13
DOG	94	42	9	9	154
OTHER	13	5	3	1	22
TOTAL ANIMAL	113	53	12	11	189

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

INCIDENT	Chief Campbell	Corporal Marcellino	Officer Chenard	Officer Milton	TOTAL	
COMMUNITY POLICING						
COMMUNITY	16	9	4	6	35	
SCHOOL		19	1		20	
TOTAL COMMUNITY POLICING	35	10	4	6	55	
COURT						
DISTRICT		219	19	3	241	
GRAND JURY		10	1		11	
HEARINGS (JV AND ALS)		7	1	1	9	
SUPERIOR		3			3	
TOTAL COURT	239	21	0	4	264	
MUTUAL AID						
ANTRIM		20	60	7	8	95
DEERING		1	2	1		4
FIRE / RESCUE		25	36	12	17	90
FRANCESTOWN		4	15		5	24
GREENFIELD		5	6	1		12
HANCOCK		8	12		3	23
OTHER		5	13		4	22
TOTAL MUTUAL AID	68	144	21	37	270	
ADMINISTRATION						
DETAIL		8	5	1		14
MEETING / TRIP		47	6	1		54
PISTOL PERMIT		14	1			15
SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION		102	170	12	15	299
TRAINING		7	3	2	2	14
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	178	185	16	17	396	
SUMMARY						
CRIMINAL		200	152	19	27	398
ARRESTS		76	73	10	17	176
SERVICES		505	503	192	263	1463
MOTOR VEHICLE		954	705	227	431	2317
ACCIDENTS		28	14	1	3	46
JUVENILE		26	20	4	3	53
ANIMAL		113	53	12	11	189
COMMUNITY POLICING		35	10	4	6	55
COURT		239	21	0	4	264
MUTUAL AID		68	144	21	37	270
ADMINISTRATIVE		178	185	16	17	396
GRAND TOTAL	2422	1880	506	819	5627	
PERCENTAGE	43.00%	33.40%	9.00%	14.60%	100.00%	

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICAL CHART

For the Year Ended December 31, 2004



BENNINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2004, the Bennington Fire Department responded to 195 emergency calls – a 43% increase over calls in 2003. A breakdown of calls appears following this report.

We had a very successful 2004. The Department was able to send several members to trainings and classes offered at the New Hampshire Fire Academy, Meadowood, and locally. In March, the Department hosted a CDL-B program for area Fire Departments free of charge. We are happy to report four members received their CDL-B licenses, increasing our number of CDL drivers to seven; these members currently exceed State requirements for driving fire apparatus.

Five new members joined the Fire Department in 2004. However, we are always accepting new members for both fire and rescue. If you are interested, please get in contact with us!

The Department applied for grants this year through the New Hampshire Homeland Security grant process and the Assistance to Firefighters grant program. We were awarded \$6340 through the New Hampshire Homeland grant process, with which we purchased Hazardous Materials and Triage supplies. We were also awarded \$30,305 through the Assistance to Firefighters grant program, with which we will be purchasing six new 4500 psi SCBAs (air packs), six spare bottles, and a cascade compressor system in 2005.

We held several fund raisers this year. Our yard sale, held on a very rainy September 18, was a huge success – THANK YOU to all who donated goods, came out to support us, and helped with our fundraising efforts.

This year, during route inspections, we found significant rusting and separation of the frame on our 1989 Ford KME fire truck. We met with companies about the problem and addressed the cost of repairs. We talked extensively with the Selectmen and Budget Committee and came to the conclusion that the age of the vehicle and the price of repairs were not in the best interest of the Town. As a result, we solicited bids from fire truck companies in an effort to fund a truck that is within reasonable means of our budget and is also in the best interests of our residents and taxpayers. The Capital Improvement Committee voted to raise \$37,000 to add to the existing Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a replacement truck in 2005. We hope that you will support this article in March.

In November, retired and current members of the Fire Department said goodbye to former firefighter and rescue captain, long-time resident, Selectman, friend, and current EMT Bruce Edes who passed away unexpectedly. Bruce, and his family, remain in our thoughts and prayers everyday. We know Bruce is with us on every emergency call. May you rest in peace Bruce.

We would like to thank all of the townspeople for the support you provided us in 2004. We thank you in advance for your anticipated support in 2005.

