

2022 ANNUAL REPORTS



**for the
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Bennington Depot/VFW (cover photo)

In 1878 the Bennington Depot was originally the rail line from Peterborough to Hillsborough. In 1892 the building was built and used as a combined freight & passenger depot. The passenger service was discontinued in the mid 1930's, freight continued through the depot until 1966. The building is currently known as the VFW, was donated to the Town of Bennington in August 2008 by the VFW Post #8268. It is a wonderful asset to the community. Renovations of the building have begun with the installation of an ADA compliant handicapped ramp, the painted exterior of the VFW by Norman Mercier. The Conservation Commission painted the interior of the building. Photographs have been displayed. Robin Manley made curtains and the building is now available for functions.

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	<u>Term Expires</u>
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
James W. Cleary, Chair	March 2024
David Foster	March 2023
Thomas James.....	March 2025
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	
Karen Belcher	March 2022
Joshua Segal.....	March 2023
Robert Christianson, Chair.....	March 2024
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Colleen Allen.....	March 2024
Jill Wilmoth, Chair	March 2025
Molly Eppig	March 2023
David McKenzie, Alternate	March 2022
MODERATOR	
John J. Cronin, III	March 2024
PLANNING BOARD	
Sam Cohen, Chair	March 2023
Donald Trow, Vice-Chair.....	March 2024
Luke Hardwick.....	March 2025
Todd Wheeler.....	March 2025
Corey Lawrence, Alternate.....	March 2023
SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE	
Kiera Christian - Resigned.....	March 2024
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	
Brenda Gibbons	March 2022
Walter Turner, Chair	March 2024
Melissa Searles	March 2026
TOWN CLERK	
Debra Belcher	March 2022
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	
Michael Munhall	March 2024
David Parker.....	March 2022
Bethany Craig	March 2023
WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS	
Tyler Howe, Chair	March 2024
Jon Charlonne.....	March 2023
Melissa M. Clark	March 2025

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Robert Christian.....	2024
Melissa Clark, Chair	2025
Michael Munhall.....	2022
Sam Cohen, Vice-Chair	2023
Chris Maple	2024
Jeffrey Rose.....	2025

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATION

Administrator	Debra Davidson
Deputy Administrator	Catherine McGillicuddy

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER John Kendall

CHIEF OF POLICE Jason LePine

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director	Keith W. Nason
Assistant Director	Jason Powers

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief

David Foster

HEALTH OFFICER John Kendall

HEALTH OFFICER, DEPUTY Debra Davidson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR Debra Davidson

LIBRARY DIRECTOR..... Leslie MacGregor

RECREATION

Co-Chairs..... Bethany and James Craig

ROAD AGENT Matthew Blanchard

TAX COLLECTOR Catherine McGillicuddy

TOWN TREASURER Rhonda Davie

DEPUTY TOWN TREASURER Joyce Miner

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Term Expires

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Baybutt	2021
Jon Charlonne	2021
Judith Heddy	2021
Tyler Howe	2021
Shelly Griswold.....	2022

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

James Cleary	2024
David Foster	2023
David Hardwick Sr.	2022

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Thomas James	2022
Michael Munhall, Chair	2022
Joseph MacGregor	2023
Jon Manley	2023
Stephen Willette.....	2023
Zack Allen.....	2024
Patricia Long	2024

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jason LePine	2021
James Cleary	2021
Matthew Blanchard.....	2021

NEWHALL PARK BOARD

Brian Whittemore	2021
Gretchen Hutton	2022
David Parker.....	2023

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Matthew Blanchard.....	2021
David Parker.....	2021
Jeffrey Rose	2021

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Molly Eppig, Peter Eppig, David McKenzie

RHUBARB FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Bethany Craig, Molly Eppig, Thomas James, Laurie MacKeigan, Linda Osienski

SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

We started the year with a change in a Selectman. Thomas James was elected and has been very excited while learning about the position as Selectman. Mr. James participated in the "Selectperson's Institute", hosted by the New Hampshire Municipal Association. During the year, with a new auditing firm we established new policies and new relationships that keep a town going. We have continued to succeed and provide services in a very efficient way.

Selectmen continue to work hard to keep residents in the forefront of all their decisions.

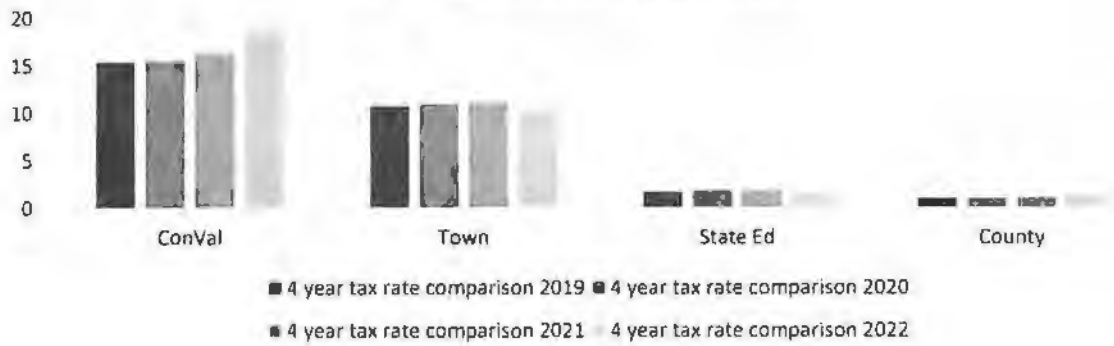
The Town Hall continues to have updates and the welcomed use of the second floor of the building is increasing. The Music, hosted by Tom James, is becoming a well-attended and successful event. The painting of the tin ceiling really was a great improvement. One major update to the Town Hall will happen in 2023, the installation of a sprinkler system in the building and a Lift. The Lift will comply with the ADA regulations, making the second floor of the Town Hall a viable location for voting, and other town events. This will be possible from the very generous donation from David Glynn. The VFW has had updates and is also being used more than it had been in the past and we are hopeful that more improvements and use of that building will also become a reality.

The summer of 2022 the bridge on South Bennington Road was rebuilt by the State of New Hampshire. At the same time this was happening, our water department was setting some water/sewer lines out there. We thank those who took pictures and/or videos to memorialize the project.

In December of 2022, Bethany and Jim Craig stepped down as the Chairs for our Recreation Department. They brought many years of dedication to the Town of Bennington, and various events. We appreciate everything they have done over the years; the parades, rhubarb festival, holiday events, mid summers eve at the new gazebo, and so much more. A sincere Thank You to both Jim and Bethany for all you have done to enrich our community.

When evaluating the wants and needs of our community, we continually find ourselves in a position to fund only basic needs. It takes a significant effort from everyone to develop a budget that serves the community, keeping taxes at a minimum and yet provides the tools to employees that are required to efficiently do their jobs. We recognize the increase in the tax rate of \$1.31 is a big increase for everyone. The change in the tax rate is reflected in a .71 cent decrease to the Municipality, a .16 cent increase to the County, a \$2.35 cent increase for Local Education (ConVal), and a .41 decrease from the State Education. As you can see, we have worked hard to decrease what we can, it is very important to have your vote count and attend the budget hearings and deliberative sessions, both school and town. The increase in the tax rate was not a reflection of the town.

4 YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON



Tax Rate for 2022

Town	10.40
County	1.20
Local Ed.	18.62
<u>State Ed.</u>	<u>1.43</u>
	31.65

With the dedication of Selectmen, staff and the many volunteers, we work diligently to keep local costs as low as we possibly can. We will continue to work hard to spend your tax dollars in the most efficient way

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to successful year in 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Cleary, Chair
 David Foster
 Thomas James



Bennington

The inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Pierce Elementary School
Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Time: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Location: Pierce Elementary School
Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before 1/30/23 true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Town Office and that an original was delivered to Town Clerk

Name	Position	Signature
James Cleary	Chairman	
David Foster	Selectman	
Thomas James	Selectman	



Article 01 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Yes No

Article 02 Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Bennington 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, eight hundred thirty one thousand, eight hundred five dollars (\$1,831,805.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be one million, seven hundred seventy one thousand, eight hundred fifty three dollars (\$1,771,853), 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.

Yes No

Article 03 Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 04 Rescue Vehicle CRF

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 05 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 06 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 07 Mower Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No



Article 08 Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 09 Dodge Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Dodge Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 10 Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 11 Water Dept Maintenance/Repairs CRF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Water Department Maintenance & Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 12 Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by Selectmen

Yes No

Article 13 Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 14 Fire Department SCBA Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No



2023
WARRANT

Article 15 Fire Dept Protective Gear Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Fire Department Protective Gear Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 16 Revaluation CRF

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 17 Deferred Road Maintenance

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to provide additional Highway Department funds to address deferred road maintenance?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Yes No

Article 18 Lease with Escape Clause

To see if the Town of Bennington, will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5-year annual lease agreement for Six Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$679,862) for the purpose of leasing a Fire Truck for the Fire Department, and to appropriate Four Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$420,000) for the first payment with said funds to come from the (Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund); the remaining payments will be paid annually of Sixty Thousand Nineteen (\$60,019). This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)

Yes No

Article 19 Veterans Tax Credit Modification

Shall the Town of Bennington vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, previously adopted [2016 Adopted RSA 72:28,II Optional Veteran Credit, for an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit per year. If re-adopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Recommended by the Select Board). (Majority vote required).

Yes No

Article 20 Authorize KENO

To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of KENO within the Town of Bennington pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51. Shall we allow the operation of KENO games within the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Board of Selectmen Recommend this Article. (Ballot vote required.)

