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**GEP DODGE LIBRARY**

**100 Years of Outstanding Service**

**GEP DODGE LIBRARY  
CENTENNIAL YEAR  
AUGUST 1906 - AUGUST 2006**

In August 2006 the GEP Dodge Library celebrated one hundred years of dedicated service to the Town of Bennington. When the Library first opened its bronzed doors in 1906 there were 102 patrons and 2,057 books; the cost of constructing the new Library was \$8,000. One hundred years later there are 1,487 active patrons, 24,599 books and other media, and the Library is literally bursting at the seams with materials and programs for everyone.

This summer, the Library's four Trustees worked tirelessly on every detail and aspect of planning and executing a terrific celebration. The Centennial Celebration would not have been possible without the dedicated involvement of the Trustees, the Librarians, and countless volunteers. The Library is as blessed by the generosity of its current patrons as they were by that of its founding patrons.

With respect for the current Trustees, Librarians, and volunteers and in memory of those who served over the past one hundred years, this 2006 Town Report is dedicated to all those who have made the GEP Dodge Library a success.

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## TOWN OFFICIALS

For the Year 2006

### MODERATOR

John J. Cronin, III

Term Expires 2008

### SELECTMEN

Joseph C. Cuddemi  
Philip R. Germain, Chair  
James E. Trow

Term Expires 2008  
Term Expires 2009  
Term Expires 2007

### TOWN CLERK

Debra Belcher

Term Expires 2007

### TOWN TREASURER

Joyce L. Miner

Term Expires 2007

### TAX COLLECTOR

Kristie J. French

Appointed

### ROAD AGENT

Appointed by the Selectmen

David Blanchard

Term Expires 2008

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Karen Aucella  
Victoria Burnham (Alternate)  
Laurie MacKeigan  
Elisabeth A. Shingler

Term Expires 2009  
Term Expires 2007  
Term Expires 2007  
Term Expires 2008

### FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Appointed by State

Kristie French, Deputy Warden

DJ Warner, Deputy

Joseph O'Brien, Deputy Warden

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Arthur Knight

Term Expires 2007

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
Appointed by Moderator

Lucien Lizotte  
Melissa Clark

Harvey Goodwin  
Brent Paradis, Chair

Valerie Germain

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**  
Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph Cuddemi

Philip Germain

Donald Parker

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Victoria Turner  
Barbara E. Moorehead  
Druscilla Cox

Term Expires 2012  
Term Expires 2008  
Term Expires 2010

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

Valerie Germain  
Leslie MacGregor  
Rich Page

Term Expires 2009  
Term Expires 2007  
Term Expires 2008

**HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Christine Lavery

Appointed

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

C. Stephen Campbell

Appointed

**ADMINISTRATOR**

Denise P. French

Appointed

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Robyn Manley	Term Expires 2007
Peter K. Martel	Term Expires 2008
Jill S. Young	Term Expires 2009

## PLANNING BOARD

Christopher Burnham (Alternate)	Term Expires 2007
Joseph Eisenberg, Chairman	Term Expires 2009
Peter Eppig, Vice Chair	Term Expires 2007
Philip Germain, Ex-Officio	Term Expires 2009
Mark Mackesy	Term Expires 2007
Edward Pelletier	Term Expires 2008
Jeffrey Rose (Alternate)	Term Expires 2007

## HEALTH OFFICER

Peter Hopkins	Appointed
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## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

John Byam (Alternate)	Term Expires 2008
James Cleary (Alternate)	Term Expires 2009
Christopher Clough (Alternate)	Term Expires 2009
Judy Heddy, Vice-Chair	Term Expires 2009
Arthur Knight (Alternate)	Term Expires 2007
Glenn Loucks (Alternate)	Term Expires 2008
Peter Martel	Term Expires 2009
Barbara Moorehead	Term Expires 2007
Jane Pelletier	Term Expires 2008
John Tyler, Chair	Term Expires 2008

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Kenneth Cloutier	Term Expires 2009
Valerie Germain	Term Expires 2009
Joseph MacGregor, Chair	Term Expires 2008
Jonathan Manley	Term Expires 2007
Dennis McKenney	Term Expires 2007
Letitia Rice	Term Expires 2007



**CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE**

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph Cuddemi  
Philip Germain  
Joseph MacGregor, Chair  
James Trow

Peter Eppig  
Harvey Goodwin  
Robyn Manley

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Mark Chase  
Rob Horn  
Glenn Wilson

Term Expires 2007  
Term Expires 2009  
Term Expires 2008

**NEWHALL PARK BOARD**

Appointed by Selectmen

David Baker  
David Parker  
Priscilla Roberts, Alternate  
Brian Whittemore

Term Expires 2009  
Term Expires 2008  
Term Expires 2007  
Term Expires 2007

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph O'Brien, Chief  
Kristie French, Assistant Chief

Term Expires 2007  
Term Expires 2007

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

Appointed by Selectmen

Kelly Byrne

Joseph Cuddemi, ex-officio

Wanda Grant

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Peter Hopkins

Appointed by Selectmen

**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 sixth of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, the thirteenth 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 5:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Are you in favor of amending Article XI, Flood Plain Protection Zone, of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program? The full text of the proposed Amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the Town Report.
3. Are you in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance Article XVI, Enforcement and Administration, as proposed by the Planning Board pursuant to RSA 674:51 to adopt enforcement of the State Building Code as set forth in RSA Chapter 155-A? The full text of the proposed Amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the Town Report.
4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the budget proposed with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling (one million two hundred eighty-four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars) \$1,284,999? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be (one million two hundred eight thousand three hundred forty dollars) \$1,208,340, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.
5. 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)
6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
7. 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)

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) to be added to the Rescue Van 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 eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Water Department 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 fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
15. 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)
16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the purpose of funding The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center programs and services for the people of Antrim, Bennington, Francetown, and Hancock? This amount represents the Town of Bennington's portion of the funds needed to support The Grapevine.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand six hundred dollars (\$60,600) for the purpose of reconstructing the road at Pine Meadows Circle?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$15,312) for the purpose of purchasing Firefighter and EMS protective gear?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand six hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$9,638) for the purpose of purchasing Firefighter Dress Uniforms?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

20. Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Class VI road known as Reservoir Road from Route 47 through to Larkin Hill Road, so long as said discontinuance is at no expense to the Town? If approved, the Town will maintain a right-of-way for access to the water system and for fire department access.

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

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

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

22. Shall the Town go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Bennington?

These actions include:

1. Establishing a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

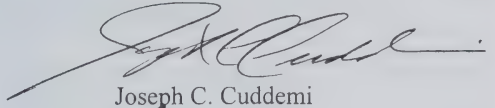
In addition, the Town of Bennington encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

(Petition warrant article)



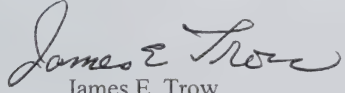
Given under our hands and seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven.



Joseph C. Cuddemi

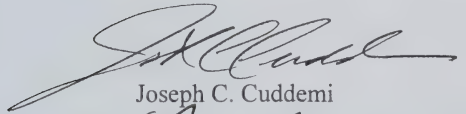


Philip R. Germain



James E. Trow

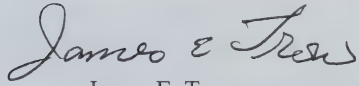
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Joseph C. Cuddemi



Philip R. Germain



James E. Trow

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

### IMPORTANT:



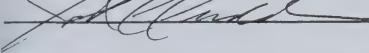
Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

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 form was posted with the warrant on January 27 2007

### GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

*Please sign in ink.*

  
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**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

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

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4130-4139	Executive		111,298	108,335	118,083
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		31,014	28,308	35,487
4150-4151	Financial Administration		13,495	17,935	15,745
4152	Revaluation of Property		-	-	-
4153	Legal Expense		10,000	15,370	10,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		161,071	144,366	168,234
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		5,250	4,761	8,650
4194	General Government Buildings		18,700	14,671	17,800
4195	Cemeteries		6,518	4,184	4,950
4196	Insurance		19,000	16,996	19,000
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		-	-	-
4199	Other General Government		2,050	5,415	4,100
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4210-4214	Police		169,410	174,091	196,406
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,000	8,000	8,000
4220-4229	Fire		57,570	56,726	70,943
4240-4249	Building Inspection		5,500	2,888	5,500
4290-4298	Emergency Management		-	-	-
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		-	-	-
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4301-4309	Airport Operations		-	-	-
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4311	Administration		108,827	94,366	108,113
4312	Highways & Streets		118,000	112,612	133,000
4313	Bridges		-	-	-
4316	Street Lighting		8,000	6,609	7,000
4319	Other		-	-	-
<b>SANITATION</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4321	Administration		26,568	28,461	29,120
4323	Solid Waste Collection		800	766	800
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		60,200	57,828	62,950
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		-	-	-
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		34,000	32,924	33,100

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<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4331	Administration		27,100	23,397	27,850
4332	Water Services		19,400	15,058	21,300
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		2,500	831	2,500
<b>ELECTRIC</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		-	-	-
4353	Purchase Costs		-	-	-
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		-	-	-
4359	Other Electric Costs		-	-	-
<b>HEALTH</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4411	Administration		750	25	750
4414	Pest Control		350	250	450
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,800	5,800	5,800
<b>WELFARE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		9,305	9,494	11,205
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		600	325	600
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		5,900	1,948	4,100
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		24,800	23,742	27,500
4550-4559	Library		85,615	82,379	91,662
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,500	766	1,000
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1,464	464	1,464
<b>CONSERVATION</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	510	675
4619	Other Conservation		0	0	1,000
4631-4632	<b>REDEVELOPMENT &amp; HOUSING</b>		-	-	-
4651-4659	<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>		-	-	-
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		21,750	21,750	21,750
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		6,577	6,548	5,412
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		3,000	0	3,000
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)
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4901	Land		-	-	-
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		-	-	-
4903	Buildings		-	-	-
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		-	-	-
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		-	-	-
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		-	-	-
4914	To Enterprise Fund		-	-	-
	Sewer-		-	-	-
	Water-		-	-	-
	Electric-		-	-	-
	Airport-		-	-	-
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		-	-	-
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917		-	-	-
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds		-	-	-
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		-	-	-
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		-	-	-
<b>SUBTOTAL 1</b>			1,192,357	1,128,899	1,284,999

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
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
4915	Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund	5	30,000	30,000	20,000
4915	Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	6	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	7	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund		30,000	30,000	0
4915	Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund	8	32,000	32,000	42,000
4915	Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund	9	12,500	12,500	12,500
4915	Water Department Capital Reserve Fund	10	8,000	8,000	8,000
4915	Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund	11	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	12	15,000	15,000	15,000
4915	Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund	13	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	14	15,000	15,000	15,000
4915	Library Capital Reserve Fund	15	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	137,500

**\*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
4957	Grapevine Family Center	16	3,000	3,000	3,000
4957	Pine Meadows Reconstruction	17	0	0	60,600
4957	Firefighter & EMS Protective Gear	18	0		15,312
4957	Firefighter Dress Uniforms	19	0	0	9,638
<b>SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	88,550

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>TAXES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		4,000	4,000	30,000
3180	Resident Taxes		-	-	-
3185	Timber Taxes		7,368	7,965	7,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		500	500	500
3189	Other Taxes		-	-	-
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		28,000	29,006	27,000
	Inventory Penalties		5,000	4,914	5,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		3,193	3,193	3,000
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		2,177	3,231	2,500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		240,000	236,094	235,000
3230	Building Permits		900	760	800
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		3,500	5,161	5,000
3311-3319	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		-	-	-
<b>FROM STATE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3351	Shared Revenues		26,679	26,679	27,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		52,399	58,055	58,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		37,425	37,425	37,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		-	-	-
3355	Housing & Community Development		-	-	-
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		-	-	-
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		-	-	-
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		-	-	-
3379	<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>		-	-	-
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3401-3406	Income from Departments		14,000	13,569	14,000
3409	Other Charges		-	-	-
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		16,750	18,375	0
3502	Interest on Investments		1,000	8,818	8,000
3503-3509	Other		2,000	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		-	-	-
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		-	-	-
3914	From Enterprise Funds		-	-	-
	Sewer - (Offset)		25,000	24,165	25,000
	Water - (Offset)		45,000	41,079	45,000
	Electric - (Offset)		-	-	-
	Airport - (Offset)		-	-	-
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		24,000	24,000	0
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		-	-	-
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds		-	-	-
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		-	-	-
	Amount VOTED From FIB ("Surplus")		-	-	-
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		-	65,000	-
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>			538,891	611,989	529,800

<b>**BUDGET SUMMARY**</b>
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	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1,192,357	1,284,999
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	167,500	137,500
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	3,000	88,550
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,362,857	1,511,049
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	538,891	529,800
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	823,966	981,249



# DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE TOWN

## OF BENNINGTON

For the Ensuing Year January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

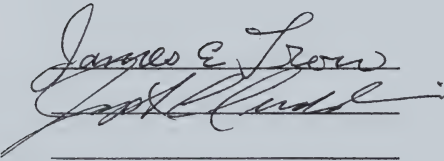
RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated 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

  
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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

07/04

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2007

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
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4130-4139	Executive	111,298			111,298
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	31,014			31,014
4150-4151	Financial Administration	13,495			13,495
4152	Revaluation of Property				
4153	Legal Expense	10,000			10,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	161,071	4,512		165,583
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	5,250			5,250
4194	General Government Buildings	15,700			18,700
4195	Cemeteries	6,518			6,518
4196	Insurance	19,000			19,000
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.				
4199	Other General Government	2,050			2,050
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4210-4214	Police	169,410	12,913		182,323
4215-4219	Ambulance	8,000			8,000
4220-4229	Fire	57,570	723		58,293
4240-4249	Building Inspection	5,500			5,500
4290-4298	Emergency Management				
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)				
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>		<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4301-4309	Airport Operations				
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>		<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4311	Administration	108,827			108,827
4312	Highways & Streets	118,600			118,600
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting	8,000			8,000
4319	Other				
<b>SANITATION</b>		<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4321	Administration	26,568			26,568
4323	Solid Waste Collection	800			800
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	60,200			60,200
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up				
4326-4329	Sewage Coll & Disposal & Other	4,000			34,000

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2007

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	27,100			27,100
4332	Water Services	19,400			19,400
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other	2,500			2,500
ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation				
4353	Purchase Costs				
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance				
4359	Other Electric Costs				
HEALTH		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	750			750
4414	Pest Control	350			350
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5,800			5,800
WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	9,305			9,305
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts	600			600
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	5,900			5,900
CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	24,800			24,800
4550-4559	Library	85,615		1,000	84,615
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,500			1,500
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	1,464			1,464
CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	675			675
4619	Other Conservation				
REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4631-4632					
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
4651-4659					
DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	21,750			21,750
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	6,577	(1,165)		5,412
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000			3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service				

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2007

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				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.				
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer-				
	Water-				
	Electric-				
	Airport-				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund				
4916	To Exp Tr Fund-except #4917				
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds				
4919	To Fiduciary Funds				
TOTAL		1,192,357	16,963	1,000	1,208,340

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

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
4155	HEALTH INSURANCE AND WORKERS COMP PREMIUMS	4721	INTEREST REDUCTION
4210	BENNINGTON'S SHARE OF REGIONAL PROSECUTOR		
4220	FIRE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH CONTRACT		



FORM  
MS-1

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION  
FORM MS-1 FOR 2006**

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

Original Date: _____	2006
Copy (check box if copy) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Revision Date: _____	

CITY/TOWN of BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

**CERTIFICATION**

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

PRINT NAMES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS	SIGNATURES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS (Sign in ink)
PHILIP R. GERMAIN	<i>Philip R. Germain</i>
JOSEPH C. CUDEMI	<i>Joseph C. Cudemi</i>
JAMES E. TROW	<i>James E. Trow</i>

Date signed \_\_\_\_\_ Check One: Governing Body  Assessors   
City/Town Telephone # 588-2189 **Due Date: September 1, 2006**

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.

**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 15) provided for individual items.

**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, Municipal Services Division, PO Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487.

Contact Person: DENISE FRENCH E-Mail Address: townofbenn@tds.net  
(Print/Type)

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

FOR DRA USE ONLY

See Instructions beginning on page 10, as needed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION  
FORM MS-1 FOR 2006

LAND	Lines 1A, B, C, D, E & F List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic & paving) Lines 2A, B, C and D List all buildings.	NUMBER OF ACRES	2006 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
<b>1</b>	<b>VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude</b> Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4 A Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See page 10)	4645.611	\$ 430,755
	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)	1886.742	\$ 28,891,200
	F Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Utility Land)	159.170	\$ 2,637,200
	G Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)	6691.523	\$ 31,959,155
	H Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 1,808,300 )	267.430	
<b>2</b>	<b>VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude</b> Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B A Residential		\$ 68,514,000
	B Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$ 1,844,200
	C Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT include Public Buildings)		\$ 9,805,800
	D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	Number of Structures	0
	E Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)		\$ 80,164,000
	F Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 6,052,200 )		
<b>3</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition) A Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)		\$ 1,043,200
	B Other Public Utilities (Total of Section B from Utility Summary)		\$ 1,873,900
<b>4</b>	<b>MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER</b> (RSA 79:5)		
<b>5</b>	<b>VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS</b> (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.		\$ 115,040,255
<b>6</b>	<b>Certain Disabled Veterans</b> RSA 72:38-a (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance)	Total # granted	0
<b>7</b>	<b>Improvements to Assist the Deaf</b> RSA 72:38-b	Total # granted	0
<b>8</b>	<b>Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities</b> RSA 72:37-a	Total # granted	0
<b>9</b>	<b>School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption</b> RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each) (See page 10)	Total # granted	0
<b>10</b>	<b>Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions</b> RSA 72:12-a	Total # granted	0
<b>11</b>	<b>MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES</b> (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value of your municipality.		\$ 115,040,255
<b>12</b>	<b>Blind Exemption</b> RSA 72:37	Total # granted	1
	Amount granted per exemption		15,000
<b>13</b>	<b>Elderly Exemption</b> RSA 72:39 a & b	Total # granted	25
<b>14</b>	<b>Deaf Exemption</b> RSA 72:38-b	Total # granted	0
	Amount granted per exemption		0
<b>15</b>	<b>Disabled Exemption</b> RSA 72:37-b	Total # granted	0
	Amount granted per exemption		1,000

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)			\$ 1,212,500
21	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		(Line 11 minus Line 20)	\$ 113,827,755
22	LESS Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in Line 3B			\$ 1,043,200
23	NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			\$ 112,784,555

**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 page 11)

DOES YOUR MUNICIPALITY USE THE DRA UTILITY VALUES? YES  NO

IF YES, DO YOU EQUALIZE IT BY THE RATIO? (please check appropriate box if applicable) YES  NO

SECTION A: LIST ELECTRIC COMPANIES, GENERATING PLANTS, ETC. (Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See Instruction page 11)		2006 VALUATION
PUBLIC SERVICE OF N.H.		\$ 1,043,200
<b>A1. TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED</b> (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)		<b>\$ 1,043,200</b>

GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES		
<b>A2. TOTAL OF ALL GAS, OIL &amp; PIPELINE COMPANIES LISTED</b> (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)		<b>0</b>

WATER & SEWER COMPANIES		
<b>A3. TOTAL OF ALL WATER &amp; SEWER COMPANIES LISTED</b> (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)		<b>0</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES</b> (Sum of Lines A1, A2, and A3) This grand total of all sections must agree with the total listed on page 2, line 3A.	<b>\$ 1,043,200</b>
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SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies). (Attach additional sheet if needed.)		2006 VALUATION
MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC		\$ 1,873,900
<b>TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B.</b> Total must agree with total listed on Page 2, Line 3B.		<b>\$ 1,873,900</b>



MS-1

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 Enter optional amount adopted by municipality \$ 2,000	\$ 700 minimum	0	0
Other war service credits. RSA 72:28	\$ 0	2	\$ 4,000
Enter optional amount adopted by municipality \$ 500	\$ 50 minimum	0	0
	\$ 0	67	\$ 33,500
<b>TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>\$ 37,500</b>

\*If both husband & wife qualify for the credit they count as 2.