Sincerely,

Mark Chase, Chief
Joseph O'Brien, Assistant Chief
Kristie French, Assistant Chief

**BENNINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
2004 Call Breakdown**

Medical Call	89
Motor Vehicle Accident	13
Car Fire	1
False Alarm	30
Chimney Fire	7
Structure Fire	2
Brush Fire	3
Power Lines Down	1
Assist the Homeowner	1
Stuck Elevator	2
Flooding	1
Other	2

Mutual Aid Response

Antrim	Motor Vehicle Accident	17
	Station Coverage	3
	Structure Fire	4
	Assist with Medical	2
Deering	Station Coverage	2
	Structure Fire	1
Francestown	Motor Vehicle Accident	1
	Station Coverage	1
Greenfield	Motor Vehicle Accident	1
	Station Coverage	1
	Structure Fire	1
	Brush Fire	1
Hancock	Motor Vehicle Accident	1
	Station Coverage	1
	Structure Fire	2
Hillsborough	Structure Fire	2
Stoddard	Motor Vehicle Accident	2
Total Calls		195

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

It seemed like a normal winter with the usual amount of ice and snowstorms. With the spring came a lot of rain...and with the rain came washouts and flooding. The road into Pine Meadows Circle was completely washed out for a day, with other roads in low-lying areas flooded for several days. After the waters receded, repairs were made with two new culverts in Pine Meadows Circle and minor road repairs throughout town.

Throughout the spring and summer we completed the guardrail and retaining wall projects on Antrim Road. Other repairs on Antrim Road included a chip seal, where 3/8" of stone is spread on liquid asphalt that seals the road and provided a uniform wear surface. We plan on shimming to level and chip seal other streets in town this year.

Our next project of 2004 was to excavate and prepare an area for concrete pads at the Transfer Station, as approved by Town Voters. These pads have made the changing of disposal containers much easier. 1,000 yards of crushed gravel was processed, with 600 yards being used for cold mix asphalt.

Following work at the Transfer Station, we began work on North Bennington Road. An asphalt grinder came in and ground up 2,400 feet of North Bennington Road. Places that once had large heaves were dug out, gravel was used to fill the void, and crushed gravel was laid and graded, and finally compacted. The final step was when Allstate Asphalt paved the surfaces.

In 2005, we would like to finish the section of North Bennington Road from the Iron Bridge toward the Deering town line. In addition, we would like to continue with work efforts at Pine Meadows Circle and we would like to shim and seal Dodge Hill Road and Bible Hill Road.

We hope that 2005 finds you all well.

Respectably yours,

David Blanchard

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

This year we did several inspections as requested by renters and owners. All problems have been taken care of which involved septic problems and sub-standard housing. We are working with the Selectmen to make this Department as efficient as possible. If anyone has any issues (including health issues), please feel free to contact the Town Hall or myself.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glenn Wilson
Acting Health Officer

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Again, 2004 was a busy year for rental assistance. We also provided fuel assistance to those not able to meet this higher expense.

After 28 years of dedicated service to the people of Bennington, Barbara retired as Welfare Officer in September. I have been working with Mrs. Huntley for the past three years. While I know I cannot replace her, I hope that as time goes on, that I will be as efficient as she was.

During this period of transition, I have added office hours at the Town Hall on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You may also request an appointment if the time on Thursday evenings is not convenient for you. If you should require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Hall during regular business hours, and someone there will contact me as soon as possible. I look forward to working for the people of Bennington.

I also wish to thank St. Patricks Parish for their annual Easter and Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy and elderly. Also, thank you to the Operation Santa Claus from Peterborough for the wonderful gifts that were distributed throughout Bennington for our younger people.

Wishing you a safe 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glenn Wilson
Acting Welfare Officer

THANK YOU BARBARA

The Selectmen regretfully accepted the resignation of long time employee Barbara Huntley. Barbara served the Town as Welfare Officer for 28 years and Health Officer for 13 years. Whenever someone was in need of these services they would visit with the Officer at her home. It didn't matter the day or the hour, Barbara made herself available to everyone in his or her time of need. She literally had an "open door policy" – as indicated by the sign she had tacked to her door – "Holler / Come On In".

Barbara quietly kept tabs on our shut-in and senior residents making sure they had gifts at Christmas and special holiday meals. She also made sure the children in Town knew the excitement of Christmas and were warmly dressed. She embraced the less fortunate and assisted families in their time of crisis.

For all of the above, and numerous behind the scenes activities that she was responsible for, we sincerely thank Barbara and wish her an abundance of happiness as she retires. We are indeed grateful for our relationship with Barbara.

Joseph Cuddemi, Chair
Terry Schnare
James Trow
Bennington Selectmen

SOLID WASTE FACILITY

The Transfer Station continues to provide an excellent level of service to the Community. We are pleased to announce that Frank Dalton and Roland Davis have joined the team along with Don Parker and Mike Tacy. We all would like to thank them for doing an excellent job!