Yes No



2023
WARRANT

Article 21 To appropriate to Contocook Housing Trust

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the purpose of supporting the Contocook Housing Trust. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 22 To support Community Volunteer Transportation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of supporting the Community Volunteer Transportation Company - a non profit organization. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 23 Support for the Grapevine & Avenue A

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center - a nonprofit organization. The appropriation will provide \$4,000 funding for the Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$2,000 funding for The Teen Center's programs and services. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 24 To support the Court Appointed Special Advocate Pr

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) for the purpose of supporting the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) - a non profit organization. Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 25 To support Child Advocacy Center

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred dollars (\$1,100.00) for the purpose of supporting the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) - a non profit organization. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 26 Support of End 68 Hours of Hunger

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the End 68 Hours of Hunger program - a non-profit program. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 27 Support for American Red Cross

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross - a non profit. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Yes No



Article 28 Support for Local Shelter

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of supporting the Hundred Nights Shelter-a non profit organization. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 29 Support for Cornucopia Project

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of supporting the Cornucopia Project-a non profit organization. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2022 TOWN MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION-SESSION 1
AND
MARCH 8, 2022 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS-SESSION 2**

Session 1 of the 2022 Bennington Town Meeting convened on February 9, 2020 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 there was a moment of silence for Joseph Cuddemi and John Paradise. The Moderator, as mandated under Senate Bill 2, which the Town of Bennington adopted on March 12, 1996, briefly explained the procedures and rules of conduct for the Deliberative Session. Each warrant article will be read and discussed and any amendments proposed from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Moderator. It was noted that the articles will be heard out of order as there was a representative from Grapevine in the audience.

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 8, 2022 at Pierce School in Bennington, New Hampshire. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: February 9, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Pierce Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Details: 19 Main Street

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 9, 2021

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Pierce Elementary School

Details: 19 Main Street

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

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Selectman (3 years)	Thomas James
Town Clerk (3 years)	Dehra Belcher
Library Trustee (3 years)	Jill Wilmoth
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Karen Belcher
Planning Board (3 years)	Todd Wheeler
Planning Board (3 years)	Luke Hardwick
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)	David Parker
Water and Sewer Commissioner (3 years)	Melissa Clark
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)	Melissa Clark
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)	Jeffrey Rose
Zoning Board (2years)	Christopher Maple
Moderator (2 years)	John Cronin III
Supervisor of Checklist (6 years)	Brenda Gibbons

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 889 registered voters. During Election Day, 11 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voters Checklist contained 900 voters. A total of 251 voters cast their ballots in this election, which was an 27% voter turnout.

The Deliberative Town Meeting, Session 1 was attended by 20 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated the following articles:

2. Shall the Town of Bennington 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, seven hundred seventy-one thousand, eight hundred fifty-three dollars (\$1,771,853.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be one million, seven hundred ninety thousand, four hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$1,790,488), 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: Selectmen Cleary spoke to the article noting that the proposed operating budget is a decrease from last year. Ronald Clough asked about the French scholarship. At this time there is \$1,000 in principal, but that cannot be spent. Bethany Craig, Trustee of Trust Funds, noted that a scholarship had been given last year, however, adequate funds were not available in the trust; the balance was taken from the general fund to be dispersed. The account can either be closed or added to. Ronald Clough asked about Fire

Department spending and if the town goes through the State for bids. Fire Chief Foster explained that the tanker needs 6 tires as guidelines require every truck should have tires replaced every 5 years and the tankers tires are the originals. He has received an outside quote for \$7,300. Ronald Clough recommended that the Town seek a municipal discount through the State. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written/

2022 RESULTS: YES- 181 NO- 47

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectmen Foster spoke to the article noting that the warrant article is in order to keep building funds for a projected 2025 replacement. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-185 NO- 58

THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established?

Note: Selectman Hardwick spoke to the article noting that the warrant article is in order to build funds for the future replacement of the rescue vehicle. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-189 NO- 53

THE ARTICLE PASSED

Moderator Cronin asked the public to hear the warrant articles out of order as there was a representative from the Grapevine in the audience.

21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center - a nonprofit organization? The appropriation would provide \$4,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$2,000 funding for The Teen Center's programs and services.

Note: Selectmen Hardwick asked Melissa Gallagher from the Grapevine to speak to the article. Melissa Gallagher, Director of The Grapevine spoke to the article noting the many services provided by The Grapevine. In the past year 213 individuals from Bennington residents have taken advantage of services offered by the Grapevine. The Grapevine received a grant this past year in emergency funds that allowed them to provide money for groceries, emergency bills, winter boots for students at Pierce School. Tom (Henry) Badgley noted that they are a good community resource to help the local teens stay away from drugs. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-173 NO- 69

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectmen Cleary noted that at this time there is \$33,400 in the fund. The additional money from this warrant article this year would provide enough for a new cruiser to be purchased this spring. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-158 NO- 84

THE ARTICLE PASSED

6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established?

Note: Selectmen Foster spoke to the article noting that the warrant article is in order to keep building funds. Joseph MacGregor asked what equipment is the department looking to replace. Matthew Blanchard, Road Agent, replied that the backhoe is first on the list to be replaced. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-174 NO- 72

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectman Foster spoke to the article noting that there is \$10,000 in the fund and the mower is projected to be replaced this year. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-165 NO- 78

THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund previously established?

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that there is \$163,000 available in the fund. This fund was used this past year to remove the bat guano, and to make repairs and paint the ceiling upstairs at the Town Hall. The VFW has been primed and the plan is to paint it this year. The money left from David Glynn is approximately \$270,000 and was left to the town with the wishes for the installation of an elevator and sprinkler system in the town hall. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-155 NO- 86

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectmen Foster spoke to the article noting that it is an annual article. Leslie MacGregor, librarian, noted that with the funds in this article in the past it has allowed the library to replace rugs and flooring, add a bathroom and sink, etc. This past year the library was able to replace 19 windows. There is 1 more window that will need replacing. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-161 NO- 83

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectmen Hardwick spoke to the article noting that there is \$93,000 in the fund. The plan is to use the fund in 2022 for North Bennington Rd by Pine Meadow. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-179 NO- 66

THE ARTICLE PASSED

11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Water Department Maintenance & Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established?

Note: Selectmen Cleary spoke to the article noting that there is approximately \$91,000 available in the fund. Some areas of the water line are over 100 years old and will need to be addressed. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-158 NO- 73

THE ARTICLE PASSED

12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund previously established?

Note: Selectmen Foster spoke to the article noting that there is \$3,000 available in the fund. Leslie MacGregor asked if the fund could address the sidewalk near the library that needs repairs. The funds can be used to address repairs to sidewalks or to install new sidewalks, for example along Antrim Rd. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-149 NO- 92

THE ARTICLE PASSED

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund?

Note: Selectmen Hardwick spoke to the article noting that this is an annual article. There is currently \$87,000 available in the fund. The bridge that is owned by the town on South Bennington Rd is estimated to cost \$200,000. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-181 NO- 61

THE ARTICLE PASSED

14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established?

Note: Selectmen Cleary spoke to the article noting that the Fire department plans to replace bottles this year. There is currently \$7,300 available in the fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-190 NO- 55

THE ARTICLE PASSED

15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Fire Department Protective Gear Capital Reserve Fund previously established?

Note: Selectmen Foster spoke to the article noting the fund is used to purchase gear for the fire fighters and EMS personnel. There is currently \$22,000 available in the fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES-188 NO- 56

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectmen Hardwick spoke to the article noting that the next revaluation will be in 2024. If the Town does not have funds for revaluation, the state does it and it will cost the town more. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 131 NO- 105

THE ARTICLE PASSED

17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to provide additional Highway Department funds to address deferred road maintenance?

Note: Selectmen Cleary spoke to the article noting that this fund is to supplement the operating budget to address deferred road maintenance. North Bennington Rd will be addressed in 2022. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 166 NO- 75

THE ARTICLE PASSED

18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200) from unassigned fund balance to be deposited in the Conservation Commission Fund, said amount representing 50% of the income derived from Timber Tax revenue in the preceding year?

Note: Moderator Cronin spoke to the article noting that articles 18 and 19 would be heard together, as 18, 19, and 28 all address timber and gravel tax, but with different percentages of the funds to be appropriated. Joseph MacGregor submitted a written motion "To see if the Town shall set-up a committee to consider how the timber and gravel tax has been utilized over the past five years." The motion passed and articles 18 and 19 will appear as amended.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 145 NO- 78

THE ARTICLE PASSED

19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200) from unassigned fund balance to be deposited in the Conservation Commission Fund, said

amount representing 50% of the income derived from Excavation Tax revenue in the preceding year?

Note: This article was heard in conjunction with article 18. The article will appear as amended.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 130 NO- 77

20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in support of "End 68 Hours of Hunger" - a nonprofit regional organization?