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

DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$ 0	ASSET LIMITS: SINGLE \$ 0
	MARRIED	\$ 0	MARRIED \$ 0

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	#	AMOUNT PER INDIVIDUAL	AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74	1	\$ 25,000	65 - 74	10	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
75 - 79	0	\$ 50,000	75 - 79	7	\$ 350,000	\$ 347,500
80 +	0	\$ 75,000	80 +	8	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
			TOTAL	25		\$ 1,197,500
			Must Match Page 2, Line 13			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$ 23,500	ASSET LIMIT:	SINGLE	\$ 75,000	
	MARRIED	\$ 35,500		MARRIED	\$ 75,000	

**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	162.200	\$ 45,554	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	1,663.502
FOREST LAND	1,267.079	\$ 159,271	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND W/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	2,920.182	\$ 221,871		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	43.300	\$ 555	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	75
WETLAND	252.850	\$ 3,504	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	140
<b>TOTAL</b> (must match page 2)	4,645.611	\$ 430,755		

**LAND USE CHANGE TAX**

GROSS MONIES RECEIVED FOR CALENDAR YEAR (January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005) OR FISCAL YEAR		\$ 0
CONSERVATION ALLOCATION:	PERCENTAGE	AND/OR DOLLAR AMOUNT
MONIES TO CONSERVATION FUND		
MONIES TO GENERAL FUND		\$ 0

**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		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	0	0	TOTAL No. OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RES.	0
WETLAND	0	0	TOTAL No. OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RES.	0
<b>TOTAL</b> (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	
	1	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	2	11
0	3	12
	4	13
ASSESSED VALUATION	5	14
\$ 0 L/O	6	15
\$ 0 B/O	7	16
TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS	8	17
0	9	18

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICTS RSA 162-K (See page 12 for instructions)	TIF#1	TIF#2	TIF#3	TIF#4
Date of Adoption	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy
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	
		Number of Acres	
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land from MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357	\$ 0	0.00	
White Mountain National Forest, Only acct. 3186		0.00	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 500	Town of Antrim	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 0		
TOTALS of account 3186 (Exclude WMNF)	\$ 500		

\* 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.

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**  
Municipal Services Division  
**2006 Tax Rate Calculation**

**TOWN/CITY: BENNINGTON**

*Barbara J. Robinson*  
10/13/06

Gross Appropriations	1,362,857
Less: Revenues	603,891
Less: Shared Revenues	19,978
Add: Overlay	10,763
War Service Credits	37,500

Net Town Appropriation	787,251
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	787,251	<b>TOWN RATE</b>
		6.91

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	2,430,639
Less: Equitable Education Grant	(938,898)

State Education Taxes	(279,892)	<b>LOCAL</b>
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,211,849	<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
		10.65

**STATE EDUCATION TAXES**

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.52		<b>STATE</b>
111,289,222		279,892	<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			2.48
112,784,555			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
Pay to State →	0		

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	112,180	
Less: Shared Revenues	(4,514)	
Approved County Tax Effort	107,666	<b>COUNTY RATE</b>
		0.95

<b>TOTAL RATE</b>
<b>20.99</b>

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,386,658
Less: War Service Credits	(37,500)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>2,349,158</b>

**PROOF OF RATE**

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	2.48	279,892
All Other Taxes	18.51	2,106,766
		2,386,658

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**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2006 TOWN MEETING**  
**DELIBERATIVE SESSION-SESSION 1**  
**AND**  
**MARCH 14, 2006 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS-SESSION 2**

Session 1 of the 2006 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington, New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

**All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town and School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 14, 2006 at the Meeting Hall at Saint Patrick's Church in Bennington , New Hampshire. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Saturday, the eleventh of February, next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and then at Saint Patrick's Church on Tuesday, the fourteenth 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 1:30 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 14<sup>th</sup> elections are as follows:

- Selectman (3 years) – Philip R. Germain
- Treasurer (1 year) – Joyce L. Miner
- Library Trustee (3 years) – Karen Aucella
- Cemetery Trustee (3 years) - Jill S. Young
- Cemetery Trustee (1 year) - Robyn W. Manley
- Water and Sewer Commissioner (3 years) - Robert Horn (write-in)
- Planning Board (3 years) - Joseph S. Eisenberg
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years) - Peter Martel
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (2 years) - Jane Pelletier (write-in)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (1 year) - Barbara Moorhead (write-in)
- Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years) - Valerie Germain (write-in)
- Moderator (2 years) - John J. Cronin III
- Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years) - Victoria L. Turner
- School Board Representative (3 years) - Michelle Ricco
- School Moderator (3 years) - Thomas P. Mullins

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 955 registered voters. During Election Day, 8 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voter Checklist totaled 963 voters. A total of 283 cast their ballots in this election, which was a 29% voter turnout.

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The Deliberative Town Meeting, session 1 was attended by 29 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated discussion on the following articles:

- 2. 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 ninety-two thousand three hundred fifty-seven dollars) \$1,192,357? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be (one million ninety-five thousand and eight dollars) \$1,095,008, 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: Allan Wilson inquired as to the reason for the increase in the Building Inspection Budget. The Moderator explained that the budget had been worked on at the Budget Committee meetings and an increase in the budget was needed to cover the increase in time that is required by the Building Inspector due to the increase in building permits. Mr. Wilson asked whether the Town had adopted new building codes yet. Selectman Germain stated that the State is looking into adopting a code. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/06 RESULTS: Yes-187            NO-86

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectman Cuddemi explained that articles number three through six is capital reserve issues. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/06 RESULTS: YES- 196        NO- 80

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Joseph MacGregor asked for clarification that the wording for capital reserve issues are being voted on to be put on the ballot at this time. The first session is not to vote on the actual budget. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/06 RESULTS: YES- 196 NO- 81

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

3/14/06 RESULTD: YES- 230 NO- 50

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Allan Wilson asked how much money was in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Cuddemi stated that the current Fund contained approximately \$2,900. This Capital Reserve Fund is basically starting over due to the purchase of a new fire truck. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/06/ RESULTS: YES- 203 NO- 74

THE ARTICLE PASSED

7. Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Forestry Truck Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993? Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund.



Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article explaining that article 7 would take the funds from the Forestry Truck Capital Reserve Fund to be moved for use in the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Wilson inquired what would be done in the future if the Town needed a new forestry truck. Selectman Germain explained that if the need arose, a new Capital Reserve Fund would be established. Joseph MacGregor added that it might be possible to include a forestry truck under the heading of Fire Department Truck. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/06 RESULTS: YES- 223 NO- 57

THE ARTICLE PASSED

- 8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000) to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund? Of the \$32,000 appropriation, up to \$24,000 will come from the discontinued Forestry Truck Capital Reserve Fund- as outlined in Warrant Article 7 above- and an additional \$8,000 will be funded from general taxation.

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article noting that the article is two part. Monies from the discontinued Forestry Truck Capital Reserve Fund and an additional \$8,000 would be raised to total the \$32,000 for the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/06 RESULTS: YES- 210 NO- 68

THE ARTICLE PASSED

- 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?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article noting that article 9 through 15 are Capital Reserve issues. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/06 RESULTS YES- 179 NO- 101

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

3/14/06 RESULTS YES- 201 NO- 78

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

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

3/14/06 RESULTS YES- 190 NO- 90

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

3/14/06 RESULTS YES- 172 NO- 107

THE ARTICLE PASSED

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund?

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

3/14/06 RESULTS YES-197 NO- 83

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Allan Wilson inquired as to the amount currently in the account. Selectman Germain reported that the total is approximately \$64,874. Selectman Cuddemi added that the Town portion for the sidewalk project is \$140,000. Craig Spara asked how close the Town was to having the needed funds to be able to start the project. Joseph MacGregor explained that the Town is raising the needed funds to be able to take advantage of a State grant. Mr. Spara noted that he would like to know a timeline for the project as the sidewalks are in poor condition. There being no amendments introduced, the article was accepted as read.

3/14/06 RESULTS YES- 176 NO- 101

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

3/14/06 RESULTS YES- 207 NO- 68

THE ARTICLE PASSED

16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the purpose of funding The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center programs and services for the people of Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, and Hancock? This amount represents the Town of Bennington's portion of the funds needed to support The Grapevine.

Note: Selectman Cuddemi asked Director of The Grapevine, Kristen Vance to speak to the article. Ms. Vance gave out handouts to all registered voters in attendance. She thanked the Bennington residents for their support of The Grapevine and its programs. The handouts explained the services offered by The Grapevine and the current usage of these services by the surrounding towns. Resident Laurie Mackeigan noted that she has been involved in The Grapevine programs and they are an excellent resource for the community. Kiersten Streeter stated that she began working at The Grapevine as a volunteer and is now employed there. She stated that she uses many of the services and that the programs have been made available to all by means of an income based fee scale. Resident Joy Lewis added her support stating that programming was available for older children as well. Moderator Cronin stated that the funding of The Grapevine is a plus for many Town Departments as it ultimately can save tax dollars that would not be needed in addition to The Grapevine programs. There being no amendments introduced, the article was accepted as read.

3/14/06 RESULTS YES- 204 NO- 73

THE ARTICLE PASSED

17. Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the following real estate parcels by advertised sealed bid or auction, subject to such terms and conditions as may be in the best interest of the Town:

Tax Map 13- Lot 25, Lot 26, Lot 41, Lot 42 and Lot 43?

Note: Selectman Germain referenced a map at the back of the room to identify the location of the land parcels noted in article 17. This article would give Town the authority to sell said parcels by sealed bid if needed. Joseph MacGregor inquired if the lots are located near the Frankestown town line and currently has no access by road. Mr. MacGregor asked if the land had possible value as Town Forest. Selectman Germain noted that it is. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/06 RESULTS: YES- 189 NO- 82

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectman Germain explained that the Zoning Board of Adjustment has had a history of members being elected by write-in votes as apposed to actual ballot candidates. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/06 RESULTS: YES- 109 NO- 165

THE ARTICLE FAILED

In other business, Selectman Germain introduced a non-binding referendum. It was explained that the Town would be asked to vote on a non-binding referendum to amend SB2 or to continue as is. Resident Craig Spara inquired as to what the alternative to SB2 is. The Moderator explained the Town Meeting process where the warrant articles are discussed and voted on at the same time. Victoria Turner questioned why this is not on the warrant. Moderator Cronin explained that this is not an official warrant article. Ms. Turner asked if this would be voted on the ballot. Moderator Cronin clarified that the non-binding referendum is a separate vote on a separate ballot. It is a way of finding out the townspeople's wishes concerning SB2.

Joseph MacGregor asked about adding names to the Town Honor Roll. He stated that he would like to see the Honor Roll updated and placed in a prominent place at the Town Hall. Mr. MacGregor noted that he wished to have life-long resident, Philip Traxler added to the Honor Roll. Selectman Germain noted that the Honor Roll plaque is placed in the waiting room of the Town Offices. He also noted that a committee needed to be formed to nominate potential names for the Honor Roll. Mr. MacGregor volunteered to



be on the Nominating Committee. It was voted to accept Mr. MacGregor to the Nominating Committee.

Selectman Cuddemi noted that Joseph MacGregor was not running for another term for School Board Representative. Mr. MacGregor was recognized for his years of service with a round of applause.

There being no other business at hand, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Debra Belcher*

Debra Belcher

Town Clerk

# REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

Date of Meeting: March 14, 2006

Town Of: Bennington

County: Hillsborough

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

Phone #: 588-2189

Fax #: 588-8005

E-Mail: townofbenn@tds.net

## Certificate of Appropriations

(To be Completed After Annual or Special Meeting)

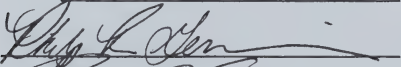
This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

### Governing Body (Selectmen)


*Please sign in ink.*

Date: July 26, 2006

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES  
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 (RSA 21-J:36).

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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
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4130-4139	Executive		111298	
4140-4149	Election,Reg. & Vital Statistics		31014	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		13495	
4152	Revaluation of Property		0	
4153	Legal Expense		10000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		161071	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		5250	
4194	General Government Buildings		18700	
4195	Cemeteries		6518	
4196	Insurance		19000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		0	
4199	Other General Government		2050	

PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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4210-4214	Police		169410	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8600	
4220-4229	Fire		57570	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		5500	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		0	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		0	

AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	
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HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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4311	Administration		108827	
4312	Highways & Streets		118000	
4313	Bridges		0	
4316	Street Lighting		8000	
4319	Other		0	

SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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4321	Administration		26568	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		800	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		60200	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		34000	

WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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4331	Administration		27100	
4332	Water Services		19400	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		2500	

ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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4351-4359	Electrical Operations		0	
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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
<b>HEALTH</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		750	
4414	Pest Control		350	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5800	
<b>WELFARE</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		9305	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		600	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		5900	
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		24800	
4550-4559	Library		85615	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1500	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1464	
<b>CONSERVATION</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	
4619	Other Conservation		0	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING		0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		0	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		21750	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		6577	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note		3000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		0	
4903	Buildings		0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs		0	
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Proprietary Fund			
	Sewer-			
	Water-			
	Electric-			
	Airport-			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		167500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917			
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds			
4919	To Agency Funds	16	3000	
<b>TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS</b>			1362857	

## TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

### GENERAL ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2006	\$	498,636.48
Receipts			2,949,736.27
Disbursements			<u>(2,877,328.40)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2006	\$	571,044.35

### CONSERVATION FUND

Cash Balance	1/1/2006	\$	4,357.75
Interest Earned			<u>10.91</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2006	\$	4,368.66

### DRIVEWAY SECURITY ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2006	\$	7,001.92
Interest			7.22
Receipts			5,000.00
Security Deposits Returned			<u>(8,000.00)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2006	\$	4,009.14

### NHMA - PLIT

Cash Balance	1/1/2006	\$	1,350.50
Interest			<u>3.38</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2006	\$	1,353.88

### RUSSELL J. REMILLARD - ESCROW ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2006	\$	1,325.80
Interest			<u>3.32</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2006	\$	1,329.12

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce L. Miner  
Treasurer



**TOWN CLERK**  
For Year Ended December 31, 2006

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$229,677.66
Municipal Agent Fees		5,487.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		722.00
Motor Vehicle Mail-In Program		190.00
UCC & IRS Lien Filings		450.00
Marriage Licenses:	Town	147.00
	State	798.00
Certified Copies:	Town	201.00
	State	375.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	1776.00
	State	240.50
	Animal Population Control	684.00
Dog Mail-In Program		53.00
Dog License Fines		607.50
Bad Check Fees		75.00
Election Fees		8.00
Parking Tickets		25.00
Miscellaneous		2.00
Checklist	<u>55.00</u>	
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		\$241,573.66

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

2006 has been a busy year for the Town Clerk's office. Thursday nights and Saturday mornings are still our busiest hours, but we are doing our best to keep the lines at a minimum. We now offer a mail-in service for both car registration renewals and dog license renewals for your convenience. As always, if there is a registration emergency, you may call the Town Hall and we will be glad to set up an appointment for you.

The staff has attended a workshop for the preservation of Vital Records and will be working on restoring these records so that they may be kept in usable condition for years to come. Our Department has taken the first steps in obtaining a grant from the State of New Hampshire for upgrading our Vital Records and we hope that this next year will bring the resources for the restoration of these records.

In 2007 we are looking forward to the next phase in the State Municipal Agent Automation Project (MAAP). With each new phase, we are able to offer more services to our customers. As always, we are looking for ways to better serve the community and make your visit to our office a pleasant one.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk  
Debra Whitney, Deputy Town Clerk  
Karen Belcher, Assistant Town Clerk

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
 JANUARY 1, 2006 - DECEMBER 31, 2006

	2006	2005
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES 01/01/06</b>		
Property Taxes		\$134,735.02
Land Use Change Taxes		
Yield Taxes		
Excavation Taxes		
<b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR</b>		
Property Taxes	\$2,350,803.00	6,718.41
Land Use Change Taxes	4,000.00	
Yield Taxes	3,006.45	5,330.55
Excavation Taxes		2,596.34
<b>OVERPAYMENT</b>		
Property Taxes	10,945.67	4,274.00
Prepaid 2007	18.31	
<b>INTEREST &amp; FEES</b>		
	2,362.80	9,588.25
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$2,371,136.23</b>	<b>\$163,242.57</b>
<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER 2006</b>		
Property Taxes	\$2,199,552.13	\$88,177.92
Land Use Change Taxes	4,000.00	
Yield Taxes	2,634.26	5,330.55
Interest/Fees	2,362.80	9,588.35
Excavation Taxes		2,596.34
Conversion to Lien (principal)		52,412.41
<b>ABATEMENTS</b>		
Property Taxes	764.00	5,137.00
Current Levy Deeded	201.00	
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12/31/06</b>		
Property Taxes	\$161,249.85	
Yield Taxes	\$372.19	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$2,371,136.23</b>	<b>\$163,242.57</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kristie French*

Kristie J. French  
 Tax Collector

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
 SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS  
 JANUARY 1, 2006 - DECEMBER 31, 2006

		TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:			ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
		2005	2004	PRIOR	
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2006			\$31,462.62	\$25,039.32	\$54,901.99
Liens Executed 2006		57,582.89			821.00
Interest & Costs Collected	Interest	875.17	2,787.29	8,376.68	3,436.29
After Lien Execution	Costs	294.98	211.95	908.21	163.90
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$58,753.04</b>	<b>\$34,461.86</b>	<b>\$34,324.21</b>	<b>\$59,323.18</b>
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<b>REMITTANCE TO TREASURER</b>					
Redemptions		\$16,822.67	\$13,210.76	\$24,400.17	\$9,889.99
Interest & Costs		1170.15	2,999.24	9,284.89	3600.19
Abatement of Unredeemed Liens		1004.00	34.00	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		481.52	469.48	639.15	0.00
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 2006		39,274.70	17,748.38	0.00	45,833.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$58,753.04</b>	<b>\$34,461.86</b>	<b>\$34,324.21</b>	<b>\$59,323.18</b>

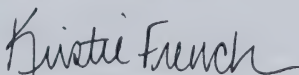
Respectfully Submitted,

  
 Kristie French  
 Tax Collector

**WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**For Year Ended December 31, 2006**

<b>Unpaid Balance January 1, 2006</b>		\$2,922.03
<b>Charges:</b>		
Water Usage	\$41,199.70	
Water Interest	\$134.81	
Shutoff Notice Fees	\$1,000.00	
Lien Fees	\$0.00	
Sewer Usage	\$24,189.06	
Sewer Interest	+ \$65.87	
		+ \$66,589.44
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>		<u>\$69,511.47</u>
<b>2005 Credit Carried Forward</b>		- \$29.38
<b>Prepaid 2007</b>		
Water	\$12.43	
Sewer	<u>\$1.47</u>	
		+ \$13.90
<b>Conversion to Lien</b>		
Water	\$92.80	
Sewer	<u>\$0.00</u>	
		- \$92.80
<b>Receipts to Treasurer</b>		
Water	\$42,138.83	
Sewer	<u>\$24,232.57</u>	
		- \$66,371.40
<b>Abatements</b>		
Water	\$294.96	
Sewer	<u>\$279.71</u>	
		- \$574.67
<b>Refunds</b>		
Water	\$38.22	
Sewer	<u>\$33.68</u>	
		+ \$71.90
<b>Unpaid Water &amp; Sewer Charges December 31, 2006</b>		<u>\$2,529.02</u>