This year we put in a new concrete pad to put all of the disposal containers on. This has helped to keep the Center cleaner and the containers don't have to sit in the mud.

We have also gone to commingling Glass (such as brown, clear, and green) and we are also in a commingling program for Mixed Paper. What this means is residents can recycle all colors of glass or all types of paper instead of separating them.

We hope that these changes have made it easier for you to recycle. We would like to thank all the folks who use the Center and for keeping it clean. "It's been a big help".

Don't forget that the Hazardous Waste program comes in the summer and fall. We will post the dates as soon as we receive them.

The Solid Waste Committee has pledged and continues to maintain a top-level Transfer Station for the community.

Thank You,

Joseph Cuddemi
Donald Parker
Phillip Germain

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This has been a quiet year for the Conservation Commission. Our big project for the year was to follow up on a report we presented to the Selectmen relative to town owned land.

It was our proposal to designate 12.9 acres behind the VFW as a town forest. Soon after we began work on our project, Bruce Edes was in contact with Richard Verney from Monadnock Paper Mills to see if some Mill owned land could also be set aside for this project. A meeting was held with Mr. Verney and the Commission. All were excited that the project looked good from all ends.

Unfortunately we lost Bruce to an untimely death. It was decided that this project should go forward but now be named in his memory.

Jim Cleary and I met with the Selectmen and presented the two warrant articles that you see in this report. The first article is to have the townspeople vote to allow the use of this land the town now owns for this project (Map 9, Lot 8). The second article is to enable the Selectmen to accept, in whatever form Mr. Verney deems appropriate, lands that the Mill is willing to set aside for this project.

I urge all voters to support this outstanding project, named in memory of Bruce Edes who has done so much for the town.

The above mentioned project is a large step toward one of the conservation goals of the town. That goal is to protect the river and water resources of the town.

We are also looking for some new Commissioners. This year we accepted the resignation of Terry Schnare, Chris Stephenson moved out of town, and with Bruce's untimely death, there are three vacancies. We wish to thank those Commissioners for their many years of outstanding service to Bennington. If you are interested in serving, please contact myself or the town office.

Jon Manley
Chairman

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Did you and your family participate in any of the events and programs sponsored by the committee this year? This year we attempted to advertise more in hopes to touch everyone. We continued to sponsor some old time favorites and also added a few new activities this year. Here's a rundown of what happened this year:

Movie Day: We rented the Peterborough Movie Theatre and showed two movies, "The Rugrats Go Wild" and "Daddy Day Care." We had a great turnout and it was a nice change of pace.

Sledding Party: So, who had more fun, the kids or the adults? Everyone enjoyed the obvious activity, but the bonfire for warming up and roasting marshmallows and hotdogs was a big hit as well.

5th Annual Easter Egg Decorating: A great turnout this year with lots of enthusiastic egg decorators. After decorating their eggs, crafts, snacks and games kept the children busy.

5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt: As always, the eggs were hunted down and the children had a great time finding them. We also had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny himself!

Bennington Youth Baseball: Again, another successful year. With the addition of lights to Newhall Field, Bennington was able to host the Cal Ripken NE Regional Tournament this year July 31 through August 5. Congratulations and a special thanks to the dedicated coaches, parents, and volunteers, and especially our All-Stars.

Bennington Youth Soccer: The program ran well this year once a few minor details were ironed out. Thanks to all parents and volunteer coaches and we hope to improve on last year's program.

Whittemore Beach: What a great resource to our town! After a few years of problems obtaining lifeguards, we ended up with three fantastic lifeguards this year. We even had double coverage a majority of the time. Swimming lessons were offered this year and we hope to have more sessions and sessions earlier in the season next summer.

Old Home Days: The Fire Department handled this event this year. Our hope is to get more people involved next year and work together with the Fire Department to pull off a great day including the parade, muster, games, food and entertainment.

Annual Pumpkin Decorating: This fall favorite was held upstairs in the Town Hall to give the kids more room for decorating pumpkins, completing their crafts, playing games, and having a snack. Thanks to the Trow's for showing up unexpectedly and offering to give hayrides through town.

Holiday Events:

Children's Holiday Craft Party: Children showed up to decorate sugar cookies, sing karaoke, make a craft, and play a few games. As always, the kids enjoyed themselves.

Tree Lighting & Caroling: After canceling last year due to the weather, we had a great turnout this year. Once again the tree looked beautiful and this was a nice way to kick off the holiday season.

Visit with Santa and Sleigh Rides: This event was one of our most successful events for the year. Thanks again to the Trow family for providing hayrides. Everyone, both young and old, enjoyed a ride through town. This year Santa was tucked away in the multi-purpose room at Pierce School. Santa's helpers had hot chocolate and cookies ready for the kids after returning from the hayrides. Thanks to Santa as well for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with our town's kids.