Note: Selectmen Cleary spoke to the article noting that this is an amazing nonprofit organization that provides food assistance for ConVal area students. The organization is currently helping around 200 kids. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 170 NO- 72

THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Community Volunteer Transportation Company - a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to this article noting that this is a nonprofit organization that the Town has been providing support to for a number of years. The organization provides transportation for grocery shopping, doctor appointments, etc. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 170 NO- 73

THE ARTICLE PASSED

23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) - a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Cleary introduced this article. Moderator Cronin and Debra Belcher noted that they cannot speak highly enough of this organization; they represent vulnerable and emotionally fragile children. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 163 NO- 73

THE ARTICLE PASSED

24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eleven hundred dollars (\$1,100) in support of the Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County (CAC) - a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Hardwick introduced the article. Moderator Cronin spoke to this article noting that this is another amazing organization that helps bring children hope. Police Officer Lepine also spoke to this article noting that the Police Department utilizes their services often. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 173 NO- 67

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectmen Cleary introduced the article. Jonathan Manley noted that the organization maintains 2 low to moderate income houses in town. He thanked the town for their support. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 161 NO- 78

THE ARTICLE PASSED

26. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700) in support of the American Red Cross - a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectmen Foster introduced this article. There was no discussion. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 161 NO- 80

THE ARTICLE PASSED

27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of Hundred Nights Shelter - a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectmen Hardwick spoke to the article noting that the organization is located in Keene, NH. The organization helped one Bennington family this past year with shelter, meals, and helping find employment. No amendments were introduced was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 153 NO- 65

THE ARTICLE PASSED

Moderator Cronin noted that in past years 90% of voters have approved many of the nonprofit organization warrant articles and made the formal recommendation to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator it may be prudent to place these in the general budget. Jeffrey Rose inquired if the money that would be budgeted for would remain the same as what has been asked for in the warrant articles or if it could increase or decrease at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

28. To see if the town will vote to authorize 75% of the Timber and Gravel Taxes collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted, this article shall take effect April 1st, 2022 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting. (Majority vote required)

Note: Joseph MacGregor and Jonathan Manley, Conservation Commissioners, spoke to the article noting that the Conservation Commission had approached the Board of Selectmen several years ago regarding allocating the timber and gravel taxes to the Conservation Committee with gradual increases to 100% of the taxes allocated. The unanticipated revenue could be used to purchase and protect property. The wording submitted by the Conservation Commissioners as a warrant article was suggested by the DRA and if approved the article would not be required to go to be voted on yearly. A majority vote is required for this article. Zachary Andersen asked how much money the article was authorizing to be collected. Selectmen Cleary noted that as the revenue is unanticipated it changed each year due to the amount collected in timber and gravel taxes. Karen Belcher noted that the amounts in articles 18 and 19 reflect the percentage difference and the amount is minimal. Keith Nason asked if the committee should look at the percentage being requested. It was explained that the article could be amended if a motion was made. The Selectmen encouraged the Conservation Commission to talk to the Selectmen. Ronald Clough asked what would happen if article 28 is defeated, especially given that articles 18

and 19 were amended. If article 28 is defeated, no money would be allocated. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 136 NO- 84

THE ARTICLE PASSED

29. To see if the town will vote to authorize 75% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted, this article shall take effect April 1st, 2022 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting. (Majority vote required)

Note: Selectmen Cleary introduced the article. Joseph MacGregor and Jonathan Manley, Conservation Commissioners, noted that a majority vote is required for this article and would not need to be voted on yearly. It was also noted that many Conservation Committees receive 100% of the funds. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2022 RESULTS: YES- 128 NO- 87

THE ARTICLE PASSED

As there was no other business at hand, Selectmen Cleary made a motion to adjourn the meeting and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Karen Belcher
Bennington Deputy Town Clerk

2022 PAYROLL

Michael Andersen			
Fire Department	\$	<u>69.60</u>	
			\$ 69.60
Zackary Andersen			
Fire Department	\$	<u>2,205.24</u>	
			\$ 2,205.24
Debra Belcher			
Town Clerk	\$	21,915.27	
Cemetery Recording Secretary	\$	290.00	
Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$	470.00	
Welfare	\$	168.50	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$	<u>120.00</u>	
			\$ 22,963.77
Karen Belcher			
Deputy Town Clerk	\$	<u>8,213.24</u>	
			\$ 8,213.24
David Bell			
Part-Time Police Officer	\$	<u>1,728.42</u>	
			\$ 1,728.42
Matthew Blanchard			
Highway Road Agent	\$	50,125.50	
Highway Department Overtime	\$	<u>5,471.25</u>	
			\$ 55,596.75
Auralee Burchett			
Transfer Station Attendant	\$	<u>1,865.50</u>	
			\$ 1,865.50
Logan Burnham			
Whittemore Beach Staffing	\$	<u>1,500.00</u>	
			\$ 1,500.00
John Charlonne			
Water/Sewer Commissioner	\$	<u>500.00</u>	
			\$ 500.00
James Cleary			
Selectman	\$	<u>1,500.00</u>	
			\$ 1,500.00
Judith Cox			
Transfer Station Attendant	\$	<u>1,161.00</u>	
			\$ 1,161.00
Sara Cox			
Transfer Station Attendant	\$	<u>3,550.50</u>	
			\$ 3,550.50
Jeffrey Danforth			
Police Officer	\$	57,429.00	
Over-time	\$	8,548.80	
On Call	\$	3,575.00	
Special Detail	\$	<u>3,690.00</u>	
			\$ 73,242.80

2022 PAYROLL

Debra Davidson			
Town Administrator	\$	<u>57,753.20</u>	\$ 57,753.20
Rhonda Davie			
Treasurer	\$	<u>3,120.00</u>	\$ 3,120.00
Curtis Dude			
Fire Department	\$	1,727.39	
Transfer Station Attendant	\$	<u>2,056.00</u>	\$ 3,783.39
David Foster			
Fire Department	\$	3,473.20	
Selectmen Salary	\$	<u>1,500.00</u>	\$ 4,973.20
Dannie Garrity			
Transfer Station Attendant	\$	<u>520.00</u>	\$ 520.00
Brenda Gibbons			
Supervisor of the Checklist Clerical	\$	<u>48.75</u>	\$ 48.75
Bruce Hall			
Fire Department	\$	<u>112.45</u>	\$ 112.45
Matthew Hall			
Fire Department	\$	<u>839.32</u>	\$ 839.32
David Hardwick			
Selectman	\$	<u>1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
Theresa Healey			
Crossing Guard	\$	<u>3,800.00</u>	\$ 3,800.00
Tyler Howe			
Water Commission	\$	<u>1,176.00</u>	\$ 1,176.00
Thomas James			
Transfer Station Attendant	\$	<u>18,324.32</u>	\$ 18,324.32
Matthew Kamarck			
Transfer Station Attendant	\$	<u>2,275.00</u>	\$ 2,275.00
John Kendall			
Code Enforcement Officer	\$	<u>1,275.00</u>	\$ 1,275.00

2022 PAYROLL

Rebecca Lambert		
Cleaning	<u>\$ 460.50</u>	\$ 460.50
Jason Lepine		
Police Chief	\$ 71,616.90	
Overtime	\$ 4,896.06	
On-Call	<u>\$ 3,240.00</u>	
		\$ 79,752.96
Patricia Long		
Cleaning	<u>\$ 1,819.50</u>	
		\$ 1,819.50
Leslie MacGregor		
Library Director	<u>\$ 50,940.76</u>	
		\$ 50,940.76
Catherine McGillicuddy		
Administrative Assistant	\$ 53,650.00	
Insurance Stipend	<u>\$ 6,036.00</u>	
		\$ 59,686.00
Lester Milton		
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 32,714.00	
Overtime	\$ 858.00	
On-Call	\$ 94.00	
Special Detail Wages	<u>\$ 360.00</u>	
		\$ 34,026.00
Joyce Miner		
Deputy Treasurer	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
		\$ 500.00
Keith Nason		
Fire Department	\$ 499.76	
Emergency Management	\$ 2,350.00	
Non Emergency	\$ 1,206.17	
Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,796.09</u>	
		\$ 5,852.02
David Parker		
Recreation Groundskeeping	<u>\$ 3,664.00</u>	
		\$ 3,664.00
Jason Powers		
Fire Department	<u>\$ 1,074.51</u>	
		\$ 1,074.51
Sarah Powers		
Fire Department	<u>\$ 81.73</u>	
		\$ 81.73
Greg Sandquist		
Fire Department	<u>\$ 1,174.65</u>	
		\$ 1,174.65

2022 PAYROLL

Dwayne Searles		
Transfer Station Attendant	<u>\$ 728.00</u>	\$ 2,925.00
Melissa Searles		
Librarian Assistant Salary	\$ 30,723.00	
Website Support	\$ 750.00	
Supervisor of the Checklist	\$ 108.75	
Election	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	\$ 31,656.75
Bret Sullivan		
Part Time Officer	\$ 5,697.50	
Special Detail	<u>\$ 247.50</u>	\$ 5,945.00
Christine Tarrío		
Children's Librarian	<u>\$ 599.05</u>	\$ 599.05
Walter Turner		
Supervisor of the Checklist	<u>\$ 285.00</u>	\$ 285.00
Allan Wilson		
Fire Department	<u>\$ 427.78</u>	\$ 427.78
Anmarie Wilson		
Crossing Guard	<u>\$ 310.50</u>	\$ 310.50
Douglas Wing Jr.		
Highway Laborer	\$ 47,141.23	
Highway Laborer Overtime	<u>\$ 3,548.27</u>	\$ 50,689.50
Total Payroll		\$ 605,468.66

GEP DODGE LIBRARY
Year end Treasurers Report
2022

BEGINNING BALANCE - January 1, 2022 **\$4,798.41**

INCOME

Book Sales:	\$57.00
B&W Copies:	\$80.00
Color Copies:	\$14.00
Fax:	\$12.00
Overdue:	\$5.00
Interest from Trust Funds:	\$2,283.54
Interest from Trust Fund CD:	\$16.67
Donations:	<u>\$305.00</u>
 Total:	 \$2,773.21

EXPENSES

Museum Passes:	\$66.00
Shared Program:	<u>\$50.00</u>
 Total:	 \$116.00

ENDING BALANCE - December 31, 2022 **\$7,455.62**

GEP DODGE LIBRARY
 Monthly Treasurers Report
 For Month Ending December 30, 2022
 Bar Harbor Checking acct# 2820