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristie French  
Tax Collector

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
UNPAID TAXES  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006**

Property Owner	Map/Lot	Property Location	2006 Property Taxes	Liens	Yield Tax	Water/Sewer
1 House.com	07-61	14 Acre Street				
Allen, Theresa L.	11-05	25 Dodge Hill Road	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 10,190.25		\$ 115.96
Antrim Precinct	17-25	Water Precinct-Bible Hill Road	\$ 500.00			
Armstrong, Edna R.	07-57	9 South Bennington Road	\$ 2,435.00			
Baggaley, Michelle	09-10	3 Pierce Hill Road	\$ 2,557.51			\$ 1.81
Bailey, Joseph	20-17	L/O Switzer Road	\$ 231.00			
Baybutt, Dawn	11-15A	161 Onset Road	\$ 2,622.00			
Bellen, Jeffrey D	07-03	45 Francestown Road	\$ 431.00			
Belmore, Beverly C.	12-01C-34A	10 Onset Road #34A	\$ 962.00			
Belmore, Beverly C.	12-01C-34B	10 Onset Road #34B				
Bergeron, Justin D.	12-17	208 Onset Road	\$ 3,486.00			
Blanchard, David & Linda	13-04-01	7 Old Coach Road	\$ 463.00			
Bond, Dawn A.	17-03	22 Balch Farm Road Extension	\$ 41.00			
Bristol, Robert	12-01C-17A	10 Onset Road #17A	\$ 1,191.00			
Brown, Craig	3-27A	3 Rogers Road	\$ 3,806.00			
Brown, Wayne	07-99	122 State Route 202				\$ 104.65
Burnham, Christopher M	13-03B	504 Francestown Road	\$ 2,954.50			
Burns, Richard	07-05	35 Francestown Road				\$ 18.15
Campbell, Betsy J.	12-01C-12B	10 Onset Road #12B	\$ 611.00			
Cashion, Michael T.	20-21	L/O Deering Town Line	\$ 14.90			
Cebollero, Philip M.	24-03	L/O Deering Town Line	\$ 19.00			
Cebollero, Philip M.	24-03-01	L/O Deering Town Line	\$ 77.00			
Chamberlin, Amos J.	22-08B	36 Durgin Road	\$ 235.00			
Champagne, James F.	07-111	186 State Route 202	\$ 3,034.00	\$ 3,122.05		\$ 22.94
Chase, Mark S.	07-105	152A State Route 202	\$ 3,018.00			\$ 62.18
Christiansen, Heidi L.	11-08	11 Dodge Hill Road				
Clough Jr., Donald H.	23-01-04	35 Merrill Drive	\$ 2,231.00			
Clough, Donald H.	07-96	153 State Route 202	\$ 2,909.00			
Clow, David	07-66	22 Acre Street	\$ 1,805.00			
Coffin-Brooks, Betty	10-70	120 Bible Hill Road	\$ 1,973.00	\$ 1,958.86		\$ 52.75
Collburn, Dana T.	07-93	169 State Route 202		\$ 288.59		
Collins, Patricia A.	24-11	L/O North Bennington Road	\$ 967.00			
Comeau, Tammy L.	10-37A	138 Francestown Road	\$ 1,956.00	\$ 4,161.65		\$ 80.93
Corrigan, Elizabeth M.	12-01C-17B	10 Onset Road #17B	\$ 623.00			
Cote, Laurent	24-01	L/O North Bennington Road	\$ 38.00			



TOWN OF BENNINGTON

UNPAID TAXES

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006

Property Owner	Map/Lot	Property Location	2006 Property Taxes	Liens	Yield Tax	Water/Sewer
Cote, Laurent	24-06	L/O North Bennington Road	\$ 92.00			
Delay, John F.	03-22	356 Greenfield Road	\$ 669.00			
Desaulniers, David	22-11C	45 Durgin Road	\$ 2,859.00			
Desaulniers, David	22-11D	39 Durgin Road	\$ 772.00			
Divoll, Scott J.	12-01C-22B	10 Onset Road #22B	\$ 0.50			
Dobbins, Beverly A.	10-57	4 Bible Hill Road	\$ 5,982.00			
Duffy, Paul F.	12-01C-33A	10 Onset Road #33A	\$ 11.14			
Durgin, Jeffrie A.	21-09	104 Durgin Road	\$ 809.40			
Ellis, Jean	21-8A	115 Durgin Road	\$ 660.00			\$ 58.59
Flanagan, Elaine M.	10-52	17 Starrett Road	\$ 660.00			\$ 49.89
Folley, Karen Bunn	08-08	15 Knightland Road	\$ 3,402.00			
Foote Jr., Richard A.	20-20-01	L/O North Bennington Road	\$ 165.00			
Fox, Lawrence	16-04	L/O State Route 202	\$ 191.00	\$ 18.90		
Frechette, Jason G.	12-01C-16	10 Onset Road #16	\$ 2,884.00			
Gagnon, Brian D.	07-98	141 State Route 202	\$ 824.00			
Gendron, Maria	13-03A-03	69 Birch Glen Drive Unit 3	\$ 1,292.00			
Gerrain, Philip R.	12-31	147 Onset Road	\$ 2,731.00			
Gladding, Robert P.	03-25	L/O Mountain Road	\$ 19.00			
Goldspring, Joseph	07-127	6 Pierce Hill Road	\$ 2,275.00			\$ 53.17
Grant, Scott E.	21-08	116 Durgin Road	\$ 11.51			
Griswold, James W.	10-28	15 Eaton Avenue	\$ 3,451.00	\$ 3,396.91		
Grover, David B.	10-68	L/O Bible Hill Road	\$ 92.00			
Gyles, Helen M.	24-09	701 North Bennington Road	\$ 1,827.00	\$ 3,573.02		\$ 62.45
Hanamoto, Lisa A.	12-11	176 Onset Road	\$ 2,114.00			
Hardwick, David P.	19-21B	19 Gillis Hill Road	\$ 1,200.00			
Heinzman, Chester D.	10-56	55-57 Antrim Road	\$ 2,292.00			\$ 119.24
Henderson III, James F.	07-109	172 State Route 202	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 801.30		\$ 456.67
Hoiden, Arthur R.	17-23	368 Bible Hill Road	\$ 2,292.00			
Holland, Raymond N.	07-18	2 Greenfield Road	\$ 1,505.00			
Johnson, James E.	18-02A	261 North Bennington Road	\$ 1,579.00			
Jordan, Mark H.	12-01C-21A	10 Onset Road #21A	\$ 2,213.00			
Kelly, Paul F.	10-79	31 Bible Hill Road	\$ 1,599.00			\$ 65.62
Kimball Jr., William P.	02-03-L	22 Dodge Road	\$ 1,599.00			
LaFave, Shannon P.	09-24	12 Starrett Road	\$ 95.00			\$ 125.50
Levesque, Steven	24-27	L/O Deering Town Line	\$ 95.00			

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
UNPAID TAXES  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006**

Property Owner	Map/Lot	Property Location	2006 Property Taxes	Liens	Yield Tax	Water/Sewer
London, Scott	12-04	L/O Onset Road	\$ 66.00			
London, Scott	12-05	L/O Onset Road	\$ 66.00			
Lussier, Stanley	24-21	577 North Bennington Road			\$ 372.19	
Lyons, Reginald J.	13-33	L/O Birch Drive	\$ 239.00	\$ 278.84		
Lyons, Teresa	10-75	59 Bible Hill Road	\$ 6,565.00			
Lyons, Teresa	10-74-02	L/O Bible Hill Road	\$ 32.00			
Marcoux, Michael R.	24-04	L/O Deering Town Line	\$ 416.00			
McDonough, Stephen F.	12-01C-20B	10 Onset Road #20B	\$ 1,073.00			
Morgan, Alan A.	23-22	L/O Pine Meadows Circle	\$ 804.00			
Morris, Mark A.	18-01B-02	329 North Bennington Road	\$ 1,299.52			
Nason, Keith	23-12	69 Pine Meadows Circle	\$ 4,213.00			
Novotny, Edward P.	19-14	L/O Gillis Hill Road	\$ 262.00			
Nutter, John L.	08-05	18 Knightland Road	\$ 3,910.00		\$ 44.16	
Paine, Scott D.	23-01-02	17 Merrill Drive	\$ 853.00			
Patten, Ronald K.	07-31	4 South Bennington Road	\$ 1,639.00		\$ 48.64	
Pelletier, Edward J.	23-02	99 Pine Meadows Circle	\$ 3,213.00	\$ 2,822.36		
Penny, Lisa	07-29	31 Greenfield Road				
Putnam, Joan M.	07-52	35 South Bennington Road	\$ 262.00		\$ 41.70	
Ramsay, James M.	13-21	L/O Route 47 & Birch Drive	\$ 1,304.00		\$ 55.63	
Randall, Lucille A.	24-18	603 North Bennington Road				
Remillard, Bradford P.	07-28	37 Greenfield Road			\$ 35.15	
Remillard, Russell J.	22-11A	59 Durgin Road	\$ 2,262.00			
Remillard, Russell J.	22-09	L/O Durgin Road	\$ 2,093.00			
Remillard, Russell J.	23-01A	L/O Merrill Drive	\$ 21.00			
Remillard, Russell J.	23-01	L/O Durgin Road	\$ 42.00			
Renshaw, James E.	07-55	23 South Bennington Road	\$ 1,179.00	\$ 2,556.65		\$ 43.44
Ricco, Dominic J.	07-55	78 South Bennington Road	\$ 1,114.00			\$ 38.43
Robertson, Doreen A.	07-54	27 South Bennington Road	\$ 1,439.00	\$ 2,975.74		
Rosa, Manuel	07-50	77 South Bennington Road	\$ 0.90			
Samuelson Jr., Peter E.	19-11	103 Gillis Hill Road	\$ 0.90			
Seneschal, Susan	02-03-B	36 Paradise Drive	\$ 2,243.00			
Solod, Tanya L.	08-09	9 Knightland Road	\$ 1,634.00			
Solod, Victor	22-07	4 Durgin Road	\$ 2,846.00			
Spack, James P.	13-44	5 Oak Hill Road	\$ 3,349.00	\$ 6,475.34		
Stahl, Michelle M.	10-15	54 Antrim Road	\$ 4,317.00	\$ 4,895.85		\$ 106.78

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
UNPAID TAXES  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006

Property Owner	Map/Lot	Property Location	2006 Property Taxes	Liens	Yield Tax	Water/Sewer
Stanley, Joseph	07-107	156 State Route 202	\$ 3,246.00			\$ 29.03
Starkweather, Walter E.	01-06	8 State Route 202	\$ 792.48			
Sweeney, Billiejo M.	17-30	71 North Bennington Road	\$ 999.00			
Tardiff, Henry L.	22-08-C	46 Durgin Road	\$ 1,592.00			
Thornblad, Vernon C.	10-13	46 Antirim Road				\$ 97.34
Trow, Dale	21-02-B	298 North Bennington Road	\$ 3,030.00			
Ung, Joseph Y.	12-01C-23	10 Onset Road #23	\$ 1,534.00			
Usseglio, Joseph E.	07-59	1 South Bennington Road				\$ 87.38
Veale Jr., Theodore	21-13-02	North Bennington Road	\$ 1,230.00			
Veale Jr., Theodore	21-13-03	L/O North Bennington Road	\$ 720.00			
Veale, David T.	21-13-01	443 North Bennington Road	\$ 2,529.00	\$ 3,608.41		
Vermilyea, Keir B.	07-11	11 Francesstown Road				\$ 42.30
Virks, Arvo	12-01C-41	10 Onset Road #41	\$ 12.98			
Voorhees, Christopher C.	02-21	147 Old Greenfield Road	\$ 3,299.00			
Wadleigh, Robert	07-88	40 Hancock Road	\$ 193.51			\$ 58.51
Warshaw, Russ W.	07-32	8 South Bennington Road	\$ 42.00			\$ 231.39
Whittemore, Barry	02-03-C	140 South Bennington Road	\$ 1,479.00	\$ 3,211.72		
Whittemore, Brian	11-03-A	65 Dodge Hill Road	\$ 1,369.00	\$ 2,687.14		
Wilson, Allan D.	07-103-A	L/O State Route 202	\$ 420.00			
Young, Michael D.	02-24	L/O Route 31	\$ 415.00			
Zabriskie Jr., Charles	10-74-03	109 Bible Hill Road				\$ 62.74
Zabriskie, Michael A.	22-12	31 Durgin Road	\$ 1,127.00			
Zyck, Roman J.	09-09	15 Pierce Hill Road	\$ 1,816.00			\$ 55.90

TOTAL UNPAID AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006 \$ 160,794.85 \$ 57,023.58 \$ 372.19 \$ 2,529.02

## STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2006

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$2,250
Telephone	\$1,479
Computer	\$4,784
Copier Lease	\$1,861
Dues and Subscriptions	\$896
Advertising	\$474
General Supplies	\$471
Office Supplies	\$2,674
Postage	\$2,944
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$475
Administrator Salary	\$44,740
Office Support Salaries	\$40,392
Mileage/Expenses	\$1,313
Moderator's Salary	\$60
Town Report Printing	\$1,500
Newsletter Printing	\$421

Total Executive Office

\$106,735

### ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Town Clerk	\$16,091
Deputy Town Clerk	\$3,583
Assistant Town Clerk	\$4,010
Dues and Subscriptions	\$20
Office Supplies	\$793
Books & Periodicals	\$116
Municipal Agent Mail Program	\$29
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$675
Supervisors of the Checklist - Conval	\$180
Advertising	\$236
Supervisor's Office Supplies	\$89
Voter Ballot Clerks	\$828
Election Printing	\$339
Election Meals	\$156
Election Facility Rental	\$1,162

Total Election and Registration

\$28,308

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$7,708
Assessing/Tax Map Maintenance	\$4,840
Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions	\$22
Tax Collector Fees	\$937
Treasurer's Salary	\$750
Overlay	\$5,278
Refunds-Tax Collector	\$11,042
Refunds - Town Clerk	\$538

Total Financial Administration

\$31,115

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Office Supplies	\$13
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Total Trustees of Trust Funds

\$13

JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE		
General Legal Support	\$11,028	
Defense Proceedings	\$4,342	
Total Judicial & Legal Expense		\$15,370
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		
Group Health Insurance	\$84,683	
Group Dental Insurance	\$3,327	
FICA/Medicare	\$25,205	
Group 1 Retirement	\$11,466	
Police Retirement	\$10,537	
Unemployment Compensation	\$56	
Workers Compensation	\$9,091	
Total Personnel Administration		\$144,366
PLANNING AND ZONING		
Recording Secretary	\$1,223	
SWRPC Member Dues	\$1,598	
Miscellaneous	\$452	
ZBA Miscellaneous	\$1,488	
Total Planning and Zoning		\$4,761
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$5,942	
Security/Fire System Maintenance	\$441	
Electricity	\$2,770	
Heat & Oil	\$4,550	
Repairs and Maintenance	\$968	
Total General Government		\$14,671
CEMETERIES		
Evergreen Groundskeeping/Laborer	\$1,190	
Sunnyside Groundskeeping/Laborer	\$2,450	
Labor	\$544	
Total Cemeteries		\$4,184
PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE		
NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$16,996	
Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance		\$16,996
CONTINGENCY FUND		
General Contingency Fund	\$5,280	
Abatement Interest	\$135	
Total Contingency Fund		\$5,415



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$55,080
Patrol Officer Salary	\$42,294
Overtime	\$15,180
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$18,431
Crossing Guard Salary	\$4,087
Holiday Compensation	\$5,204
Special Detail Wages	\$4,507
Traffic Enforcement Grant	\$3,975
Administrative Telephone	\$2,513
Cellular Telephone	\$725
Lease of Pagers	\$424
Dispatch Services	\$14,798
Equipment/Training Supplies	\$2,666
Administrative Office Supplies	\$997
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$641
Administrative Gasoline	\$5,797
Administrative Vehicle Repairs	\$2,889
Books/Periodicals	\$266
Uniforms	\$1,356
Miscellaneous	\$607
Education/Safety	\$137

Total Police Department

\$182,573

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Antrim Ambulance	\$8,000
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Total Ambulance Service

\$8,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Elected Chiefs Salaries	\$1,500
Administrative Telephone	\$958
Dispatch Services	\$8,962
Dues/Subscriptions	\$1,095
General Supplies	\$2,003
Firefighter Emergency Calls	\$8,000
Medical	\$1,654
Fire Prevention Materials	\$477
Training	\$3,719
Radio Lease	\$8,147
Equipment Replacement	\$4,310
Service Contracts	\$2,342
Radio Repairs	\$1,000
Gasoline	\$980
Repair - Vehicles	\$6,541
Electricity	\$1,624
Heating Oil	\$2,831
Repairs/Maintenance	\$585

Total Fire Department

\$56,726

BUILDING INSPECTION

Building Inspector's Salary	\$1,425
Books & Education	\$1,463

Total Building Inspection

\$2,888

GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Road Agent Salary	\$35,228	
Highway Laborer Salary	\$34,823	
Road Agent Overtime	\$1,029	
Highway Laborer Overtime	\$2,608	
Highway Part-Time Laborer	\$999	
Telephone	\$460	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$298	
Garage Electricity	\$1,041	
Highway Garage Heat	\$1,945	
Barn Maintenance/Repairs	\$935	
General Supplies	\$1,059	
Street Signs	\$250	
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$3,962	
Gasoline/Oil	\$5,804	
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	\$3,024	
Miscellaneous	\$900	
Total General Highway Department		\$94,366

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Tar/Patch/Seal	\$29,911	
Paving	\$45,000	
Paving/Recon Equipment	\$1,809	
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$160	
Road Drainage Supplies	\$2,000	
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$19,101	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$6,631	
Gravel Preparation	\$8,000	
Total Highways and Streets		\$112,612

STREET LIGHTING

Street Lighting Electricity	\$6,609	
Total Street Lighting		\$6,609

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants	\$28,461	
Household Hazardous Waste Day	\$766	
Post-Closure Costs	\$6,183	
Telephone	\$375	
Hauling and Disposal	\$43,841	
Electricity	\$793	
Shed Heat	\$188	
General Supplies	\$103	
Certification	\$150	
Miscellaneous	\$432	
Recyclables Removal	\$3,663	
Container Lease	\$2,001	
NHRRR Annual Dues	\$100	
Total Transfer Station		\$87,055

WATER DEPARTMENT

Labor Wages	\$844	
Commissioners Salaries	\$900	
Town of Antrim	\$20,367	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$175	
Postage	\$952	
Miscellaneous	\$159	
Telephone	\$713	
Electricity	\$7,529	
Pumphouse Heat	\$746	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$6,069	
Corrossion Control	\$831	
Total Water Department		\$39,286

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Sewage Treatment - Town of Antrim	\$29,804	
Electricity	\$1,566	
Monitoring Fee	\$420	
Generator Maintenance	\$1,133	
Total Sewer Department		\$32,924

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Miscellaneous	\$25	
Total Health Department		\$25

ANIMAL CONTROL

Equipment/Supplies	\$250	
Total Animal Control		\$250

HEALTH AGENCIES

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

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Human Services Officer Salary	\$1,325	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$30	
Rental Assistance	\$8,139	
St. Joseph Community Services	\$325	
Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$1,889	
Gasoline	\$54	
Miscellaneous	\$4	
Total Welfare Department		\$11,767