So, all in all, we had a great year. We are always open to new ideas. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Town Hall at 7 p.m.

ELECTION REPORT 2005

It is hard to know where to begin when describing this past year's election cycle. In Bennington we had four regular elections and one special election. We probably broke records in both directions for both the lowest voter turnout (the special election in July) and the highest voter turnout – 77% (the November Presidential). At the November election, we had 128 new voter registrations in one day! All those who helped on November 2 should be commended for making that busy day a success: there were no significant waits, and everyone who came to vote was able to do so.

2004 also saw another change in our board – Darlene McKenney chose not to run for another term - Drusilla Cox and Barbara Moorhead were elected to fill the two open seats. It couldn't have been a more complicated year to bring two new people into the job, but we all rose to the challenge and got things figured out reasonably well, considering.

This year's Town Elections will be Tuesday, March 8. The Polls will be open 8am – 7pm

As of this writing, Bennington has 958 registered voters: 230 Democrats, 400 Republicans, and 328 Undeclared voters. That is 185 more voters than we had last year! Hopefully, Bennington citizens will choose to continue turning out in higher numbers. Every vote will be counted, and every vote counts! We should be proud that the system in New Hampshire is a good one, and the use of paper ballots guarantees that errors can be corrected. This year, in our own State Representative District, we were reminded of how important every vote is, when on a recount, the results were overturned. The final margin was a mere four votes.

Discouraging stories from other states about long lines keeping working people from voting, ballots being lost, and votes being miscounted, point to how important it is that every part of the process be done with care and with the proper checks and balances. It is up to all of us to make sure that that never happens here, and that we continue working to keep our elections fair and open.

Copies of the Bennington Checklist are available on request for \$10 for paper copies and \$5 via email or floppy disc. Prior years' registration cards and checklists are open to inspection during normal Town Hall business hours. However, new privacy standards enacted with HAVA require that registration forms starting from 2004 will be kept confidential. There will always be printed copies of the most recent checklist available, however.

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Voting is a fundamental right, as it is one of the rights from which all other freedoms flow. Nearly every citizen of the United States is entitled to register and vote somewhere. In most cases, people register where their primary residence is. However, citizens who are in transition, homeless, living overseas, in college, etc. must have equal access to the fundamental right of voting.

In order to register to vote you must fill out a voter registration form and must have proof of your citizenship, age, and domicile. Bring your drivers' license, and make sure that it has your current street address on it. Or bring another picture I.D. and some proof of domicile. Proof of domicile can be any reasonable documentation indicating that you live in Bennington, like an electric bill or rental agreement. If you are not sure where your primary residence is, use the "pillow test": Where do you lay your head down to sleep most nights? Exceptions to this are college students who may vote in their college town or their home town, if they intend to return there after school; and senior citizens, who may continue to vote in their home town even if they move to a retirement home in another town.

If you do not have documentation regarding domicile you may sign an affidavit declaring your domicile. The affidavit may be sworn before a justice of the peace, notary public, or the Town Moderator on election day.

Voters can get on the checklist in four ways:

- 1) Same Day Registration. Register at the polls on the day of the election.
- 2) Register with the Supervisors of the Checklist at one of their scheduled sessions. Sessions are usually 10 days prior to the election and will be posted in the Monadnock Ledger and on the Town Hall bulletin board.
- 3) Register with the Town Clerk during regular Town Hall hours.
- 4) If you are out of town, you can get an absentee voter registration form from the Town Clerk, as well as an absentee ballot. Call 603-588-2189

CHANGING PARTIES

If you are on the checklist as a Democrat or Republican and you wish to be an Undeclared voter, please see the Supervisors or the Town Clerk prior to June of 2006 to fill out a change form. Do it now, before you forget!

ABSENTEE VOTING

If you will not be in town for any election, please try to vote absentee. You can even vote absentee if you are not sure if your work and commuting schedule will allow you to get to the polls in time. If you're not sure, it's always better to vote absentee. Your vote counts!

If you plan to vote absentee, please plan ahead. The Town Clerk has all the forms you will need, and she can tell you how to file absentee, and what the deadlines are for each election. Separate forms must be gotten for each election. (The exception to this is military personnel, who can fill out the Federal Post Card Application. This ensures that all ballots will be sent to them, as long as they are stationed in one place. The online version of this form is at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpca.html>)

Call the Town Hall at 603-588-2189 for more information on absentee voting.

Thanks everyone for helping our democracy work!

Victoria Turner
Drusilla Cox
Barbara Moorehead

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Crotched Mountain ski area opened and had a good season – several people from Bennington were employed there.

