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TOWN OF BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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Thank you to everyone who shared their photographs. Unfortunately we were not able to print them all. We encourage everyone to submit photos of community interest for consideration in next year's annual report.

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ANNUAL REPORTS

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TOWN OFFICIALS

of

**BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

TOWN OFFICIALS

For the Year 2007

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 2010

TOWN CLERK

Debra Belcher

Term Expires 2010

TOWN TREASURER

Joyce L. Miner

Term Expires 2008

TAX COLLECTOR

Kristie J. French

Appointed

ROAD AGENT

Appointed by the Selectmen

David Blanchard

Term Expires 2008

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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

Term Expires 2008

Term Expires 2008

Term Expires 2009

Term Expires 2010

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Appointed by State

DJ Warner, Warden
Chester Heinzman, Deputy Warden

Kristie French, Deputy Warden
Joseph O'Brien, Deputy Warden

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Arthur Knight

Term Expires 2009

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appointed by Moderator

Melissa Clark
Harvey Goodwin, Chair

Lucien Lizotte

Valerie Germain
Debra Whitney

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

David Blanchard

Joseph Cuddemi

Donald Parker

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Barbara E. Moorehead
Druscilla Cox
Victoria Turner

Term Expires 2008
Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2012

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Rich Page
Valerie Germain
Leslie MacGregor

Term Expires 2008
Term Expires 2009
Term Expires 2010

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

Christine Lavery

Appointed

CHIEF OF POLICE

C. Stephen Campbell

Appointed

ADMINISTRATOR

Denise P. French

Appointed

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Barry White	Term Expires 2008
Jill S. Young, Chair	Term Expires 2009
Thomas J. Belcher	Term Expires 2010

PLANNING BOARD

Christopher Burnham (Alternate)	Term Expires 2008
Joseph Cuddemi, Ex-Officio	Term Expires 2008
Edward Pelletier	Term Expires 2008
Barry White, Alternate	Term Expires 2008
Peter Eppig, Vice Chair	Term Expires 2010
Mark Mackesy	Term Expires 2010
Jeffrey Rose, Chair	Term Expires 2010

HEALTH OFFICER

Peter Hopkins	Appointed
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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Jane Pelletier, Chair	Term Expires 2008
John Tyler	Term Expires 2008
Christopher Clough (Alternate)	Term Expires 2009
Judy Heddy, Vice-Chair	Term Expires 2009
Peter Martel	Term Expires 2009
Barbara Moorehead	Term Expires 2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph MacGregor, Chair	Term Expires 2008
Jonathan Manley	Term Expires 2008
John J. Cronin, III	Term Expires 2009
Valerie Germain	Term Expires 2009
Dennis McKenney	Term Expires 2010
Letitia Rice	Term Expires 2010

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph Cuddemi	Philip Germain	Harvey Goodwin
Joseph MacGregor, Chair	Robyn Manley	James Trow

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Glenn Wilson
Rob Horn
Mark Chase

Term Expires 2008
Term Expires 2009
Term Expires 2010

NEWHALL PARK BOARD

Appointed by Selectmen

David Parker
Priscilla Roberts, Alternate
David Baker
Gretchen Hutton

Term Expires 2008
Term Expires 2008
Term Expires 2009
Term Expires 2010

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph O'Brien, Chief
Kristie French, Assistant Chief

Term Expires 2008
Term Expires 2008

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Appointed by Selectmen

C. Stephen Campbell, Director

Kristie French, Assistant Director

RECREATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Melissa Clark

Philip Germain, ex-officio

Wanda Grant

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Peter Hopkins

Appointed by Selectmen

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

David Blanchard

C. Stephen Campbell

Joseph Cuddemi

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

David Blanchard
Denise French
Joseph MacGregor

C. Stephen Campbell
Rick Reed, Chair

Laurent Cote
Kristie French
Barry White

...In Memory of Those Town

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



Glenn J. Loucks, Sr.
1959 – 2007

Glenn first came to Bennington in 1965. He held a deep appreciation for the beauty and history of the Whittemore Lake area. He served the Town of Bennington on the Pierce School Site Committee, was a former Selectman, and was an Alternate member on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Glenn was a loving father to his son Glenn Jr.

"Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice, moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue"

~Barry Goldwater~

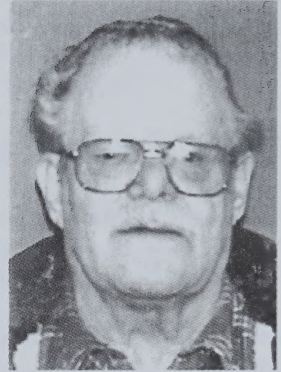


Barbara Huntley
1920 – 2007

A direct descendant of a family that came to America on the Mayflower, Barbara was a resident of Bennington for 50 years. She served the Town as Welfare Officer, Health Officer, was the Town's Bail Commissioner, was a Notary Public, and a Justice of the Peace. She was the last Town servant to conduct Town business out of her home. With the help of her husband Mike, she organized the Toys for Tots program in Bennington.

Servants We Lost in 2007...

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



Donald M. Clough
1933 – 2007

A retired Deputy Fire Chief and Korean War Veteran, Don was a life-long resident of Bennington. Married for 57 years, he and his wife Doris had three children. He was the loving grandfather of six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A former truck driver for DD Bean, Don loved to fish, hunt, and bowl, and was a member of the Antrim Legion Post 50 and the Masons of Frankestown.



Roy J. Johnson
1928 – 2007

A Korean War Veteran, Roy moved to Bennington in 1985 and lived with his wife Harriet at Stony Brook Farm. He served as Trustee of Trust Funds and was a Water and Sewer Commissioner. Roy enjoyed playing cards, cribbage, and was an avid reader. Upon his wife's passing in 2004, Roy returned to Maine where he had raised his family and was a successful business man.

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 fifth of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, the eleventh 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. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling (one million three hundred forty nine thousand three hundred eighty two dollars) \$1,349,382? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be (one million two hundred ninety one thousand one hundred fifty dollars) \$1,291,150, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
3. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
5. 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 Budget Committee)
6. 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 Budget Committee)
7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

8. 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 Budget Committee)
9. 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 Budget Committee)
10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the purpose of funding The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center programs and services? The appropriation would provide \$3,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center.
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) for the purpose of supporting the Contoocook Housing Trust? The nonprofit organization owns two properties in the Town of Bennington and provides workforce housing.
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
15. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29-a, for the Surviving Spouse Tax Credit? The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any of the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28, shall receive a tax credit in the amount of \$700.00.
(Recommended by the Selectmen)
16. Shall the Town vote to authorize the appointment rather than the election of the Town Treasurer?
(Recommended by the Selectmen)
17. Shall the Town vote to alter the manner in which positions on the Planning Board are filled, from elected to appointed, as provided for in RSA 673:2, II(c)?
(Recommended by the Selectmen)

18. Shall the Town vote to adopt RSA 31:19 which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to accept and hold in Trust, gifts, legacies, and devises for any public purpose that is allowed without further action by the Town. This authority to accept Trusts shall be granted indefinitely or until there is a vote to rescind this authority.

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

19. Shall the Town vote to accept the gift of real estate, identified as Map 9, Lot 12, from Brown & Knight VFW Post 8268? The deed would convey 100% ownership of land and buildings located at 9 Hancock Road to the Town of Bennington.

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

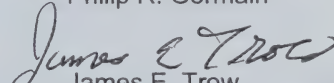
20. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

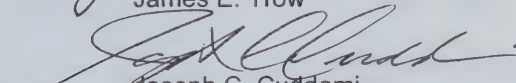
Resolved: We the citizens of Bennington, New Hampshire believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

(Petitioned Warrant Article)

Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight.

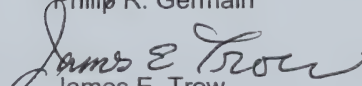

Philip R. Germain



James E. Trow


Joseph C. Cuddemi

a true copy of Warrant – Attest


Philip R. Germain


James E. Trow


Joseph C. Cuddemi

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

IMPORTANT:


Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

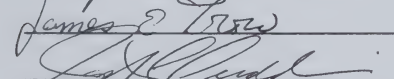
1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be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


This form was posted with the warrant on January 24, 2008

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.







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)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		118,083	115,128	128,073
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		35,487	30,138	37,754
4150-4151	Financial Administration		15,745	14,133	16,765
4152	Revaluation of Property		-	-	-
4153	Legal Expense		10,000	8,772	11,750
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		168,234	161,409	163,639
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		8,650	37,488	7,200
4194	General Government Buildings		17,800	14,600	17,300
4195	Cemeteries		4,950	5,615	7,675
4196	Insurance		19,000	17,150	19,500
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		-	-	-
4199	Other General Government		4,100	2,100	4,100
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		196,406	194,932	213,311
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,000	8,000	8,000
4220-4229	Fire		70,943	64,162	70,020
4240-4249	Building Inspection		5,500	2,850	4,000
4290-4298	Emergency Management		-	-	6,915
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		-	-	-
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations		-	-	-
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		108,113	114,507	122,151
4312	Highways & Streets		133,000	143,431	137,000
4313	Bridges		-	-	-
4316	Street Lighting		7,000	6,917	7,500
4319	Other		-	-	-
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		29,120	28,676	30,354
4323	Solid Waste Collection		800	562	1,600
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		62,950	59,576	65,100
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		-	-	-
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		33,100	31,543	34,100

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		27,850	28,181	29,350
4332	Water Services		23,800	25,570	23,400
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		-	-	-
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		-	-	-
4353	Purchase Costs		-	-	-
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		-	-	-
4359	Other Electric Costs		-	-	-
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		750	0	750
4414	Pest Control		450	400	450
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,800	5,800	5,881
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		11,205	7,464	11,055
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		600	520	600
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,100	1,925	4,750
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		27,500	21,817	27,500
4550-4559	Library		91,662	89,240	98,203
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,000	1,004	1,000
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1,464	2,464	2,464
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	175	675
4619	Other Conservation		1,000	0	500
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING		-	-	-
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		21,750	21,750	21,750
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		5,412	5,383	4,247
4723	InL. on Tax Anticipation Notes		3,000	0	3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		-	-	-

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuig FY (RECOMMENDED)
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		-	-	-
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		-	-	-
4903	Buildings		-	-	-
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		-	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			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		-	-	-
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			1,284,999	1,273,382	1,349,382

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	Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	3	0	0	20,000
4915	Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund	4	20,000	20,000	25,000
4915	Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	5	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	6	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund	7	42,000	42,003	20,000
4915	Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund	8	12,500	12,500	12,500
4915	Water Department Capital Reserve Fund	9	8,000	8,000	8,000
4915	Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund	10	5,000	5,000	2,000
4915	Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund		15,000	15,000	0
4915	Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund		5,000	5,000	0
4915	Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	11	15,000	15,000	40,000
4915	Library Capital Reserve Fund	12	5,000	5,000	5,000
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	142,500

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES
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"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	The Grapevine Resource Center	16	3,000	3,000	0
4957	Firefighter/EMS Gear	18	15,312	14,699	0
4958	The Grapevine Resource Center	13	0	0	4,000
4958	Contocook Housing Trust	14	0	0	300
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	4,300

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		30,000	13,800	20,000
3180	Resident Taxes		-	-	-
3185	Timber Taxes		7,000	8,559	7,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		500	500	500
3189	Other Taxes		-	-	-
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		27,000	25,517	25,000
	Inventory Penalties		5,000	4,967	5,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$0.02 cents per cu yd)		3,000	4,328	3,800
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		2,500	345	350
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		235,000	220,334	220,000
3230	Building Permits		800	1,168	1,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		5,000	6,533	6,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		-	6,059	-
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		27,000	51,171	50,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		58,000	63,523	63,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		37,000	36,438	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	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		-	-	-
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		14,000	2,362	2,000
3409	Other Charges		-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		-	500	200
3502	Interest on Investments		8,000	9,068	8,000
3503-3509	Other		-	15,070	15,000

BUDGET - TOWN OF BENNINGTON FY 2008

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		-	-	-
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		-	-	-
3914	From Enterprise Funds		-	-	-
	Sewer - (Offset)		25,000	24,490	25,000
	Water - (Offset)		45,000	47,815	45,000
	Electric - (Offset)		-	-	-
	Airport - (Offset)		-	-	-
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		-	-	-
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		-	-	-
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds		-	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		-	-	-
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		-	-	-
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		-	-	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			529,800	542,547	534,350

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1,284,999	1,349,382
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	137,500	142,500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	18,312	4,300
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,440,811	1,496,182
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	529,800	534,350
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	911,011	961,832

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON

For the Ensuing Year January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

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

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Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2008

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	118,083	1,782	-	119,865
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	35,487	3,637	-	39,124
4150-4151	Financial Administration	15,745	-	-	15,745
4152	Revaluation of Property	-	-	-	-
4153	Legal Expense	10,000	-	-	10,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	168,234	1,111	-	169,345
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	8,650	-	-	8,650
4194	General Government Buildings	17,800	48	-	17,848
4195	Cemeteries	4,950	200	-	5,150
4196	Insurance	19,000	-	-	19,000
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	-	-	-	-
4199	Other General Government	4,100	-	-	4,100
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	196,406	10,684	5,500	201,590
4215-4219	Ambulance	8,000	-	-	8,000
4220-4229	Fire	70,943	1,474	13,147	59,270
4240-4249	Building Inspection	5,500	-	-	5,500
4290-4298	Emergency Management	-	-	-	-
4299	Other (incl. Communications)	-	-	-	-
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations	-	-	-	-
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	108,113	2,389	-	110,502
4312	Highways & Streets	133,000	-	-	133,000
4313	Bridges	-	-	-	-
4316	Street Lighting	7,000	-	-	7,000
4319	Other	-	-	-	-
SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration	29,120	618	-	29,738
4323	Solid Waste Collection	800	800	-	1,600
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	62,950	2,000	-	64,950
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	-	-	-	-
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	33,100	-	-	33,100

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2008

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	27,850	-	-	27,850
4332	Water Services	23,800	116	-	23,916
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other	-	-	-	-
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	450	-	-	450
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5,800	81	-	5,881
WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	11,205	-	-	11,205
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts	600	-	-	600
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	4,100	-	-	4,100
CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	27,500	-	-	27,500
4550-4559	Library	91,662	1,023	-	92,685
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,000	-	-	1,000
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	1,000	-	-	1,000
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING	-	-	-	-
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	-	-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	21,750	-	-	21,750
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	5,412	(1,165)	-	4,247
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000	-	-	3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	-	-	-	-

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2008

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		1,284,999	24,798	18,647	1,291,150

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

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
4130	53rd Pay Period	4721	Debt service interest
4140	In 2008 there are 4 elections; in 2007 there was 1 election		
4140	53rd Pay Period		
4155	53rd Pay Period		
4194	53rd Pay Period		
4195	Contractual Obligation		
4210	53rd Pay Period		
4210	Contractual Obligation		
4220	Contractual Obligation		
4311	53rd Pay Period		
4321	53rd Pay Period		
4323	Contractual Obligation		
4324	Contractual Obligation		
4332	53rd Pay Period		
4415	Contractual Obligation		
4550	53rd Pay Period		

FORM
MS-1

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
FORM MS-1 FOR 2007**

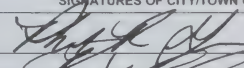

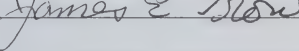
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PO Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 Phone (603) 271-2687
Email: nduffy@rev.state.nh.us

Original Date: _____	2007
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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	
JOSEPH C. CUDDEMI	
JAMES E. TROW	

Date signed September 12, 2007 Check One: Governing Body Assessors
City/Town Telephone # 588-2189 Due Date: **September 1, 2007**

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.