PARKS AND RECREATION

Telephone	\$454	
Christmas Party	\$533	
Fishing Derby	\$226	
Activities	\$1,019	
Little League	\$1,500	
Soccer	\$142	
Miscellaneous	\$817	
Groundskeeping	\$8,961	
Electricity - Newhall Field	\$813	
Ballfield Repairs	\$337	
Ballfield Chemical Toilets	\$1,356	
Recreation Facilities	\$619	
Lifeguard Salary	\$6,791	
Beach Improvements	\$81	
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$78	
Beach Red Cross Supplies	\$15	
Total Parks and Recreation		\$23,742

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	\$30,318	
Librarian Assistants	\$17,184	
Book Collection	\$15,550	
Media Collection	\$4,500	
Telephone	\$512	
Building Electricity	\$1,251	
Building Heating Oil	\$2,730	
Grounds Maintenance	\$596	
Building Maintenance	\$1,000	
Photo Copier Supplies	\$2,300	
Circulation & Office	\$1,770	
Program Supplies	\$1,500	
Conference/Fees	\$1,600	
Technology	\$820	
Computer Replacement	\$750	
Total Library		\$82,379

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day	\$766	
Total Patriotic Purposes		\$766

EDUCAION

Project LIFT	\$464	
Total Education		\$464

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dues/Subscriptions	\$510	
		\$510

PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES

General Obligation Debt	\$21,750	
Total Principal - Long Term Notes		\$21,750

INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES			
	Interest General Obligation Debt	<u>\$6,548</u>	
	Total Interest - Long Term Notes		\$6,548
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
	Fire Truck Capital Reserve	\$30,000	
	Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$5,000	
	Rescue Capital Reserve	\$32,000	
	Police Cruiser Capital Reserve	\$12,500	
	Library Capital Reserve	\$5,000	
	Highway Truck Capital Reserve	\$30,000	
	Water Capital Reserve	\$8,000	
	Sewer Capital Reserve	\$5,000	
	Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve	\$5,000	
	Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund	\$5,000	
	Sidewalk Construction	\$15,000	
	Property Reval	<u>\$15,000</u>	
	Total Capital Reserve Funds		\$167,500
2006 WARRANT ARTICLES			
	Grapevine Family Center	<u>\$3,000</u>	
	Total 2006 Warrant Articles		<u>\$3,000</u>
TOTAL 2006 EXPENDITURES			<u><u>\$1,319,472</u></u>



## 2006 Payroll

Debra Belcher	\$17,401.26
Karen M. Belcher	\$4,009.95
Thomas J. Belcher	\$140.01
Thomas S. Belcher	\$2,459.08
Heather Bennett	\$2,645.75
David Blanchard	\$36,769.27
C. Stephen Campbell	\$72,981.89
Scott A. Champagne	\$410.00
Mark S. Chase	\$300.00
David M. Chenard	\$8,260.00
Carrie Cody	\$892.00
Catherine C. Conrey	\$45.00
Joseph C. Cuddemi	\$750.00
Franklin D. Dalton	\$1,288.00
Roland R. Davison, II	\$869.20
Elizabeth Emberley	\$2,367.00
Richard Emberley	\$886.50
Denise P. French	\$44,920.00
Kristie J. French	\$35,803.02
Philip Germain	\$750.00
Patricia C. Goodwin	\$476.00
Peter W. Hopkins	\$1,425.00
Robert C. Horn	\$492.00
Walter D. Kiblin	\$37,718.37
Christine P. Lavery	\$1,325.00
Leslie MacGregor	\$30,318.08
Philip M. Marcellino	\$53,257.90
Lester P. Milton	\$10,146.50
Joyce L. Miner	\$750.00
Joseph J. O'Brien	\$750.00
Donald G. Parker, Sr.	\$16,009.54
Barbara J. Parker	\$6,288.63
Caleb S. Platt	\$460.00
Melissa A. Searles	\$16,707.60
Michael Tacy	\$12,352.22
James E. Trow	\$750.00
Debra M. Whitney	\$3,583.13
Glenn P. Wilson	\$952.00
Dorothy A. Zabriskie	\$4,086.88
<b>TOTAL 2006 PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$431,796.78</b>

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

For Year Ended December 31, 2006

### LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Property Tax	\$2,199,552
Current Use Change Tax	\$4,000
Yield Tax	\$7,965
Excavation Tax	\$2,596
Interest/Penalties	\$2,363

\$2,216,476

### LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Property Tax	\$88,178
Interest/Penalties	\$9,588
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$64,324
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	\$17,054

\$179,144

### WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

\$66,371

### TOWN CLERK REVENUE

\$241,574

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Shared Revenue Grant	\$109,226
Highway Block Grant	\$37,425
Water Pollution Grant	\$0
DWI Grant	\$2,136
Speed Patrols	\$4,230

\$153,017

### LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Building Permits	\$760
Demolition Permits	\$30
Driveway Permits	\$60
Cable Franchise Fees	\$2,177
Court Fines	\$2,756
Bad Check Fees	\$100

\$5,883

### INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS

Cemetery	\$3,066
Election and Registration	\$55
Photocopies	\$200
Planning	\$335
Police	\$270
Recreation	\$410
Recycling	\$12,743
Water/Sewer	\$910
Welfare	\$100
Zoning	\$181

\$18,270

REIMBURSEMENTS		
Conval Election Costs	\$180	
Legal Fees	\$300	
PD Special Details	<u>\$5,466</u>	\$5,946
SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY		\$18,391
INTEREST		<u>\$5,852</u>
<b>TOTAL 2006 RECEIPTS</b>		<b><u><u>\$2,910,924</u></u></b>

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Principal		Interest			Total Trust Fund End of Year	
				Balance Beg Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Amount	(Expended) During Year		Yr End Balance
<b>Cemetery Funds:</b>										
Various	Mt. Calvary	Cemetery Care	Various	\$ 775.00		\$ 775.00	\$ 275.83	\$ 50.55	\$ 275.83	\$ 1,050.83
Various	Sunny Side	Cemetery Care	Various	\$ 12,011.73		\$ 12,011.73	\$ 3,708.20	\$ 620.72	\$ 3,709.20	\$ 15,719.93
Various	Evergreen	Cemetery Care	Various	\$ 13,089.75		\$ 13,089.75	\$ 2,338.66	\$ 657.45	\$ 2,338.66	\$ 17,428.11
	<b>Total Cemetery Funds:</b>			\$ 27,876.48	\$ -	\$ 27,876.48	\$ 6,322.69	\$ 1,328.72	\$ 6,322.69	\$ 34,199.17
<b>Library and Scholarship Funds:</b>										
Various	Library Funds	Library	CD BNH & NHPI	\$ 80,241.40		\$ 80,241.40	\$ 11.76	\$ 3,795.07	\$ 3,421.14	\$ 80,627.09
1994	Edward French	Scholarship	NHPDIP	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 329.59	\$ 62.98	\$ 392.57	\$ 1,392.57
	<b>Total Library/Scholarship Funds:</b>			\$ 81,241.40	\$ -	\$ 81,241.40	\$ 341.35	\$ 3,858.05	\$ 3,421.14	\$ 82,019.66
<b>Capital Reserves:</b>										
1990	Fire Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 2,961.14	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 32,961.14	\$ -	\$ 852.02	\$ -	\$ 33,813.16
1993	Water Dept	Equipment	NHPDIP	\$ 44,101.28	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 52,101.28	\$ 5,528.29	\$ 2,514.07	\$ -	\$ 50,587.21
1993	Forestry Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 17,516.77		\$ 17,516.77	\$ (22,901.37)	\$ 4,787.78	\$ 589.91	\$ 3,09
1994	Library	Structure Repair	NHPDIP	\$ 35,928.03	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 37,310.04	\$ -	\$ 1,688.15	\$ -	\$ 38,998.19
1997	Rescue Truck	Equipment	NHPDIP	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 5,478.24	\$ 1,782.97	\$ -	\$ 42,261.21
1997	Highway Dept Equip	Capital Reserve	Various	\$ 47,079.28	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 79,079.28	\$ 5,625.72	\$ 2,696.14	\$ -	\$ 87,401.14
1999	Highway Dept Truck	Capital Reserve	Various	\$ 34,291.81	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 39,291.81	\$ 1,261.77	\$ 1,737.81	\$ -	\$ 42,281.39
1999	Police Cruiser	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 95,787.66	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 113,847.33	\$ 12,774.02	\$ 2,687.53	\$ -	\$ 15,461.55
1999	Highway Dept Mower	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 8,787.02	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 21,287.02	\$ -	\$ 665.46	\$ -	\$ 21,952.48
2001	Bridge Expendable	Expendable Trust	NHPDIP	\$ 5,503.33	\$ -	\$ 5,503.33	\$ 1,031.33	\$ 309.93	\$ -	\$ 6,844.59
2001	Town Buildings Expendable	Expendable Trust	NHPDIP	\$ 21,103.34	\$ -	\$ 21,103.34	\$ 20,865.34	\$ 1,059.27	\$ -	\$ 2,370.62
2001	Bridge Replacement	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 18,759.52	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,240.44	\$ (3,519.08)	\$ 984.79	\$ -	\$ 984.79
2001	Fire Dept Radios	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 5,278.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,278.60
2001	Sidewalk Repair	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 0.10	\$ -	\$ 0.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.10
2001	Sidewalk Repair	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 2,877.68	\$ 3,376.64	\$ -	\$ 83,254.32
2002	Revaluation	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 16,300.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 31,300.00	\$ 669.99	\$ 1,103.34	\$ -	\$ 33,072.73
	<b>Total Capital Reserve Funds:</b>			\$ 486,119.28	\$ 167,500.00	\$ 1,144,103.77	\$ 509,515.51	\$ 46,624.37	\$ 24,590.61	\$ 580,730.49

# Bennington, NH



## Community Contact

Town of Bennington  
Denise French, Town Administrator  
7 School Street, Unit 101  
Bennington, NH 03442

Telephone  
Fax  
E-mail  
Web Site

(603) 588-2189  
(603) 588-8005  
townofbenn@tds.net  
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  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

Hillsborough  
Peterborough NH LMA  
Monadnock  
Southwest Region  
Monadnock Business Ventures

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
District 2  
District 7  
Hillsborough County District 2

**Incorporated:** 1842

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

## Villages and Place Names:

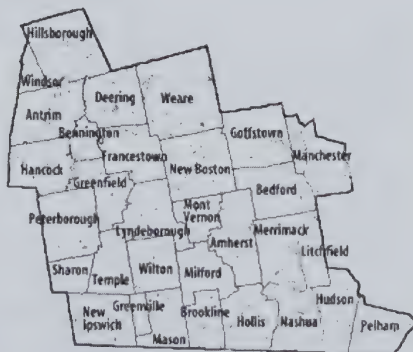
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 541 residents in 1850

**Population Trends:** Population change for Bennington totaled 811 over 50 years, from 593 in 1950 to 1,404 in 2000. The largest decennial



percent change was a 39 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a

38 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2005 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,468 residents, ranking 160th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Hillsborough County

**Population Density, 2005:** 129.3 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.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006	<b>\$1,362,857</b>
Budget: School Appropriations	<b>not available</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1986/04</b>
Master Plan	<b>2002</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Water & Sewer**

Appointed: **Conservation**

Public Library **G E P Dodge**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Monadnock Community, Peterborough</b>	<b>9 miles</b>	<b>62</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Bennington Water Dept.</b>

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

Telephone Company	<b>TDS Telecom</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service: Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2005 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.87</b>
2005 Equalization Ratio	<b>100.0</b>
2005 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.71</b>

2005 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>86.0%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>11.1%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>3.0%</b>

**HOUSING SUPPLY** (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2005 Total Estimated Housing Units	<b>693</b>
2005 Single-Family Units	<b>475</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>10</b>
2005 Multi-Family Units	<b>174</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2005 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>44</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2005	<b>1,468</b>	<b>401,291</b>
2000	<b>1,404</b>	<b>382,384</b>
1990	<b>1,230</b>	<b>336,549</b>
1980	<b>890</b>	<b>276,608</b>
1970	<b>639</b>	<b>223,941</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>692</b>	Female	<b>709</b>

**Population by Age Group**

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

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

High school graduate or higher	<b>87.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>24.8%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

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

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

Male	<b>\$34,063</b>
Female	<b>\$26,734</b>

Families below the poverty level	<b>8.4%</b>
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**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELM)

Annual Average	1995	2005
Civilian labor force	<b>752</b>	<b>817</b>
Employed	<b>731</b>	<b>792</b>
Unemployed	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELM)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1995	2005
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>317</b>	<b>372</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$786</b>	<b>\$792</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$317</b>	<b>\$432</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>340</b>	<b>396</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$754</b>	<b>\$770</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

(NH Dept. of Education)

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

District: **SAU 1**

Career Technology Center(s): **Region 14 Applied Technology Center, Peterborough**

Region: **14**

Educational Facilities	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, 2006: 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** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	31, 47
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 5
	Distance	23 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim</b>	Runway	3,260 ft. asphalt
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	32 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		29 miles
Portland, Maine		128 miles
Boston, Mass.		76 miles
New York City, NY		247 miles
Montreal, Quebec		259 miles

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (US Census Bureau)

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
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Crotched Mountain</b>
	Other:

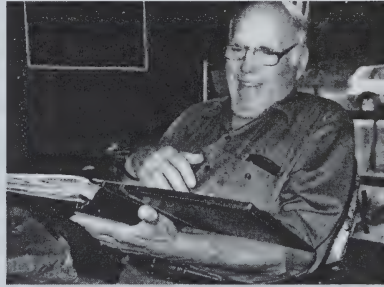
## ...In Memory of Those Town

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



Donald R. Taylor  
1941 – 2006

Don was instrumental and assisted with the volunteer construction of the Fire Station. He served the Department as Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, and Forest Fire Warden. A Vietnam Veteran, Don was a proud member of the VFW and served the organization as its Commander. A long-time loyal employee of the Bennington Garage, Don was always available to serve the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Carroll L. Warren  
1932 – 2006

A retired schoolteacher, Carroll enjoyed spending time outdoors. His love of nature proved to be a benefit to the Town when he took over maintenance of Evergreen Cemetery. Years ago, before the Town hired an outside agency, Carroll was an Auditor. Carroll proudly served his Country as a member of the U.S. Army during the time of the Korean War.

## Servants We Lost in 2006...

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



Philip E. Traxler  
1927 – 2006

Phil proudly served the Town with the Fire Department, as an occasional snowplow operator back in the day, and most recently as Cemetery Trustee. He had a wealth of knowledge and mementos that he graciously shared with the Library and the Historical Society. A WWII Veteran, Phil was one of the first members to join the Calvin A. Brown VFW.



David C. Traxler  
1930 – 2006

David was an all-around handy man for the Town, working as needed with multiple Departments. Additionally, he served as Janitor, Cemetery Sexton, and Supervisor of the Checklist. David was always willing to lend a helping hand.

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# Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

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*Certified Public Accountants*

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Board of Selectmen  
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2006 included in the accompanying Form F-65 (MS-5), in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our compilation was limited to presenting in the form prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, information that is the representation of Town Officials. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements referred to above and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The financial report, Form F-65 (MS-5), is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

*Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC*

February 2, 2007



FORM F-65 (MS-5)  
(5/16/2005)

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, NH 03442

(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, 2006 to December 31, 2006  
OR  
July 1, 200\_\_ to June 30, 200\_\_

**A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual**

	Account No (a)	Amount (b)
<b>1. Revenues from taxes (Including state education)</b>		
a. Property taxes (commitment less overlay plus Section C, line 6, column (c), page 12)	3110	T01 \$ 2,359,642
b. State and local taxes assessed for school districts \$ 1,491,741	4933	T01
c. Land use change taxes - General Fund	3120	T01 4,000
d. Land use change taxes - Conservation Fund	3121	T01
e. Resident taxes	3180	T01
f. Timber taxes	3185	T01 8,337
g. Payments in lieu of taxes	3186	U99 500
h. Other taxes (Explain on separate schedule)	3189	T01
i. Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	3190	T01 29,006
j. Excavation Tax (@ \$.02 per cu. yd.)	3187	T99 2,596
k. <b>TOTAL (Excluding line 1b)</b>		\$ 2,404,081
<b>2. TOTAL revenues for education purposes</b> (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)		\$
<b>3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees</b>		T28
a. Business licenses and permits	3210	\$ 450
b. Motor vehicle permit fees	3220	T01 236,119
c. Building permits	3230	T29 760

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)		
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
<b>3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees (Continued)</b>		
d. Other licensing and permit taxes	3290	T29 5,161
e. TOTAL		\$ 242,490
<b>4. Revenue from the federal government</b>		
a. Housing and urban renewal (HUD)	3311	B50 \$
b. Environmental protection	3312	B89
c. Other federal grants and reimbursements - Specify -	3319	B89
d. TOTAL		\$
<b>5. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire</b>		
a. Shared revenue block grant	3351	C30 \$ 51,171
b. Meals and rooms distribution	3352	C30 58,055
c. Highway block grant	3353	C46 37,425
d. Water pollution grants	3354	C89
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 - DWI Patrols 2,136 Speed Patrols 2,094	3359	C89 4,230
i. TOTAL		\$ 150,881
<b>6. Revenue from other governments</b>		
Intergovernmental revenue - Other	3379	D89 \$
<b>7. Revenue from charges for services (Exclude interfund transfers)</b>		
a. Income from departments	3401	A89 \$ 926
b. Water supply system charges	3402	A91 43,150
c. Sewer user charges	3403	A80 24,255
d. Garbage-refuse charges	3404	A81 12,859
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. Cemeteries		A03
k. Toll highways		A45
l. Other Charges Police special details	3409	A89 5,466
m. TOTAL		\$ 86,656

Part I		GENERAL FUND (Continued)	
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No.	Amount
		(a)	(b)
<b>8. Revenue from miscellaneous sources</b>			
a. Special assessments	3500	U01 \$	
b. Sale of municipal property	3501	U11	18,375
c. Interest on investments	3502	U20	5,852
d. Rents of property	3503	U40	
e. Fines and forfeits	3504	U30	2,756
f. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	U99	34
g. Contributions and donations	3508	U50	
h. Other miscellaneous sources not otherwise classified	3509	U99	2,070
<b>i. TOTAL</b>		\$	29,087
<b>9. Interfund operating transfers in</b>			
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		22,901
e. Transfers from trust and fiduciary funds	3916		2,966
f. Transfers from conservation fund	3917		
<b>g. TOTAL</b>		\$	25,867
<b>10. Other financial sources</b>			
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		
<b>d. TOTAL</b>		\$	
<b>11. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES</b>		\$	2,939,062
<b>12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b> (Beginning of year) <i>(Should equal line B.2f, column b, page 9)</i>		\$	192,913
<b>13. TOTAL OF LINES 11 AND 12</b> <i>(Should equal line 21, page 8)</i>		\$	3,131,975
Remarks			

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
<b>1. General government</b>				
a. Executive	4130	E29 \$ 107,504	G29 \$	F29 \$
b. Election and registration	4140	E89 28,391	G89	F89
c. Financial administration	4150	E23 14,795	G23	F23
d. Revaluation of property	4152	E23	G23	F23
e. Legal expense	4153	E25 15,669	G25	F25
f. Personnel administration	4155	E29 144,742	G29	F29
g. Planning and zoning	4191	E29 4,886	G29	F29
h. General government building	4194	E31 14,801	G31	F31
i. Cemeteries	4195	E03 4,227	G03	F03
j. Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	E03 16,996	G03	F03
k. Advertising and regional association	4197	E89	G89	F89
l. Other general government	4199	E89 5,415	G89	F89
m. TOTAL		\$ 357,426	\$	\$
<b>2. Public safety</b>		E62	G62	F62
a. Police	4210	\$ 184,183	\$	\$
b. Ambulance	4215	E32 8,000	G32	F32
c. Fire	4220	E24 57,323	G24	F24
d. Building inspection	4240	E66 2,738	G66	F66
e. Emergency management	4290	E89	G89	F89
f. Other public safety (including communications)	4299	E89	G89	F89
g. TOTAL		\$ 252,244	\$	\$
<b>3. Airport/Aviation center</b>				
a. Administration	4301	\$	\$	\$
b. Airport operations	4302			
c. Other	4309			
d. TOTAL		E01 \$	G01 \$	F01 \$