The US Postal Department decided to close the sub-station in the Bennington Country Store and the post office boxes were taken to Antrim. What a travesty of justice! Every taxpayer and resident in our town should write our representatives and demand our own Post Office building. In order for the town to grow and prosper we need to maintain a Main Street and a village center.

The Historical Society again held a Christmas party for the first and second grade students. The students decorated the Christmas tree. Ms Pearl Walker had purchased their gifts and sent them up, already wrapped, in June. An Open House Holiday party also took place. Thank you Arnold and Jean Cernota, Barbara Willis, Chris McClure and all the others who helped.

The Bennington Historical Society Officers for 2005 include President – David Glynn, Vice President – Arnold Cernota, Secretary – Carrie Whittemore and Treasurer – Jean Cernota.

At the fall meeting, David Sysyn interviewed Velma Pope on “Remembering Bennington”. Velma shared her thoughts on growing up in Bennington – many others in the audience joined in. The meeting was well attended and we all learned a lot – thank you Velma.

We lost our friend Harriet Weston Johnson. We thank Mr. Johnson for a collection of Bennington items from the Weston homestead.

The Board voted to purchase a Sidney Willis painting in memory of our friend, Pearl S. Walker. The painting is beautiful and compliments our collection. Sid also gave the Society a painting “A View of the Francestown Street” – a painting he did earlier in his career – thank you Sidney.

It is sad for me to report that we lost our Bennington Historical Society matriarch, Pearl Stanton Walker II. After a brief illness, Ms. Walker died on July 15, 2004. She had always wanted to return to Bennington and especially wanted to see the completed projects – the office/kitchen and Pearl Walker Hall. Her many friends saw the paintings she bought, the pictures of Bennington and the lovely Hall.



Pearl S. Walker II
1909 - 2004

Ms. Walker has left a percentage of her estate to the Bennington Historical Society – the total amount is unknown at this time. The money will be held for the Society by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, a voluntary New Hampshire Corporation – with its principle office at 37 Pleasant St, Concord NH 03301. The money will be used to create the Bennington Historical Society Fund, a permanently endowed fund, to be managed in accordance with policies of the foundation. The fund will be used for the following purposes:

1. The fund shall be invested and the net income there from shall be paid to or for the benefit of the Bennington Historical Society
2. The income from the fund may be utilized for any of the following purposes: to purchase land for the BHS museum or Pearl Walker Hall; the writing of the Bennington New Hampshire town history; maintenance of the BHS museum and Pearl Walker Hall; office equipment/supplies for the BHS museum and Pearl Walker Hall; the acquisition and preservation of historical items and memorabilia pertaining to the town of Bennington; display cases for the BHS museum; construction of an old style gazebo or band shell and any other charitable purpose which the board of trustees of the BHS believe would be consistent with the purpose of the BHS including, for example, the payment of a modest amount to person to open the museum once a week.
3. This gift is in memory of Pearl S. Walker, a resident of St Petersburg, Florida in grateful appreciation of the many kindnesses the citizens of Bennington, New Hampshire have extended to her during her summer visits to Bennington, New Hampshire.

What a wonderful gift from a truly amazing friend.

The society needs more members – due to illness and death we have lost many loyal members. The annual dues are \$10 for a family membership. Please help us to continue our work as caretakers to the town's history and historical collection.

Respectfully submitted

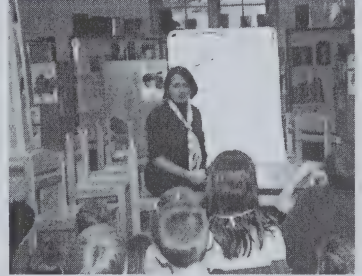
David A. Glynn, President
Bennington Historical Society

PIERCE SCHOOL PTO

Our school year began by welcoming our new principal, Pamela Matthews. Pamela was a third grade teacher at Antrim Elementary School in Antrim, New Hampshire. An Open House was held for everyone to meet her and the other new staff members.

Our NHEIAP scores were reported and we are very excited at how well the students scored! Some of our teachers were trained in Alternate Portfolios and all of their hard work contributed to our success.

Mrs. Tenney, our librarian scheduled an Author's Day with Maryann Cocca-Leffler. She lives in Amherst, NH and has published many children's books. Her books include "Mr. Tanen's Ties", "Princess For A Day", "Calling All Cats", and many others. She visited with the students during the day and then we all enjoyed a Pot Luck supper with students and their families.



We received a \$500 award from Exxon Mobile/Draper Oil Company through Harris's Mini Mart. The monies will be used to buy computer software, which will aid the teachers in meeting the NETS (National Educational Technology Standards).