LAND	Lines 1A, B, C, D, E & F List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic & paving)	NUMBER OF ACRES	2007 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
BUILDINGS	Lines 2A, B, C and D List all buildings.		
1 VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4	A Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See page 10)	4648.161	\$ 430,927
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)		1883.359	\$ 28,876,300
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)		6690.690	\$ 31,944,427
H Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 1,808,300)		267.430	
2 VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B	A Residential		\$ 70,296,700
B Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			\$ 1,773,800
C Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Public Buildings)			\$ 9,974,800
D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	Number of Structures	0	0
E. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)			\$ 82,045,300
F Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 6,052,200)			
3 PUBLIC UTILITIES (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
4 MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER (RSA 79:5)			
5 VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4)	This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.		\$ 116,906,827
6 Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance)	Total # granted	0	0
7 Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b	Total # granted	0	0
8 Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	Total # granted	0	0
9 School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each) (See page 10)	Total # granted	0	0
10 Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a	Total # granted	0	0
11 MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10)	This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value of your municipality.		\$ 116,906,827
12 Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	Total # granted	1	\$ 15,000
	Amount granted per exemption	15,000	
13 Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a & b	Total # granted	27	\$ 1,394,900
14 Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	Total # granted	0	0
	Amount granted per exemption	0	
15 Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	Total # granted	0	0
	Amount granted per exemption	1,000	

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)			\$ 1,409,900
21	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		(Line 11 minus Line 20)	\$ 115,496,927
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)			\$ 114,453,727

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)

2007
VALUATION

PUBLIC SERVICE OF N.H.	\$ 1,043,200
A1. TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	\$ 1,043,200

GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES

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

WATER & SEWER COMPANIES

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

GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES (Sum of Lines A1, A2, and A3)
This grand total of all sections must agree with the total listed on page 2, line 3A.

\$ 1,043,200

SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies).
(Attach additional sheet if needed.)

2007
VALUATION

MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC	\$ 1,873,900
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B. Total must agree with total listed on Page 2, Line 3B.	\$ 1,873,900

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
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TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	*NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty. RSA 72:35	\$ 700 minimum	0	0
Enter optional amount adopted by municipality \$ 2,000	\$ 0	2	\$ 4,000
Other war service credits. RSA 72:28	\$ 50 minimum	0	0
Enter optional amount adopted by municipality \$ 500	\$ 0	66	\$ 33,000
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		68	\$ 37,000

*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			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	8	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
75 - 79	0	\$ 50,000	75 - 79	9	\$ 450,000	\$ 447,500
80 +	1	\$ 75,000	80 +	10	\$ 750,000	\$ 747,400
			TOTAL	27		\$ 1,394,900
Must Match Page 2, Line 13						
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$ 23,500	ASSET LIMIT:	SINGLE	\$ 75,000	
	MARRIED	\$ 35,500		MARRIED	\$ 75,000	

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
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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	1,662,502
FOREST LAND	1,270,649	\$ 159,573	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND W/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	2,919,162	\$ 221,741		TOTAL NUMBER
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	43,300	\$ 555	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	77
WETLAND	252,850	\$ 3,504	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	144
TOTAL (must match page 2)	4,648,161	\$ 430,927		

LAND USE CHANGE TAX	
GROSS MONIES RECEIVED FOR CALENDAR YEAR (January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006) 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		TOTAL NUMBER
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	0	0	TOTAL No. OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RES.	0
WETLAND	0	0	TOTAL No. OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RES.	0
TOTAL (must match page 2)	0	0		

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

DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS - RSA 79-D Historical Agricultural Structures		
TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS GRANTED (i.e.: Bams, 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
Slate 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 Antim
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

TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2007 TOWN MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION - SESSION 1
AND
MARCH 13, 2007 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS - SESSION 2

Session 1 of the 2007 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington, New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief moment of silence for the Town's citizens who have passed away in the last year. 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 13, 2007 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 Tuesday, the sixth of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at Saint 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 Officials for the year ensuing. The March 13th election results are as follows:

Selectman (3 years)	James J. Trow
Town Clerk (3 years)	Debra Belcher
Treasurer (1 year)	Joyce Miner
Library Trustee (3 years)	Laurie Mackeigan
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Thomas J. Belcher
Water and Sewer Commissioner (3 years)	Mark Chase
Planning Board Member (3 years)	Peter Eppig
Planning Board Member (3 years)	Mark J. Mackesy
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)	Barbara Moorehead
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)	Judith Heddy (write-in)
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)	Leslie MacGregor
School Board Representative (2 years)	Arthur Knight

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 968 registered voters. During Election Day, 10 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voters Checklist totaled 978 voters. A total of 332 cast their ballots in this election, which was a 33% voter turnout.

The Deliberative Town Meeting, Session 1 was attended by 23 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated the following articles:

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.

Note: Selectman Germain gave a brief description of the article noting that this article is needed in order for the Town to have National Flood Insurance. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 247 NO- 70
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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-A to adopt enforcement of the State Building Codes as set forth in RSA 155-A? The full text of the proposed Amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the Town Report.

Note: Selectman Germain noted that this article would give the Town the ability to enforce the State Building Code. Peter Martel questioned the fees that would be involved. He also stated a concern about appeals needing to be filed with the Zoning Board. Selectman Germain informed Mr. Martel that the fees were discussed at the public hearing for the building code. No fee schedule was set at the hearing but it was discussed.

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Hopkins explained that the fees cover the Town's expense of the inspector's fees. The Zoning Board involvement would be in the instance of an appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the inspector's findings. Mr. Martel asked if the Town's council has reviewed this. Selectman Germain stated that Town Council has reviewed it and a fee schedule has been set with possible adjustments to be made if the article were to pass. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 179 NO- 129
THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriation voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the budget proposed with 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.

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

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 184 NO- 132
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

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

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 209 NO- 109
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

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

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 208 NO- 112
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

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

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 238 NO- 80
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

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

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 212 NO- 111
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: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 194 NO- 126
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 written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 204 NO- 114
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 192 NO- 122
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 written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 169 NO- 147
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 written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 200 NO- 117
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article noting that the Town has solicited 5 engineering firms and are reviewing the proposals. It is possible that the reconstruction of the sidewalks could start this summer.

Peter Martel stated that he appreciates all the time that the selectmen put in at the Town Hall. Peter inquired what the total sum of all the warrant articles was this year and last year. Selectman Germain referred Mr. Martel to page 7 of the budget summary, noting that the sum was down \$30,000 from the prior year. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 194 NO- 126
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 written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 221 NO- 99
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, Frankestown, and Hancock? This amount represents the Town of Bennington's portion of the funds needed to support The Grapevine.

Note: Selectman Germain explained that this is the second year of Town funding for The Grapevine program. It is a local based assistance program that has benefited many of the Town's citizens. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 225 NO-93
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

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

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 146 NO- 168
THE ARTICLE FAILED

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?

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article noting that the Fire Department has done a complete inventory of their equipment. There is equipment that needs to be replaced to keep the Firefighters safe. Chief O'Brien stated that the Department has 7 sets of gear that are out of date and no longer safe.

Mark Mackesy asked if the sets of gear were specific to each individual firefighter or if it can be passed on to another firefighter. Chief O'Brien responded that firefighting gear is passed on as needed. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES-252 NO- 69
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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?

Note: Selectman Germain stated that a sample of the dress uniform the Fire Department would like to purchase should be on display at voting. The dress uniforms will be used for public functions. Chief O'Brien noted that at this time only 2 people on the Fire Department have dress uniforms. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 123 NO- 196
THE ARTICLE FAILED

20. Shall the town vote to discontinue the Class VI road known as Reservoir Road from Route 47 through Larkin Hill Road, so long as said distance 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.

Note: Joseph MacGregor inquired if the road in question goes to the pond and the Sportsman's Club. Selectman Trow noted that the Town would maintain a right-of-way to go through as is

needed. Peter Martel questioned why the Town would discontinue a class VI road. Selectman Trow explained that it is not clear if the road is owned by the Town or by the Stewarts. The Town would like to avoid a possible court expense and retain a right-of-way.

Peter Martel asked for clarification on the warrant articles. Selectman Germain explained that the articles represent a lot of one time expenses.

No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 239 NO- 72
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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 Selectmen?

Note: Selectman Germain explained that this article has been put before the voters before. The Zoning Board of Adjustment has a history of filling vacant positions with write-in votes having only one or two votes. Joseph MacGregor inquired about the procedure to fill a vacancy if a Board member were to step down before their term was up. It was noted that a new member would be appointed.

Peter Martel stated that the voters turned down this warrant article last year. There is an open position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment this year. Mr. Martel noted that he tried to recruit candidates for the position. The Selectmen will have to find some one to fill the position if it remains vacant but the voters should have say about it.

Victoria Turner stated that people do not participate enough. There is not enough information for the public. Ms. Turner felt that it makes more sense to have people elected than appointed. Selectman Germain noted that the position was posted in the local newspapers and on the Town's website. Moderator Cronin added that this is not just a Bennington problem but that volunteerism appears to be a dying art. The younger people of the community need to be encouraged to volunteer.

Anne Leger expressed a concern that if the Selectmen assign positions to a board, there could be an issue with favoritism. Continuing to elect people for the positions can help to keep the process pure.

Lisa Shingler stated that as a Library Trustee, she has a list of potential alternates as a back-up. Potential trustees are always being recruited. If you have been an alternate, you will know what is expected as a trustee.

Selectman Germain noted that Bennington used to elect their Chief of Police. That position is now an appointed one.

Mr. Martel stated that he is glad that Barbara Moorehead was running for a position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. If he had known that there was an empty position, he would send someone down to run for it. He also stated that on an occasion the Zoning Board of Adjustment sits in on the Selectmen and it could be a conflict of interest to have the Selectmen appoint a Zoning Board Member.

No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 161 NO- 151
THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. Shall the Town go on record in support of effective actions by the President and 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 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.

Note: Heidi Schweiger spoke to the article noting that it is a grassroots, State wide movement to help start people thinking about global warming. This is a non-binding article meant to be a head count stating that we are concerned.

Sam Cohen questioned if the language was amendable. He suggested that wording be changed to allegedly harmful as he feels global warming has not been proved. Moderator Cronin explained that amendments to warrant articles need to be in writing.

Selectman Germain asked if the wording was the same statewide. Ms. Schweiger noted that it was though she did not know how many towns had petitioned for warrant articles. Lisa Shingler asked if the wording could be changed since it is a petitioned warrant article. Moderator Cronin noted that the wording could not be changed. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/07 RESULTS: YES- 207 NO- 100
THE ARTICLE PASSED

Joseph MacGregor reminded all that the Conval District SAU Meeting part 1 was scheduled for February 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged all to attend.

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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Debra Belcher
Town Clerk

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

Date of Meeting: March 13, 2007

Town of Bennington

County of Hillsborough

7 School Street, #101

Bennington, New Hampshire 03442

Phone #: 588-2189

Fax #: 588-8005

E-Mail: townofbenn@tds.net

Certificate of Appropriations

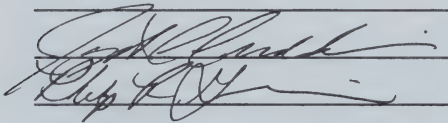
(To be Completed After Annual or Special Meeting)

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: March 21, 2007



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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).

1	2	3	4	5
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		118,083	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		35,487	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		15,745	
4152	Revaluation of Property		0	
4153	Legal Expense		10,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		168,234	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		8,650	
4194	General Government Buildings		17,800	
4195	Cemeteries		4,950	
4196	Insurance		19,000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		0	
4199	Other General Government		4,100	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		196,406	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,000	
4220-4229	Fire		70,943	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		5,500	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		0	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		0	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		108,113	
4312	Highways & Streets		133,000	
4313	Bridges		0	
4316	Street Lighting		7,000	
4319	Other		0	
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		29,120	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		800	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		62,950	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		33,100	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		27,850	
4332	Water Services		21,300	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		2,500	
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4359	Electrical Operations		0	

1	2	3	4	5
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
HEALTH				
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		750	
4414	Pest Control		450	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,800	
WELFARE				
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		11,205	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		600	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,100	
CULTURE & RECREATION				
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		27,500	
4550-4559	Library		91,662	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1,464	
CONSERVATION				
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	
4619	Other Conservation		1,000	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING		0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		0	
DEBT SERVICE				
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes		21,750	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		5,412	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note		3,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		0	
4903	Buildings		0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs		0	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		0	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		0	
4914	To Proprietary Fund		0	
	Sewer-		0	
	Water-		0	
	Electric-		0	
	Airport-		0	
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		137,500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917		0	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds		0	
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		0	
4919	To Agency Funds	16 & 18	18,312	
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			1,440,811	

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

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, 2007 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, 2008

FORM F-65 (MS-5)

(6-26-2007)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION



**ANNUAL CITY/TOWN
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Town of Bennington
Chairman Board of Selectmen
7 School Street Unit# 101
Bennington, NH 03442

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

PLEASE
RETURN
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Municipal Services Division
PO Box 487
Concord, NH 03302-0487
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Part I GENERAL FUND - Revenues and expenditures for the period - Specify -

January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007
OR
July 1, 200__ to June 30, 200__

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual

	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
1. Revenue from taxes (Including state education)		
a. Property taxes (commitment less overlay plus Section C, line 6, column (c), page 12)	3110	\$ 2,405,366
b. State and local taxes assessed for school districts	\$ 1,448,968 4933	
c. Land use change taxes - General Fund	3120	18,300
d. Land use change taxes - Conservation Fund	3121	
e. Resident taxes	3180	
f. Timber taxes	3185	8,187
g. Payments in lieu of taxes	3186	500
h. Other taxes (Explain on separate schedule)	3189	
i. Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	3190	25,441
j. Excavation Tax (@ \$.02 per cu. yd.)	3187	4,328
k. TOTAL (Excluding line 1b)		\$ 2,462,122
2. TOTAL revenues for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)		\$
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees		
a. Business licenses and permits	3210	345
b. Motor vehicle permit fees	3220	220,334
c. Building permits	3230	1,168

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees (Continued)			
d. Other licensing and permit taxes		3290	6,533
e. TOTAL			\$ 228,380
4. Revenue from the federal government			
a. Housing and urban renewal (HUD)		3311	\$
b. Environmental protection		3312	
c. Other federal grants and reimbursements - Specify -			
		3319	
d. TOTAL			\$
5. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire			
a. Shared revenue block grant		3351	\$ 51,171
b. Meals and rooms distribution		3352	63,523
c. Highway block grant		3353	36,438
d. Water pollution grants		3354	
e. Housing and community development		3355	
f. State and federal forest land reimbursement		3356	
g. Flood control reimbursement		3357	
h. Other state grants and reimbursements - Specify -			
Police DWI / Speed Patrols Grants 6,059			
Transportation Enhancement Grant 31,938		3359	37,997
i. TOTAL			\$ 189,129
6. Revenue from other governments			
Intergovernmental revenue - Other		3379	\$
7. Revenue from charges for services (Exclude interfund transfers)			
a. Income from departments		3401	\$ 1,545
b. Water supply system charges		3402	46,951
c. Sewer user charges		3403	24,761
d. Garbage-refuse charges		3404	13,457
e. Electric user charges		3405	
f. Airport fees		3406	
g. Parking			
h. Transit or bus system			
i. Parks and Recreation			
j. Cemeteries			
k. Toll highways			
l. Other Charges		3409	1,023
m. TOTAL			\$ 87,737