Remarks

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
<b>4. Highways and streets</b>		E44	G44	F44
a. Administration	4311	\$ 95,856	\$	\$
b. Highways and streets	4312	112,612	G44	F44
c. Bridges, railroad crossing	4313	E44	G44	F44
d. Street lighting	4316	7,362	G44	F44
e. Toll highways	4316	E45	G45	F45
f. Other highway, streets, and bridges	4319	E44	G44	F44
g. TOTAL		\$ 215,830	\$	\$
<b>5. Sanitation</b>		E80	G80	F80
a. Administration	4321	\$ 28,478	\$	\$
b. Solid waste collection	4323	767	G81	F81
c. Solid waste disposal	4324	59,365	G81	F81
d. Solid waste clean-up	4325	E81	G81	F81
e. Sewage collection and disposal	4326	35,810	E80	G80
f. Other sanitation	4329	E80	G80	F80
g. TOTAL		\$ 124,420	\$	\$
<b>6. Water distribution and treatment</b>				
a. Administration	4331	\$ 23,577	\$	\$
b. Water services	4332	21,203		
c. Water treatment	4335	7,831		
d. Water conservation	4338			
e. Other water	4339			
f. TOTAL		\$ 52,611	\$	\$
<b>7. Electric</b>				
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)
<b>8. Health</b>				
a. Administration	4411	\$ 25	\$	\$
b. Pest control	4414	650		
c. Health agencies and hospitals	4415	8,800		
d. Vital statistics	4140			
e. Other health	4419			
<b>f. TOTAL</b>		E32 \$ 9,475	G32 \$	F32 \$
<b>9. TOTAL expenditures for education purposes</b> <i>(This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)</i>		\$	\$	\$
<b>10. Welfare</b>		E79	G79	F79
a. Administration	4441	\$ 1,355	\$	\$
b. Direct assistance	4442	E67 8,589		
c. Intergovernmental welfare payments	4444	M79 325		
d. Vendor payments	4445	E75 1,948		
e. Other welfare	4449	E79	G79	F79
<b>f. TOTAL</b>		\$ 12,217	\$	\$
<b>11. Culture and recreation</b>		E61	G61	F61
a. Parks and recreation	4520	\$ 23,784	\$	\$
b. Library	4550	E52 52,081	G52	F52
c. Patriotic purposes	4583	E61 766	G61	F61
d. Other culture and recreation	4589	E61 1,464	G61	F61
<b>e. TOTAL</b>		\$ 78,095	\$	\$
<b>12. Conservation</b>				
a. Administration	4611	\$ 510	\$	\$
b. Purchase of natural resources	4612			
c. Other conservation	4619			
<b>d. TOTAL</b>		E59 \$ 510	G59 \$	F59 \$
<b>13. Redevelopment and housing</b>				
a. Administration	4631	\$	\$	\$
b. Redevelopment and housing	4632			
<b>c. TOTAL</b>		E50 \$	G50 \$	F50 \$

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
<b>14. Economic development</b>				
a. Administration	4651	\$	\$	\$
b. Economic development	4652			
c. Other economic development	4659			
d. <b>TOTAL</b>		E89 \$	G89 \$	F89 \$
<b>15. Debt service</b>				
a. Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	\$ 21,750		
b. Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	189 6,548		
c. Interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes	4723			
d. Other debt service charges	4790	E23		
e. <b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 28,298		
<b>16. Capital outlay (not reported above)</b>			G89	F89
a. Land and improvements	4901		\$	\$
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	4902		G89	
c. Buildings	4903			F89
d. Improvements other than buildings	4909			F89
e. <b>TOTAL</b>			\$	\$
<b>17. Interfund operating transfers out</b>				
a. Transfers to special revenue funds	4912	\$ 30,361		
b. Transfers to capital projects funds	4913			
c. Transfers to proprietary funds	4914			
d. Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	167,500		
e. Transfers to expendable trust funds	4916			
f. Transfers to nonexpendable trust funds	4918			
g. <b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 197,861		

Remarks



Part III GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

Modified Accrual

A. ASSETS	Account number (a)	Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
<b>1. Current assets</b>			
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	\$ 498,636	\$ 571,046
b. Investments	1030	1,350	1,350
c. Taxes receivable <i>(See worksheet, page 12)</i>	1080	134,735	161,622
d. Tax liens receivable <i>(See worksheet, page 12)</i>	1110	51,370	52,856
e. Accounts receivable	1150	18,249	19,966
f. Due from other governments	1260		1,022
g. Due from other funds	1310		
h. Other current assets	1400		38
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
j. <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> <i>(Should equal line B3)</i>		\$ 704,340	\$ 807,900
<b>B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>			
<b>1. Current liabilities</b>			
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$ 18,314	\$ 27,677
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050		
d. Due to other governments	2070	237	354
e. Due to school districts	2075	491,253	579,460
f. Due to other funds	2080		
g. Deferred revenue	2220	300	18
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270	1,323	1,323
k. <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		\$ 511,427	\$ 608,832
<b>2. Fund equity</b>			
a. Reserve for encumbrances <i>(Please detail on page 10)</i>	2440	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations <i>(Detail on page 10)</i>	2450		
c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus	2460		
d. Reserve for special purposes <i>(Please detail on page 10)</i>	2490		
e. Unreserved fund balance	2530	184,913	197,068
f. <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>		\$ 192,913	\$ 199,068
<b>3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> <i>(Should equal line A1j)</i>		\$ 704,340	\$ 807,900

**Part IV** **DETAIL**  
 This section 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)
2440	4195 - Cemetery	1,000
2440	4589 - French Scholarship	1,000

**Part V** **GENERAL FUND**

**A. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION**  
 (Debt as of (enter date) December 31, 2006 for the ensuing five years)

	Year (a)	Principal (b)	Interest (c)	Total (d)
1.	2007	\$ 21,750	\$ 5,412	\$ 27,162
2.	2008	21,750	4,247	25,997
3.	2009	21,740	3,083	24,823
4.	2010	21,140	1,919	23,059
5.	2011	4,740	785	5,525
6. SUBTOTAL (Sum of lines 1-5)		91,120	15,446	106,566
7. Remaining periods of debt		9,480	628	10,108
8. TOTAL		\$ 100,600	\$ 16,074	\$ 116,674





Part VI RECONCILIATIONS			
<b>A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY</b>			
	Amount		
1. School district liability at beginning of year (Account number 2075, column b, on page 9)	\$ 491,253		
2. ADD: School district assessment for current year	1,491,741		
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR (Sum of lines 1 and 2)	1,982,994		
4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district	< 1,403,534 >		
5. School district liability at end of year (line 3 less line 4) (Account number 2075, column c, on page 9)	579,460		
<b>B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES</b>			
	Amount		
1. Short-term (TANS) debt at beginning of year	61V \$ -		
2. ADD: New issues during current year	None		
3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year	< >		
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 \$		
<b>PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE SECTIONS C AND D</b>			
<b>C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET</b>			
	Current year (a)	Prior year (b)	TOTAL (c)
1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year)*	10,763	60,000	70,763
2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made (From tax collector's report)	< 965 >	< 7,765 >	< 8,730 >
3. SUBTRACT: Discounts	< >	< >	< >
4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)	< 5,278 >	< >	< 5,278 >
5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR**	< >	< 50,000 >	< 50,000 >
6. Excess of estimate (Add to revenue on page 1, line 1a)	4,520	2,235	6,755
*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.			
<b>D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET</b>			
	1080 taxes (a)	1110 liens (b)	TOTALS (c)
1. Uncollected, end of year	\$ 161,622	\$ 102,856	\$ 264,478
2. SUBTRACT: "Overlay" carried forward as Allowance for Abatements (from Worksheet C, line 5)	< >	< 50,000 >	< 50,000 >
3. Receivable, end of year*	161,622	52,856	214,478
*(These amounts are entered on page 9, account number 1080 and 1110, column c)			



**SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS**

**EXPENDITURES (BY FUNCTIONS)**

	Capital projects			Special revenue			Proprietary funds	
	(a)	(b)	(d)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
1. General government	F89	E89	E89					
2. Public safety	F62	E62	E62					
(a) Police								
(b) Ambulance		E32	E32					
(c) Fire	F24	E24	E24					
3. Airport/Aviation center	F01	E01	E01					
4. Highways and streets	F44	E44	E44					
5. Toll highways	F45	E45	E45					
6. Sanitation	F81	E81	E81					
7. Water distribution and treatment	F91	E91	E91					
8. Sewerage	F80	E80	E80					
9. Electric	F92	E92	E92					
10. Health	F32	E32	E32					
11. Welfare	F79	E79	E79					
12. Culture and recreation	F61	E61	E61		37,200			
13. Parking	F60	E60	E60					
14. Transit or bus system	F94	E94	E94					
15. Conservation	F59	E59	E59					
16. Redevelopment and housing	F50	E50	E50					
17. Economic development	F89	E89	E89					
18. Debt service		E23	E23					
19. Capital outlay - other	F89	F89	F89					
20. Interfund operating transfers out								
21. <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$	\$	\$		37,200	\$	\$	

Remarks

	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
<b>A. ASSETS</b>					
<b>1. Current assets</b>					
(a) Cash and equivalents	1010	\$	\$ 10,720	\$	\$
(b) Investments	1030				
(c) Accounts receivable	1150				
(d) Due from other governments	1260				
(e) Due from other funds	1310				
(f) Other - Specify -					
<b>2. Fixed assets</b>					
(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 -					
<b>3. TOTAL ASSETS</b>		\$	\$ 10,720	\$	\$

Remarks



B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Account No.	Capital projects	Special revenue	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise	Internal service
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
<b>1. Liabilities</b>					
(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) <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>2. Fund equity/Capital</b>					
(a) Reserve for encumbrances	2440	\$	\$		
(b) Reserve for special purposes	2490		10,720		
(c) Unreserved fund balance	2530				
(d) Municipal contributed capital	2610				
(e) Other contributed capital	2620				
(f) Retained earnings	2790				
(g) <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>			10,720		
<b>3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>		\$	\$ 10,720	\$	\$

Part X SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET

**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 VIII.

Purpose (a)	Account No. (b)	Amount (c)
Payments made to <u>other local governments</u> for:		M12
Schools		\$
Sewers		M50
All other - County	4931	M89
All other - Towns	4199	M89
Payments made to <u>State</u> 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 (e)
		Issued (c)	Retired (d)	
Industrial revenue	19	24	34	44
All other debt	191 122,350	291	39 21,750	491 100,600
Interest on water debt	191 4,220			

**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
\$431,797

**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 market 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)
<b>Bond funds</b> - Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement	W31
<b>All other funds except employee retirement funds and nonexpendable trust funds.</b>	W61 \$601,167

Remarks

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]*  
James E. Row

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 X, items A-D.

WHEN TO FILE: (R.S.A. 21-J:34,V)

\* 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  
Municipal Services Division  
PO Box 487  
Concord, NH 03302-0487

## SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Once again, it is our privilege to submit this year's Annual Report for the Town of Bennington.

Every step towards the year's end we grow wiser, we lose friends, we establish new colleagues and friends, and we tax each other with money and with ideas, never growing weary for the challenge of a new year for the betterment of an improved town in which to live. Like any home, town, or business, we experience the full spectrum of emotions. We experience growth pains as we establish new ways of improving the Town. We have events that inspire us, bond us and drive us into the future with heads held high. We have regular tasks that need to be done on a daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly basis to keep that Town engine churning. We pay bills, we meet with Counsel, and we attend many, many meetings gathering knowledge and wisdom. All for the Town we call home.

### *Moments that grieved us . . .*

The Town of Bennington has lost some very dedicated Townspeople this past year: Philip Traxler, Don Taylor, David Traxler, and Carroll Warren. These special individuals gave to the Town for many years, in many different roles, for they believed in the Town of Bennington. Their accomplishments, energies, wisdom and commitment to the Town will not soon be forgotten.

### *Moments that have inspired us and improved us as a Town ...*

Bruce Edes Memorial Forest. The Town's first Forest was made official this year. On May 24, 2006, Mr. Richard Verney, owner of Monadnock Paper Mills, signed over the deed to complete the Memorial Forest. On September 9, 2006 the Memorial Forest enjoyed the company of many people during the much anticipated ribbon cutting ceremony. This Forest was dedicated in honor and memory of a wonderful and benevolent man, Bruce Edes. Bruce served the Town in many capacities; Selectman, member of the Sportsmen Club, Fire Department, EMT, Conservation Commission, etc. This Memorial Forest is for all the Townspeople to enjoy, and reflect on the qualities of life in the home, which we call Bennington.



On November 9, 2006, Bennington Police Officer Phil Marcellino was promoted to Sergeant; a position well deserved. Phil's involvement with the Police Department over the past nine years has added strength to our already well respected and dedicated police force.

Congratulations to Catriona Beck, who is now serving as our State Representative for the next several years. It sure is nice to have the seat back in local control.

The GEP Dodge Library was a brand new building one hundred years ago this past August and we celebrated its century of open doors to the general public for their continued education and pleasure.

### *Moments that help us grow and adapt us as a Town ...*

The Town also had its fair share of growing this past year. The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) had more than its share of appeals (for one single project) and continues to meet the



challenges of this project, as well as other appealed matters. Although time consuming, the ZBA has tried to reconstruct itself over the past year to make the appeal process a more formal and equitable one.

The Fougere Subdivision on Gillis Hill Road started construction this year, adding eleven new building lots and two private roads to the Town.

The number of building permits...28 to be exact...is three less than last year, which represents a 10% drop in construction activity from last year; only seven of the 28 permits issued represent new homes. If you compare permits issued to 2003 figures (49 total permits issued), we have had a 43% decrease in building activity. The Town sold several (non-buildable) parcels of property on Oak Hill Road.

The Fire Department underwent some new organizational changes, with a new Fire Chief, Joseph O'Brien and a new Deputy Chief, Kristie French. These administrative changes have reinvigorated the Fire Department and, as a result, the department has grown in volunteers and positive attitudes.

The Town, with the help of PSNH, completed an energy audit and conversion to energy efficient lighting in all Town buildings as well as street lights. This adaptation provides good energy reduction while saving tax dollars.

The GEP Dodge Library was the first "wireless" library in the State of NH (thanks to Wagner Quintanilha).

There are numerous things that have changed over the past century but we have improved, adapted, and grown in a direction that has served the Town well. So, let's put things into perspective, one hundred years ago in 1906 . . .

- Bennington Public Library moved from its "Lavatory" location (in the Town Hall) to a brand new facility on Main Street and opened its bronzed doors for the first time. The cost of construction was \$8,000
- The 1906 Annual Budget was \$16,529
- Volunteerism was a larger part of the population, partly due to the fact that jobs were in Town (as opposed to out of Town) and the mode of transportation was much slower. Now, one hundred years later, with all the technological advancements (cars, TVs, computers, etc.), urban job markets, and the fast paced world in which we live, it has disconnected us from our neighbors and our Town, creating a much smaller role in volunteerism
- There was no Town water or sewer systems
- There were few cars, although there were many horses and buggies and we had a functioning railroad system
- There was no skiing
- The School was a one room schoolhouse and there was no ConVal School District (75% of your present taxes) but a Bennington School Board. Talk about local control!
- The dump (now a Transfer Station) was literally in your backyard...or someone else's
- There were no zoning ordinances
- Policemen served as needed and there was no 24/7 coverage
- We had an annual "Town Meeting" and put it all on the table for full discussion and debate, and didn't leave until all the votes were cast (a show of hands) and counted, one by one



*So what is next on the Selectmen's docket one hundred years later, in 2007? . . .*

The Board will be actively pursuing engineering firms for the next phase in the Traffic Enhancement Grant program. This phase is essential to generate good working plans that conform to the State standards along with the needs of the Town. The next crucial step in the process shall be public input during this design process. We are hopeful that a summer 2007 start might be possible if all processes go smoothly, but if not 2008 will be the new target. We encourage citizens to continually support this program through related warrant articles as well as during the Public Hearing sessions.

Bringing the Town into the 21<sup>st</sup> century is not an easy task but one in which the Board is actively involved. We are in the process of updating Town personnel policies, employee job descriptions, time-off requests, and other department related standards. The Selectmen will be asking the Planning Board to adopt standards such as Rules of Procedure to help make the process a smoother and more equitable one. The Board will be working with the Water and Sewer Department to update their current By-Laws and rate schedules. The Board, with help from its administration, continues to grow the Town's website into a 24-hour, seven days a week, knowledge base. Our goal is to continually update the website with current Town data (Ordinances, Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports, Master Plans, etc.) so the public can further its interest in Town business.

There are also projects that need our attention. Pine Meadows Circle reconstruction, a proposed warrant article, needs to be undertaken and with the help of a "yes" vote on Warrant Article 17, we will diligently start and complete that project. We have the Traffic Enhancement Project that could start as early as this summer. Another road related project that needs work is the replacement of the culvert on North Bennington Road, near the Deering town line. A water line on South Bennington Road that broke earlier this year, due to excavation of a beaver dam, needs to be replaced. The Water Department is also researching and planning the eventual replacement of some old water mains.

Establishment of code enforcement for the State Building Codes is presently proposed as a Warrant Article (#3) for 2007. Enforcement of State Building Codes will bring the Town of Bennington up to minimum standards and will mirror other neighboring New Hampshire towns. Enforcement should allow for safe building practices to prosper in our Town and better homes and business facilities will be the result. Fee schedules will be introduced that will be reasonable to the buildings being constructed.

In early spring of this next year, the Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing to discuss speed zones on Bible Hill Road. This Public Hearing process shall provide an avenue in which Townspeople can convey their concerns regarding "Safe" speed zones on one of the Town's major thoroughfares.

We embrace the rekindling of our Conservation Commission and will support their new endeavors as well as their continued stewardship and wisdom regarding Bennington lands. Their involvement over the past year along with the efforts of Jim Cleary (liaison to the Monadnock Paper Mill) and Mr. Verney made our new Town Forest a reality.

The Selectmen will also be working with the Solid Waste Committee toward the implementation of an "Electronics" Recycling program. This important project will further support our investment into a cleaner future for the Town. The Selectmen will also work closely on contract negotiations for waste disposal services, which are currently provided by Waste Management and expire at the end of 2007.

The Selectmen, as a matter of course, will continue to oversee and scrutinize budgets with the help of the Budget Committee and all other Department Heads to bring you the best value for each tax dollar spent.

On a special note, we would like to thank two individuals that have served the Town well and without hesitation:

Mr. Joseph MacGregor's service on Conval's School Board for the past ten years is quite a long time for one tough job. Joe's proactive role on this important Board (at times, Chairperson) while representing our Town in the nine town District, did us proud and will surely be missed. Joe continues to be active with other Town roles, serving on our Conservation Commission and Capital Reserve Funding Committee. Thanks Joe!

Mr. Mark Chase's service on the Bennington Fire Department for the past 20 plus years is something we all hope to aspire to. Mark resigned earlier this year from the Fire Chief's position. Mark grew up the ranks in the Fire Department and held many different positions within the Department. His firefighting skills and knowledge base shall be missed. Mark continues to play an active role in Town and presently serves as a Water and Sewer Commissioner. Thanks Mark!