The staff is always grateful to have Jeannie Connolly and Terry Reeves supporting our students through the "Fine Arts Program". With their help we are able to do residencies, programs such as "FACTS" (Famous Artists Come To School), storytellers, and field trips to museums and plays. We appreciate how this program enables "Art" to come to the students in so many ways.

This fall the school piloted a Dental Program called "Monadnock Healthy Teeth" (MHT) which is sponsored by Monadnock Community Hospital. The goal is to provide children who have inadequate or no dental care with access to that care. A dental hygienist from MHT provided children grades K-3 with a variety of proactive dental hygiene services such as oral visual screening, teeth cleaning, classroom oral health education, and may also refer children to dentists for advanced dental care and sealant applications.

The Bennington Town Library was awarded the ClIF (Children's Literacy Foundation) grant. This grant entitles the town library to a selection of new children's books at no cost. Duncan McDougall, a representative from ClIF visited the school and asked the students why they think reading and writing is so important. He also shared with the children some wonderful stories and the new books they can find at their town library.

With many new staff members and a new principal it is the hope of the Pierce School community to spend the year getting to know each other as life long learners and to branch out into the town of Bennington in an effort to realize all the valuable resources that are available in this small rural community.

Our PTO continues to support the students through the Crafts Fair, May calendar raffle, and the Open House Bake Sale. These funds support the Fine Arts programs within our school and have enabled the purchase of risers for the multi-purpose room. The PTO began a new tradition of giving back to Pierce School students and their families through a Family Fun Night. Students and their families were able to attend a free evening filled with games, activities and

entertainment from Moe the Balloon Guy! Following are additional PTO fundraisers that anyone can contribute to:

Box Tops for Education – The children of Pierce School and members of the community collected over 3,000 Box Tops earning \$300 for Pierce School. Box Tops are located on many General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury and Green Giant products. Pierce School receives 10 cents for each Box Top. All funds raised go directly to activities and supplies for the Pierce School children.

Cartridges for Kids – Don't throw away your old ink/toner cartridges or cellular phones! Bring them to Pierce School and we can trade them in for cash!! Cartridges for Kids recycles these items and sends us a check. Last year we received over \$50.

We would like to thank the local businesses that have supported our many activities. Specifically we would like to thank the Common Place Eatery and Our Town Country Store for always being there when we needed them. Thank you to our senior citizens that drive for field trips and volunteer at the school, parents and Teachers that volunteer their time, and the community for their continued support.

The children we help today at Pierce School will some day be the adults we look to for support in the future. Let us continue to lead by example and volunteer, attend school functions, and support school fundraisers.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Anne Frank

Respectfully Submitted,

Pierce School Staff

and

Pierce School PTO

Tammie J. Blanchette, Co-President

Cheryl Jessie, Co-President

Rhonda Davie, Treasurer

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Place of Birth	Name of Father and Mother
01/19/2004	Remington James Michael Hall	Peterborough, NH	James and Karyn Hall
02/10/2004	Zackery Charles Boyd	Keene, NH	Matthew and Jennifer Boyd
03/01/2004	Alex Robert Warner	Peterborough, NH	Donald and Katherine Warner
04/26/2004	Morgan Kristin Laviolette	Concord, NH	Jeffrey and Kristin Laviolette
04/27/2004	Austin Matthew White	Peterborough, NH	Christine White
05/10/2004	Sheila Liliwhelen Price	Manchester, NH	Daniel and Ginise Price
06/02/2004	Alec Michael Plouffe	Nashua, NH	Normand and Tabitha Plouffe
06/26/2004	Elizabeth Ann Jessie	Peterborough, NH	Robert and Cheryl Jessie
07/06/2004	Joel Thomas Gould	Peterborough, NH	Jason and Cynthia Gould
07/09/2004	Rebecca Lynn Kulbacki	Peterborough, NH	Ryan and Anita Kulbacki
07/17/2004	Eric Barry Overka	Lebanon, NH	Jennifer McCreery
09/06/2004	Hailey Jade Bishop	Peterborough, NH	Adam Bishop and Sarah Laraway
09/12/2004	Logan Avery Burnham	Manchester, NH	Christopher and Victoria Burnham
10/17/2004	Cameron Elizabeth Brown	Peterborough, NH	Craig and Jacqueline Brown
10/16/2004	Abigail Jayne Bryant	Peterborough, NH	Kenneth and Rachel Bryant
11/04/2004	Jessica Trudi Harriet Gershfield	Bennington, NH	Charles and Hazel Gershfield
11/17/2004	Robert Samuel Rinden	Concord, NH	Daniel and Yolanda Rinden
11/23/2004	Mikala Jasmine Mackesy	Peterborough, NH	Mark and Stephanie Mackesy
12/03/2004	Baby Girl Gauthier	Lebanon, NH	Crystal Carver