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)		
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
8. Revenue from miscellaneous sources		
a. Special assessments	3500	U01 \$
b. Sale of municipal property	3501	U11 1,281
c. Interest on investments	3502	U20 9,072
d. Rents of property	3503	U40
e. Fines and forfeits	3504	U30 950
f. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	U99
g. Contributions and donations	3508	U50
h. Other miscellaneous sources not otherwise classified	3509	U99 4,039
i. TOTAL		\$ 15,342
9. Interfund operating transfers in		
a. Transfers from special revenue fund	3912	\$
b. Transfers from capital projects fund	3913	
c. Transfers from proprietary funds	3914	
d. Transfers from capital reserve fund	3915	13,097
e. Transfers from trust and fiduciary funds	3916	5,011
f. Transfers from conservation fund	3917	
g. TOTAL		\$ 18,108
10. Other financial sources		
a. Proceeds from long-term notes and general obligation bonds	3934	\$
b. Proceeds from all other bonds	3935	
c. Other long-term financial sources	3939	
d. TOTAL		\$
11. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES		\$ 3,000,818
12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (Beginning of year) (Should equal line B.2f, column b, page 9)		\$ 199,068
13. TOTAL OF LINES 11 AND 12 (Should equal line 21, page 8)		\$ 3,199,886
Remarks		

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
1. General government				
a. Executive	4130	E29 \$ 116,527	G29 \$	F29 \$
b. Election and registration	4140	E89 30,140	G89	F89
c. Financial administration	4150	E23 14,143	G23	F23
d. Revaluation of property	4152	E23	G23	F23
e. Legal expense	4153	E25 8,772	G25	F25
f. Personnel administration	4155	E29 161,409	G29	F29
g. Planning and zoning	4191	E29 40,757	G29	F29
h. General government building	4194	E31 18,834	G31	F31
i. Cemeteries	4195	E03 5,614	G03	F03
j. Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	E03 17,150	G03	F03
k. Advertising and regional association	4197	E89	G89	F89
l. Other general government	4199	E89 9,208	G89	F89
m. TOTAL		\$ 422,554	\$	\$
2. Public safety				
a. Police	4210	E62 \$ 205,055	G62 \$	F62 \$
b. Ambulance	4215	E32 8,000	G32	F32
c. Fire	4220	E24 76,162	G24 14,699	F24
d. Building inspection	4240	E66 2,850	G66	F66
e. Emergency management	4290	E89	G89	F89
f. Other public safety (including communications)	4299	E89 3,168	G89	F89
g. TOTAL		\$ 295,235	\$ 14,699	\$
3. Airport/Aviation center				
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)
4. Highways and streets		E44	G44	F44
a. Administration	4311	\$ 116,235	\$	\$
b. Highways and streets	4312	146,231	G44	F44
c. Bridges, railroad crossing	4313		G44	F44
d. Street lighting	4316	7,745	G44	F44
e. Toll highways	4316		E45	F45
f. Other highway, streets, and bridges	4319	39,923	G44	F44
g. TOTAL		\$ 310,134	\$	\$ 39,923
5. Sanitation		E80	G80	F80
a. Administration	4321	\$ 88,949	\$	\$
b. Solid waste collection	4323		E81	F81
c. Solid waste disposal	4324	1,457	E81	F81
d. Solid waste clean-up	4325		E81	F81
e. Sewage collection and disposal	4326	31,797	E80	F80
f. Other sanitation	4329		E80	F80
g. TOTAL		\$ 122,203	\$	\$
6. Water distribution and treatment				
a. Administration	4331	\$ 28,206	\$	\$
b. Water services	4332	23,696		
c. Water treatment	4335	2,473		
d. Water conservation	4338			
e. Other water	4339			
f. TOTAL		\$ 54,375	E91	F91
7. Electric			G91	
a. Administration	4351	\$	\$	\$
b. Generation	4352			
c. Purchase costs	4353			
d. Equipment maintenance	4354			
e. Other electric	4359			
f. TOTAL		\$	E92	F92
		\$	\$	\$

Part GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
8. Health				
a. Administration	4411	\$	\$	\$
b. Pest control	4414	400		
c. Health agencies and hospitals	4415	8,800		
d. Vital statistics	4140			
e. Other health	4419			
f. TOTAL		E32 \$ 9,200	G32 \$	F32 \$
9. TOTAL expenditures for education purposes <i>(This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)</i>		\$	\$	\$
10. Welfare		E79	G79	F79
a. Administration	4441	\$ 2,449	\$	\$
b. Direct assistance	4442	E67 5,015		
c. Intergovernmental welfare payments	4444	M79 1,917		
d. Vendor payments	4445	E75 529		
e. Other welfare	4449	E79	G79	F79
f. TOTAL		\$ 9,910	\$	\$
11. Culture and recreation		E61	G61	F61
a. Parks and recreation	4520	\$ 21,952	\$	\$
b. Library	4550	E52 59,263	G52	F52
c. Patriotic purposes	4583	E61 1,004	G61	F61
d. Other culture and recreation	4589	E61 2,463	G61	F61
e. TOTAL		\$ 84,682	\$	\$
12. Conservation				
a. Administration	4611	\$ 175	\$	\$
b. Purchase of natural resources	4612			
c. Other conservation	4619			
d. TOTAL		E59 \$ 175	G59 \$	F59 \$
13. Redevelopment and housing				
a. Administration	4631	\$	\$	\$
b. Redevelopment and housing	4632			
c. TOTAL		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)
14. Economic development				
a. Administration	4651	\$	\$	\$
b. Economic development	4652			
c. Other economic development	4659			
d. TOTAL		E89 \$	G89 \$	F89 \$
15. Debt service				
a. Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	\$ 21,750		
b. Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	189 5,383		
c. Interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes	4723	189		
d. Other debt service charges	4790	E23		
e. TOTAL		\$ 27,133		
16. Capital outlay (not reported above)			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. TOTAL			\$	\$
17. Interfund operating transfers out				
a. Transfers to special revenue funds	4912	\$ 30,320		
b. Transfers to capital projects funds	4913			
c. Transfers to proprietary funds	4914			
d. Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	138,854		
e. Transfers to expendable trust funds	4916			
f. Transfers to nonexpendable trust funds	4918			
g. TOTAL		\$ 169,174		
Remarks				

Part III GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

Modified Accrual

A. ASSETS	Account number (a)	Modified Accrual	
		Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
1. Current assets			
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	\$ 571,046	\$ 420,312
b. Investments	1030	1,350	
c. Taxes receivable (See worksheet, page 12)	1080	161,622	188,596
d. Tax liens receivable (See worksheet, page 12)	1110	52,856	64,397
e. Accounts receivable	1150	19,966	29,951
f. Due from other governments	1260	1,022	33,014
g. Due from other funds	1310		18,108
h. Other current assets	1400	38	
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
j. TOTAL ASSETS (Should equal line B3)		\$ 807,900	\$ 754,378
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
1. Current liabilities			
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$ 27,677	\$ 27,115
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050		
d. Due to other governments	2070	354	418
e. Due to school districts	2075	579,460	605,965
f. Due to other funds	2080		900
g. Deferred revenue	2220	18	14
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270	1,323	1,323
k. TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 608,832	\$ 635,735
2. Fund equity			
a. Reserve for encumbrances (Please detail on page 10)	2440	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations (Detail on page 10)	2450		
c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus	2460		
d. Reserve for special purposes (Please detail on page 10)	2490		
e. Unreserved fund balance	2530	197,068	117,643
f. TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 199,068	\$ 118,643
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (Should equal line A1j)		\$ 807,900	\$ 754,378

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	Reserve for encumbrances -	
	Maintenance and development of forests	\$ 1,000

Part V **GENERAL FUND**

A. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION

(Debt as of (enter date) December 31, 2007 for the ensuing five years)

	Year (a)	Principal (b)	Interest (c)	Total (d)
1.	2008	\$ 21,750	\$ 4,247	\$ 25,997
2.	2009	21,740	3,083	24,823
3.	2010	21,140	1,919	23,059
4.	2011	4,740	785	5,525
5.	2012	4,740	471	5,211
6. SUBTOTAL (Sum of lines 1-5)		74,110	10,505	84,615
7. Remaining periods of debt		4,740	157	4,897
8. TOTAL		\$ 78,850	\$ 10,662	\$ 89,512

Part V
GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT

Description (a)	Original obligation (b)	Purpose (c)	Annual installment (d)	Interest rate (e)	Date of final payment (f)	Bonds o/s at beginning of year (g)	Bonds issued this year (h)	Bonds retired this year (i)	Bonds o/s at end of year (j)
Water - 1981	\$ 67,400	Water	Variable	5.00%	11/2010	\$ 67,400	\$	\$ 17,000	\$ 50,400
Sewer - 1986	\$ 33,200	Sewer	\$ 4,750	6.63%	02/2013	\$ 33,200	\$	\$ 4,750	\$ 28,450
TOTAL	\$ 100,600					\$ 100,600	\$	\$ 21,750	\$ 78,850

Remarks

Part VI RECONCILIATIONS

A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY		Amount
1. School district liability at beginning of year (Account number 2075, column b, on page 9)	\$	579,460
2. ADD: School district assessment for current year		1,448,968
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR (Sum of lines 1 and 2)		2,028,428
4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district	<	1,422,463 >
5. School district liability at end of year (line 3 less line 4) (Account number 2075, column c, on page 9)		605,965
B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES		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} \$	

PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE SECTIONS C AND D

C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET	Current year	Prior year	TOTAL
	(a)	(b)	(c)
1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year)*	9,563	50,000	59,563
2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made (From tax collector's report)	< 2,464 >	< 2,827 >	< 5,291 >
3. SUBTRACT: Discounts	< >	< >	< >
4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)	< (4,926) >	< >	< (4,926) >
5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR**	< >	< 60,000 >	< 60,000 >
6. Excess of estimate (Add to revenue on page 1, line 1a)	12,025	(12,827)	(802)

*Use overlay amount for column (a) and use last year's balance of line 5. Allowance for Abatements for column b (see your form from last year).

**The amount in column c will go into line 1(b) for next year's worksheet.

D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET	1080 taxes	1110 liens	TOTALS
	(a)	(b)	(c)
1. Uncollected, end of year	\$ 188,596	\$ 124,397	\$ 312,993
2. SUBTRACT: "Overlay" carried forward as Allowance for Abatements (from Worksheet C, line 5)	< >	< 60,000 >	< 60,000 >
3. Receivable, end of year*	188,596	64,397	252,993

***(These amounts are entered on page 9, account number 1080 and 1110, column c)**

SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS

	Capital projects		Special revenue		Proprietary funds	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	Enterprise	Internal service
REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	T01	T01	T01	T01		
1. Revenue from taxes	\$	\$	\$	\$	N/A	N/A
2. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees	T29	T29				
3. Revenue directly from the federal government	B89	B89				
4. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire	C89	C89				
5. Revenue from other governments	D89	D89				
6. Revenue from charges for services	A91	A91				
(a) Water supply system charges	A80	A80				
(b) Sewer user charges	A81	A81				
(c) Garbage/refuse collection charges	A92	A92				
(d) Electric	A01	A01				
(e) Airport and aviation	A44	A44				
(f) Highway	A45	A45				
(g) Toll facilities	A61	A61				
(h) Parks and recreation	A60	A60				
(i) Parking	A94	A94				
(j) Transit or bus system	A89	A89				
(k) Other - Specify -	A89	A89				
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
7. Revenue from miscellaneous sources	U20	U20				
(a) Interest on investments		14				
(b) Other miscellaneous sources	U99	U99				
8. Interfund operating transfers in		6,685				
9. Other financial sources	U99	U99				
10. TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	\$	\$	\$	41,280	\$

Part VIII SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS

EXPENDITURES (BY FUNCTIONS)	Capital projects		Special revenue		Proprietary funds	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	Enterprise	Internal service
1. General government	F89	E89	E89		E89	
2. Public safety	F62	E62	E62		E62	
(a) Police		E32	E32		E32	
(b) Ambulance	F24	E24	E24		E24	
(c) Fire	F01	E01	E01		E01	
3. Airport/Aviation center	F44	E44	E44		E44	
4. Highways and streets	F45	E45	E45		E45	
5. Toll highways	F81	E81	E81		E81	
6. Sanitation	F91	E91	E91		E91	
7. Water distribution and treatment	F80	E80	E80		E80	
8. Sewerage	F82	E82	E82		E82	
9. Electric	F32	E32	E32		E32	
10. Health	F79	E79	E79		E79	
11. Welfare	F61	E61	E61		E61	
12. Culture and recreation	F60	E60	E60	44,252	E60	
13. Parking	F94	E94	E94		E94	
14. Transit or bus system	F59	E59	E59		E59	
15. Conservation	F50	E50	E50		E50	
16. Redevelopment and housing	F88	E88	E88		E88	
17. Economic development		E23	E23		E23	
18. Debt service	F89	F89	F89		F89	
19. Capital outlay - other						
20. Interfund operating transfers out						
21. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	\$	\$	44,252	\$	\$
Remarks						

Part 13 BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS

	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
A. ASSETS					
1. Current assets					
(a) Cash and equivalents	1010 \$		\$ 10,766	\$	\$
(b) Investments	1030				
(c) Accounts receivable	1150				
(d) Due from other governments	1260				
(e) Due from other funds	1310		354		
(f) Other - Specify -					
2. Fixed assets					
(a) Land and improvements	1610 \$			\$	\$
(b) Buildings	1620				
(c) Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	1640				
(d) Construction in progress	1650				
(e) Improvements other than buildings	1660				
(f) Other - Specify -					
3. TOTAL ASSETS			\$ 11,120	\$	\$

Remarks

Part IX BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS (Continued)

B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
1. Liabilities					
(a) Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$	\$ 3,372	\$	\$
(b) Compensated absences payable	2030				
(c) Contracts payable	2050				
(d) Due to other governments	2070				
(e) Due to other funds	2080				
(f) Deferred revenue	2220				
(g) Notes and bonds payable					
(h) Other - Specify -					
(i) TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	\$ 3,372	\$	\$
2. Fund equity/Capital					
(a) Reserve for encumbrances	2440	\$			
(b) Reserve for special purposes	2490		6,498		
(c) Unreserved fund balance	2530		1,250		
(d) Municipal contributed capital	2610				
(e) Other contributed capital	2620				
(f) Retained earnings	2790				
(g) TOTAL FUND EQUITY			7,748		
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		\$	\$ 11,120	\$	\$

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 <u>to other local governments</u> for:		M12
Schools		\$ N/A
Sewers		M80
All other - County	4931	M89
All other - Towns	4199	M89
Payments made <u>to State</u> for:		L44
	4319	
		L89
All other purposes	4199	

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 ^r	24 ^r	34 ^r	44 ^r
All other debt	19 ^t 100,600	29 ^t	39 ^r 21,750	49 ^t 78,850
Interest on water debt	19 ^t			

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
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\$470,986

D. CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

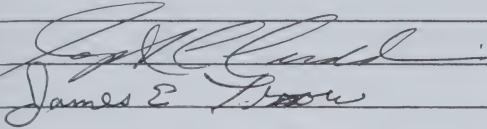
Report separately for each of the two types of funds listed below, the total amount of cash on hand and on deposit and investments in Federal Government, Federal agency, State and local government, and non-governmental securities. Report all investments at market value. Exclude accounts receivable, value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

Type of fund (a)	Amount at end of fiscal year Omit cents (b)
Bond funds - Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement	W31
All other funds except employee retirement funds and nonexpendable trust funds.	W61 \$1,182,589
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:


James E. Brown

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 I 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

This year we started off in the dark..... literally. Our yearly budget review on January 15, 2007 prior to the February SB2 meeting was without lights. Our only source of light was by candles and flash lights. Just before the meeting began the power failed, came back on for a few moments and then failed again, leaving the audience, Department Heads and Board members without the ability to see. Good thing the staff was prepared with candles and flashlights and, power or not, those that were committed remained to see this process through. In reflection of that night, the beginning of the New Year, the Selectmen realized the type of servitude it takes to be a Department Head, a Board member, a dedicated citizen, or even a Selectman. We take great pride in our service to you and are humbled at the trust you place in us to do what is right for the Town of Bennington, NH. So with that, it is our privilege to submit this year's Annual Report

Reflection

There is no good way to present the passing of some very dedicated and caring citizens who served the Town of Bennington. Glenn Loucks was a former Selectman, ZBA Alternate and active with Pierce School projects. Roy Johnson served as Water and Sewer Commissioner and was a Trustee of the Trust Funds. Barbara Huntley served as the Health and Welfare Officer. Donald M. Clough was a former Deputy Fire Chief and a retired firefighter. The loss of these fine people, their accomplishments, energies and wisdom will not soon be forgotten. They have passed the torches to all of us; we shall honor those efforts with our own.