We look forward to the next year and to the next century, none of which comes easily without outstanding volunteers, prudent citizenry and dedicated Town employees. So in closing, our heartfelt thanks to that leadership and membership on the Town's Boards, Committees and Commissions; we also thank Department Heads and Town employees for their continued service and to the Bennington citizens for your constant support.

Every moment lays the groundwork for the next generation's Bennington. Come join us and help shape the future! Vote, Volunteer and Voice your opinions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph C. Cuddemi  
Philip R. Germain, Chair  
James Trow

**GEP DODGE LIBRARY  
CENTENNIAL YEAR  
August 1906 ~ August 2006**

One hundred years ago the leaders of the Town of Bennington built a sturdy and attractive brick building to serve as their Town's Library. The building has held up and served many generations of Bennington residents since that date. When the Library first opened it was the Edwardian era, Theodore Roosevelt was President, San Francisco was recovering from its devastating earthquake and Upton Sinclair's 'radical' book The Jungle was just published. Since then the Library has served through eighteen US Presidents, three Librarians, the 1916 Influenza Pandemic, the Great Depression, World Wars I & II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, the Cold War, two Iraq Wars, 9/11, and the NH Floods of 2005. In 1906 the average household income was between \$200 and \$400, there were no antibiotics, there were only 8,000 cars in the entire country, there were only 45 states in the Union, there were no commercial flights to anywhere but there was train service in Bennington.

This is not to say that the Library's inside world isn't affected by the outside world. We are now bothered by noise and fumes from truck and auto traffic coming through Town. We're plagued by power surges, power failures, computer viruses, and downed cable connections affecting the Library's electronic equipment and our daily work. Prolific popular and immediate media sources have created an educated, up-to-date and informed patronage who expects current literature, information and public services. More media has been published in the last 20 years than ever before in history.

When the Library doors first opened there were 102 patrons; today there are 1,487 active patrons. In 1906 the Library housed 2,047 books and today there are 24,599 books and other media on our shelves. In 1906 there were no typewriters or public access computers, there was no wireless access, there were no phones, FAX or copiers, and there were no DVDs or videos, no audio or digitized books. There were also no Library programs. There wasn't a summer reading program, there were no story times, there were no book groups, there were no inter-library loans, there were very few reference books, the Library was not a public service or public education information site, and there were no youth or children's books.



This summer we celebrated the Library's 100 years of graceful survival. We are as blessed by the generosity of our current patrons as we were by that of our founding patrons. The Library's four Trustees; Karen Aucella, Victoria Burnham, Laurie MacKeigan, and Lisa Shingler worked tirelessly on every detail and aspect of the planning and execution of our terrific celebration. It wouldn't have been possible without them and the vast help from the following generous patrons and friends:

Wagner Quintanilha, Tammie Blanchette & Francestown Clothing Company; Heidi Schweiger, Vernon & Sofia Thornblad; Peter, PJ, and KC Martel; Robyn Manley; Pam, Ryleigh, Beck, and Eric Lorimer; Barbara Varnum; Jim Trow; Doug, Paula, and Dale Trow; Rhea Taylor; Kelsy and Jody Jennison; Candy Michaels; Janice, Jon, Emily and Sarah Tyler; Linda Tenney; Diane Chauncey; Betty Coffin-Brooks; Barbara and Patricia Goodwin; Jean and Lee Smith; Dorothy Smith; Barbara and Leonard Moorehead; Tim and Claudia Sysyn; Beth Lewsen-Green, Dennis, Riley, and Jerome Green Kelly



Byrne; Bennington Recreation; Kristie French and the Bennington Fire Department; Bennington Town Hall; Gianna and Michelle Ricco; Judith Klein-Dial; Barry Dial; Jacob Harris; Dana and Joe MacGregor; Sarah Brown; Reverend Robert Ritchie; Pamela Matthews; Sandy, Doug, Zach, Caleb, Noah, and Nate Baker.

Thank you to all who remembered Philip E. Traxler with memorial donations that were used to beautify and improve the Library's entrance. Two granite benches sit under the maples to encourage patrons and passersby to rest and reflect. Our new brick and granite walk, installed by Paradis Gardens Landscape, has replaced the original broken cement sidewalk, and patrons can work their way up the new walk using the new wrought iron handrails created by Joe MacGregor. Our Library sign is now more visible from the road and hangs from a new wrought iron hanger on a traditional granite post.

Year 'round we are helped by many people who keep things flowing smoothly for all of our programs and general needs. Thank you to Wagner Quintanilha, Betty Coffin-Brooks, Chief Steve Campbell, Janice Tyler, Joy Lewis, Laurie MacKeigan, Sofia Thornblad, Heidi Schweiger, Janet Lutkus, Robyn Manley, Tammie Blanchette, the Lorimer Family and Jack Daniels Inn, and the Baker family.

Thank you too to our Sunday volunteers: Victoria Burnham, Lisa Shingler, Laurie MacKeigan, Dorothy Smith, Jen Spara, Deb Page, and Melissa Searles. Thank you to our weekly volunteer pages: Ryleigh Lorimer, Sofia Thornblad, and Allison Putnam.

With much thanks and respectfully submitted by us and in memory of those who served before us:

1906 Librarian  
Emma Bartlett

1906 Trustees  
Rev. W.T. Bartley  
Henry Wilson  
Nathan Whitney

2006 Librarians  
Leslie MacGregor  
Melissa Searles

2006 Trustees  
Elisabeth Shingler  
Karen Aucella  
Laurie MacKeigan  
Victoria Burnham



Karen Aucella, Victoria Burnham, Laurie MacKeigan, Melissa Searles,  
and Lisa Shingler



Librarians Melissa Searles and  
Leslie MacGregor

**GEP DODGE LIBRARY  
TREASURERS REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**BEGINNING BALANCE (ADJUSTED)** \$ 396.74

**INCOME**

Book Donations	\$	283.47
Book Replacement	\$	95.99
Book Sale	\$	44.80
Capital Reserve	\$	579.99
Copier Receipts	\$	690.05
Gifts Received	\$	101.73
Interest	\$	1.93
Other Income	\$	50.50
Overdue	\$	62.68
Town Book Fund	\$	30,361.48
Trustee of Trust Funds	\$	2,849.39

**TOTAL INCOME** + \$ 35,122.01

**EXPENSES**

Bank Charges	\$	38.42
Books	\$	17,954.86
Reference/Resource Books	\$	3,902.62
Book Rental	\$	806.26
Building Maintenance	\$	340.35
Library Circulation/Office	\$	2,810.41
Library Conference Fees	\$	714.26
Library Program Supplies	\$	1,455.20
Media Collection	\$	2,544.76
Periodicals	\$	427.77
Photocopier	\$	3,251.01
Special Event	\$	170.00
Technology	\$	1,069.86

**TOTAL EXPENSES** - \$ 35,485.78

**ENDING BALANCE** \$ 32.97

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Aucella, Trustee Treasurer



## BUDGET COMMITTEE

The 2006 Budget Committee consisted of Melissa Clark, Valerie Germain, Brent Paradis, and perennial members; Lucien Lizotte and Harvey Goodwin.

As always, the Committee met with the members and the heads of each Town Department to dissect each proposed budget. Despite the efforts of everyone, the proposed budget for 2007, including warrant articles, is up almost 11% from the 2006 budget. More than half of this increase, which is 6.3%, is related to proposed special warrant articles.

Some of the factors that are driving up the budget are unavoidable, such as increased fuel costs, increased insurance premiums, and the need for technology upgrades to software and hardware in order for our Police and Fire Departments to operate with the State Agencies.

On a positive note, the Budget Committee met with the Selectmen on a few occasions to discuss a formula to determine future pay increases for Town employees. As a result of these meetings, we are well on our way to establishing a protocol for how future wage increases will be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent Paradis, Chair

## CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

The following report reflects 2007 funds appropriated by the Capital Reserve Funding Committee, categorized by Department for ease of use in understanding the financial impact of the Department being funded:

### HIGHWAY DEPT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$20,000	
B. Mower	\$ 0	
C. Bridge Repair	\$ 0	
D. Equipment	\$ 5,000	
E. Bridge Replacement	\$ <u>5,000</u>	
Total Highway Dept Funds		\$30,000

### FIRE DEPT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$ 0	
B. Rescue Vehicle	\$ <u>42,000</u>	
Total Fire Dept Funds		\$42,000

### POLICE DEPT FUND

A. Cruiser	\$ <u>12,500</u>	
Total Police Dept Fund		\$12,500

### UTILITY DEPT FUNDS

A. Water	\$ 8,000	
B. Sewer	\$ <u>5,000</u>	
Total Utility Dept Funds		\$13,000

### MUNICIPAL DEPT FUNDS

A. Revaluation	\$15,000	
B. Town Buildings	\$ 5,000	
C. Sidewalk Improvement	\$ <u>15,000</u>	
Total Municipal Dept Funds		\$35,000

### LIBRARY DEPT FUND

A. Repairs & Equipment	\$ <u>5,000</u>	
Total Library Dept Fund		\$ <u>5,000</u>

Total 2007 Capital Reserve Funding Requested	\$137,500
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ANALYSIS OF MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COMMITTEES:

Highway Department:

Funds of \$113,847.33 were expended in 2006 for the purchase of a 2007 International Truck equipped with a plow, wing and other accessories. Also spent was \$218.00 from the Bridge Expendable Trust Fund for replacement of a culvert.

The Funding Committee reviewed the financial requirements for funding two Highway Trucks. They agreed that \$100,000 would be needed to replace the F350 vehicle twice over the course of fifteen years and \$200,000 would be needed for replacement of the big truck. The Committee divided the anticipated need of \$300,000 over a fifteen-year period and arrived at an annual funding amount of \$20,000.

In 2007 the Highway Department intends to purchase a F350 truck with plow and rack dump body at an estimated cost of \$35,000. The Committee discussed future sidewalk maintenance after the construction of the new sidewalks. It was agreed that it was probable the Town would sublet the equipment needed rather than purchasing the required equipment.

The Funding Committee voted not to fund the Mower and Bridge Repair Funds since the available funds seem adequate.

December 31, 2006 CRF balances for all Highway Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$ 27,401.88
Mower	\$ 6,844.59
Bridge Repair	\$ 23,256.16
Equipment	\$ 42,291.39
Bridge Replacement	\$ 58,811.18
Cumulative Balance	\$158,605.20

Fire Department:

As provided for by vote at the 2006 Town Meeting, the \$22,901.37 balance in the Forestry Truck CRF was transferred to the Rescue Vehicle CRF. The Rescue Vehicle is scheduled for replacement in 2008 at an estimated cost of \$140,000. Since available funding for the Rescue Vehicle is \$53,000 short, the Funding Committee voted to appropriate money in 2007 only for the Rescue Vehicle. The small balance remaining in the Forestry Truck CRF and Radios CRF represents interest; the accounts will be closed and the balances will be transferred to the Town's general fund.

The Fire Chief and the Funding Committee discussed the immediate need for replacing Firefighter and EMS gear, as well as SCBA equipment. It was mutually agreed that the Fire Department would seek immediate funding in 2007 to replace gear through a warrant article. It is planned to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in 2008 to meet these future funding needs.

December 31, 2006 CRF balances for all Fire Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$ 33,813.16
Rescue Vehicle	\$ 87,401.14
Forestry Truck	\$ 3.09
Radios	\$ .10
Cumulative Balance	\$121,217.49

Police Department:

The Police Department intends to replace the Ford Explorer with a Ford Expedition. The Police Chief reported to the Selectmen in January 2007 that Ford Motor Company has changed the interior format of the Explorer vehicles and moved the shift lever from the steering column to a console between the front seats. This redesign of the Explorer's interior does not allow room for installation of required police accessories. Chief Campbell has secured a "Car 54" Grant that will provide a substantial portion of the cost for a light bar, laptop computer, siren, radar, etc.

December 31, 2006 CRF balance for the Police Cruiser is \$21,952.48

Utility Departments:

The Water Commissioners reported that the generator planned for purchase in conjunction with the Town of Antrim will be acquired at a significantly reduced cost. The Town of Antrim received a \$10,000 grant toward the generator purchase and has generously applied the grant money to the overall purchase. Rather than the generator costing the Town of Bennington \$20,000 it will cost Bennington \$13,000-\$14,000 for its share.

The long-term goals of the Water Department are to extend the water lines on Eaton Avenue and South Bennington Road. They also plan to remove and relocate the water mains that presently exist in the yard at Pierce School.

The Sewer Commissioners reported that it has been ten years since the lagoon was dredged and it will probably have to be dredged again in six years at a probable cost of \$500,000. The Funding Committee is of the opinion that eventual financing for the project should come from a bond; the Capital Reserve Fund should be used for repairs.

December 31, 2006 CRF balances for the Utility Departments CRF accounts are as follows:

Water	\$ 60,143.64
Sewer	\$ 42,261.21
Cumulative Balance	\$102,404.85

Municipal Departments:

The next Revaluation is tentatively scheduled for 2009. The Sidewalk Replacement Program is underway. The Selectmen are reviewing the Qualifications for Proposals and will be hiring a design engineer very soon. The Selectmen plan to hold Public Hearings to receive input from the Townspeople and abutters to the project. It was agreed that if funding falls short during the Transportation Enhancement Program the Town will raise additional funds through a future warrant article.

Throughout 2006 a total of \$3,519.08 was spent from the Expendable Building Trust Fund for three building maintenance projects: \$1,256.63 was spent for the replacement of the shed roof and electrical work at the Transfer Station, \$1,297.51 was spent for paint supplies and meals for the County workers while painting the first floor rooms at Town Hall, and \$964.94 was spent for replacing light fixtures at the Fire Station.

Consideration was given to establishing a fund for the eventual replacement of the compactor at the Transfer Station. It was agreed to postpone establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund and continue to repair the equipment as needed.

December 31, 2006 CRF balances for the Municipal Departments CRF accounts are as follows:

Revaluation	\$ 33,072.73
Town Buildings	\$ 21,225.23
Sidewalk Improvement	<u>\$ 83,254.32</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$137,552.28

Library Department:

The Library Trustees reported that \$3,617.99 was withdrawn from the Library CRF in 2006 for construction of the brick entryway with granite steps (\$3,038), landscaping fees (\$123.99) and the construction and installation of wrought iron hand rails (\$456.00).

The Library proposes the following Capital Reserve Projects for 2007: replacement of the twenty year old rug for \$600-\$1,000, replacement of the area rug that covers the wood floor for \$300-\$500, purchase of wallpaper for \$615 – labor not included, replacement of aged furniture \$1,872-\$3,214, treatment of basement moisture to protect the collection located there - \$300 for a heavy duty dehumidifier or installation of an additional heat zone at an unknown cost, as well as installation of a screen door and associated costs for the Library to host County workers to paint the building's exterior trim. The Funding Committee decided that although the Trustees might exceed \$5,000 in spending for 2007, it is probable that next year's funding will be less and a surplus could be realized.

December 31, 2006 CRF balance for the Library Department CRF is \$38,998.19.

The cumulative balance of all Capital Reserve Funds is \$580,730.49



## PLANNING BOARD

It has been a long, busy and fruitful year for the Bennington Planning Board. Throughout the year our calendar was consistently full with new issues to research, discuss, and to decide.

One of the Planning Board's shining successes was the opening of channels and improving communication between the Boards in Town. In addition to the Planning Board, there are now in place liaisons with the Zoning Board and the Conservation Board to facilitate proper communication when a project comes before one Board. This was done to ensure that all appropriate Boards are aware that a project may be of interest to them or might require further research.

Another great achievement in 2006 was the updating of the Master Plan. This Plan was years in the making and now it truly reflects the values of the residents.

The Planning Board also spent considerable time in 2006 researching requirements for enforcing the State Building Code and requirements for updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. As a result, there are two very important warrant articles that will appear on the Warrant for the March vote. Warrant Article #3 is requesting voter approval to adopt the enforcement aspect of the State Building Code. Warrant Article #2 requests voter approval in updating the flood maps for the Town. If voters do not adopt this Article, Town residents could lose the opportunity to purchase flood insurance.

The Planning Board meets the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room. As a Board, we look forward to the coming year to further address whatever issues come before us in a dedicated and professional manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Eisenberg, Chair

# TOWN OF BENNINGTON ZONING ORDINANCE

## Article XI. Flood Plain Protection Zone

This ordinance, adopted pursuant to the authority of RSA 674:16, shall be known as the Town of Bennington Floodplain Development Ordinance. The regulations in this ordinance shall overlay and supplement the regulations in the Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance, and shall be considered part of the Zoning Ordinance for purposes of administration and appeals under state law. If any provisions of this ordinance differs or appears to conflict with any provision of the Zoning Ordinance or other ordinance or regulation, the provision imposing the greater restriction or more stringent standard shall be controlling.

The following regulations in this ordinance shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its "Flood Insurance Study for the Town of Bennington, NH" together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated April 18, 1983 which are declared to be a part of this ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Item I – Definition of Terms: The following definitions shall apply only to this Floodplain Development Ordinance, and shall not be affected by the provisions of any other ordinance of the Town of Bennington.

~~"Area of Shallow Flooding" means a designated AO or AH Zone on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with a one-percent or greater annual possibility of flooding to an average depth of one to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and where velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.~~

~~"Area of Special Flood Hazard" is the land in the floodplain within the Town of Bennington subject to a one-percent or greater possibility chance of flooding in any given year. The area is designated as zone A on the FIRM and is designated on the FIRM as zones A, AO, AH, A1 A30, A99, V1 V30, or V. Zone(s) A and AE on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).~~

"Base Flood" means the flood having a one-percent possibility of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

"Basement" means any area of a building having its floor subgrade on all sides.

"Building" – see "structure".

~~"Breakaway Wall" means a wall that is not part of the structural support of the building and is intended through its design and construction to collapse under specific lateral loading forces without causing damage to the elevated portion of the building or supporting foundation.~~

“Development” means any man-made change to improve or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation, or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials.

“FEMA” means the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“Flood” or “Flooding” means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:

1. the overflow of inland or tidal waters
2. the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source

“Flood Elevation Study” means an examination, evaluation, and determination of flood hazards and if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations, or an examination and determination of mudslide or flood-related erosion hazards.

“Flood Insurance Rate Map” (FIRM) means an official map incorporated with this ordinance, on which FEMA has delineated both the special flood hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the Town of Bennington.

“Flood Insurance Study” – see “Flood Elevation Study”

“Floodplain” or “Flood-prone Area” means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of “Flooding”).

“Flood Proofing” means any combination of structural and non-structural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitation facilities, structures and their contents.

“Floodway” – see “Regulatory Floodway”.

“Functionally dependent use” means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking and port facilities that are necessary for the loading/unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building/repair facilities but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

“Highest adjacent grade” means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.

“Historic Structure” means any structure that is:

- a. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of the Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;

- b. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- c. Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior;  
or
- d. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
  - 1. By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, or
  - 2. Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

“Lowest Floor” means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building’s lowest floor; provided, that such an enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of this ordinance.

“Manufactured Home” means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. For floodplain management purposes the term “manufactured home” includes park trailers, travel trailers, and other similar vehicles placed on site for greater than 180 days. *This includes manufactured homes located in a manufactured home park or subdivision.*

*“Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision” means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.*

“Mean Sea Level” means the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929 or other datum, to which base flood elevations shown on a community’s Flood Insurance Rate Map are referenced.

*“New Construction” means, for the purposes of determining insurance rates, structures for which the “start of construction” commenced on or after the effective date of an initial FIRM or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later, and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. For floodplain management purposes, new construction means structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a community and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.*



“100-year flood”-see “base flood”.

“Recreational Vehicle” means a vehicle which is:

- a. built on a single chassis;
- b. 40 400 feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- c. designed to be self propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck;
- d. designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as a temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.