BEGINNING BALANCE (12/1/22) \$5,120.71

INCOME (deposits)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/2/22	CD #0920 Interest	1.37
12/7/22	Deposit (November cash log)	50.00
12/27/22	Interest - Bennington Women's Club	4.42
12/27/22	Interest - Emma Gibson Trust	<u>2,279.12</u>
	TOTAL INCOME (deposits)	2,334.91

EXPENSES (checks written)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Payable to</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
			TOTAL EXPENSES (checks written)	0.00

ENDING CASH BALANCE (12/30/22) \$7,455.62

OUTSTANDING (haven't cleared bank)

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Payable to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	TOTAL OUTSTANDING	0.00

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE \$7,455.62

OTHER ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 12/30/22:

Library Building Fund	#2960	\$6,977.16
5 Year Plus Time CD	#6191	\$5,478.02
5 Year Plus Time CD	#6183	\$5,362.37
5 Year Plus Time CD	#0920 womens club	\$1,457.50

NOTE: interest from the Dodge Library Books - David Glynn Estate was deposited into the town checking on 12/27/22 (\$1,399.58)

Rhonda Davie 1/26/23

**GEP DODGE LIBRARY
TREASURER'S CASH BOOK
CHECKING - BAR HARBOR 2820
Year Ending 12/31/2022**

Date	check#	Transaction Description	cleared	debit	credit	
		Beginning Balance				
		Open Balance 2022			4,798.41	\$ 4,798.41
01/03/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.42	\$ 4,799.83
02/01/2022		Deposit (Book Sale - Peter Martel)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		20.00	\$ 4,819.83
02/03/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.41	\$ 4,821.24
03/03/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.28	\$ 4,822.52
03/31/2022	6004	Fuller Public Library (museum passes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(66.00)		\$ 4,756.52
04/01/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.42	\$ 4,757.94
04/26/2022		Deposit (April cash log)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		28.00	\$ 4,785.94
05/03/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.37	\$ 4,787.31
05/31/2022	6005	David Vermette (shared program)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(50.00)		\$ 4,737.31
06/03/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.41	\$ 4,738.72
07/01/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.37	\$ 4,740.09
08/03/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.42	\$ 4,741.51
09/02/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.42	\$ 4,742.93
09/07/2022		Deposit (August cash log)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		75.00	\$ 4,817.93
		Deposit (Rich & Deb Page Donation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		200.00	\$ 5,017.93
		Deposit (Joshua Segal Donation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		100.00	\$ 5,117.93
10/03/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.37	\$ 5,119.30
11/03/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.41	\$ 5,120.71
12/02/2022		Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1.37	\$ 5,122.08
12/07/2022		Deposit (November cash log)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		50.00	\$ 5,172.08
12/27/2022		Interest - Bennington Women's Club	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		4.42	\$ 5,176.50

**GEP DODGE LIBRARY
 TREASURER'S CASH BOOK
 CHECKING - BAR HARBOR 2820
 Year Ending 12/31/2022**

		Beginning Balance	cleared	debit	credit		
Date	check#	Transaction Description		Amount			
12/27/2022		Interest - Emma Gibson Trust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		2,279.12	\$	7,455.62

**GEP DODGE LIBRARY
 TREASURER'S CASH BOOK
 BUILDING FUND - BAR HARBOR 2960
 Year Ending 12/31/2022**

		Beginning Balance	cleared	debit	credit		
Date	check#	Transaction Description		Amount			
		Open Balance 2022			5,042.16	\$	5,042.16
02/01/2022		Deposit (Beck - donation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1,000.00	\$	6,042.16
		Deposit (door post contest)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		100.00	\$	6,142.16
07/11/2022		Deposit (general store & drinks - Rhubarb Festival)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		335.00	\$	6,477.16
10/12/2022		Deposit (Friends donation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		500.00	\$	6,977.16

current as of 12/30/22 statement

GEP DODGE LIBRARY

2022 TOWN REPORT

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Website: www.dodgeliibrary.com ~ Online catalog: dodgeliibrary.biblionix.com

Facebook page: GEP Dodge Library, Bennington, NH ~ Instagram: [gepdodgeliibrary](https://www.instagram.com/gepdodgeliibrary)

It is hard to believe, that it has been nearly two years after the initial COVID-19 lockdown and restrictions. At the start of 2022, we were very discouraged. COVID-19 infection rates were high, restrictions were back in place and the library was once again closed to inside visits. Finally, in mid-February, as infections numbers subsided, we were able to fully open the library and have remained fully open ever since. No restrictions, masks are optional and patrons can browse, sit, read, study, use the computers, the FAX machine and the copier. Story times, book groups, programs and activities are all back. Some very practical modifications that had been adopted during the various lock-down phases of the pandemic remain, since they have expanded and improved our ability to provide 24/7 access to our library collection and that of the NH statewide library system.

The 2022 nationwide Summer Reading Program was entitled Oceans of Possibilities, a marine themed program. We had two field trips, one on the Gundalow out of Portsmouth Harbor and the second one, a whale watch, out of Rye Harbor. The 5-week program included 2 weekly story times, guest readers, reading incentives, weekly activities, games and puzzles, craft activities, contests and a Summer Family Trivia Night, emceed by Town Moderator, John Cronin. The library also held a Bike Rodeo set-up and run by Joe MacGregor and Joe Hodgen. Joe MacGregor checked over bikes for appropriate size and working brakes, and Chief Jason LePine, Officer Jeff Danforth, Fire Chief Dave Foster and EMR, Sarah Powers reviewed safety rules and instruction to the young bikers. Masons Jon Manley and Arthur Dunham of the *Benevolent Lodge #7, Milford, NH* and *Pacific Lodge #45, Frankestown, NH*, once again sponsored their Masonic Bikes for Books program. The 2022 reading winner of the Mason's bike and helmet was Hermione Sulzer.

The library now has our own *Little Free Library*. Visit our *Little Free Library* located along the railroad track between the Bennington VFW Hall and the start of the Bruce Edes' Memorial Forest. The Little Free Library is a collaboration between the GEP Dodge Library and the Bennington Conservation Commission. The Little Free Library was built and placed by Bennington Conservation member, Joe MacGregor. For more information about Little Free Libraries, please visit: littlefreelibrary.org

The library continues its tradition of a Story Walk through the Bruce Edes' Memorial Forest. Seasonal stories are changed every four to six weeks and more frequently during the summer months. In 2022 the story walk stanchions were placed along a slightly longer route through the forest and it now follows the White, Red and Yellow trails.

2022 saw the return of Pierce School students to the library for stories and book selection. It has been very good to see the students back in the library and learning how to use the catalog and look for materials on their own. Other activities and programs that returned in 2022 were the weekly pre-school story times, the return of our Eager Readers and Great Stone Face book groups, the Peep Diorama contest, our seasonal guessing activities, our book theme displays, our winter holiday party, the Gingerbread House workshop, and the Candy Cane Sled Races. We also had some collaborative adult programs via Zoom: Spark Joy- how to organize stuff, French Canadians in New England and Waterfalls of the White Mountains.

Once again, our library could not provide all it does without great volunteers, community support and generous donations. Thank you to our *Friends of the Library Group*, chaired by Laurie MacKeigan who

have raised money throughout the year and have provided library patrons with passes to six terrific, family friendly, NH museums and who, in 2022, stained and sanded the library's pergola. The Library Friends are always looking for new members!

Much thanks and gratitude go to the following:

- Library pages Joe Hodgen and Karsyn Mooney; who have loyally lent their time and support to help us out during the library's programs and with shelving in the children's room.
- Chris Maple for his continued support and for always filling-in when we most need his help.
- Deb Belcher and her family for making the most incredible, and always much anticipated, summer reading program lawn display.
- Chris Tarrio, for sharing her time, energy and library skills.
- Rhonda Davie who has kept us organized and balanced.
- Generous and loyal, Deb & Rich Page, Dave & Catriona Beck, Betty Coffin-Brooks, Haley Tramposh and Jessie Crews.
- Joe MacGregor for help with so many things including the Bike Rodeo, the Little Free Library and the Story Walk.
- The Wilcott family and Luna, who have our backs.
- Mike Munhall, Jon and Robyn Manley, Dwayne Searles and Robert Gross.
- Jason LePine and the Bennington, PD.
- Dave Foster, Keith Nason and the Bennington Fire Department.
- All of our Summer Reading Program volunteer readers.
- All of our wonderful patrons who make us want to provide them with the best library service possible.

Throughout this past year, our 1,813 patrons had uninterrupted access to our library's collection of 28,474 items that includes 3,517 DVDs, 844 sound recordings, 40 music CDs, 16 periodicals, and 2 newspapers. Our Library's collection includes an additional subscription to the Tumblebooks database, an online collection of 1,020 titles that includes animated talking picture books, nonfiction titles, 81 National Geographic videos, 122 language lessons, 125 playlists, and 270 games and puzzles. In addition to our in-house collection, our patrons have access to a rotating DVD collection of 50 and a STEAM collection that are shared among the Nubanusit Library Cooperative members. Through our online catalog, Biblionix and a library card, our patrons have access to the FREE NH Overdrive collection managed by the NH State Library that includes a digital collection of 77,921 e-books, 33,035 e-audios, e-periodicals, and videos and access to the online databases Ancestry and Heritage Quest.

Thank you to our hard working, generous, dedicated and creative Library Trustees who make it possible for Bennington's citizens to have the best library services possible.