I 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, 2004

<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>
01/09/2004	Diana Church	Lebanon, NH	Robert Church	Gertrude Deakin
02/08/2004	David Gallant	Nashua, NH	Joseph Gallant	Dorothy Unknown
03/03/2004	Nada Huntington	Peterborough, NH	True Rollins	Evellyn White
04/22/2004	Mary Bigelow	Bennington, NH	Jacob Spinney	Annie Unknown
10/03/2004	Harriet Johnson	Manchester, NH	John Weston	Martha Hoitt
10/31/2004	Bruce Edes	Keene, NH	Charles Edes	Edna Cass
11/17/2004	Raymond St. Lawrence	Bedford, NH	Aime St. Lawrence	Nellie Dumas
11/24/2004	Emma Cronin	Bennington, NH	Joseph Barbieri	Elizabeth Peluso

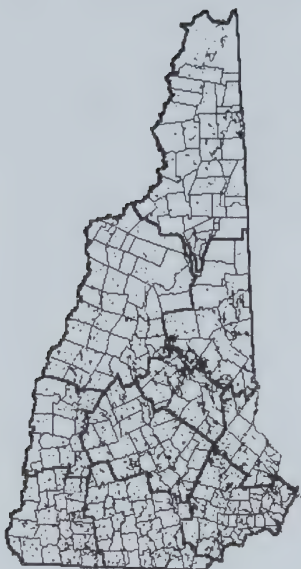
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Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride and Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
02/07/2004	Kiersten M. Michlik Brian R. Streeter	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
02/08/2004	Liga Ozers Alan R. Breitner	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
03/07/2004	Kathye G. Bell Jason D. King	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/05/2004	Rachael L. O'Neil John W. Cronin	Jaffrey, NH Bennington, NH
07/10/2004	Tammy A. Robinson Robert J. Norton	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/14/2004	Rebecca H. Hammer Gardner J. Murphy	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/04/2004	Erin E. Worcester Ronald T. Bausum	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/11/2004	Darlene V. Whitney Gary R. Pierson	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/11/2004	Laura V. Belcher Joseph C. Rice	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/18/2004	Aimee E. Bartlett Matthew Whittemore	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/22/2004	Paula J. Kregos Robert L. Nay	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
11/22/2004	Michelle Deyesso Jobi Jason Dubois	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
12/26/2004	Karen H. Bunn James RW Folley	Bennington, NH Antrim, NH

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

Bennington, NH



Community Contact	Town of Bennington Denise French, Town Administrator 7 School Street, Unit 101 Bennington, NH 03442
Telephone	(603) 588-2189
Fax	(603) 588-8005
E-mail	townofbenn@mcttelecom.com
Web Site	www.townofbennington.com
Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk: Monday and Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon, Tuesday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Thursday, 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
County	Hillsborough
Tourism Region	Monadnock
Planning Commission	Southwest Region
Regional Development	Monadnock Business Ventures
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 7
State Representative	District 43

Incorporated: 1842

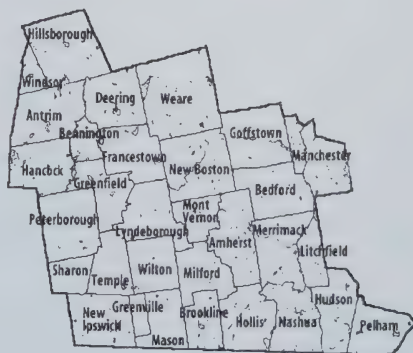
Origin: Taken from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Francestown, the town was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington, fought on August 14-16, 1777, near Bennington, Vermont. Vermont's Bennington was named for Governor Benning Wentworth, who was responsible for naming many towns in New Hampshire and Vermont.

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

Population Trends: Decennial population growth rates in Bennington have varied, starting with a loss of two residents between 1950-1960, less than half a percent, and peaking with a 39 percent increase between both 1970-1980 and 1980-1990. Bennington's 2000 population was more than double that of 1950, going from 593 residents in 1950 to 1,401 in 2000, a total increase of 808 residents. The 2003 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,438 residents, ranking 160th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 124.6 persons per square mile of land area. Bennington contains 11.4 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names:



Hillsborough County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
2004 Annual Budget	\$1,148,305
Zoning Ordinance	1986/04
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Electd: **Board of Selectmen; Planning Board; Zoning Board; Library Trustees; Cemetery Trustees; Trustee of Trust Funds; Water & Sewer Conservation Commission**

Appointed:

Public Library **G E P Dodge**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Monadnock Community, Peterborough
Distance: **11miles** Staffed Beds: **43**

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Bennington Water Dept.