“Regulatory Floodway” means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without *cumulatively* increasing the water surface elevation *more than a designated height*. ~~These areas are designated as floodways on the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map.~~

“Special Flood Hazard Area” ~~means an area having flood, mudslide, and/or flood related erosion hazards, and shown on a FHB or FIRM as zone A, AO, A1 A30, A99, AH, V1 V30, V or E.~~ (See “Area of Special Flood Hazard”)

“Structure” means for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.

“Start of Construction” includes substantial improvements, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of the construction, repair, reconstruction, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual state means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or part of the main structure.

“Substantial Damage” means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damage condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

“Substantial Improvement” means any combination of repairs, reconstruction, alteration, or improvements to a structure in which the cumulative cost equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure. The market value of the structure would equal:

1. The appraised value prior to the state of the initial repair or improvement, or;
2. In the case of damage, the value of the structure prior to the damage occurring.

For the purposes of this definition, “substantial improvement” is considered to occur when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of the building



commences, whether or not the alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure. This term includes structures which have incurred substantial damage, regardless of actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include any project for improvement of a structure required to comply with existing health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which are solely necessary to assure safe living conditions or any alteration of a "historic structure", provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure".

*Violation means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's flood plain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in 44CFR § 60.3(b)(5), (c)(4), (c)(10), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(4), or (e)(5) is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.*

"Water Surface Elevation" means the height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, (or other datum, where specified) of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains.

#### Item II

All proposed development in any special flood hazard area shall require a building permit.

#### Item III

The Building Inspector shall review all building permit applications for new construction or substantial improvements to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is located in special flood hazard area, all new construction or substantial improvements shall:

- a. Be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent floatation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy,
- b. Be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage,
- c. Be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damages,
- d. Be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment, and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.

#### Item IV

Where new or replacement water and sewer systems (including on-site systems) are proposed in a special flood hazard area the applicant shall provide the Building Inspector with assurance that these systems will be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters, and on-site waste

disposal systems will be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during periods of flooding.

#### Item V

For all new or substantially improved structures located in Zones A, A1-30, AE, AH, or AO, the applicant shall furnish the following information to the Building Inspector:

- a. the as-built elevation (in relation to the NGVD) of the lowest floor (including basement) and include whether or not such structures contain a basement,
- b. if the structure has been floodproofed, the as-built elevation (in relation to NGVD) to which the structure was floodproofed,
- c. any certification of floodproofing.

The Building Inspector shall maintain for public inspection, and shall furnish such information upon request.

#### Item VI

The Building Inspector shall not grant a building permit until the applicant certifies that all necessary permits have been received from those government agencies from which approval is required by federal or state law, including Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 USC 1334.

#### Item VII

1. In riverine situations, prior to the alteration or relocation of a watercourse the applicant for such authorization shall notify the Wetlands Board ~~Board~~ Bureau of the New Hampshire Environmental Services Department and submit copies of such notification to the Building Inspector, in addition to the copies required by RSA 482-A:23 A.3. Further, the applicant shall be required to submit copies of said notification to those adjacent communities as determined by the Building Inspector, including notice of all scheduled hearings before the Wetlands Board.
2. The applicant shall submit to the Building Inspector, certification provided by a registered professional engineer, assuring that the flood carrying capacity of an altered or relocated watercourse can and will be maintained.
3. The Building Inspector shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any floodway data available from Federal, State, or other sources as criteria for requiring that all development located in Zone A meets the following floodway requirement:

“No encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development are allowed within the floodway that would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the base flood discharge.”

4. Along watercourses that have not had a Regulatory Floodway designated or determined by a Federal, State or other source; no new construction, substantial improvements, or other development (including fill) shall be permitted within Zones A1-30 and AE on the FIRM, unless it is demonstrated by the applicant that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community.
5. *Along watercourses with a designated Regulatory Floodway, no encroachments, including fill new construction, substantial improvements, and other development are allowed within the floodway unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practices that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the base flood discharge.*

### Item VIII

1. In special flood hazard areas the Building Inspector shall determine the 100 year flood elevation in the following order of precedence according to the data available:
  - a. In Zones ~~A1-30, AH and V1-30~~ Zone AE refer to the elevation data provided in the community's Flood Insurance Study and accompanying FIRM ~~or FFBM~~.
  - b. In ~~unnumbered~~ A zones the Building Inspector shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any 100 year flood elevation data available from any Federal, State or other source including data submitted for development proposals submitted to the community (i.e. subdivisions, sit approvals).
  - c. ~~In Zone AO the flood elevation is determined by adding the elevation of the highest adjacent grade to the depth number specified on the FIRM at least two (2) feet.~~
2. The Building Inspector's 100 year flood elevation determination will be used as criteria for requiring in Zones A, & AE ~~A1-30, AH and AO~~, that:
  - a. all new construction or substantial improvement of residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the 100 year flood elevation;
  - b. that all new construction or substantial improvements of non-residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the 100 year flood level; or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall:
    - i. be floodproofed so that below the 100 year flood elevation the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;

- ii. have structural components capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy; and
  - iii. be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions of this section;
- c. all manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved within special flood hazard areas shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above the base flood level; and be securely anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable state and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces.
- d. Recreational vehicles placed on sites within Zones A1-30, AH and AE shall either:
  - i. Be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days;
  - ii. Be fully licensed and ready for highway use, or
  - iii. Meet all standards of Section 60.3(b)(1) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations and the elevation and anchoring requirements for “manufactured homes” in Paragraph (c)(6) of Section 60.3
- e. For all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are subject to flooding are permitted provided they meet the following requirements:
  - i. The enclosed area is unfinished or flood resistant, usable solely for the parking of vehicles, building access or storage;
  - ii. The area is not a basement
  - iii. Shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwater

Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or must meet or exceed the following minimum criteria: A minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwater.



- ~~f. Proposed structures to be located on slopes of special flood hazard areas, Zones AH and AO shall include adequate drainage paths to guide flood waters around and away from the proposed structures.~~

Item IX – Variations and Appeals:

1. Any order, requirement, decision or determination of the Building Inspector made under this ordinance may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as set forth in RSA 676:5.
2. If the applicant, upon appeal, requests a variance as authorized by RSA 674:33, I(b), the applicant shall have the burden of showing in addition to the usual variance standards under state law:
  - a. That the variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, or extraordinary public expense.
  - b. That if the requested variance is for activity within a designated regulatory floodway, no increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge will result.
  - c. That the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
3. The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall notify the applicant in writing that:
  - a. The issuance of a variance to construct below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 or \$100 of insurance coverage, and
  - b. Such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.

Such notification shall be maintained with a record of all variance actions.

4. The community shall:
  - a. Maintain a record of all variance actions, including their justification for their issuance, and
  - b. Report such variances issued in its annual or biennial report submitted to FEMA's Federal Insurance Administrator



# TOWN OF BENNINGTON ZONING ORDINANCE

## Article XVI Enforcement and Administration

### A. Duty of Board of Selectmen

It shall be the duty of the Board of Selectmen to enforce and administer the provisions of this Ordinance. The Board of Selectmen or an appointed Building Inspector shall administer the zoning ordinance literally and shall not have the power to permit any use of land or building which is not in conformance with this Ordinance.

*Pursuant to RSA 674:51, the Building Inspector shall enforce the State Building Code. The Building Inspector shall review and determine compliance of building plans, issue building permits, inspect the work authorized by the building permits, issue appropriate use and occupancy certifications, and exercise other enforcement action as authorized by RSA 676.*

### B. Requirement of a Building Permit

A building permit shall be required prior to:

1. Beginning work on any construction projects covering more than one-hundred (100) square feet:
  - a. Placement of foundations
  - b. Moving or demolition of any structure
  - c. Placement of a building/structure on a lot (including mobile homes or manufactured housing)
2. Beginning work on any STRUCTURAL alterations, either exterior or interior
3. Beginning work on any alterations that result in a CHANGE OF USE, either exterior or interior
4. The placement or moving of any exterior sign.

Maintenance, repairs and redecoration that do not involve structural alterations or additions shall not require a building permit.

A building permit application shall be on a form provided by the Town, accompanied by all necessary descriptive information and a permit fee based on a schedule established by the Board of Selectmen.

A building permit shall be valid for one year.

The applicant shall have made an appreciable start (i.e. foundation installed and capped) within four months of the issuance of the building permit.

### C. Penalty

A violation of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than the maximum set by State law, with each day that such violation continues to be deemed a separate offense.

### D. Enforcement

The Board of Selectmen shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance by seeking an injunction, fines or other appropriate legal remedies in the local district court or superior court for the country.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

I am happy to report that I can start my article off the same as last year which is...I have two pieces of good information to report – the Police Department had a safe year and there was no turnover in personnel. I believe there has not been any turnover in personnel in at least five years due to the support received from Town officials and the citizens of Bennington. Also, good news for the Department and Officer – Phil Marcellino was promoted to Sergeant.

I don't want to forget Dotty Zabriskie. She has returned as the Crossing Guard for the fifth year. When you see her please thank her for what she does in keeping your children safe.

This year we added a Regional Prosecutor to the staffing ranks of the Bennington Police Department. The Prosecutor works for Antrim, Deering, and Bennington and has been a big asset in handling the criminal cases in court.

Bennington is a good place to live and a safe place to live. However, based on this past year, some things are changing regarding the amount of issues the Police Department has to deal with. With that being said, we again ask that you keep a watch in your neighborhood and report any suspicious activity to the Police. Crime cannot be eliminated; however, if we work together we can reduce it, which in turn makes it a better quality of life living in Bennington.

The Police Department continues to offer programs for the Community: bicycle helmets, gun safety locks, child safety seats, cell phones, teddy bears, and quilts. Because of supply and demand we might be out of some items; however, we are always working to get more. One new thing we did this year was donate used ski equipment and winter clothing. All items were donated. We assisted more than 50 people and will attempt to run the same program next year.

I understand that sometimes the decisions we make are not positive; however, you can be assured that we will be fair and professional in any decision we make. Remember, the Police Department has an open door policy, so please stop by and see us with any concerns or just to say hello.

This past year we had some success in receiving grant monies and we still have some pending. Some of our successful grants were: Speed and DWI Enforcement (\$4,500), Bicycle Helmets (\$750), Cruiser Video Cameras (\$11,000), and Cruiser Equipment through the Car 54 Project (\$20,000). Grant monies that are still pending are: Preliminary Breath Test Machine (\$700), Night Vision Glasses (\$4,500), and a Base Station Radio (\$6,500). This equates to approximately \$47,950 worth of grant monies!

Also for 2007, my budget request includes the following purchases/costs: shared cost of the Regional Prosecutor (\$13,000), Computer Software Programs (\$5,800), Chief's Conference (\$2,000) and a Ford Explorer Cruiser (Capital Reserve). I constantly strive to keep costs down as low (and realistic) as possible. Please contact me if you have questions about these or any other line items for the Police Department. Thank you for your support.

Statistics for the year – 5,366 calls. This number includes the following:

Criminal Cases: 415 (there were 424 in 2005)

Arrests: 243 (183 people; 243 different charges) (there were 218 in 2005)

Calls for Service: 1,688 (there were 1,474 in 2005)

Motor Vehicle Stops: 2,256 (there were 1,897 in 2005)

Things such as motor vehicle accidents, juvenile cases, animal complaints, community policing events, mutual aid and court (prior to the Prosecutor), and general administrative such as service as paperwork totaled 764.

Remember to visit [www.benningtonpd.com](http://www.benningtonpd.com) to see what is happening with your Police Department.

We are proud to be your Police Department and are committed to providing professional, fair, and courteous service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Steve Campbell  
Sergeant Phil Marcellino  
Officer Dave Chenard  
Officer Lester Milton

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Medical Calls	104	Mutual Aide Cover Truck	8
In Town Car Accidents	10	Mutual Aide to Scene	24
Mutual Aide Car Accidents	21	False Alarm Calls	7
Car Fires	2	Chimney Fires	1
Alarm System Calls	3	Structure Fires	3
Other Calls	16	Brush Fires	3
Power lines Down	4		

**Total Calls: 206**

The Bennington Fire Department has undergone a lot of changes this year. We added three new members, we had one member complete their EMT and another is awaiting their test results, one member completed their Firefighter Level Two Certification, and another member is working on their Firefighter One Certification.

We applied for and were awarded a grant from the State of New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands for wildland fire protective equipment. This grant is a 50/50 matching grant; Bennington's financial responsibility will be \$1,677. From a separate State of New Hampshire Homeland Security Grant, we received 24 new portable radios that have been issued to Officers and placed in each apparatus – the equivalent of nearly \$16,000 in radio communication devices!

This year we worked hand-in-hand with the Board of Selectmen to inventory our existing equipment and develop a more realistic and responsible method for replacing equipment. As a result of the inventory, we have identified two critical areas in dire need of replacement: 4" hose on Engine 1 and Firefighter Gear. The 4" supply hose on Engine 1 dates back to the early 1990s and will create a hazard to our members if not systematically replaced over the next few years. After inventorying the Firefighter Gear, we identified seven sets of outdated and unsafe Firefighter Gear that must be replaced in 2007. We also identified five medical responder personnel that do not have protective gear.

I am asking for your support of the Town's Budget, two Fire Department warrant articles, and the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. We are requesting support of a \$15,312 Firefighter and EMS Gear Warrant Article (#18) to replace the seven sets of outdated and unsafe Firefighter Gear and to purchase five new sets of Medical Gear to protect our responders. This Warrant Article is intended to fulfill an immediate need. The Fire Department will be applying for a grant to hopefully replace the remaining gear. We are also requesting support of a \$9,638 Warrant Article (#19) to purchase sixteen new dress uniforms.

This year we are requesting \$42,000 be approved to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund (Warrant Article #8). We are scheduled to replace the Rescue in 2008 and convert the existing cab/chassis into a Brush Truck. To meet the funding required, we have reallocated what would normally be put into the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund and included those funds in the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

The Bennington Firefighter's Association held two successful fundraising events to help to reduce the strain on the Town Budget. With our Second Annual Yard Sale and Breakfast With Santa events, the Association raised enough money to purchase a presentation projector for trainings, two rescue ropes with bags, portable scene lighting for Engine 1, and a GPS unit.

For those in scanner land wondering when we purchased a Tanker...we didn't. In October, after thoroughly researching the idea, the Mutual Aid system voted to update apparatus identifiers to meet common definition criteria. As a result, the former "4M2" will now be called 4 Tanker 1, "4M1" will now be called 4 Engine 1, "4R1" will be called 4 Rescue 1, and the Brush Truck will remain 4 Brush 1.

The new year will bring more improvements within the Department and a continued investment in our membership and the Town. We are always looking for new members to help volunteer in protecting our Town. If you can provide the time, we will provide the training and the gear. We are always looking for Auxiliary Members to support our Firefighters on scenes and with fundraising efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Joseph J. O'Brien



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

After a fairly mild and light 2005/2006 winter and spring cleanup, the Highway Department started its construction season with some repairs to Whittemore Lake Road. We dug out some rocks that were coming up through the roadway and graded out cold mix asphalt and added crushed gravel to the parking area. Next we hauled crushed gravel to all gravel roads and graded and raked them out.

In May it was time for more flooding. I don't know about you, but I've had enough water for a while! After it dried out we began to replace some culverts and add new ones to problem areas. Three new culverts were installed on Gillis Hill and one on Onset Road.

July and August brought more heavy rain and we had major washouts on Gillis Hill Road and Bible Hill Road. In September we also replaced culvert headwalls on Pierce Hill Road with concrete retaining blocks, new asphalt, and then loamed and seeded the area.

We also shimmed with 3/8 asphalt on Onset Road in preparation to chip seal the entire road. Asphalt chip sealing was done on North Bennington Road, as were Acre Street and Eaton Avenue. In 2006 we shimmed and chip sealed approximately three miles of road and we hope to accomplish the same in 2007.

Also in 2007, we would like to rebuild the entire roadway at Pine Meadows Circle. This would involve grinding up the old pavement, removal of clay and undesirable road materials, adding crushed gravel, reggrading and repaving with cold mix asphalt. Please support Warrant Article #17 to ensure Pine Meadows Circle is rebuilt before the roadway continues to deteriorate and the costs escalate.

We hope that this report finds you all happy and healthy from all of us at the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

David Blanchard, Road Agent

## HUMAN SERVICES

This year the Town of Bennington has seen an increase in requests for rental assistance and help with mortgage payments. The recent increases in the cost of fuel have placed an added financial burden on many residents. Additionally, several companies in the region have laid-off employees or are hiring temporary part-time employees to reduce their own costs, thus creating an available workforce and fewer jobs. Affordable housing still remains a problem in the entire area. There is a six-month to one-year waiting list to get approved residents into subsidized housing; and the NH Housing Choice Voucher Program has a three-year waiting list. This program is offered through New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority and provides residents a more versatile rental subsidy; one that can be used for various properties throughout the State. Lack of transportation also plays a major role for many of our residents to be able to get to their jobs.

Southwestern Community Services Outreach workers continue to help search for affordable housing and assist us with other pertinent needs of our clients. The Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter in Peterborough has provided needed shelter for our residents and provided them assistance with the goal toward self-sufficiency.

This office is mandated by State Law RSA 165.1. Pursuant to the law, citizens of our community are assisted and served, or as the law states "relieved and mandated." In addition to providing financial assistance to qualified applicants, the goal of this office is to help guide them toward self-sufficiency by providing guidance in family budgeting, making good choices in job and housing searches, educational opportunities, and directing them to various outside agencies for other needed services and subsidies.

The Town of Bennington would like to thank the generosity of the individuals and organizations that have made cash donations throughout the year. Any continued donations would be greatly appreciated, particularly in the form of gift cards for food or automobile gas. This helps provide immediate assistance that we would otherwise not be able to provide.

This year's Operation Santa 2006 was a great success due to the efforts of the Peterborough and Monadnock Rotary Clubs. Annually various individuals, schools and Human Service organizations throughout the region help provide gifts to young underprivileged children at Christmastime.

The Town of Bennington's Human Services Department provides funds for shelter, utilities, food and medical attention in a professional manner to those in need, in the most cost efficient way with a goal toward self-sufficiency. Contacts with clients and referrals are confidential.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine P. Lavery  
Human Services Director

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Cemetery Trustees put the mowing/trimming contract out to bid for the 2006 season. After reviewing several bids, the contract was awarded to Gagnon Landscapes out of Greenfield. Throughout the year, the Trustees have been very satisfied with Mr. Gagnon's work and have received a number of compliments from townspeople regarding the condition of the Cemeteries.

As in past years, the Trustees offer their thanks to the crew from the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections and Don Parker for their excellent work in the spring and fall cleanup of Sunnyside and Evergreen Cemeteries.

Jill Young has taken on the task this year of updating the records of deaths and burials in the notebooks at the Town Hall and the Library. A tree at the back of Evergreen Cemetery fell during the storms in March and was removed by the Trustees. Also during the Spring, the Trustees made a donation to the Library in Phil Traxler's memory.

The Trustees would also like to thank the members of the VFW for their annual efforts to replace the Veterans' flags in the Cemeteries.

In closing, we would like to take this opportunity to pay homage to Phil Traxler, a dedicated Cemetery Trustee from 1995 to 2005 who passed away in February 2006. Over the course of his tenure as Cemetery Trustee, Phil spent countless hours serving the Town and was instrumental in surveying the newer portions of Evergreen Cemetery, identifying, establishing, and documenting the location of lots, arranging for headstone repair and straightening of over 100 headstones in Sunnyside and Evergreen Cemeteries, establishing books for Sunnyside and Evergreen Cemeteries, overseeing cutting of trees and trimming of shrubs, acquiring assistance from Hillsborough County House of Corrections for labor to assist in raking and cleanup, painting the fence and restoration of the main gate at Sunnyside Cemetery, and instituting rules and regulations for Evergreen and Sunnyside Cemeteries. We miss Phil's energy, enthusiasm, and selfless dedication to the Town of Bennington.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn Manley  
Peter Martel  
Jill Young

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

As we look forward to what 2007 has in store for us, let's take a look back at the programs and events sponsored by the Recreation Committee in 2006.