Respectfully submitted;
Leslie MacGregor-Director, Melissa Searles-Assistant Director

Jill Wilmoth-Trustee Chair
Molly Eppig- Trustee Treasurer
Colleen Allen- Trustee Secretary
David McKenzie- Trustee Alternate

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Unpaid Balance January 1, 2022		\$13,241.07
Charges:		
Water Usage	\$83,985.34	
Sewer Usage	\$44,401.84	
TOTAL CHARGES	_____	+ <u>\$128,387.18</u> \$141,628.25
Receipts to Treasurer		
Water	\$82,659.67	
Sewer	\$43,130.59	
		- \$125,790.26
Abatements		
Water	\$574.56	
Sewer	\$565.84	
	_____	- \$1140.40
Unpaid Water & Sewer Charges December 31, 2022		\$14,697.59

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine McGillicuddy, Rent Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year ended December 31, 2022

GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2022	\$1,080,225.10
Receipts		\$5,631,571.92
Disbursements		-\$4,704,510.96
Cash Balance	12/31/2022	\$2,007,286.06

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash Balance	1/1/2022	\$65,642.54
Deposit		\$15,944.77
Withdrawal		\$0.00
Interest Earned		\$35.30
Cash Balance	12/31/2022	\$81,622.61

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2022

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$	4,500.00	
Health Insurance	\$	17,460.39	
Dental Insurance	\$	289.34	
Fica/Medicare	\$	9,057.31	
Retirement	\$	11,301.85	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	1,339.75	
Copier Lease	\$	1,299.90	
Phone & Internet	\$	5,144.56	
Cellular Phone	\$	240.00	
Advertising	\$	658.58	
Office Supplies	\$	2,524.87	
Postage	\$	2,758.74	
General Supplies	\$	699.02	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	439.56	
Administrator Salary	\$	57,759.20	
Deputy Administrator Salary	\$	-	
Administrative Support	\$	48,468.00	
Administration Overtime	\$	287.70	
Town Report Printing	\$	1,349.15	
Bulk Mailing	\$	-	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	660.01	
General Contingency	\$	556.00	
Total Executive Office			\$ 166,793.93

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Deputy Town Clerk Salary	\$	8,213.24	
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	\$	-	
Town Clerk Salary	\$	21,915.27	
Fica/Medicare	\$	2,378.03	
IT Support	\$	1,539.20	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	95.00	
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$	300.00	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	259.24	
Office Supplies	\$	2,399.04	
Postage	\$	848.01	
Books and Periodicals	\$	-	
Supervisors Clerical Wages	\$	517.50	
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$	1,350.00	
Supervisors of the Checklist Conval	\$	225.00	
Moderator's Stipend	\$	60.00	
Advertising	\$	246.00	
Supervisors Office Supplies	\$	0.81	
Election Ballot Clerks	\$	825.00	
Facility Rental	\$	270.00	
Election Printing	\$	471.90	
Election Meals	\$	497.87	
Total Election and Registration			\$ 42,411.11

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Financial Software	\$	2,296.25	
Bank Services/Fees	\$	1,606.69	
Selectmen's Postage	\$	-	
Auditing Services	\$	16,230.60	
Treasurer Salary	\$	3,120.00	
Deputy Treasurer	\$	-	
Fica/Medicare	\$	238.68	

	Tax Collector Dues & Subscriptions	\$	20.00	
	Tax Software	\$	2,948.00	
	Tax Collector Fees	\$	1,344.80	
	Tax Collector Postage	\$	808.17	
	Abatement Interest	\$	-	
	IT Support	\$	5,290.20	
	Technology & Computers	\$	1,103.87	
	Total Financial Administration			\$ 35,007.26
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS				
	Office Supplies		\$38.73	
	Mileage	\$	-	
	Total Trustees of Trust Funds			\$38.73
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT				
	Revaluation	\$	-	
	Assessing Services	\$	6,372.40	
	Assessing Software	\$	2,272.40	
	Registry of Deeds Fees	\$	18.00	
	Total Property Assessment			\$ 8,662.80
LEGAL EXPENSES				
	General Legal Support	\$	3,978.75	
	Total Judicial & Legal Expense			\$ 3,978.75
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION				
	Unemployment Compensation	\$	232.03	
	Workers Compensation	\$	15,655.42	
	Total Personnel Administration			\$ 15,887.45
PLANNING AND ZONING				
	PB Recording Secretary	\$	470.00	
	PB Fica/Medicare	\$	35.94	
	PB SWRPC Member Dues	\$	1,651.00	
	PB Miscellaneous	\$	413.91	
	ZBA Recording Secretary	\$	120.00	
	ZBA Fica/Medicare	\$	9.18	
	ZBA Miscellaneous	\$	107.64	
	Total Planning and Zoning			\$ 2,807.67
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS				
	TH Fica/Medicare	\$	119.15	
	TH Fire/Security Alarm	\$	-	
	TH Cleaning Service	\$	1,368.00	
	TH Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$	2,139.99	
	TH Janitorial Supplies	\$	49.39	
	TH Electric	\$	4,517.71	
	TH Heat	\$	8,681.85	
	TH Fica/Medicare	\$	2.23	
	VFW Cleaning Service	\$	36.00	
	VFW Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$	930.69	
	VFW Janitorial Supplies	\$	-	
	VFW Electric	\$	530.90	
	VFW Heat	\$	3,639.07	
	FD Fica/Medicare	\$	25.43	
	FD Fire Alarm	\$	-	
	FD Cleaning Service	\$	409.50	
	FD Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$	3,151.16	
	FD Electric	\$	2,568.71	
	FD Heat	\$	5,251.99	

HW Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$	1,175.28	
HW Electric	\$	1,223.42	
HW Heat	\$	2,384.47	
SWD Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$	360.60	
SWD Electric	\$	1,176.69	
SWD Heat	\$	387.75	
WTR Security Alarm	\$	250.00	
WTR Bldg Repairs & Maintenance	\$	-	
WTR Electric	\$	13,674.87	
WTR Pumphouse Heat	\$	1,262.40	
SWR Bldg Repairs & Maintenance	\$	781.44	
SWR Electric	\$	4,593.90	
SWR Heat	\$	33.04	
REC Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$	256.66	
REC Electric	\$	983.08	
GEN Groundskeeping	\$	320.00	
GEN Repairs Maintenance	\$	255.87	
GEN Electric	\$	494.94	
Total General Government Buildings			\$ 63,036.18

CEMETERIES

Evergreen Cemetery Groundskeeping	\$	3,983.12	
Sunnyside Cemetery Groundskeeping	\$	4,522.50	
Recording Secretary	\$	290.00	
Labor	\$	1,640.00	
Fica/Medicare	\$	22.19	
Stone/Tree Maintenance	\$	95.00	
Maintenance Supplies	\$	(481.84)	
Total Cemeteries			\$ 10,070.97

PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE

Property/Liability Annual Premium	\$	21,416.25	
Insurance Deductible Coverage	\$	1,000.00	
Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance			\$ 22,416.25

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$	71,539.90	
Police Sergeant Salary	\$	56,992.00	
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$	37,959.00	
Crossing Guard Salary	\$	3,800.00	
Administrative Assistant Salary	\$	-	
Overtime	\$	14,508.36	
On-Call Wages	\$	6,909.00	
Health Insurance	\$	58,366.00	
Dental Insurance	\$	2,707.67	
Fica/Medicare	\$	5,127.98	
Retirement	\$	40,933.09	
Regional Prosecutor	\$	27,082.00	
Dispatch Services	\$	18,774.65	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	350.00	
Education/Safety	\$	1,596.00	
IMC Software	\$	2,728.69	
Administration Telephone	\$	746.14	
Cellular Telephone	\$	480.00	
Office Supplies	\$	617.34	
Miscellaneous	\$	3,156.98	
Training Supplies	\$	532.50	
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$	139.25	
Equipment Supplies	\$	1,013.85	
Uniforms	\$	1,050.00	

	Vehicle Maintenance	\$	15,878.61	
	Gasoline	\$	9,959.85	
	Special Detail Wages	\$	4,770.00	
	Total Police Department			\$ 387,718.86
AMBULANCE SERVICE				
	Antrim Ambulance	\$	25,000.00	
	Total Ambulance Service			\$ 25,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
	Administrative Wages	\$	830.33	
	Emergency Call Wages	\$	9,269.14	
	Non-Emergency Wages	\$	3,727.42	
	Fica/Medicare	\$	1,243.25	
	Dispatch Service	\$	20,159.00	
	Dues	\$	-	
	Telephone	\$	1,444.14	
	Cell Phone	\$	480.00	
	General Supplies	\$	2,526.36	
	Training Courses	\$	-	
	Service Contracts	\$	4,983.75	
	Radio Repairs	\$	1,310.50	
	Equipment Replacement	\$	9,511.44	
	Vehicle Maintenance	\$	10,995.43	
	Vehicle Fuel	\$	1,661.65	
	Forestry	\$	280.16	
	Fire Prevention Materials	\$	840.43	
	Total Fire Department			\$ 69,263.00
MEDICAL/RESCUE				
	Training	\$	148.00	
	Medical Supplies	\$	911.53	
	Equipment Replacement	\$	776.42	
	Total Medical/Rescue			\$ 1,835.95
CODE ENFORCEMENT				
	Building Inspector Salary	\$	1,275.00	
	Fica/Medicare	\$	79.05	
	Cell Phone	\$	240.00	
	Mileage	\$	206.48	
	Books & Education	\$	-	
	Total Building Inspection			\$ 1,800.53
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
	Emergency Wages	\$	2,350.00	
	Fica/Medicare	\$	179.74	
	Supplies	\$	121.28	
	LED Grant	\$	39,950.00	
	Total Emergency Management			\$ 42,601.02
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION				
	Road Agent Salary	\$	49,453.00	
	Highway Truck Driver Salary	\$	46,529.00	
	Highway Laborer Salary	\$	-	
	PT As Needed Assistance	\$	452.00	
	FT As Needed Assistance	\$	-	
	Overtime	\$	10,304.25	
	Health Insurance	\$	52,406.38	
	Dental Insurance	\$	934.69	
	Fica/Medicare	\$	7,954.52	
	Retirement	\$	11,872.24	

Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$	-	
Telephone	\$	1,240.07	
Cell Phone	\$	240.00	
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$	5,587.22	
Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs	\$	24,102.44	
Gasoline/Oil	\$	16,100.45	
General Supplies	\$	3,613.71	
Street Signs	\$	1,660.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	4,323.46	
Total Highway Department Administration			\$ 236,773.43

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - ROADS MAINTENANCE

Tar/Patch/Seal	\$	22,848.03	
Paving	\$	-	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$	17,935.50	
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$	15,558.43	
Gravel Preparation	\$	9,996.00	
Equipment Rental	\$	3,232.45	
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$	8,117.00	
Road Drainage Supplies	\$	2,920.80	
Total Highway Roads Maintenance			\$ 80,608.21

STREET LIGHTING

Eversource	\$	4,648.38	
Total Street Lighting			\$ 4,648.38

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants Salary	\$	18,689.82	
Highway Dept. Assistance	\$	-	
As-Needed Assistance	\$	11,631.90	
Fica/Medicare	\$	2,061.08	
NRRA Annual Dues	\$	104.23	
Certification	\$	325.00	
Equipment Maintenance	\$	-	
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$	1,993.17	
Hauling and Disposal	\$	52,775.90	
Telephone	\$	624.58	
Recyclables Removal	\$	12,631.51	
Container Lease	\$	1,100.00	
Landfill Post-Closure Costs	\$	5,509.80	
General Supplies	\$	-	
Miscellaneous	\$	735.66	
Total Transfer Station			\$ 108,182.65

WATER DEPARTMENT

Recording Secretary	\$	1,150.00	
Commissioners Salary	\$	1,200.00	
Fica/Medicare	\$	88.38	
Town of Antrim	\$	44,534.64	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$	451.56	
Training Courses	\$	-	
Postage	\$	3.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	884.32	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$	50,042.04	
Telephone	\$	74.78	
Water Samples	\$	590.00	
Horizontal Boring	\$	35,657.09	
Corrosion Control	\$	(21,498.08)	
Total Water Department			\$ 113,137.73

SEWER DEPARTMENT	Town of Antrim	\$	55,006.43	
	CMOM Funds	\$	6,750.00	
	Generator Maintenance	\$	-	
	Repair Maintenance	\$	180.34	
	Total Sewer Department			\$ 61,936.77
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	Miscellaneous	\$	90.00	
	Total Health Department			\$ 90.00
HEALTH AGENCIES	Home Health Care	\$	4,000.00	
	Monadnock Family Services	\$	1,876.00	
	Total Health Agencies			\$ 5,876.00
WELFARE DEPARTMENT	Welfare Director Salary	\$	168.50	
	Fica/Medicare	\$	12.90	
	Dues & Subscriptions	\$	240.63	
	Miscellaneous	\$	(626.96)	
	Rental Assistance	\$	4,489.62	
	Meals on Wheels	\$	935.00	
	Food	\$	99.27	
	Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$	4,608.08	
	Total Welfare Department			\$ 9,927.04
PARKS AND RECREATION	Miscellaneous	\$	2,152.23	
	Recreation Activities	\$	535.69	
	Fishing Derby	\$	795.00	
	Little League	\$	2,132.00	
	Rhubarb Festival	\$	957.15	
	Groundskeeping (Labor)	\$	4,826.08	
	Fica/Medicare	\$	214.82	
	Rec Groundskeeping	\$	16,339.55	
	Ball Field Chemical Toilets	\$	1,785.00	
	Beach Staff	\$	1,290.00	
	Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$	-	
	Beach Groundskeeping	\$	-	
	Beach Supplies	\$	332.70	
	Beach Chem Toilets	\$	770.00	
	Beach Telephone	\$	175.07	
	Total Parks and Recreation			\$ 32,305.29
LIBRARY	Librarian Salary	\$	50,940.76	
	Librarian Assistants Salary	\$	30,723.00	
	As-Needed Assistance	\$	1,011.55	
	Health Insurance	\$	22,574.87	
	Dental Insurance	\$	556.53	
	Fica/Medicare	\$	6,285.02	
	Retirement	\$	5,689.84	
	Technology	\$	557.12	
	Photo Copier	\$	2,072.00	
	Telephone	\$	475.95	
	Conference Fees	\$	310.00	
	Office Supplies	\$	1,612.08	
	Computer Replacement	\$	418.24	
	Program Supplies	\$	945.24	
	Book Collection	\$	10,788.30	
	Media Collection	\$	5,000.00	

	Grounds Maintenance	\$	20.94	
	Building Maintenance	\$	1,359.07	
	Building Electricity	\$	1,253.54	
	Building Heating Oil	\$	3,919.52	
	Total Library			\$ 146,513.57
CULTURE AND RECREATION				
	Edward E. French Scholarships	\$	1,097.32	
	Project LIFT	\$	-	
	Total Education			\$ 1,097.32
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES				
	Memorial Day	\$	119.67	
	Total Patriotic Purposes			\$ 119.67
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
	General/Miscellaneous	\$	636.08	
	Labor/Secretary	\$	-	
	Fica/Medicare	\$	-	
	Dues & Subscriptions	\$	320.00	
	Office Supplies	\$	8.78	
	Education	\$	300.00	
	Total Conservation Commission			\$ 1,264.86
DEBT				
	Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$	-	
	Total Tax Anticipation Note Int.			\$ -
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				
	Highway Equipment CRF	\$	40,000.00	
	Road Rehab CRF	\$	15,000.00	
	Mower CRF	\$	1,000.00	
	Fire Truck CRF	\$	30,000.00	
	Rescue Vehicle CRF	\$	2,500.00	
	Breathing Apparatus CRF	\$	2,000.00	
	FD Protective Gear CRF	\$	6,000.00	
	Police Cruiser CRF	\$	15,000.00	
	Water CRF	\$	25,000.00	
	Property Reval CRF	\$	12,000.00	
	Library Building CRF	\$	5,000.00	
	Sidewalk Construction CRF	\$	1,000.00	
	Total Capital Reserve Funds			\$ 154,500.00
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS				
	Bridge Maintenance ETF	\$	10,000.00	
	Town Buildings ETF	\$	25,000.00	
	Total Expendable Trust Funds			\$ 35,000.00
2022 WARRANT ARTICLES				
	Contoocook Housing Trust	\$	300.00	
	Contoocook Valley Transportation	\$	500.00	
	Grapevine Family Center	\$	6,000.00	
	American Red Cross	\$	700.00	
	Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$	600.00	
	Child Advocacy Center	\$	1,100.00	
	End 68 Hours of Hunger	\$	1,000.00	
	Hundred Nights Shelter	\$	500.00	
	To Address Deferred Road Maintenance	\$	45,000.00	
	Total 2021 Warrant Articles			\$ 55,700.00

SUBTOTAL - 2022 EXPENDITURES & WARRANT ARTICLES		\$ 1,947,011.38
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
	Hillsborough County	\$ 158,523.00
	Local School Contribution	\$ 2,371,553.64
	State School Contribution	\$ 181,174.00
	Total Payments to Other Governments	\$ 2,711,250.64
TOTAL 2020 EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ 4,658,262.02</u>



Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted

Bennington

For the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022

In accordance with RSA 21-J:35, the department is notifying you of the following changes in the estimated revenues used in computing the tax rate.

Account	Source	Estimated Revenue	Change Amount	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
Taxes				
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	\$5,391	\$0	\$5,391
3180	Resident Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	\$10,992	\$0	\$10,992
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$5,391	(\$4,891)	\$500
3187	Excavation Tax	\$600	\$0	\$600
3189	Other Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$21,854	\$0	\$21,854
9991	Inventory Penalties	\$1,500	(\$1,500)	\$0
Taxes Subtotal		\$45,728	(\$6,391)	\$39,337
Licenses, Permits, and Fees				
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	\$300	\$0	\$300
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$261,855	\$0	\$261,855
3230	Building Permits	\$19,000	\$0	\$19,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government	\$122,500	(\$122,500)	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$409,655	(\$122,500)	\$287,155
State Sources				
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$100,000	\$32,440	\$132,440
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$68,505	(\$24,127)	\$44,378
3354	Water Pollution Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	\$0	\$2,751	\$2,751
3379	From Other Governments	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal		\$168,505	\$11,064	\$179,569
Charges for Services				
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
3409	Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal		\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000



Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted

Account	Source	Estimated Revenue	Change Amount	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
Miscellaneous Revenues				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$17,555	\$0	\$17,555
3502	Interest on Investments	\$1,250	\$0	\$1,250
3503-3509	Other	\$19,820	\$0	\$19,820
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$38,625	\$0	\$38,625
Interfund Operating Transfers In				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	\$42,000	\$5,300	\$47,300
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	\$74,000	\$8,961	\$82,961
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$116,000	\$14,261	\$130,261
Other Financing Sources				
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revised Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$793,513	(\$103,566)	\$689,947



Revised Estimated Revenues Summary

	Estimated	Change Amount	State Adjusted
Subtotal of Revenues	\$793,513	(\$103,566)	\$689,947
Unassigned Fund Balance (Unreserved)	\$0	\$552,420	\$552,420
(Less) Emergency Appropriations (RSA 32:11)	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Less) Voted from Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Less) Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance Retained	\$0	\$552,420	\$552,420
Total Revenues and Credits	\$793,513	(\$103,566)	\$689,947
Requested Overlay	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000