Personnel Changes and Acknowledgements

The only thing in this world that is constant is change and as strange as that sounds it is true. These individuals took time out of their busy schedules and lives to help embrace the community with hours of selfless commitment and a fistful of change: Robyn Manley (Cemetery Trustee), Peter Martel (Cemetery Trustee), Peter Eppig (Capital Reserve Funding Committee), Kristie French (ZBA Recording Secretary), Valerie Germain (Budget Committee), Brent Paradis (Budget Committee), Debra Whitney (Deputy Town Clerk), Frank Dalton (Transfer Station), Philip Germain (Planning Board ex-officio), Joseph Cuddemi (Recreation Committee ex-officio), Kelly Byrne (Recreation Committee), Cindy Norton (Recreation Committee), Joseph Eisenberg (Planning Board), Kenneth Cloutier (Conservation Commission), Jane Handy Dustin (Deputy Treasurer), John Byam (ZBA Alternate), James Cleary (ZBA Alternate) and Arthur Knight (ZBA Alternate). Thank you all for your service to the Town; you are welcome back anytime!

Speaking of changes, we are proud to honor those who have recently come aboard this Town we call Bennington. Linda Osienski (Deputy Town Clerk), Debra Whitney (Budget Committee), Gary Langlois (Highway Department), Barry White (Cemetery Trustee and Planning Board Alternate), and Tom Belcher (Cemetery Trustee). We are grateful for their participation and look forward to working with them over the next several years or more.

Awards andGrants

Our Department Heads have been busy this year trying to help relieve some of the tax burden by applying for Grant programs. We are fortunate that their hard work in this direction has paid off. Some of the Grants are as follows:

- The Police Department solicited seven Grant applications. Five were awarded in 2007 totaling approximately \$45,616. Two are pending for 2008 approval at a value of \$14,000.
- The Town Clerk was awarded a Vital Statistics Grant.
- The Water Department, in conjunction with the Town Administrator, solicited a Water Source Protection Grant for up to \$20,000. The award is expected in early 2008.
- The Fire Department was awarded two Grant programs; one was solicited in 2006 totaling \$3,800 and the second totaled \$33,080.
- A Letter of Interest was filed to obtain an emergency generator through the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant and we are awaiting the outcome.

The Selectmen commend the Departments for "digging in their heels" to help reduce our overall budget through the Grant application process.

The Police Department took home a much-coveted award from the State this past fall due to the Officers' motor vehicle enforcement efforts. This special traffic detail undertaken was the result of receiving Grant monies from the State. The Bennington Police Department was acknowledged at the State level for their efforts. Congratulations to a hard working team!

Upon selection by the Conval School Administration, the Selectmen were proud to award not one, but two \$1,000 Edward E. French Memorial Scholarships to graduating seniors. The recipients were Kelly Whittemore and Ross Davis. The Selectmen wish these fine students all the best in their future educational endeavors.

Choices Voting Action

In the voting booths this past March voters made some choices. We stand behind your choices and shall place them into action as quickly as possible.

The establishment of Code Enforcement for the State Building Codes passed and will bring the Town of Bennington up to construction standards. Enforcement should allow for safe building practices to prosper in our Town, better homes and business facilities will be the result.

The changing of the ZBA members from an elected position to an appointed one, also passed. This progressive change will allow the Board of Selectmen the ability to choose and select the most qualified person for the position sought after. Having placed this new policy into action, interested citizens can now step forward and apply for a seat on the ZBA.

However, most of the choices in the voting booth, other than the two listed above, are Capital Reserve and budget related. Your positive action to fund these capital items and budget items is very fiscally responsible and we commend your thoughtfulness towards the future of the Town.

Progress Forward Action

The Traffic Enhancement Program; we are very excited about this project and it is a big one. This past year we started the next phase of the Grant process, which is the Design Phase. We solicited five engineering firms, all very qualified, to submit their portfolios. We then short-listed those to three firms, interviewed the three firms and eventually chose Fay, Spofford and Thorndike (FST). This firm has been working diligently with us for the past six months and we have had two Public Hearings on this downtown project, with questions and answers from many folks, and more Public Meetings to go. It is encouraging and thrilling to see the interest level at these meetings. We encourage citizens to support this program by voting YES for Warrant Article #11 and attending the Public Meeting sessions. We extend our thanks to Harvey Goodwin and Spencer Garrett for their support in this long process.

With the onslaught of rains and flooding this past Spring brought about a realization of the Town's vulnerability to handle hazardous situations effectively. All of North Bennington Road, at one point during the storm, was completely cut off from the rest of Town. The Police, Fire, and Highway Departments did all they could within our existing Emergency Operations Plan. However, with limited resources we came to the realization that enhanced preparedness could drastically prevent some hazards and increase Grant funding opportunities to pre-plan similar situations. As a result, a new Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee was formed as well as the drafting of a Hazard Mitigation Plan. The members; Kristie French, Joe MacGregor, Rick Reed, Steve Campbell, David Blanchard, Butch Cote, Barry White and Dee French, along with help from the Southwest Region Planning Commission, finalized this Plan in record time. This document will help us to solicit Grant funds and better manage emergency situations when they arise.

This past year, as promised, the Selectmen held a Public Hearing to discuss Speed Zones on Bible Hill Road. This Public Hearing process provided us with new insights and ideas to better combat speeding and safety concerns on Bible Hill Road. We felt very positive about the outcome and encourage more open and frank discussions about all our traveled roadways.

The Selectmen would like to share in thanking the Solid Waste Committee for the implementation of an "Electronics Recycling" program. This important project supports our investment into a cleaner future for the Town. The Selectmen, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Committee, have finalized contract negotiations for waste disposal services with Waste Management. The contract has a five year term and will expire at the end of 2012.

The replacement of the culvert on North Bennington road, near the Deering town line is complete. This new culvert should provide some relief of an overflow pond during high water times and perhaps keep the road to Deering open during high water events. A water line on South Bennington Road that broke the previous year was replaced. This past August a main water line burst in the center of Town leaving residents without water. The Water Department and Highway Department were quick to respond to this emergency and resolved the situation in a very timely manner. Good work team!

We would be remiss if we did not mention the fine efforts from the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections work program that is at our disposal every year. This year they undertook many tasks such as; painting the Fire Station, Town Hall upstairs, and outbuildings at the Newhall Youth Field, brush cutting along the Transfer Station security fencing, and cemetery and roadside clean-up activities. With the Town providing the necessary materials and the Town Hall staff providing warm home-cooked meals and refreshments, it is one heck of a deal for the workers and a cost benefit for the Town. Thank you to the Town Hall staff for your continued support.

And finally, the Board of Selectmen has come to a preliminary agreement with the Town of Antrim to move forward with a Grant application for the restoration of the Water Street/North Bennington Road bridge. After several meetings, the two towns have made plans to start much-needed repairs on the bridge prior to the final Grant paperwork submission. These immediate repairs will allow the bridge steady operation prior to the release of Grant monies.

Internal Updates

A lot of documents at the administrative level are in the process of being updated; some have been completed and others are new. Personnel Policies have been updated and with the help of the employees we have finalized those policies. New Employee Job Descriptions have been formulated as well as new Time- Off Request forms. Water and Sewer Bylaws have been revised as well as the rate fee structure. An update to the Transfer Station Ordinance as it regards a Solicitation Zone has been added. Election website pages have been added to help the voting public. A team of eight members has assembled a new Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Ideas Equal Future

Over the next year the Selectmen will continue to address some of the outstanding items along with implementation of new programs and policies. Some of which are follows:

- We will continue to support the TEP process. It is absolutely vital that we push forward to make this project start and finish in 2008. It is a labor-intensive process but one we will conquer.
- We will continue our efforts to clean up "Junky" yards. This also can become very involved and time consuming.
- The Board, with help from its administration, will continually update the website with current Town data (ordinances, meeting Minutes, annual reports, master plans, etc.).
- The Selectmen will continue to ask the Planning Board to adopt standards such as Rules of Procedure to help make the process a smoother and more equitable one.
- We will continue to pursue Grant programs helping to reduce the Town's overall budget. The Water Department is also researching and planning the eventual replacement of some old water mains and other related infrastructure.
- The Selectmen have started to look at a ten-year road plan course of action. This much needed plan will help us to identify problem roads, along with a cost value analysis for the next decade. Do to the higher cost of oil base products over the past years, such as pavement; it is essential that we keep up with our road infrastructure budgets and plans.

- The Selectmen are presently working with our VFW Post to keep their home base in Town and at their present location at 9 Hancock Road. Lack of additional funding, coupled with inflation, has hurt the VFW organization and the Town has offered a solution. The solution would be the gifting of the VFW property to the Town. This gift would give the Town the ability to maintain and upkeep the building and pay the bills necessary to keep the Hall functioning, while in turn the VFW membership would be free to assemble without worry of losing their home. We would welcome this gift without hesitation, to help our brothers and sisters who put themselves in harms way defending our freedom. We encourage citizens to support our endeavor by voting YES for Warrant Article #19.
- New parking areas for the Library? A new town gazebo? These are new proposals that have been recently suggested by an interested landowner. The Board hopes to work with the Library, Historical Society and the landowner over the next year on this exciting possibility. This proposal, in conjunction with the downtown enhancement program, could be quite a special accomplishment.

We have many challenges ahead and leadership and membership on the Town's Boards, Commissions and Committees is essential to our success. Department Heads, Town employees and Town policies are the fundamentals we can all build upon. Let's help ourselves by helping others; do your part so that we may prevail in the future. Vote, Volunteer and Voice your opinions.

Respectfully,

Joseph C. Cuddemi

Philip R. Germain
Chairperson

James E. Trow



Board of Selectmen
Left to Right: Joseph C. Cuddemi, James E. Trow, Philip R. Germain



Town Administrative Staff
Left to Right: Kristie French, Assistant to the Administrator; Denise French, Town Administrator; Barbara Parker, Office Assistant

TOWN CLERK
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$214,195.33
Municipal Agent Fees		5,217.50
Motor Vehicle Titles		586.00
Motor Vehicle Mail Program		268.00
UCC & IRS Lien Filings		355.00
Marriage Licenses:	Town	98.00
	State	532.00
Certified Copies:	Town	239.00
	State	449.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	1,887.00
	State	201.50
	Animal Population Control	774.00
Dog Mail Program		51.00
Dog License Fines		1,597.50
Bad Check Fees		225.00
Election Fees		7.00
Parking Tickets		25.00
Checklist		<u>15.00</u>
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		\$226,722.83

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

2007 has seen a change in staff for the Town Clerk's Office. After working for six years as Deputy Town Clerk, Debra Whitney resigned to accept a promotion at Monadnock Community Hospital. Linda Osienski joined our staff in the spring as the new Deputy Town Clerk.

Thursday nights and Saturday mornings remain the busiest times for our Office, but we have been able to keep the wait for Town Clerk services to a minimum. As always, if there is a registration emergency, you may call the Town Office and we will be glad to set up an appointment for you.

Our Office will be busy in 2008 restoring the current vital records. Thanks to the hard work of Assistant Town Clerk Karen Belcher, we have received a Grant for a new fireproof safe and the needed supplies to restore and up-date our records.

Along with mail-in programs for dog and vehicle registrations, the Town Clerk's office now has a Notary Public on staff to help meet your needs. 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
Linda Osienski, Deputy Town Clerk
Karen Belcher, Assistant Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2007 - DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	2007	2006
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 01/01/07		
Property Taxes		\$161,249.85
Land Use Change Taxes		\$0.00
Yield Taxes		\$372.19
Excavation Taxes		\$0.00
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
Property Taxes	\$2,416,231.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$18,300.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$8,186.99	\$0.00
Excavation Taxes	\$4,327.54	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENT		
Property Taxes	\$8,495.46	\$0.00
Prepaid 2008	\$13.95	
INTEREST & FEES	\$1,808.20	\$11,024.30
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,457,363.14	\$172,646.34
REMITTED TO TREASURER 2007		
Property Taxes	\$2,238,180.11	\$83,077.31
Land Use Change Taxes	\$13,800.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$8,186.99	\$372.19
Interest/Fees	\$1,808.20	\$11,024.30
Excavation Taxes	\$4,327.54	\$0.00
Credit Carried From 2006		\$18.31
Conversion to Lien (principal)		\$75,379.07
ABATEMENTS		
Property Taxes	\$2,464.00	\$2,775.16
Current Levy Deeded	\$0.00	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12/31/07		
Property Taxes	\$184,096.30	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,457,363.14	\$172,646.34

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Kristie J. French
 Tax Collector

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
JANUARY 1, 2007 - DECEMBER 31, 2007**

		TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:			ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
		2006	2005	2004	
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2007			\$39,274.70	\$17,748.38	\$45,833.00
Liens Executed 2007		\$82,400.93			\$4,899.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	Interest Costs	\$1,908.08 \$617.70	\$2,742.60 \$154.71	\$6,559.06 \$626.47	\$0.00 \$0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$84,926.71	\$42,172.01	\$24,933.91	\$50,732.00
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER					
Redemptions		\$38,983.03	\$9,531.07	\$17,193.26	\$0.00
Interest & Costs		\$2,525.78	\$2,897.31	\$7,155.14	\$0.00
Refund Overpaid Redemption Fee		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.39	\$0.00
Abatement of Unredeemed Liens		\$51.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 2007		\$43,366.15	\$29,743.63	\$555.12	\$50,732.00
TOTAL CREDITS		\$84,926.71	\$42,172.01	\$24,933.91	\$50,732.00