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	MCT Telecom
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2003 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$30.49
2003 Equalization Ratio	63.0
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$19.25

2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type

Residential Land and Buildings	82.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	12.5%
Other Property including Utilities	4.9%

HOUSING

2002 Total Housing Units	649
2002 Single-Family Units	469
Building Permits Issued	9
2002 Multi-Family Units	137
Building Permits Issued	0
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	43

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2003	1,438	394,663
2000	1,401	380,841
1990	1,236	336,073
1980	890	276,608
1970	639	223,941

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	692	Female 709

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	84
Age 5 to 19	356
Age 20 to 34	258
Age 35 to 54	486
Age 55 to 64	104
Age 65 and over	113
Median Age	35.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	87.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.8%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**(Census 2000)**

Per capita income	\$19,675
Median 4-person family income	\$52,153
Median household income	\$46,150

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$34,063
Female	\$26,734

Families below the poverty level	8.4%
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LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	608	749
Employed	591	731
Unemployed	17	18
Unemployment rate	2.8%	2.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

Goods Producing Industries	1993	2003
Average Employment	n	237
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$1,118

Service Providing Industries

Average Employment	n	97
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$244

Total Private Industry

Average Employment	302	335
Average Weekly Wage	\$748	\$864

Government (Federal, State, and Local)

Average Employment	34	24
Average Weekly Wage	\$369	\$452

Total, Private Industry plus Government

Average Employment	335	359
Average Weekly Wage	\$710	\$836

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

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

Career Technology Center(s): **Contoocook Valley Regional High School** Region: **14**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K R 1-4			
Total Enrollment	99			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003: Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **12**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Manchester; Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Crotched Mt. Ski and Ride Area	Ski - seasonal	250+/-	2003
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.	Printing specialty papers	235	1819
Pierce Elementary School	Education		
Bennington Country Store	Convenience store		
Harris's 202 Convenience Store	Convenience store		
Alberto's Restaurant	Food service		
Town of Bennington	Municipal services		
Common Place Eatery	Food service		

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	202
	State Routes	31, 47, 123
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-293, Exit 4	
Distance		32 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport	Keene	
Runway	6,201 feet	
Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes	
Nearest Commercial Airport	Manchester	
Distance		38 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		30 miles
Portland, Maine		138 miles
Boston, Mass.		83 miles
New York City, NY		249 miles
Montreal, Quebec		260 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van%	83.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.0%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	2.8%
Other means	1.3%
Worked at home	1.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	13%
Commuting to another NH community	85%
Commuting out-of-state	2%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

TOWN 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	Monday 9:00 a.m. to noon 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

MEETING SCHEDULES

Selectmen	Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees	Third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Library
Water/Sewer Com.	First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Recreation Com.	Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Com.	Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS

588-6585

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (staffed by volunteers)

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS

588-3407

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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CAL RIPKEN NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

For six days this summer, the Conval All-Stars hosted the Cal Ripken New England Regional Baseball Tournament at Bennington's Newhall Youth Field. Held July 31st through August 5th, the Tournament showcased some of the most talented 12-year-old baseball players in New England.

In 2004, lighting was installed at the field to make night games possible. The first game ever to be played under the lights was played by the home team. The game proved more breath taking than the field lit up by the lights, with a no hitter through six innings. The Conval All-Stars won the game on a homerun in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Having been eliminated in tournament play earlier in the summer, the Conval All-Stars were given a bid into this Tournament because they were hosting the festivities. The All-Stars played tough baseball in front of record setting attendance and placed second in New England – the furthest a host team has ever gone.

This Tournament was not possible without the generosity of the people from the Bennington area – young and old – who donated time and talent, area businesses who donated money and services, those who worked the Tournament, and those behind the scenes who made it all happen. The greater Bennington area showed an example of how, even in a small town, teamwork can make great things happen.

Bennington is proud to have been a part of this momentous event and extends a heartfelt thank you to all those involved, who for a week this summer, showed representatives of six New England states what a very special place our town really is.



Front Row: Kyle Fisher, Baxter Cohen, Peter MacFarland, Terry Ellis, Shea Vaccaro, Alex Joch

Back Row: Ty Sullivan, Levi Newbury, Zackary Wiese, Patrick Tempone, Dennis Page, Nick Badaracco, Michael Heddy

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July 31st ~



~ Aug 5th

New England Regional Tournament



Newhall Youth Field, Bennington, NH

~ Hosted by ~

The ConVal All~Stars