Assessment Overview

Total Appropriations	\$2,017,453
(Less) Total Revenues and Credits	\$689,947
Net Assessment	\$1,327,506

Explanation of Adjustments

Account	Reason for Adjustment	Warrant Number
3186	=MS1	02
3311-3319	UNANTICIPATED REV REMOVED	
3352	=STATE RPT	02
3353	=STATE RPT	02
3359	RETIREMENT	
3914S	=MS232 #4914S	02
3914W	=MS232 #4914W	02
9991	NO LONGER USING PA28	02



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Revised Estimated Revenues

Bennington

(RSA 21-J:34)

For the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

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

Name	Position	Signature
Debra Davidson	Town Administrator	<i>Debra Davidson</i>

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NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
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Revised Estimated Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Estimated Revenue
Taxes			
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	02	\$5,391
3180	Resident Tax		\$0
3185	Yield Tax	02	\$10,992
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	02	\$5,391
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$600
3189	Other Taxes		\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$21,854
9991	Inventory Penalties	02	\$1,500
	Taxes Subtotal		\$45,728
Licenses, Permits, and Fees			
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	02	\$300
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$261,855
3230	Building Permits	02	\$19,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$6,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$122,500
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$409,655
State Sources			
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$100,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$68,505
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0
	State Sources Subtotal		\$168,505
Charges for Services			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	02	\$15,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0
	Charges for Services Subtotal		\$15,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	02	\$17,555
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$1,250
3503-3509	Other	02	\$19,820
	Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$38,625



Revised Estimated Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Estimated Revenue
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	02	\$42,000
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	02	\$74,000
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0
	Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$116,000
Other Financing Sources			
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0
	Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0
	Total Revised Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$793,513



Revised Estimated Revenues Summary

Subtotal of Revenues		\$793,513
Unassigned Fund Balance (Unreserved)	\$0	
(Less) Emergency Appropriations (RSA 32:11)	\$0	
(Less) Voted from Fund Balance	\$0	
(Less) Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$0	
Fund Balance Retained	\$0	
Total Revenues and Credits		\$793,513
Requested Overlay	\$0	



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Default Budget of the Municipality

Bennington

For the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022

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James W Cleary	Selectmen	<i>James W Cleary</i>
David Foster	Selectmen	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
General Government					
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	\$213,582	\$0	\$0	\$213,582
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$41,687	\$0	\$0	\$41,687
4150-4151	Financial Administration	\$43,193	\$0	\$0	\$43,193
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$12,455	\$0	\$0	\$12,455
4153	Legal Expense	\$6,200	\$0	\$0	\$6,200
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	\$19,964	\$0	\$0	\$19,964
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	\$5,238	\$0	\$0	\$5,238
4194	General Government Buildings	\$65,003	\$0	\$0	\$65,003
4195	Cemeteries	\$16,475	\$0	\$0	\$16,475
4196	Insurance	\$28,740	\$0	\$0	\$28,740
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal		\$452,537	\$0	\$0	\$452,537
Public Safety					
4210-4214	Police	\$362,311	\$0	\$0	\$362,311
4215-4219	Ambulance	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
4220-4229	Fire	\$72,498	\$0	\$0	\$72,498
4240-4249	Building Inspection	\$3,415	\$0	\$0	\$3,415
4290-4298	Emergency Management	\$3,920	\$0	\$0	\$3,920
4299	Other (Including Communications)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal		\$467,144	\$0	\$0	\$467,144
Airport/Aviation Center					
4301-4309	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets					
4311	Administration	\$260,699	\$0	\$0	\$260,699
4312	Highways and Streets	\$158,500	\$0	\$0	\$158,500
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$6,500	\$0	\$0	\$6,500
4319	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$425,699	\$0	\$0	\$425,699



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Sanitation					
4321	Administration	\$42,930	\$0	\$0	\$42,930
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$1,250	\$0	\$0	\$1,250
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$70,100	\$0	\$0	\$70,100
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	\$4,800	\$0	\$0	\$4,800
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$54,300	\$0	\$0	\$54,300
4329	Other Sanitation	\$800	\$0	\$0	\$800
Sanitation Subtotal		\$174,180	\$0	\$0	\$174,180
Water Distribution and Treatment					
4331	Administration	\$40,290	\$0	\$0	\$40,290
4332	Water Services	\$11,300	\$0	\$0	\$11,300
4335	Water Treatment	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$57,590	\$0	\$0	\$57,590
Electric					
4351-4352	Administration and Generation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health					
4411	Administration	\$102	\$0	\$0	\$102
4414	Pest Control	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$200
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	\$5,845	\$0	\$0	\$5,845
Health Subtotal		\$6,147	\$0	\$0	\$6,147
Welfare					
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	\$11,330	\$0	\$0	\$11,330
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$935	\$0	\$0	\$935
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	\$3,302	\$0	\$0	\$3,302
Welfare Subtotal		\$15,567	\$0	\$0	\$15,567
Culture and Recreation					
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	\$33,460	\$0	\$0	\$33,460
4550-4559	Library	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$700
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$2,400	\$0	\$0	\$2,400
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$186,560	\$0	\$0	\$186,560



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Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Conservation and Development					
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	\$931	\$0	\$0	\$931
4619	Other Conservation	\$1,133	\$0	\$0	\$1,133
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$2,064	\$0	\$0	\$2,064
Debt Service					
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal		\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Capital Outlay					
4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations		\$1,790,488	\$0	\$0	\$1,790,488



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Reasons for Reductions/Increases & One-Time Appropriations

Account	Explanation
<i>No reasons entered for reductions/increases or one-time appropriations.</i>	



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**Default Budget of the Municipality
Bennington**

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AMENDED February 8, 2023

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James Cleary	Chairman	
David Foster	Selectman	
Thomas James	Selectman	

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
General Government					
4130-4138	Executive	\$166,806	\$12,999	\$0	\$166,806
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$51,834	\$2,244	\$0	\$51,834
4150-4151	Financial Administration	\$49,105	(\$3,157)	\$0	\$49,105
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$9,775	(\$185)	\$0	\$9,775
4153	Legal Expense	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	\$23,249	(\$3,122)	\$0	\$23,249
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	\$5,896	\$43	\$0	\$5,896
4194	General Government Buildings	\$68,056	\$15,613	\$0	\$68,056
4195	Cemeteries	\$15,520	\$1,055	\$0	\$15,520
4196	Insurance	\$31,540	\$4,150	\$0	\$31,540
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal		\$427,681	\$28,640	\$0	\$467,621
Public Safety					
4210-4214	Police	\$379,413	(\$272)	\$0	\$379,413
4215-4219	Ambulance	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
4220-4229	Fire	\$77,498	\$500	\$0	\$77,498
4240-4249	Building Inspection	\$3,415	\$0	\$0	\$3,415
4290-4298	Emergency Management	\$3,920	\$0	\$0	\$3,920
4299	Other (Including Communications)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal		\$489,246	\$228	\$0	\$489,474
Airport/Aviation Center					
4301-4309	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets					
4311	Administration	\$234,758	(\$2,064)	\$0	\$234,756
4312	Highways and Streets	\$156,500	\$1,000	\$0	\$156,500
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
4319	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$396,268	(\$1,064)	\$0	\$396,192
Sanitation					
4321	Administration	\$33,203	(\$150)	\$0	\$33,203
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$67,552	\$750	\$0	\$67,552
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	\$4,800	\$0	\$0	\$4,800
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	\$1,100	\$0	\$0	\$1,100
Sanitation Subtotal		\$106,655	\$600	\$0	\$107,255
Water Distribution and Treatment					
4331	Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric					
4351-4352	Administration and Generation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Health

4411	Administration	\$12	\$90	\$0	\$12
4414	Pest Control	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$200
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	\$5,876	(\$31)	\$0	\$5,876
Health Subtotal		\$6,088	\$59	\$0	\$6,147

Welfare

4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	\$11,425	\$1,471	\$0	\$11,425
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$935	\$0	\$0	\$935
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	\$3,300	\$0	\$0	\$3,300
Welfare Subtotal		\$15,660	\$1,471	\$0	\$17,131

Culture and Recreation

4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	\$33,580	\$880	\$0	\$33,580
4550-4559	Library	\$158,012	\$7,446	\$0	\$158,012
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$700
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$2,400	\$0	\$0	\$2,400
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$194,692	\$8,326	\$0	\$203,018

Conservation and Development

4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	\$931	\$0	\$0	\$931
4619	Other Conservation	\$1,183	\$0	\$0	\$1,183
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$2,114	\$0	\$0	\$2,114

Debt Service

4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
4780-4799	Other Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal		\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000

Capital Outlay

4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Operating Transfers Out

4912	To Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	\$47,300	\$23,950	\$0	\$47,300
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	\$82,951	\$2,266	\$0	\$82,951
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$130,281	\$28,216	\$0	\$158,477
Total Operating Budget Appropriations		\$1,771,853	\$67,804	\$0	\$1,839,457



Proposed Budget

Bennington

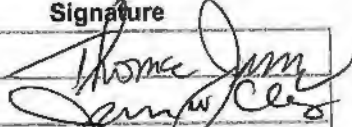
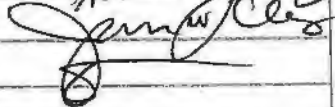