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Respectfully Submitted,


Kristie French
Tax Collector

WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

Unpaid Balance January 1, 2007		\$2,529.02
Charges:		
Water Usage	\$44,101.89	
Water Interest	\$160.98	
Shutoff Notice Fees	\$1,280.00	
Water Service Repairs	\$370.00	
Lien Fees	\$17.25	
Sewer Usage	\$24,683.46	
Sewer Interest	\$77.53	
Disconnect/Restore Fees	\$700.00	
Ownership Change/Admin Fee	+ \$30.00	
TOTAL CHARGES		+ \$71,421.11
		\$73,950.13
2006 Credit Carried Forward		- \$13.90
Prepaid 2008		
Water	\$59.10	
Sewer	<u>\$1.92</u>	
		+ \$61.02
Conversion to Lien		
Water	\$0.00	
Sewer	<u>\$0.00</u>	
		- \$0.00
Receipts to Treasurer		
Water	\$46,879.74	
Sewer	<u>\$24,597.87</u>	
		- \$71,477.61
Abatements		
Water	\$44.34	
Sewer	<u>\$62.44</u>	
		- \$106.78
Refunds		
Water	\$0.00	
Sewer	<u>\$0.00</u>	
		+ \$0.00
Unpaid Water & Sewer Charges December 31, 2007		\$2,412.86

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Respectfully Submitted,


Kristie French
Tax Collector

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2007 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: BENNINGTON

Gross Appropriations	1,440,811
Less: Revenues	588,490
Less: Shared Revenues	19,978
Add: Overlay	9,563
War Service Credits	37,000

Barbara G. Robinson
10/24/07

Net Town Appropriation	878,906
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	878,906
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TOWN RATE
7.61

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	2,598,315
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(1,149,347)

State Education Taxes	(251,231)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,197,737

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
10.37

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.24	
112,156,493		251,231
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
114,453,727		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State		
Pay to State →	0	

STATE SCHOOL RATE
2.20

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	127,500
Less: Shared Revenues	(4,514)

Approved County Tax Effort	122,986
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COUNTY RATE
1.06

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,450,860
Less: War Service Credits	(37,000)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,413,860

TOTAL RATE
21.24

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax	(no utilities) 114,453,727	2.20	251,231
All Other Taxes	115,496,927	19.04	2,199,629
			2,450,860

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TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2007	\$	571,044.35
Receipts			2,941,794.43
Disbursements			<u>(3,092,523.24)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2007	\$	420,315.54

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash Balance	1/1/2007	\$	4,368.66
Interest Earned			11.94
Cash Balance	12/31/2007	\$	<u>4,380.60</u>

DRIVEWAY SECURITY ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2007	\$	4,009.14
Interest			4.52
Receipts			2,000.00
Security Deposits Returned			<u>(1,000.00)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2007	\$	5,013.66

NHMA - PLIT

Cash Balance	1/1/2007	\$	1,353.88
Interest			0.30
Transfer to Trustees of Trust Funds			<u>(1,354.18)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2007	\$	-

RUSSELL J. REMILLARD - ESCROW ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2007	\$	1,329.12
Interest			3.33
Cash Balance	12/31/2007	\$	<u>1,332.45</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce L. Miner
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

For Year Ended December 31, 2007

LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Property Tax	\$ 2,238,180.11
Current Use Change Tax	\$ 13,800.00
Yield Tax	\$ 8,186.99
Excavation Tax	\$ 4,325.54
Interest/Penalties	\$ 1,808.20
	<u>\$ 2,266,300.84</u>

\$ 2,266,300.84

LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Property Tax	\$ 83,077.31
Yield Tax	\$ 372.19
Interest/Penalties	\$ 11,024.30
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 65,707.36
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	\$ 12,578.23
	<u>\$ 172,759.39</u>

\$ 172,759.39

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

\$ 71,477.61

TOWN CLERK REVENUE

\$ 226,722.83

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Shared Revenue Grant	\$ 114,694.00
Highway Block Grant	\$ 36,438.00
DWI Grant	\$ 2,786.00
Speed Patrols	\$ 3,273.00
	<u>\$ 157,191.00</u>

\$ 157,191.00

LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Building Permits	\$ 1,168.00
Demolition Permits	\$ 10.00
Driveway Permits	\$ 20.00
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 2,222.00
Court Fines	\$ 950.00
Pistol Permits	\$ 250.00
Bad Check Fees	\$ 65.00
	<u>\$ 4,685.00</u>

\$ 4,685.00

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS

Administration	\$ 215.00
Cemetery	\$ 450.00
Fire	\$ 186.00
Highway	\$ 616.00
Photocopies	\$ 123.00
Planning	\$ 1,074.00
Police	\$ 210.00
Recreation	\$ 190.00
Recycling	\$ 13,457.00
Welfare	\$ 100.00
Zoning	\$ 266.00
	<u>\$ 16,887.00</u>

\$ 16,887.00

REIMBURSEMENTS

Conval Election Costs
PD Special Details

\$ 180.00
\$ 3,286.00

\$ 3,466.00

INTEREST

\$ 9,068.00

TOTAL 2006 RECEIPTS

\$ 2,928,557.67

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2007

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$ 4,500.00
Telephone	\$ 1,474.59
Computer	\$ 6,980.78
Copier Lease	\$ 1,870.21
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 891.75
Advertising	\$ 304.85
General Supplies	\$ 362.12
Office Supplies	\$ 3,207.63
Postage	\$ 2,809.65
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 315.46
Administrator Salary	\$ 45,593.60
Asst. to the Administrator Salary	\$ 36,533.00
Office Support Salaries	\$ 6,959.73
Mileage/Expenses	\$ 1,203.54
Moderator's Salary	\$ 20.00
Town Report Printing	\$ 1,680.00
Newsletter Printing	\$ 421.06

Total Executive Office

\$ 115,127.97

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Town Clerk	\$ 16,904.16
Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 4,393.01
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 4,931.55
Mileage/Expenses	\$ 717.14
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 120.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,376.16
Books & Periodicals	\$ 11.00
Municipal Agent Mail Program	\$ 29.52
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 225.00
Supervisors of the Checklist - Conval	\$ 180.00
Advertising	\$ 218.75
Supervisor's Office Supplies	\$ 5.98
Voter Ballot Clerks	\$ 268.50
Election Printing	\$ 355.83
Election Meals	\$ 50.97
Election Facility Rental	\$ 350.00

Total Election and Registration

\$ 30,137.57

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$ 9,360.75
Assessing/Tax Map Maintenance	\$ 2,843.00
Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 100.00
Tax Collector Fees	\$ 1,080.06
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 750.00
Refunds-Tax Collector	\$ 8,514.62
Refunds - Town Clerk	\$ 20.00

Total Financial Administration

\$ 22,668.43

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Office Supplies	\$ -
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Total Trustees of Trust Funds

\$ -

JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE		
General Legal Support	\$ 7,768.71	
Defense Proceedings	\$ 1,003.29	
Total Judicial & Legal Expense		\$ 8,772.00
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		
Group Health Insurance	\$ 89,491.57	
Group Dental Insurance	\$ 3,115.60	
FICA/Medicare	\$ 28,203.32	
Group 1 Retirement	\$ 15,531.43	
Police Retirement	\$ 13,813.88	
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 41.00	
Workers Compensation	\$ 11,212.00	
Total Personnel Administration		\$ 161,408.80
PLANNING AND ZONING		
PB Recording Secretary	\$ 1,565.00	
PB SWRPC Member Dues	\$ 1,650.00	
PB Miscellaneous	\$ 1,161.31	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$ 510.00	
ZBA Legal Expenses	\$ 31,699.26	
ZBA Training	\$ 124.00	
ZBA Miscellaneous	\$ 778.80	
Total Planning and Zoning		\$ 37,488.37
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$ 4,867.15	
Security System Maintenance	\$ 470.76	
Electricity	\$ 2,730.43	
Heat & Oil	\$ 5,244.24	
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 1,119.91	
Supplies	\$ 167.14	
Total General Government		\$ 14,599.63
CEMETERIES		
Evergreen Groundskeeping/Laborer	\$ 1,759.00	
Sunnyside Groundskeeping/Laborer	\$ 2,856.00	
Labor	\$ 833.95	
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 165.61	
Total Cemeteries		\$ 5,614.56
PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE		
NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$ 17,150.11	
Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance		\$ 17,150.11
CONTINGENCY FUND		
General Contingency Fund	\$ 42,023.33	
Total Contingency Fund		\$ 42,023.33

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$ 55,993.60
Patrol Officer Salary	\$ 43,492.80
Overtime	\$ 15,310.29
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$ 22,864.72
Crossing Guard Salary	\$ 4,141.80
Holiday Compensation	\$ 5,444.22
Special Detail Wages	\$ 817.07
Traffic Enforcement Grant	\$ 2,922.51
Regional Prosecutor	\$ 9,934.00
Administrative Telephone	\$ 2,486.77
Cellular Telephone	\$ 726.06
Lease of Pagers	\$ 222.00
Photo Services	\$ 80.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 14,518.35
Equipment/Training Supplies	\$ 2,232.57
Administrative Office Supplies	\$ 1,273.29
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$ 350.75
Administrative Gasoline	\$ 6,637.40
Administrative Vehicle Repairs	\$ 866.77
Books/Periodicals	\$ 76.00
Uniforms	\$ 703.83
Miscellaneous	\$ 367.90
Education/Safety	\$ 1,587.90
Computer Software	\$ 5,622.50

Total Police Department

\$ 198,673.10

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Antrim Ambulance	\$ 8,000.00
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Total Ambulance Service

\$ 8,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Elected Chiefs Salaries	\$ 2,000.00
Administrative Telephone	\$ 610.65
Dispatch Services	\$ 9,746.00
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 712.50
General Supplies	\$ 1,580.01
Firefighter Emergency Calls	\$ 8,000.00
Forestry	\$ 1,770.25
Fire Prevention Materials	\$ 683.45
Training	\$ 420.00
Radio Lease	\$ 8,146.90
Equipment Replacement	\$ 7,516.20
Service Contracts	\$ 1,815.01
Radio Repairs	\$ 1,063.41
Gasoline	\$ 881.55
Repair - Vehicles	\$ 4,250.10
Electricity	\$ 1,840.32
Heating Oil	\$ 3,495.25
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 1,428.96
Computer & Software	\$ 5,033.16

Total Fire Department

\$ 60,993.72

MEDICAL/RESCUE

Medical Supplies	\$ 1,565.46	
Training	\$ 528.00	
Equipment Replacement	\$ 831.70	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 243.20	
Total Medical/Rescue		\$ 3,168.36

BUILDING INSPECTION

Building Inspector's Salary	\$ 2,250.00	
Books & Education	\$ 600.08	
Total Building Inspection		\$ 2,850.08

GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Road Agent Salary	\$ 37,756.55	
Highway Laborer Salary	\$ 35,368.30	
Road Agent Overtime	\$ 2,969.42	
Highway Laborer Overtime	\$ 4,601.39	
Highway Part-Time Laborer	\$ 8,120.06	
Telephone	\$ 441.30	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$ 298.00	
Garage Electricity	\$ 1,173.56	
Highway Garage Heat	\$ 4,142.80	
Barn Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 554.52	
General Supplies	\$ 2,396.56	
Street Signs	\$ 315.17	
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 3,208.37	
Gasoline/Oil	\$ 9,263.08	
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	\$ 3,214.59	
Miscellaneous	\$ 683.18	
Total General Highway Department		\$ 114,506.85

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Tar/Patch/Seal	\$ 43,693.36	
Paving	\$ 40,110.57	
Paving/Recon Equipment	\$ 1,200.00	
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$ 2,227.10	
Road Drainage Supplies	\$ 1,825.01	
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$ 34,238.21	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$ 15,636.50	
Gravel Preparation	\$ 4,500.00	
Total Highways and Streets		\$ 143,430.75

STREET LIGHTING

Street Lighting Electricity	\$ 6,916.83	
Total Street Lighting		\$ 6,916.83

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants	\$ 28,675.85	
Household Hazardous Waste Day	\$ 561.63	
Post-Closure Costs	\$ 6,299.65	
Telephone	\$ 382.40	
Hauling and Disposal	\$ 43,181.28	
Electricity	\$ 762.63	
Shed Heat	\$ 347.42	
General Supplies	\$ 83.51	
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 200.00	
Certification	\$ 150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,056.87	
Recyclables Removal	\$ 2,590.38	
Electronics Recycle Program	\$ 690.00	
Container Lease	\$ 1,653.69	
NHRRRA Annual Dues	\$ 100.00	
Highway Dept. Assistance	\$ 78.21	
Total Transfer Station		\$ 88,813.52

WATER DEPARTMENT

Labor Wages	\$ 1,311.00	
Commissioners Salaries	\$ 900.00	
Town of Antrim	\$ 24,394.89	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$ 190.00	
Postage	\$ 1,228.63	
Miscellaneous	\$ 157.02	
Telephone	\$ 712.80	
Electricity	\$ 7,303.03	
Pumphouse Heat	\$ 914.98	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 13,610.58	
Water Samples	\$ 555.00	
Corrossion Control	\$ 2,472.81	
Total Water Department		\$ 53,750.74

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Sewage Treatment - Town of Antrim	\$ 25,568.67	
Electricity	\$ 3,329.29	
Propane	\$ 71.67	
Repair/Maintenance	\$ 1,831.25	
Monitoring Fee	\$ 322.50	
Generator Maintenance	\$ 420.00	
Total Sewer Department		\$ 31,543.38

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Miscellaneous	\$ -	
Total Health Department		\$ -

ANIMAL CONTROL

Equipment/Supplies	\$ 400.00	
Total Animal Control		\$ 400.00

HEALTH AGENCIES

Home Health Care	\$ 4,000.00	
Monadnock Family and Mental Health	\$ 1,800.00	
Total Health Agencies		\$ 5,800.00

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Human Services Officer Salary	\$ 2,212.50	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 30.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 150.00	
Postage	\$ 56.36	
Rental Assistance	\$ 5,014.86	
St. Joseph Community Services	\$ 520.00	
Vendor Payments - Food	\$ 50.00	
Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$ 1,323.34	
Gasoline	\$ 23.25	
Miscellaneous	\$ 529.23	
Total Welfare Department		\$ 9,909.54

PARKS AND RECREATION

Telephone	\$ 437.13	
Christmas Party	\$ 73.40	
Fishing Derby	\$ 751.95	
Little League	\$ 2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 830.20	
Groundskeeping	\$ 7,601.19	
Electricity - Newhall Field	\$ 633.19	
Ballfield Repairs	\$ 1,133.85	
Ballfield Chemical Toilets	\$ 1,274.00	
Lifeguard Salary	\$ 6,760.00	
Beach Groundskeeping	\$ 147.25	
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$ 120.00	
Beach Red Cross Supplies	\$ 54.76	
Total Parks and Recreation		\$ 21,816.92

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	\$ 34,361.60	
Librarian Assistants	\$ 18,932.32	
Book Collection	\$ 16,050.00	
Media Collection	\$ 4,500.00	
Telephone	\$ 520.30	
Building Electricity	\$ 1,155.35	
Building Heating Oil	\$ 3,495.28	
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 455.00	
Building Maintenance	\$ 999.96	
Photo Copier Supplies	\$ 2,300.01	
Circulation & Office	\$ 2,550.00	
Program Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	
Conference/Fees	\$ 1,599.96	
Technology	\$ 819.96	
Total Library		\$ 89,239.74