**The Fishing Derby:** This annual event takes place on the last Saturday in April at Cold Springs Pond on Bible Hill Road. This year's Derby was sponsored by the Bennington Sportsman's Club, the Bennington Fire Department, and the Recreation Committee. Unlike last year, the weather actually cooperated for our future fishermen!

**Bennington Youth Baseball & Soccer:** Both programs ran very well this year. Thanks again to all the parents and volunteer coaches. Games are held at Sawyer Field on Route 202 and Newhall Youth Field on Bible Hill Road, depending on age and Field availability – please check out a game or two this year and support our kids!

**Whittemore Beach:** The beach improvements continued this year. A bench was added for the lifeguards. We were able to staff four great lifeguards this year with double coverage most of the summer. Our Swim Lessons Instructor divided the children by abilities and as a result, we offered two weeks of swimming lessons and two separate sessions keeping our groups small. Each session ended with a beach party which included certificates for the kids and snacks for all. We are always looking for lifeguards so if you are interested, stop by the Town Hall and complete an application.

**Visit with Santa, Sleigh Rides, Holiday Crafts and Tree Lighting:** This event was one of our most successful events for the year despite the unseasonably warm weather. Thanks (once again!) to the Trow family, everyone, both young and old, enjoyed a hayride through Town. This year Santa was tucked away in the Multi-purpose room at Pierce School and Santa's Helpers had hot chocolate and cookies ready for the kids after returning from the hayrides. Crafts and holiday movies kept the children occupied. A special thanks to Janice Tyler for handling the crafts for us this year. Thanks to Santa as well for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with our Town's kids. We then headed out to the Common to light our Town Christmas tree and sing a few holiday songs.

Unfortunately this year due to lack of participation we cancelled our Easter and Halloween events. However, we had a great year with the events we focused on. We are always open to new ideas and would love to see new faces at our meetings. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Byrne, Chair



## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Year 2006 was challenging for all election officials. We all worked together to comply with the HAVA (Help America Vote Act) requirements mandated by the Federal Government. The Supervisors struggled to learn the new data entry procedures for the centralized Voter Checklist, while the Town Clerk and her staff struggled with new accessibility requirements, including a space age voting booth designed to help visually impaired and other disabled voters cast their ballots. The Checklist Supervisors are pleased to report that we have made the complete transition to the Statewide (ElectioNet) Checklist, and while there is more to learn and a few bugs to iron out, things are going quite well.

This year's Town Elections will be Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Church on Route 31. The Polls will be open from 8am – 7pm.

As of this writing, Bennington has 975 registered voters: 235 Democrats, 308 Republicans, and 432 Undeclared voters. With only one Town/School District Election in the year coming, we expect this number to remain steady until the 2008 Presidential Primary/Election cycle begins.

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

Copies of the Bennington Checklist are available on request for \$10 for paper copies; \$7.50 for a floppy disc or CD; and \$5 via email. Organizations or individuals receiving the Checklist via email can receive free updates for a year after purchasing the Checklist. We encourage people to take this route, as it is by far the easiest. Prior years' registration cards and Checklists are open to inspection during regular Town Clerk hours. However, new privacy standards enacted with HAVA (the Federal "Help America Vote Act") require that registration forms starting from 2004 will be kept confidential. There are always printed copies of the most recent Checklist available for viewing. These "public" Checklists contain only voters' names, addresses and party affiliation.

## 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 legal photo I.D. (military or other government-issued photo I.D.) and some proof of domicile. Proof of domicile can be any reasonable documentation indicating that you live in Bennington, like a vehicle registration, 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 either the college town where they live now, 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 Ledger-Transcript, on the Town Hall bulletin board, and various other locations in town.
3. Register with the Town Clerk during regular Town Clerk business 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, 2008 to fill out a change form. After the June cutoff, you will not be able to change your party affiliation until *after* the Primary. So 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 obtained 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/onlinefzca.html> )

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

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And finally, we mourn the passage of Barbara Moorehead's husband, Lenny. We will miss his gentle soul and cheerful demeanor. Lenny always brightened up our long days at the polls, and we will miss his visits greatly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drusilla Cox  
Barbara Moorehead  
Victoria Turner

## BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year 2006 brought a few changes to the Bennington Historical Society. After serving as President for the last twenty-eight years, I informed the Board in September that, due to health reasons, I could not take the office again. I did agree to serve as Vice President. The elected Board members are: Arnold Cernota, President; David Glynn, Vice President; Carrie Whittemore, Secretary and Jean Cernota, Treasurer. The Directors are Frank Carrara, Sandy Cleary, Dorothy Glynn, Ellen Hill, Ron McClure, David Sysyn and Barbara Willis.

Our guest speaker at the fall meeting was Eric Tenney who spoke on the "Old Roads" in Bennington. Over twenty people attended this interesting lecture – refreshments were served.

The Children's Christmas Party for first and second graders was lots of fun and a huge success; gifts were presented to each child, the Sysyn family provided the music, and refreshments were served. On December 3, 2006 the Society held an Open House Christmas Party for the Townspeople; it was well attended and everyone had fun singing Christmas Carols accompanied by David and Tim Sysyn.

### The Society's annual financial report:

Savings Account	\$7,165.00
Money Market Account	\$27,614.00
Checking Account	\$18,143.00
CD for Building Maintenance	\$21,268.00

Pearl S. Walker made a gift of \$750,000 to the Society. The gift is invested through the New Hampshire Foundation and each year the Society receives income from this gift based on interest rates and investment directions. Pearl loved the Society and the Town of Bennington – let's all do her proud!

Other gifts to the Historical Museum came from Phillip and Betty Traxler; the Harriet Weston Estate, other area Historical Societies and David Glynn, who donated \$3,000 – the amount we would normally have made by our fundraising dinners.

One major change is taking place concerning our church, Saint Patrick's. The Church will be closing and a new parish, consisting of St. Patricks (Bennington), St. Peters (Peterborough), and Saint Dennis (Harrisville) will be formed called Divine Mercy Parish. Father Richard Smith retired and is serving at the Good Shepard Home in Jaffrey and Father Gerry Belanger is the new Pastor. Father Smith summered here in Bennington as a youth and after his education was ordained here at St. Patrick's. The Church closing will be a big adjustment for the third and fourth generations who built the beautiful one hundred and ten year old Church.

This was an El Nino year and the area endured forty-five straight days of rain in the spring and a very wet summer. There was no snow for Thanksgiving or for the Christmas Holidays, but the Crotched Mountain Ski Area was able to make snow for their patrons and enjoy their famous "Midnight Madness" night skiing.

Has anyone noticed all the "FOR SALE" signs throughout Town? The real estate boom has taken a turn southward and prices have come down, down, down.

Verna Paige, our faithful docent, will not be able to open the Bennington Historical Society Museum on Saturdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. from May through October. Thank you, Verna, from all of us! We are looking for help for the coming summer – if you could help, even for just a day or two, please contact Arnold Cernota.

The GEP Dodge Library celebrated its one hundredth birthday – Congratulations on serving the Town so well for so long!

Our representative to the House of the New Hampshire Legislature is now our very own Catriona Beck. Catriona was elected in November and represents Bennington, Greenfield, Frankestown and Deering.

I would like to say Thank You to my fellow members of the Society and the many friends who have supported me and the Society with monetary gifts and donations of precious time used on the Town's behalf. My thanks to the Verney family for selling the Bennington Historical Society the land for the Museum at such a nominal price and to the Town for its support in the early days – when Mr. LeCain first helped form the Society. My intentions now are to try and get a group together to write a more fact-finding History of Bennington.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Glynn, Vice President

## PIERCE SCHOOL PTO

Pierce School's year started off with an enrollment of 91 students. Pierce School continues to house a highly qualified and professional staff. The staff is involved in a variety of service activities when the teaching day is over. You'll find them serving on the Language Arts Committee, Professional Development Committee, Social Studies Committee, Technology Committee, and Jujitsu!

Open House was held on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was high and the staff was able to talk at length with parents and guardians about PBIS (Positive Behavior in School). Ribbons were awarded to parents that knew the three school rules, "**Be kind. Be Safe and do the right thing.**" The staff promotes logical consequences and involves students in planning for their successes. By incorporating the SWIS computer program they are able to track behavior and make informed decisions concerning problem behaviors and the support needed for students who require extra support.

Pierce School continues to house a very special program called AGIFT (Academic Growth through Individualized Fundamental Teaching). This unique program supports children throughout the ConVal School District and is a wonderful mix of inclusion and pull-out programming.

The Town of Bennington works hand-in-hand with Pierce School in a variety of ways. On the second Thursday of every month the "Community Supper" is hosted at the School and the Bennington Volunteer Fire Department and the Police Department both visited the school in October to help educate the children on fire prevention and personal safety.

Students are taking advantage of the Bruce Edes Memorial Forest and using it as a resource for many of our science units. It is a beautiful place!

Assemblies are held twice a month. The dates are listed in the "Happenings" page on the website. Visitors are always welcome to attend our assemblies. Pierce School will be holding its Second Literacy Night on April 17, 2007. It will be an exciting evening geared around literacy. The Currier Art Gallery will be at Pierce School on June 5, 2007 to help run their "Celebration of Learning" day.

PTO continues to support the students through the Annual Craft Fair, May Calendar Raffle, and the Open House Bake Sale. These funds support the Fine Arts programs within the school, Family Fun Nights, and have enabled the construction of a shed to store playground materials. Future purchases include playground improvements and baffles in the Multi-Purpose Room for better sound quality during presentations and performances.

Additional PTO fundraisers that anyone can contribute to are as follows:

**Box Tops for Education** – Our students collected over 3,400 Box Tops earning \$340 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** – Instead of throwing away your old ink/toner cartridges, pagers, or cellular phones, you can 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 \$160.

We would like to thank our local businesses that have supported our many activities. Thank you to all that help drive for field trips, volunteer at the School, the parents and teachers that volunteer their time, and the Community for their continued support.

*"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in" – Unknown*

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammie J. Blanchette, Co-President  
Rhonda Davie, Treasurer

Cheryl Jessie, Co-President  
Kassy Hoiriis, Secretary



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2006 was a great year for the Conservation Commission and the Town of Bennington! Through the generous donations of the Monadnock Paper Mill, Mr. Richard Verney, and the voters of Bennington, we were able to open the Bruce Edes Memorial Forest. The Memorial Forest was created by joining land acquired from the Monadnock Paper Mill and land owned by the Town of Bennington.

The Memorial Forest is located between Route 202 and the Contoocook River north of Pierce Hill Road. The Bruce Edes Memorial Forest can be approached from the VFW parking area then a short hike north on the railroad tracks to a marked hiking trail. The hiking trail was established through the efforts of the Conservation Commission members: Ken Cloutier, Valerie Germain, Letitia Rice, Jon Manley, and Dennis McKenney who, along with other volunteers, marked, cut, and cleaned the trail.

Saturday, September 9, 2006 was the official dedication and first hike of the Bruce Edes Memorial Forest. Conservation Commission members, along with Bruce Edes' family and friends, and Town Officials witnessed Bruce's wife, Arlene, cut the ribbon and officially open the Forest.

One goal of the Conservation Commission is to use the Bruce Edes Memorial Forest for educational purposes. Two classes from Pierce School have already enjoyed hikes. Kathleen Bickford's fifth grade ELP class at Great Brook School will be working with us to do research on plant material and geological features of the Forest and will help to prepare a map and identification guide for the trail. Michelle Stahl of Bennington is doing historical research on the property that will also be included in the trail guide.

Thank you all who have supported this venture and helped us to honor Bruce Edes as well as provide a recreational and educational area for all to enjoy. The trail is very accessible and inviting for all hikers in all seasons, so take advantage of our natural resource and GO TAKE A HIKE!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe MacGregor, Chair



Arlene Edes cutting the ribbon at the Bruce Edes Memorial Forest Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
*Photo courtesy of The Villager*

## SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

We would like to thank Donald Parker, Michael Tacy, Frank Dalton, and Roland Davison for doing an *excellent* job maintaining and helping patrons at the Transfer Station this year.

This year's Transfer Station revenues, between disposal goods and recyclables revenues were almost \$13,000. As of this year, the Town is recycling 31% of its trash collected. That's not bad for our Town!

In the up and coming months we will be phasing in an Electronic Recycling Program, better known as E-Waste. There will be a charge for all E-Waste items, such as televisions, computer monitors, printers, keyboards, computers, etc. E-Waste Recycling is mandatory by July 1, 2007. For pricing and information, please check with the attendants at the Transfer Station in the springtime.

Don't forget that the Hazardous Waste Program comes in the summer and fall. We have arranged for Bennington residents to dispose of their household hazardous waste in Keene at no charge. The dates for this program are as follows:

Saturday, July 7/Wednesday, July 11  
Saturday, July 21/Saturday, August 11  
Wednesday, August 15/Saturday, August 25  
Saturday, September 8/Wednesday, September 12  
Saturday, September 22/Saturday, October 13  
Wednesday, October 17/Saturday, October 27

All collections will be accepted at the Keene Solid Waste Facility off Route 12 North from 8am to 1pm. Take Route 12 North out of Keene for approximately five miles. The facility entrance is at the top of the hill on the left side of the road (sign out front). Proof of residency is required.

Without the snow this year, the sides of the roads are showing a lot of trash. If at all possible, maybe people that live on sections of roadways could pick up some trash. It would be a big help in the spring. As always, there would be no charge to bring the trash to the Transfer Station.

Our continued thanks go out to Transfer Station patrons and Transfer Station employees for helping to keep our facility clean.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Cuddemi  
Philip Germain  
Donald Parker

**SENATOR HAROLD JANEWAY  
DISTRICT 7**

As your State Senator, I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and wanted to report from the New Hampshire Senate on important state issues affecting you, as residents of Bennington.

Here are some statistics that may be of interest: The Town of Bennington received \$1,362,178.50 in state funding in 2006. Education grants made up \$1,222,257 of this total.

The balance of state aid consists of the following: \$52,398.50 from the Rooms and Meals Tax, as well as \$36,352 for Highway Block Grants, and \$51,171 in Revenue Sharing.

I am serving as a member of Senate Finance (vice-chair), Health and Human Services, Ways and Means, Wildlife, and the Fish and Game Committees. I have been appointed to the New Hampshire Retirement System Board of Trustees. I would be happy to hear from you on issues of concern.

In addition to the two overarching issues that will dominate this session; addressing the state supreme court's challenge to define education adequacy by June 30 and crafting a budget for the coming biennium, I will be concentrating on several key issues important to the citizens of New Hampshire: helping New Hampshire's working families by increasing the minimum wage, protecting New Hampshire citizen's health by supporting the smoking ban in restaurants and bars and increasing health care access and internet safety for children, protecting New Hampshire's special places and open spaces by increasing funding of the Land and Heritage Investment Program and supporting the Governor's initiative to reduce the dropout rate in our high schools.

If you wish to contact me about these or any other matters I hope you will do so. Please call me at (603) 271-3041 or email me at [harold.janeway@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:harold.janeway@leg.state.nh.us).

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2006**

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride &amp; Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
02/18/2006	Kathie E. Anderson James P. Standle	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
05/13/2006	Kathryn C. Michlik Justin P. Hafford	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/03/2006	Lisa A. Coleman William R. Pinkham	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/06/2006	Krystal M. Boyle Glenn J. Loucks	Littleton, NH Bennington, NH
06/30/2006	Elizabeth L. Nicholson Thomas M. O'Dougherty	Antrim, NH Bennington, NH
07/01/2006	Martha L. Hoagland Paul F. Duffy	Pittstown, NJ Bennington, NH
07/22/2006	Katie L. Howe Jeffrey W. Richardson	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
07/29/2006	Melissa A. Robertson Adam M. Perry	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/12/2006	Leslie L. LaPointe David E. Foster	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/26/2006	Stephanie A. Blanchette Peter E. Samuelson	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2006**

09/18/2006	Elizabeth A. Borelli David J. Lewis	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/07/2006	Jane M. Handy Larry L. Dustin	Bennington, NH Port Charlotte, FL
10/14/2006	Bernetta K. Mackenzie Jeffrey L. Putnam	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
11/24/2006	Letitia A. Rice Michael E. Boyd	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
12/09/2006	Cheryl J. Matthes Joseph R. Valley	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
12/27/2006	Stephanie A. Jones Craig A. Beland	Bennington, NH Ft. Lewis, WA

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

*Debra Belcher, Town Clerk*



**Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2006**

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father and Mother</u>
01/07/2006	Richard Dennis Smolag	Concord, NH	Richard Smolag/Christina Emond
02/05/2006	Kearyn Adirenea Kelly	Peterborough, NH	Paul Kelly/Jodene Tilton
03/11/2006	Rory Connor Magoon	Concord, NH	Sean and Belinda Ryan-Magoon
04/06/2006	Jack Vernon Ingram	Peterborough, NH	Jon and Kristin Ingram
04/12/2006	Ivan Joseph Lavoie	Concord, NH	Amanda Bush
05/19/2006	Zachary James-Elliott Overka	Nashua, NH	Jennifer McCreery
07/24/2006	Charles Foster Austin	Nashua, NH	Charles and Alyssa Austin
08/11/2006	Cailyn Paige Auterio	Concord, NH	Joab and Paula Auterio
08/20/2006	Gwendolyn Faye Clow	Peterborough, NH	Shawn Clow/Bethany Chamberlain
09/02/2006	Haley Christine Gagnon	Peterborough, NH	Brian Gagnon/Sara Brissette
09/03/2006	Justin Paul Hafford	Peterborough, NH	Justin and Kathryn Hafford
09/05/2006	Lillian Rose Clough	Peterborough, NH	Donald and Christina Clough
09/09/2006	William James Wilmoth	Peterborough, NH	Brian and Jill Wilmoth
10/02/2006	Emma Nicole Reed	Peterborough, NH	Kenneth and Tracy Reed
10/09/2006	Kayla Brooke Bond	Peterborough, NH	Joshua Bond/Randie Skinner
11/02/2006	Javier Garcia Goodwin	Peterborough, NH	Stephen and Blanca Goodwin
11/04/2006	Nadia Lee Solod	Keene, NH	Victor Solod/Courtney Hall

I hereby certify that the above report 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, 2006**

<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>
01/23/2006	John Dunham	Lebanon, NH	Irwin Dunham	Louise Eddy
02/02/2006	Philip Traxler	Bennington, NH	Paul Traxler	Dorothy Collins
02/08/2006	Keith Trottier	Lebanon, NH	Wilfred Trotier	Lucille Mayotte
04/27/2006	Donald Taylor	Bennington, NH	William Taylor	Charlotte Cuddihy
06/21/2006	Carl Dunlap	Hillsborough, NH	Fred Dunlap	Irene Crampton
07/16/2006	Pamela Cote	Greenfield, NH	Gerald Cote	Sylvia Miller
11/07/2006	David Traxler	Manchester, NH	Paul Traxler	Dorothy Collins
12/22/2006	Carroll Lewis Warren	Bennington, NH	Pearl Warren	Gladys Dodge

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

*Debra Belcher, Town Clerk*

## TOWN OF BENNINGTON

### TOWN OFFICE HOURS 588-2189

Town Hall	Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tax Collector	Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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	First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 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 6:00 p.m.
Trustees of Trust Funds	Second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Library
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Second Thursday 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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