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES			
Memorial Day		\$ 1,003.75	
Total Patriotic Purposes		<u> </u>	\$ 1,003.75
EDUCATION			
Edward E. French Scholarship		\$ 2,000.00	
Project LIFT		\$ 463.50	
Total Education		<u> </u>	\$ 2,463.50
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
Dues/Subscriptions		\$ 175.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 175.00
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES			
General Obligation Debt		\$ 21,750.00	
Total Principal - Long Term Notes		<u> </u>	\$ 21,750.00
INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES			
Interest General Obligation Debt		\$ 5,383.30	
Total Interest - Long Term Notes		<u> </u>	\$ 5,383.30
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve		\$ 5,000.00	
Rescue Capital Reserve		\$ 42,003.09	
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve		\$ 12,500.00	
Library Capital Reserve		\$ 5,000.00	
Highway Truck Capital Reserve		\$ 20,000.00	
Water Capital Reserve		\$ 8,000.00	
Sewer Capital Reserve		\$ 5,000.00	
Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve		\$ 5,000.00	
Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund		\$ 5,000.00	
Sidewalk Construction		\$ 15,000.00	
Property Reval		\$ 15,000.00	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		<u> </u>	\$ 137,503.09
2007 WARRANT ARTICLES			
Grapevine Family Center		\$ 3,000.00	
Firefighter & EMS Gear		\$ 14,698.86	
Total 2007 Warrant Articles		<u> </u>	\$ 17,698.86
TOTAL 2007 EXPENDITURES			<u><u>\$ 1,480,781.80</u></u>

2007 Payroll

Karen P. Aucella	\$ 236.00
Debra Belcher	\$ 18,741.44
Karen M. Belcher	\$ 4,951.55
Thomas J. Belcher	\$ 89.75
Thomas S. Belcher	\$ 2,441.51
David Blanchard	\$ 41,970.07
Garrett D. Brandes	\$ 1,847.25
C. Stephen Campbell	\$ 74,323.34
Scott A. Champagne	\$ 40.00
Mark S. Chase	\$ 840.00
David M. Chenard	\$ 9,570.05
Carrie Cody	\$ 2,047.50
Catherine C. Conrey	\$ 15.00
Joseph C. Cuddemi	\$ 1,500.00
Roland R. Davison, II	\$ 2,682.32
Denise P. French	\$ 45,728.60
Kristie J. French	\$ 38,438.00
Philip Germain	\$ 1,500.00
Peter W. Hopkins	\$ 2,200.00
Robert C. Horn	\$ 300.00
Walter D. Kiblin	\$ 40,725.72
Gary L. Langlois	\$ 9,000.75
Christine P. Lavery	\$ 2,212.50
Leslie MacGregor	\$ 34,361.60
Stephen J. MacInnes	\$ 90.00
Philip M. Marcellino	\$ 51,920.48
Lester P. Milton	\$ 12,954.67
Joyce L. Miner	\$ 750.00
Taylor P. Nealand	\$ 1,054.00
Joseph J. O'Brien	\$ 1,000.00
Linda J. Osienski	\$ 3,402.41
Donald G. Parker, Sr.	\$ 16,171.84
Barbara J. Parker	\$ 6,952.45
Madeline C. Quick	\$ 994.50
Emily K. Sawich	\$ 726.75
Melissa A. Searles	\$ 18,638.88
Charles D. Stephenson	\$ 50.00
Michael Tacy	\$ 12,168.00
James E. Trow	\$ 1,500.00
Debra M. Whitney	\$ 1,045.60
Glenn P. Wilson	\$ 1,662.00
Dorothy A. Zabriskie	\$ 4,141.80
TOTAL 2007 PAYROLL	\$ 470,986.33

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Principal			Interest			Total Trust Fund End Year	
				Balance Beg Year	New Funds Created	(Withdrawals)	Balance End Year	Amount	(Expended) During Year		Yr End Balance
Cemetery Funds:											
Various Mt. Calvary	Cemetery Care	Various	Various	\$ 775.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 775.00	\$ 58.60	\$ 58.60	\$ 342.40	\$ 1,117.40
Various Sunny Side	Cemetery Care	Various	Various	\$ 12,011.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,011.73	\$ 665.28	\$ 665.28	\$ 3,578.22	\$ 15,589.95
Various Evergreen	Cemetery Care	Various	Various	\$ 15,089.75	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 15,589.75	\$ 733.14	\$ 733.14	\$ 2,215.25	\$ 17,805.00
Total Cemetery Funds:				\$ 27,876.48	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 28,376.48	\$ 1,455.02	\$ 1,455.02	\$ 6,135.87	\$ 34,512.35
Library and Scholarship Funds:											
Various Library Funds	Library	CD BNH & NHP	NHPDP	\$ 80,241.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,241.40	\$ 3,618.08	\$ 3,906.84	\$ 96.93	\$ 80,338.33
1994 Edward French	Scholarship	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 70.45	\$ -	\$ 1,463.02	\$ 2,463.02
Total Library/Scholarship Funds:				\$ 81,241.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,241.40	\$ 3,688.53	\$ 3,906.84	\$ 1,559.95	\$ 82,801.35
Capital Reserves:											
1990 Fire Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 32,981.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,981.14	\$ 1,721.08	\$ -	\$ 2,573.10	\$ 35,554.24
1993 Water Dept	Equipment	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 52,101.28	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (13,017.50)	\$ 47,083.78	\$ 8,042.36	\$ 2,761.02	\$ -	\$ 10,803.38
1993 Forestry Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ (5,384.60)	\$ -	\$ (3.09)	\$ (5,387.69)	\$ 5,387.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,387.69
1994 Library	Structure Repair	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 37,310.04	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (6,281.56)	\$ 36,028.48	\$ 1,888.15	\$ 2,006.60	\$ -	\$ 3,694.75
1997 Sewer	Equipment	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 7,261.21	\$ 2,251.05	\$ -	\$ 9,512.26
1997 Rescue Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 79,079.28	\$ 42,000.00	\$ -	\$ 121,079.28	\$ 8,321.86	\$ 5,288.94	\$ -	\$ 13,610.80
1997 Highway Dept Equip	Capital Reserve	Various	Various	\$ 39,291.81	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 44,291.81	\$ 2,989.58	\$ 2,217.40	\$ -	\$ 5,216.98
1998 Highway Dept Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 11,940.33	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (34,067.00)	\$ (2,126.67)	\$ 15,461.55	\$ 1,476.72	\$ -	\$ 16,938.27
1999 Police Cruiser	Capital Reserve	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 21,287.02	\$ 12,500.00	\$ (28,002.15)	\$ 7,884.87	\$ 665.46	\$ 576.44	\$ -	\$ 1,241.90
1999 Highway Dept Mower	Capital Reserve	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 5,503.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,503.33	\$ 1,341.26	\$ 348.45	\$ -	\$ 1,689.71
2001 Bridge Expendable	Expendable Trust	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 20,885.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,885.34	\$ 1,183.69	\$ -	\$ 3,554.51	\$ 24,439.85
2001 Town Buildings Expendable	Expendable Trust	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 2,240.44	\$ 6,354.18	\$ -	\$ 28,594.62	\$ 984.79	\$ 1,235.64	\$ -	\$ 2,220.43
2001 Bridge Replacement	Capital Reserve	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 7,811.18	\$ 3,093.58	\$ -	\$ 10,904.76
2001 Fire Dept Radios	Capital Reserve	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 0.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.10
2001 Sidewalk Repair	Capital Reserve	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 6,254.32	\$ 4,537.77	\$ -	\$ 10,792.09
2002 Revaluation	Capital Reserve	NHPDP	NHPDP	\$ 31,300.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 46,300.00	\$ 1,772.73	\$ 1,983.45	\$ -	\$ 3,756.18
Total Capital Reserve Funds:				\$ 509,515.51	\$ 139,354.18	\$ (81,371.30)	\$ 566,998.39	\$ 71,214.98	\$ 30,661.83	\$ -	\$ 101,896.81

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

The following report reflects 2008 funds appropriated by the Funding Committee, categorized by Department for ease of use in understanding the financial impact of the Departments being funded:

HIGHWAY DEPT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$25,000	
B. Mower	\$ 0	
C. Bridge Repair	\$ 0	
D. Equipment	\$ 5,000	
E. Bridge Replacement	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	
Total Highway Dept Funds		\$35,000

FIRE DEPT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$20,000	
B. Rescue Vehicle	<u>\$20,000</u>	
Total Fire Dept Funds		\$40,000

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>\$ 2,000</u>	
Total Utility Dept Funds		\$10,000

MUNICIPAL DEPT FUNDS

A. Revaluation	\$ 0	
B. Town Buildings	\$ 0	
C. Sidewalk Improvement	<u>\$40,000</u>	
Total Municipal Dept Funds		\$40,000

LIBRARY DEPT FUND

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

2008 Funding Requested		\$142,500
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ANALYSIS OF MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COMMITTEES:

Highway Department:

Funds of \$43,474 were expended in 2007 for the purchase of a 2008 Ford F350 Truck equipped with plow, sander and other accessories. This vehicle replaces the 1999 Ford F450 Dump Truck, which was traded-in towards the purchase.

The Towns of Bennington and Antrim have begun the process of obtaining Grant monies for rehabilitation of the jointly owned bridge. It is probable that substantial repairs can be undertaken at an approximate project cost of \$650,000, versus total replacement of the bridge. The Towns of Bennington and Antrim would each be responsible for \$65,000. Plans are also underway to secure funding for the immediate repairs to the bridge's guardrails. This initial cost is estimated to be \$8,000 for each town.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$25,000 to the Highway Truck CRF, \$5,000 to the Highway Equipment CRF and \$5,000 to the Bridge Replacement CRF.

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

December 31, 2007 CRF balances for all Highway Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$ 14,811.60
Add Trade-In Value	11,000.00
Mower	\$ 7,193.04
Bridge Repair	\$ 24,439.85
Equipment	\$ 49,508.79
Deduct Donovan Equip.	(20,407.00)
Bridge Replacement	\$ <u>66,904.76</u>
Adjusted/Available Balance	\$153,451.04

Fire Department:

Fire Chief O'Brien postponed the purchase of the Fire Department's replacement Rescue Vehicle until 2009. The cost is estimated at \$150,000-\$170,000. An additional cost will be incurred when the present Rescue Vehicle is converted into a Forestry Truck.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$20,000 to the Fire Truck CRF and \$20,000 to the Rescue Vehicle CRF.

December 31, 2007 CRF balances for all Fire Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$ 35,534.24
Rescue Vehicle	\$134,690.08
Radios	\$ _____ .10
Cumulative Balance	\$170,224.42

Police Department:

The Police Department took delivery of a 2007 Ford Expedition cruiser at an equipped cost of \$38,114.05. Payment was comprised of \$33,114.05 from the Capital Reserve Fund and \$5,000 from a "Car 54" Grant award.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$12,500 to the Police Cruiser CRF.

December 31, 2007 CRF balance for the Police Cruiser account is as follows:

Police Cruiser	\$ 7,026.77
Reimbursement due Town	- <u>5,111.90</u>
Adjusted/Available Balance	\$ 1,914.87

Utility Departments:

The Bennington and Antrim Water Departments combined resources and purchased a generator that can be transported between the Bennington and Antrim pump stations, as needed, to provide emergency power to either Town's water well. The Town of Antrim applied a \$10,000 Grant they had been awarded towards the purchase. Both communities paid \$13,017.50 towards the generator purchase.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$5,000 to both the Water Department CRF and the Sewer Department CRF. At the 2008 Budget Hearing in response to a request from the Water & Sewer Commissioners, the appropriations were changed as follows: \$8,000 was appropriated to the Water Department CRF and \$2,000 was appropriated to the Sewer Department CRF.

December 31, 2007 CRF balances for the Utility Departments accounts are as follows:

Water	\$ 57,887.16
Sewer	\$ <u>49,512.26</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$107,399.42

Municipal Departments:

The Department of Revenue Administration has advised the Selectmen that a complete revaluation of property will probably not be necessary for the Town to certify their property assessments in 2009. With this news, the Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to deflect the 2008 Revaluation CRF appropriation to the Sidewalk Improvement CRF.

The Hillsborough County House of Corrections painted the upstairs at the Fire Station and Town Hall, as well as the buildings at Newhall Field. The cost for paint supplies and meals for the correctional laborers was \$2,414.15. The exterior of Town Hall was power washed and the Town Clock at the Congregational Church was cleaned and painted at a cost of \$700. Also paid from the Town Buildings CRF was \$1,896.75 to remove and replace two aged oil tanks at Town Hall. During 2007 the \$1,354.18 NHMA-PLIT bank account was closed and funds transferred to the Town Buildings CRF. The account represented insurance funds received for water damage, which were not needed as a result of the Correctional laborers repairing the damage at no cost. The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to deflect the Town Building CRF appropriation to the Sidewalk Improvement CRF.

The Sidewalk Improvement program previously received a Traffic Enhancement Project (TEP) Grant award of \$700,000. The Town's match is 20%, or \$140,000. The TEP is nearing the end of the design stage; construction is slated for late spring. Recognizing

that the Sidewalk Improvement CRF balance is \$40,000 short of the Town's 20% Grant match, the Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$40,000 to the Sidewalk Improvement CRF.

December 31, 2007 CRF balances for the Municipal Departments accounts are as follows

Revaluation	\$ 50,056.18
Town Buildings	\$ 28,815.05
Sidewalk Improvement	<u>\$102,792.09</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$181,663.32

Library Department:

The Library Trustees reported that \$6,281.56 was withdrawn from the Library CRF in 2007 for purchases of a computer, sofa, and replacement carpeting.

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

December 31, 2007 CRF balance for the Library Department account is \$39,723.23.

The cumulative balance of all Capital Reserve Funds as of December 31, 2007, excluding adjustments, is \$668,895.20.

GEP DODGE LIBRARY

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<http://www.dodgellibrary.com>

The GEP Dodge Library provides many services, databases, programs and activities for its Town citizens. Two of our latest database additions may be accessed from the front page of the Library's web page- www.dodgellibrary.com, from anywhere in the world. All you need to have access to these incredible programs is a library card and a password; both are easily acquired by a quick visit to the Library. Our newest additions are the audio sites: *New Hampshire Downloadable Audio Books* and *Tumble Books Library*.

If you do not have a computer at home, you may use one of the two public access computers at the Library. From our computers you can access our database offerings, print photos, airline e-tickets and maps, or you can e-mail, do research, type resumes, and compose letters. All printing, either from the computers or as regular photocopying, can be done in black and white or full color. If you need to FAX, we have a FAX machine available.

Other Library services and activities include monthly youth and adult book groups, story times for children not yet in school, story times for school-aged children, seasonal programs for all children, home delivery services, interlibrary loan, and a summer reading program. Our 1,479 patrons can select from our collection of over 22,000 items that include reference materials, audio books, music CDs, periodicals, visual materials and monographs.

This year's statewide summer reading program was entitled *Reading Road Trip, USA*. Each year, Debi Belcher and her assistants create and assemble spectacular theme related lawn displays that are the envy of every Library in our area and are placed on the eve of our program start date. Patrons eagerly anticipate its arrival and spend weeks in advance trying to guess what 'IT' will be. Debi never disappoints. This year Debi and her assistant Linda Osienski created a whimsical, warm, and detailed family road trip scene. Check our website for photos of this year's and previous year's displays.

Over the summer, one minute read, equaled one mile 'traveled' for the reading program. **103,283** minutes/miles were logged by our participating patrons between July 5 and August 10. Each patron's minutes were logged and used to see how far they would be able to travel across the country or the world with their accumulated miles. Several readers read the equivalent of crossing the US multiple times, and the final accumulated total was enough to circumnavigate the world over five times. The 2007 summer reading program was kicked off in June with *Partners in Rhyme* who put on a wonderful performance at Pierce school and finished in August with an outdoor concert put on by *Roger Tincknell*. Some of our activities and field trips included an Isles of Shoals boat ride out of Portsmouth, a guided hike through the Bruce Edes' Forest, and a trip to see a Fisher Cats' game in Manchester. There were also multiple story times and craft events throughout the summer hosted by volunteers.

No Library can operate without the generosity of volunteers and an active Friends group. The Friends provide enrichment to a Library's offerings. This year our Friends group was able to raise enough money to purchase museum passes to the Montshire Children's Museum, the Boston Science Museum, and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Each of these passes will need to be renewed annually. The Friends welcome the help of patron volunteers to help with the fundraisers to fund the museum renewals. Please contact Friends Chair Laurie MacKeigan if you wish to join.

Volunteers are the cornerstone to enriching any Library's offerings and programs. Our volunteers are a contingent of exceptionally generous people. Their contributions are varied. We have our Library Pages Ryleigh Lorimer and Sophia Thornblad who help shelve books a couple of times a week. Robyn Manley provides treats for the monthly youth book group and programs. Janice Tyler provides a wealth of craft ideas, Sandy Baker and her sons along with Joe & Ryan MacGregor help with all the heavy lifting required for the summer reading program. The Bennington Garage, Blanchette Plumbing & Heating, Francestown Clothing Company, Jack Daniels Motor Inn and Pierce School PTO made it possible for the Library to provide t-shirts to all of the summer reading program participants. Story time hosts, Pamela Campbell, Claudia Sysyn, Janice Tyler, Heidi Schwieger, Sophia Thornblad, Pam and Ryleigh Lorimer, Laurie MacKeigan, and Victoria Burnham all provided stories, activities and crafts throughout the summer reading program. Our Sunday volunteers Laurie MacKeigan, Lisa Shingler, Jen Spara, Deb Page and Dorothy Smith provide two extra open hours a week.

Come and check out our Library, make use of all of our offerings, admire our new rugs, sofa and chair and bring your family and friends. There is something here for everyone and we're looking forward to seeing you!

Respectfully-

Leslie MacGregor-Director
Melissa Searles-Assistant Director

Library Trustees
Lisa Shingler, Karen Aucella, Laurie MacKeigan and Victoria Burnham

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Bennington Police had another safe and busy year. We also had another year without any turnover in personnel. The turnover rate is low because of the Town of Bennington and its people. Many times Police Officers work in a negative environment; however, all Officers work hard to make the working environment as professional and pleasant as possible. Time on the job in Bennington:

- Chief Campbell – 13 years (February 1995)
- Sergeant Marcellino – 10 years plus (October 1997)
- Officer Dave Chenard – 7 years (April 2001)
- Officer Lester Milton – 5 ½ years (July 2002)

Let's not forget Dottie Zabriskie, our Crossing Guard. She has once again returned to keep our children safe. This is her sixth year!

I am looking for another Part-Time Officer in 2008 to assist with the increasing workload. I respectfully request and appreciate your support in this effort.

Last year we became part of a tri-town effort to hire a Regional Prosecutor. Even though the cost is increasing, I believe the program is a definite asset in assisting with the criminal prosecution of Town cases. I also appreciate your support in keeping the Regional Prosecutor position.

We continue to offer programs to Bennington residents. We have gun safety locks, bicycle helmets, child safety seats, stuffed animals and quilts. If you need assistance please stop by the Police Department. Supply is limited and therefore, sometimes low; however, we keep working to get more so don't hesitate to stop by and ask.

We had another successful year in securing Grant funds. Some of the Grants we received include computers and equipment for the cruisers (\$20,000), cruiser video cameras (\$12,000), base radio station (\$7,000), DWI Patrols (\$3,343), and Speed Patrols (\$3,273). This totals approximately \$45,616. We also have a few Grant Awards pending: a video surveillance system (\$12,500) and Preliminary Breath Test Instruments (\$1,500).

In addition to Grant awards, the Police Department was the recipient of a generous \$600 donation made by David Glynn. With the donation, we were able to purchase office furniture.

Statistics for the year:

- Criminal Cases: 447 (2006 = 415)
- Arrests: 262 offenses (2006 = 242 offenses)
- Calls for Service – Non-Criminal: 1821 (2006 = 1688)
- Motor Vehicle Stops: 1880 (2006 = 2256)
- Misc: such as accidents, animal, juvenile, mutual aid = 980 (2006 = 1005)
- Total Calls = 5128 (2006 = 5364)

Out of the 447 criminal cases we had a successful conclusion in 412 of them. This is a success rate of 92.2%. The remaining 35 cases, or 7.8%, have yet to be solved; however we keep working on them. The 35 cases include: 22 thefts (13 from the Ski Area), 11 vandalism and 2 burglaries.

I know we make decisions which are sometimes negative – such as arresting someone. However, I assure you we are fair and professional in the decisions we make. Our goal is not to arrest people or interfere in someone's life – IT IS TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE AND TO ASSIST EVERYONE IN LIVING IN A FRIENDLY AND RESPECTFUL COMMUNITY. Crime cannot be eliminated; however, we can work together to make a serious reduction. If you see anything unusual in your neighborhood please contact the Police. We still work under the open door policy so please stop by and discuss any concerns or possible incidents or just to say hello.

I believe the number of years of service each officer has given the Town shows we are PROUD to be your Police Department and will always be committed to provide the best service possible.

To see more of your Police Department please go on-line to www.benningtonpd.com

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Chief Steve Campbell, Officer Dave Chenard, Crossing Guard Dottie Zabriskie, Officer Lester Milton, Sergeant Phil Marcellino

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department was hard at work inventorying and maintaining our equipment in 2007. We have worked hard at getting Grant funds to help defer the cost of buying new equipment. We applied for and were awarded a Grant through the New Hampshire Department of Forests and Lands to purchase new hand tools, safety equipment, and proper gear for brush calls. We also applied for and were awarded a Grant from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant program to purchase ten sets of firefighting gear and a gear washer. The total combined value of the Grants exceeds \$36,000.

2007 was also a busy year for trainings and fundraisers. We would like to thank all the citizens of Bennington and the surrounding towns for their support at our two major fundraisers this year: our annual Yard Sale in August and Breakfast with Santa in December.

The following is a list of our calls for 2007:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	11
Mutual Aid	33
Medical	90
False Alarms	5
Flooding Related	7
Powerlines/Trees Down	6
Brush/Illegal Burns	5
Chimney Fires	2
Structure Fires	2
Gas Spills/Hazmat	7
Miscellaneous	5
TOTAL CALLS	173

Again – thank you to all the Townspeople and the Members for all of your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph J. O'Brien, Fire Chief

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

It's January and Town Report time so here is the state of the Highway Department.

After an extended fall of 2006, the first snow didn't come until New Years Day. Ten storms later brought us to April with the snow banks high and culverts blocked by snow.

On April 16th it snowed and rained and everything flooded. Roads were closed almost everywhere for four days. When the water receded, the washouts and culvert headers were repaired.

Then it was time to re-gravel and grade the gravel roads, sweep the winter sand, and get ready for summer.

Some of the summer projects included brush cutting and chipping with the help of the Hillsborough County Correctional work crew. With the assistance of the work crew, we cut and chipped brush at the Water Department on Route 47, the security fencing along North Bennington Road and around the Landfill, and Old Coach Road.

We also shimmed and chip sealed two miles of road including North Bennington Road, Bible Hill Road, and Balch Farm Road. We also paved nearly a mile of Bible Hill Road. We crushed 1,000 yards of gravel and applied it, along with calcium chloride for dust control, to Gillis Hill Road, Pierce Hill Road, and Old Greenfield Road.

A new culvert was installed on the Deering portion of North Bennington Road along the river to help with the flooding there and the sharp corner by the old iron bridge has been cleared and improved for sight distance.

Fall grading was completed and the trucks and equipment were prepared for winter. The month of December brought the most snow ever recorded.

With April's record flooding and December's record snow we have had a year to remember!

From our Department to your families – we hope all is well with you and yours.

Respectfully yours,

David Blanchard, Road Agent

APRIL 2007 FLOODING

A massive weather system moved into the area on Sunday, April 15, 2007 and lasted through Tuesday, April 17th. The storm brought significant rainfall that caused record flooding. During the height of the storm numerous roads in Town were closed due to flooding: North Bennington Road at the Deering town line, North Bennington Road at the Antrim town line, North Bennington Road at the intersection of Bible Hill Road, Antrim Road near the Monadnock Paper Mill, South Bennington Road, Whittemore Lake Road East, Whittemore Lake Road West, Gillis Hill Road, Mountain Road, Route 31 at the Greenfield town line, and Route 47 at the Frankestown town line. The only access to North Bennington Road was through an abandoned railroad trestle or by boat. The Hancock and Frankestown Fire Departments provided their boats to assist with evacuating residents. The early spring storm led to many flooded basements and homes and caused minor landslides on Route 47 and Route 31. In total, ten residences were evacuated. We salute the dedicated responses from Town Emergency Management officials and the Fire, Police, and Highway Departments who worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of all.



The Contoocook River overflowed its banks, covering Antrim Road and the Monadnock Paper Mill field

Water rages over the dam on Antrim Road near Alberto's Restaurant





Bible Hill Road looking down the road towards the North Bennington Road intersection

North Bennington Road at the Antrim town line looking up towards Bible Hill Road



The Francestown Fire Department provided mutual aid in evacuating a North Bennington Road resident from her house. Picture was taken near the abandoned iron bridge looking towards Deering



Remnants of water spilling over the Whittemore Lake dam on Whittemore Lake Road West. Homes were evacuated on Whittemore Lake Roads East and West

The damage left after Whittemore Lake exceeded the dam's capacity. The spillage washed away Whittemore Lake Road West



South Bennington Road near Paradise Drive

PLANNING BOARD

Some of you may not know what a Planning Board does. We are essentially a legislative Board that establishes regulations governing the use of land in Town. We also oversee that those rules are followed in the development of lots, in the starting or changing the way businesses work, and in the excavation of land. This year our work consisted of all of these components.

At the March 2007 annual Town Meeting both proposed Warrant Articles passed. We now have enforceable Building Codes and have approved new Town Flood Maps. We have also extended the Excavation Permits for both the Hardwick and Francestown Sand and Gravel operations on Route 47 for another three years.

Unfortunately, former Chairman Joe Eisenberg left the Board when he and his new wife Melissa moved across the State. We thank Joe for his fine service and wish them well in Langdon. We will be benefiting from Joe's leadership for quite some time. One of the things he did was help institute a system of cross-Board liaisons that keeps each Board informed of what is happening in all the others.

We also wish to recognize a volunteer who has displayed tremendous enthusiasm and dedication. Barry White moved here from several towns away with his wife Susan just a few years ago. He presently serves the Planning Board as an Alternate but has additionally attended two training sessions, has acted as our representative on the Hazard Mitigation Committee, is a Cemetery Trustee, and traveled to Portsmouth for a three-day regional FEMA course on Flood Plain Management. Bravo Barry!

Thanks go to all our staff at Town Hall for their support and especially to Deb Belcher for her most excellent and attentive secretarial services.

It is not an easy job getting volunteers to serve on Town Boards, but they are vital. Our meetings are open to all and I invite anyone to join us and see what we do. We meet the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Town Hall. We wish all citizens a successful and enjoyable new year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Rose, Chair



Left to Right: Joseph Cuddemi, Peter Eppig, Mark Mackesy, Edward Pelletier, Jeffrey Rose, Barry White
Missing from the picture: Christopher Burnham

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

We had a busy year with four cases before us. This is a bit more than usual for our Zoning Board of Adjustment. Three of the cases were decided to the Applicants' satisfaction, with no Appeals requested by any parties. One case took a considerable amount of time and resources. The ZBA's decision for this case was appealed by both the Applicant and the abutters. Additionally, the Applicant also sued two ZBA members individually. The Applicant's Appeal and the individual suits were later withdrawn at the first court hearing. Unfortunately, this was after a great deal of money was already spent defending the ZBA and its members, thus our legal expenses were far greater than usual or necessary. The abutter's Appeal is pending the Judge's decision, which is expected soon, perhaps even before this report is published.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Kristie French for the considerable amount of help she provided the ZBA during this past year.

This past year we also spent time revising and updating our Rules of Procedure, which we adopted three years ago because earlier versions could not be found. The Rules of Procedure provide the ZBA, and the public that comes before us, a set of procedures which we must follow. We will modify them as needed and as changing laws dictate.

Members of the Board have been encouraged to attend the many training sessions that are offered to us throughout the year. These training sessions help us to better understand the roles and responsibilities of the members of the ZBA and guide us with very helpful, up-to-date information.

Due to a Warrant Article placed by the Selectmen on last year's ballot and its passage by the voters, the process of selecting ZBA members has changed. In the past the ZBA was elected by the citizens. In the future, the Board will be appointed by the Selectmen. Members of the ZBA have expressed their concern about this method of selecting the ZBA, in part because the Board sometimes has to rule on decisions made by the Selectmen.

Everyone was shocked and saddened by the untimely passing of Glenn Loucks, a ZBA Alternate member. We know Glenn greatly enjoyed serving the Town of Bennington. He was a valued member of the Board and will be greatly missed.

Although we often find ourselves having to make difficult decisions while at the same time trying to be fair and honest with everyone concerned, we've all enjoyed the year serving the citizens of the Town of Bennington.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Pelletier, Chair



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The year 2007 was a quiet year for new building construction. Four new homes were completed with an estimated value of \$450,000. There has also been some remodeling of existing structures. As the economy has slowed ... so has the building industry.

At the 2007 Town meeting, voters elected to authorize the Building Inspector to enforce the State Building Code. The State Building Code is made up of a series of trade-related Codes that have been developed by the International Code Council and are used by nearly all states throughout the country. This last year we have spent some time educating property owners and contractors as to how the Code applies to them.

A Building Code is a minimum standard of building construction based on tested applications and development throughout the industry. The Codes require that all construction that involves structural, electrical or plumbing changes needs a permit. Minor repairs, painting, decorating or roofing do not require a permit. Once a Permit is applied for, we review the Application and the included construction documents (plot plan, construction drawings, manufacturer's instructions, etc.) to be sure that the intended work will comply with the local Zoning Ordinance and the applicable Codes. The Permit fees that are charged are intended to support the Building Department, which makes the Department self-supporting.

The State Building Code has been updated to the International Building Code for both residential buildings and non-residential buildings. This will help to assure all buildings built throughout the state will be constructed to the same minimum standards. As the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town, I am available to help you understand these Building Codes. Please feel free to call me for help. My home phone is 547-3449 and cell phone is 582-9521.

Peter Hopkins
Code Enforcement Officer

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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

Again we would like to thank the members of the VFW for their annual efforts to replace the Veteran's flags in the Cemeteries.

We would like to thank Robyn Manley and Peter Martel for their help and assistance in the past years.

This coming year, 2008, we are looking to paint the shed at Evergreen and the iron fence surrounding Sunnyside Cemetery.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom J. Belcher
Barry White
Jill S. Young, Chair

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

This year's Town Elections will be Tuesday, March 11th. The Polls will be open 8am – 7pm.

As of this writing, Bennington has 1003 registered voters: 266 Democrats, 339 Republicans, and 398 Undeclared voters. The busy year continues with Town / School District Election in March, the State Primary in September (in which we choose candidates for the General Election), and the General Election in November (in which we choose President, Governor, US Senator & Congresspeople, State Senate, and State Representative).

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

The Supervisors are pleased to have put together some web-pages to keep the public informed of the election schedule, how to register to vote, who qualifies to vote, how to obtain a checklist, and other relevant election information. Please view the pages at <http://benningtonelections.homestead.com/>

Also, an important note about party changes: Undeclared voters who chose a party's ballot in the Presidential Primary will be registered for that party unless they change back to Undeclared. The last day to do this is Tuesday, June 3. You can fill out a form during Town Clerk's hours, or with the Supervisors of the Checklist.

See you at the polls!

Drusilla Cox
Barbara Moorehead
Victoria Turner

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

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

This year's Transfer Station revenues, between disposal goods and recyclables, were approximately \$13,500. As of this year, users of the Transfer Station are recycling 41% of its trash collected. In addition, Bennington users recycled 67 tons of paper, with an environmental impact equivalent of saving 1,139 trees!

As of January 1, 2008, RSA 149-M:58 bans the disposal of mercury-added products at any Transfer Station. Such products include thermometers, thermostats, electrical switches, mercury button cell batteries, and tube and compact fluorescent light bulbs. Check with your Recycling Attendant regarding the disposal of these products. As soon as we receive more information, we will pass it on to you.

This year the Town will participate in two Hazardous Waste Disposal cycles. One will be held in the spring and one will be held in the summer/fall. We have arranged for Bennington residents to dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste in Keene at no charge. The dates for these programs are as follows:

SPRING

Saturday, March 22 / Wednesday, March 26
Saturday, March 29 / Saturday, April 12
Wednesday, April 16 / Saturday, April 26
Saturday, May 10 / Wednesday, May 14
Saturday, May 24 / Saturday, June 7
Wednesday, June 11 / Saturday, June 21

SUMMER/FALL

Saturday, July 12 / Wednesday, July 16
Saturday, July 26 / Saturday, August 9
Wednesday, August 13 / Saturday, August 23
Saturday, September 13 / Wednesday, Sept. 17
Saturday, September 27 / Saturday, October 4
Wednesday, October 8 / Saturday, October 18

All collections will be held at the Keene Solid Waste Facility off Route 12 North from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Take Route 12 North out of Keene for approximately five miles. The facility entrance is at top of hill on the left side of the road (there is a sign out front).

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

Respectfully Submitted,

David Blanchard
Joseph Cuddemi
Donald Parker

HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Department exists under state law RSA 165:1. As stipulated in this law, citizens of our community are assisted and served, or as the law states "relieved and mandated". The types of services vary depending on the needs of the client. Ultimately, our goal is to render assistance in a professional manner at the lowest cost to the Town, striving to obtain self sufficiency in our clients.

In addition to providing financial assistance, we try to guide clients in proper financial budgeting, job searches, as well as local and state assistances that may be available to them. We work closely with path outreach workers in finding affordable housing and other services that are needed. This year the River Center has developed an exciting program called "Money Matters" that will provide free tax assistance, budgeting classes, banking classes, and other financial education seminars to help people get control of their finances and become self-sufficient. If necessary, Welfare Directors may mandate some of these seminars for their clients before they can come back for aid. Many of the issues surrounding welfare clients are poor money management and banking skills.

The Town of Bennington would like to thank the businesses and organizations that donate cash to the cause. This provides us the opportunity to purchase much needed gift cards for gas and food.

St. Patrick's Church generously provides food baskets, prepared by them, for needy residents during Easter and Thanksgiving. Thank you to all who participate in this wonderful program.

Thank you again to the Peterborough and Monadnock Rotary Clubs for a successful Operation Santa. This is an annual program involving many volunteers throughout the region in providing gifts to young children at Christmastime. There were 350-400 gifts sent to children throughout the region.

The Town of Bennington Human Services Department strives to provide food, shelter, heat assistance and medical attention in a professional manner to those in need in the most cost efficient way with a goal toward self-sufficiency. All contact with clients and referral is confidential.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine P. Lavery
Human Services Director

THE GRAPEVINE FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

In 2007, The Grapevine continued to promote family and community health and well-being by providing the residents of Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown and Hancock with family and parenting support and early childhood education, and by building on the resources in our community.

The new Teen Center served 80 teens in the months of November and December alone. Also new in the fall of 2007 was the After School Club, which The Grapevine "adopted" from the Antrim Recreation Department and has already served 22 children of working families before the December holiday break. Last fiscal year The Grapevine served more than 1600 children and adults at the center and in the community. Grapevine programs, services and resources include:

Parent-Child Programs and Family Supports

- **Better Beginnings Parent-Child Program:** for children 18 months through 5 years of age and their parents, providing early childhood education, parenting education and family support
- **Better Beginnings for Babies:** for infants from birth to 18 months and their parents, offering parenting education, support and early childhood education
- **The Learning Vine:** a parent-cooperative preschool program. Curriculum includes hands-on activities, problem solving and conflict resolution skills that help young children prepare for success in school
- **Parenting Education and Support:** The Grapevine offers parenting education workshops and discussions, as well as home-based parenting support
- **Early Home Support:** Home-based support for Medicaid-eligible young mothers and their infants, in collaboration with Home Healthcare and The Family Center
- **Visitation Site:** The Grapevine is an approved supervised visitation site offering local families a welcoming environment for these important visits between non-custodial parents and their children

Community Services, Resources and Activities

- **Information, Referral and Assistance:** for people in need of basic services and resources such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation, legal counsel, health and dental care, health insurance
- **Access to Health and Human Services:** The Grapevine provides a local office for Monadnock Family Services (child and family counseling), A.C.C.E.S.S. (employment support for adults with disabilities and school-to-work transition support for students with disabilities), Milford Area Mediation (family conflict resolution), SW Community Services (homeless outreach) and Home Healthcare (NH Healthy Kids health insurance), Project LIFT (literacy tutoring and GED preparation)
- **Classes and Workshops:** Parenting education (birth to teen years), anger management, nutrition, money management, substance abuse prevention, and other topics
- **Community Wood Bank:** Free firewood on an urgent or emergency basis to families and individuals who use wood as their primary heat source and cannot afford to buy it
- **Community Suppers** in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington and Frankestown, initiated by The Grapevine and run by townspeople and groups
- **Strong Living:** A community-based, volunteer-driven strength training class for older adults

- **The People's Service Exchange:** a neighbor-helping-neighbor network offering a local, coordinated network for trading services and skills with other members
- **The Before and After School Clubs:** Before and after school care and enrichment for children of working families enrolled at Antrim Elementary and Great Brook Schools, initiated by The Grapevine's "Brown Bag Coalition"
- **The Teen Center:** At 42 Main Street, created for teens from Great Brook School towns, opened its doors on October 31 with opportunities to play pool, ping pong, foos ball or board games, finish up homework or check email, listen to music, and just "hang out"
- **Meeting space for local groups**

The Grapevine, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization funded by Grants and local support, was honored in 2006 as the recipient of the statewide Smith Award for "Excellence in service to families." For more information about The Grapevine, give us a call at 588-2620, drop by the center in the Aiken Street Barn behind the Tuttle Library in Antrim, or visit the Town of Bennington website and click on "The Grapevine" on the Community Resources page.

BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year 2007 seems to have come and gone more quickly than usual. Maybe it is because of all the Presidential hopefuls visiting our State so early. It has been a long hard campaign with many visits from all eight Democrats and ten Republicans vying for our votes.

This past year has been a sad time with our Bennington Historical Society losing three members. Raymond N. Holland, a Bennington native, passed away in the spring – he was an early member of our Society. In 1996 Raymond donated a stained glass window in honor of his deceased parents and sister, the Cordartos'. When the Pearl Walker Hall was built, the window was installed in a special place. In his Will he bequeathed the Society his beloved piano and juke box; in addition we will receive one-quarter of his residual estate.

A second member who passed away was Verna Lowe Paige, another life-long resident of Bennington. For fifteen years Verna opened the Museum every Saturday during the summer season. Several years ago, she was given a Lifetime Honorary Membership to the Bennington Historical Society. Verna was an artist, seamstress and craftsperson – she enjoyed making and giving gifts to her family and friends and also enjoyed cooking. The Society received over \$500 in Verna's memory – we will install a monument on the Museum grounds with the money.

Our third member that went to be with our Lord was Barbara Huntley. She lived in Bennington for over fifty years – she was a Justice of Peace, worked on several Town committees and was the Health and Welfare Officer for the Town; she was involved in our Town government for forty years. Barbara and her husband Mike were members of the Society from its inception and both were willing to make baked beans and/or pies for our annual dinners. Barbara always had boxes of used clothing for needy families in Town.

All three of our deceased friends and neighbors helped make Bennington a great place to live. The Society and the Town will miss them.

Catherine Conrey has been hired to help with a Museum inventory and to deal with our email – our email address is bhs@basicisp.net. We are still working on the website with the Town.

2007 Projects Include:

1. Opened the Museum for the AGIFT program at Pierce School – history and questions
2. Christmas party for 1st and 2nd grades – Pierce School
3. Christmas Open House for the Town
4. June – lecture by Jim George on antique milk bottles
5. Mrs Sysyn's class – talk on the history of Bennington

At our annual meeting we elected the following Officers: Arnold Cernota – President, David Glynn – Vice President, Ellen Hill – Secretary, and Jean Cernota – Treasurer. We also elected the following Directors: Frank Carrara, Sandy Cleary, Dorothy Glynn, Ron McClure, Joan Schnare, David Sysyn and Barbara Willis.

We are looking for a professional tax person to prepare our State and Federal tax returns.

At the fall meeting we had professors Scott and Stephanie Roper discussing Bennington cemeteries. The Ropers have published books and articles on area town histories.

We are expecting several changes in Town in 2008 – new sidewalks, flowers and flower boxes. More flowers for the Town Common has been suggested – over the years the Bennington Historical Society has planted flowers, trees and shrubs – about \$10,000 worth. We look forward to working with our Town fathers to beautify our Town once construction is complete.

In 2008 we plan to have presentations on covered bridges, the history of Moxie and water pollution. We are planning an auction for next summer – watch for the date and get ready to donate goods!

There was plenty of snow this past winter for skiers on Crotched Mountain. We, in the Society, are moving forward in getting our records into the computer. Thank You to our Officers and Directors! We welcomed several new members and appreciate their offers to help.

Respectfully submitted by

David A. Glynn, Vice President



Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride & Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
01/10/2007	Monika Wojcik Robert C. Kagan	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
01/27/2007	Amanda Anderson Christopher Knight	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
03/17/2007	Roanne Hubbard John J. Cronin	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
03/18/2007	Shauna Wilkinson Seth Smith	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
04/21/2007	Meredith Blair David J. Desaulniers	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
05/19/2007	Susan Chaplick Lynn C. Taylor	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/09/2007	Bonita L. Moulton Jeffrey J. Steele	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
07/03/2007	Susan Seneschal John F. Mooney	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
07/28/2007	Samantha Stone Michael A. Arsenaault	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/04/2007	Paulette M. Bolton Donald S. Slovenkai	Bennington, NH New Ipswich, NH
08/18/2007	Emily H. Proctor Jesse C. Blair	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/25/2007	Katrina M. Trow Joshua C. Boucher	Bennington, NH Antrim, NH
09/01/2007	Erika K. Hansen Jacob M. Cutter	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/08/2007	Johanna D. Bodnar Jeremy P. Bouchard	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/15/2007	Melissa J. Laverack Joseph S. Eisenberg	Nelson, NH Bennington, NH
11/10/2007	Pamela M. Matthews Clyde S. Campbell	Antrim, NH Bennington, NH
11/10/2007	Kristina L. Digaetano Brian M. Yergeau	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
12/14/2007	Jacqueline M. Macomber Franklin D. Dalton	Laconia, NH Bennington, NH

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

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father and Mother</u>
04/01/2007	Madison Abigayle Smith	Concord, NH	William Smith/ Heidi Christiansen
04/06/2007	Liam Wade Richardson	Peterborough, NH	Jeffrey and Katie Richardson
05/03/2007	Eben Lawrence Charlonne	Peterborough, NH	Jonathan and Amy Charlonne
05/06/2007	Daniel Robert Kagan	Concord, NH	Robert Kagan/ Monika Wojcik
06/05/2007	Ceirra Lynn Valley	Peterborough, NH	Joseph and Cheryl Valley
07/04/2007	Emma Lynn Fedock	Peterborough, NH	Amy Leard
07/20/2007	Autumn Taylor Pierson	Keene, NH	Gary Pierson/ Darlene Whitney-Pierson
07/20/2007	Tucker Owen Pierson	Keene, NH	Gary Pierson/ Darlene Whitney-Pierson
07/25/2007	Morgan Rose Munroe	Concord, NH	David and Jennifer Munroe
07/31/2007	Ashley Anne Cronin	Peterborough, NH	John and Rachael Cronin
07/31/2007	Emma Rose Cronin	Peterborough, NH	John and Rachael Cronin
08/22/2007	Damien Michael Cronan	Peterborough, NH	Geoffrey Cronan/ Felicia White
09/24/2007	Evan Riley Martus	Nashua, NH	Daniel Martus/Anita Wadleigh
09/25/2007	Xavier James Bausum	Peterborough, NH	Ronald and Erin Bausum
10/11/2007	Norah Anne Smith	Peterborough, NH	Seth and Shauna Smith
11/25/2007	Alysa Beth Johnson	Peterborough, NH	Howard Johnson/ Florence Junkala
11/29/2007	Victor William Coffman	Peterborough, NH	Stephan and Ruth Coffman
12/15/2007	Maisie Ava Michaud	Peterborough, NH	Patrick Michaud/ Erin Nolan
12/18/2007	Natalie Jordan Cahoon	Manchester, NH	Richard and Sadie Cahoon

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

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

<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>
01/08/2007	Leonard Moorehead Sr.	Peterborough, NH		Elsi Godin
02/28/2007	Faith Allen	Bennington, NH	Robert Allen	Elli Liimatainen
03/11/2007	Glenn Loucks Sr	Bennington, NH		Barbara Rees
04/05/2007	Ethel Hope	Jaffrey, NH	Robert Cooke	Sarah Coon
05/05/2007	Raymond Holland	Jaffrey, NH	Charles Holland	Bernice Schoults
05/30/2007	Charles Sjogren Jr.	Manchester, NH	Charles Sjogren Sr.	Elizabeth Vaughan
06/08/2007	Ruth Swett	Keene, NH	William Meeken	Gertrude Driscoll
06/14/2007	John Warren	Hillsborough, NH	Pearl Warren	Gladys Dodge
06/19/2007	David Lewis	Lebanon, NH	Howard Lewis	Sandra Roscoe
06/25/2007	Lula Durgin	Bennington, NH	Raymond Boutwell	Goldie Flint
10/10/2007	Verna Paige	Peterborough, NH	Forrest Lowe	Florence Holmes
10/13/2007	Robert Lijieberg	Peterborough, NH	Gustav Lijieberg	Mabel McPolin
11/22/2007	Margaret McKenney	Peterborough, NH	Leslie Adams	Lucy Wiswall
12/05/2007	Jean Smith	Manchester, NH	Joseph Terani	Marjorie Towse
12/12/2007	Louise Buxton	Peterborough, NH	Gerald Geddes	Martha Nicholas
12/14/2007	Donald M. Clough	Peterborough, NH	Ivon Clough	Ellen Miles

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Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF BENNINGTON

TOWN OFFICE HOURS 588-2189

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

MEETING SCHEDULES

Selectmen	Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees	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 Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Com.	Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Trustees of Trust Funds	Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Library
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

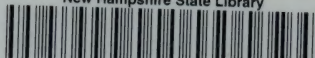
LIBRARY HOURS 588-6585

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.

New Hampshire State Library



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