For the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period		
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2023		
			12/31/2022	12/31/2022	(Recommended) (Not Recommended)		
General Government							
4130-4139	Executive	02	\$166,794	\$166,906	\$179,905	\$0	
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$42,411	\$51,834	\$54,078	\$0	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	02	\$30,145	\$49,105	\$44,652	\$0	
4152	Revaluation of Property	02	\$8,663	\$9,775	\$9,590	\$0	
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$3,979	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	02	\$15,887	\$23,249	\$20,127	\$0	
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	02	\$2,808	\$5,896	\$5,939	\$0	
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$63,036	\$68,056	\$83,669	\$0	
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$10,071	\$15,520	\$16,575	\$0	
4196	Insurance	02	\$22,416	\$31,540	\$35,694	\$0	
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	General Government Subtotal		\$366,210	\$427,881	\$456,229	\$0	
Public Safety							
4210-4214	Police	02	\$387,719	\$379,413	\$379,141	\$0	
4215-4219	Ambulance	02	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	
4220-4229	Fire	02	\$71,099	\$77,498	\$77,998	\$0	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	02	\$1,801	\$3,415	\$3,415	\$0	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	02	\$42,601	\$3,920	\$3,920	\$0	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Public Safety Subtotal		\$528,220	\$489,246	\$489,474	\$0	
Airport/Aviation Center							
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Highways and Streets							
4311	Administration	02	\$236,774	\$234,756	\$232,692	\$0	
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$80,608	\$156,500	\$157,500	\$0	
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$4,848	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$322,030	\$396,256	\$395,192	\$0	



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2023	
			12/31/2022	12/31/2022	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	02	\$32,812	\$33,203	\$33,353	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	02	\$0	\$0	\$1,602	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$67,132	\$67,552	\$66,700	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	02	\$5,510	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	02	\$736	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$106,190	\$106,655	\$107,555	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Administration		\$48,269	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$50,117	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$61,945	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$160,331	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration	02	\$90	\$12	\$102	\$0
4414	Pest Control	02	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	02	\$5,876	\$5,876	\$5,845	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$5,966	\$6,088	\$6,147	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	02	\$5,599	\$11,425	\$12,896	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	02	\$9,350	\$935	\$935	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	02	\$4,707	\$14,400	\$3,300	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$19,656	\$26,760	\$17,131	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	02	\$32,305	\$33,580	\$34,460	\$0
4550-4559	Library	02	\$146,514	\$158,012	\$165,458	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$120	\$700	\$700	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	02	\$1,097	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$180,036	\$194,692	\$203,018	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	02	\$329	\$931	\$981	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	02	\$936	\$1,183	\$1,133	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$1,265	\$2,114	\$2,114	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	02	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	02	\$47,300	\$47,300	\$71,250	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	02	\$82,961	\$82,961	\$80,695	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$130,261	\$130,261	\$151,945	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$1,831,805	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	03 <i>Purpose: Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$30,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	04 <i>Purpose: Rescue Vehicle CRF</i>	\$2,500	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05 <i>Purpose: Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$15,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06 <i>Purpose: Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$40,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07 <i>Purpose: Mower Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09 <i>Purpose: Dodge Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10 <i>Purpose: Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$15,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11 <i>Purpose: Water Dept Maintenance/Repairs CRF</i>	\$25,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12 <i>Purpose: Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14 <i>Purpose: Fire Department SCBA Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$2,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15 <i>Purpose: Fire Dept Protective Gear Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$6,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16 <i>Purpose: Revaluation CRF</i>	\$12,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	08 <i>Purpose: Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund</i>	\$25,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	13 <i>Purpose: Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund</i>	\$10,000	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$189,500	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4319	Other	17 <i>Purpose: Deferred Road Maintenance</i>	\$45,000	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	22 <i>Purpose: To support Community Volunteer Transportation</i>	\$500	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	24 <i>Purpose: To support the Court Appointed Special Advocate Pr</i>	\$600	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	28 <i>Purpose: Support for Local Shelter</i>	\$500	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	27 <i>Purpose: Support for American Red Cross</i>	\$700	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	23 <i>Purpose: Support for the Grapevine & Avenue A</i>	\$6,000	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	26 <i>Purpose: Support of End 68 Hours of Hunger</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	25 <i>Purpose: To support Child Advocacy Center</i>	\$1,100	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	21 <i>Purpose: To appropriate to Contoocook Housing Trust</i>	\$300	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	29 <i>Purpose: Support for Cornucopia Project</i>	\$500	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	18 <i>Purpose: Lease with Escape Clause</i>	\$420,000	\$0
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$476,200	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	02	\$24,575	\$5,391	\$5,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	02	\$3,267	\$10,992	\$8,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	02	\$0	\$5,391	\$500
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$0	\$600	\$600
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$19,734	\$21,854	\$22,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$1,500	\$0
	Taxes Subtotal		\$47,576	\$45,728	\$36,100
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	02	\$274	\$300	\$700
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$306,419	\$261,855	\$330,000
3230	Building Permits	02	\$22,397	\$19,000	\$4,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$25,553	\$6,000	\$6,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$122,500	\$0
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$354,643	\$409,655	\$340,700
State Sources					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meels and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$132,440	\$100,000	\$100,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$72,839	\$68,505	\$45,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$70,044	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Sources Subtotal		\$275,323	\$168,505	\$145,000
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	02	\$11,472	\$15,000	\$12,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Charges for Services Subtotal		\$11,472	\$15,000	\$12,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	02	\$25,999	\$17,555	\$10,000
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$2,133	\$1,250	\$2,500
3503-3509	Other	02	\$28,608	\$19,820	\$12,000
	Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$56,740	\$38,625	\$24,500



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	02	\$0	\$42,000	\$71,250
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	02	\$0	\$74,000	\$80,695
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	18	\$0	\$0	\$420,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$0	\$116,000	\$571,945
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$745,754	\$793,513	\$1,130,245



New Hampshire
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Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2023
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,831,805
Special Warrant Articles	\$189,500
Individual Warrant Articles	\$476,200
Total Appropriations	\$2,497,505
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,130,245
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,367,260



Report of Appropriations Actually Voted

Bennington

For the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

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

Name	Position	Signature
James w Cleary	Selectman	
David E Foster	Selectman	
Thomas James	Selectman	

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
General Government			
		02	\$166,906
4130-4139	Executive		
		02	\$51,834
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics		
		02	\$49,105
4150-4151	Financial Administration		
		02	\$9,775
4152	Revaluation of Property		
		02	\$6,000
4153	Legal Expense		
		02	\$23,249
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		
		02	\$5,896
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning		
		02	\$68,056
4194	General Government Buildings		
		02	\$15,520
4195	Cemeteries		
		02	\$31,540
4196	Insurance		
			\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		
			\$0
4199	Other General Government		
			\$427,881
General Government Subtotal			
Public Safety			
		02	\$379,413
4210-4214	Police		
		02	\$25,000
4215-4219	Ambulance		
		02	\$77,498
4220-4229	Fire		
		02	\$3,415
4240-4249	Building Inspection		
		02	\$3,920
4290-4298	Emergency Management		
			\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		
			\$489,246
Public Safety Subtotal			
Airport/Aviation Center			
			\$0
4301-4309	Airport Operations		
			\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			
Highways and Streets			
		02	\$234,756
4311	Administration		
		02	\$156,500
4312	Highways and Streets		
			\$0
4313	Bridges		
		02	\$5,000
4316	Street Lighting		
			\$0
4319	Other		
			\$396,256
Highways and Streets Subtotal			
Sanitation			
		02	\$33,203
4321	Administration		
			\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		
		02	\$67,552
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		
		02	\$4,800
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		
			\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		
		02	\$1,100
4329	Other Sanitation		
			\$106,655
Sanitation Subtotal			



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Water Distribution and Treatment			
4331	Administration		\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0
Electric			
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0
Health			
4411	Administration	02	\$12
4414	Pest Control	02	\$200
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	02	\$5,876
Health Subtotal			\$6,088
Welfare			
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	02	\$11,425
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	02	\$935
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	02,20,21,22,2 3,24,25,26,27	\$14,000
Welfare Subtotal			\$26,360
Culture and Recreation			
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	02	\$33,580
4550-4559	Library	02	\$158,012
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$700
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	02	\$2,400
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$194,692
Conservation and Development			
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	02	\$931
4619	Other Conservation	02	\$1,183
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$2,114



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Debt Service			
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	02	\$3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$3,000
Capital Outlay			
4901	Land		\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	17	\$45,000
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$45,000
Operating Transfers Out			
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	02	\$47,300
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	02	\$82,961
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	03,04,05,06,0 7,09,10,11,12 ,14,15,16	\$154,500
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	08,13	\$35,000
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$319,761
Total Voted Appropriations			\$2,017,053



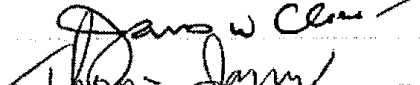

Bennington Summary Inventory of Valuation

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

Note: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7.

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APPROVER
John Hatfield (Commerford, Neider, Perki)

WITNESSES		
Name	Position	Signature
James W. Cleary	Chairman	
Thomas James	Selectman	
David Foster	Selectman	

REQUEST		
Name	Phone	Email
Debra Davidson	603-588-2189	ddavidson@townofbennington.com

Preparer's Signature



Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	4,642.43	\$309,997	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0	
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0	
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0	
1F	Residential Land	1,770.96	\$27,748,100	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	244.37	\$2,896,000	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	6,657.76	\$30,954,097	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	284.49	\$1,836,300	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$81,830,900	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$1,761,700	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$13,582,200	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	\$0	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$97,174,800	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$7,322,600	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$4,245,800	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$132,374,697	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0	
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0	
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0	
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0	
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$132,374,697	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	0	\$0
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	13	\$624,900
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	6	\$89,500
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$714,400
21A	Net Valuation			\$131,660,297
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$131,660,297
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$131,660,297
22	Less Utilities			\$4,245,800
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$127,414,497
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$127,414,497



Utility Value Appraiser

Brian D. Fogg

The municipality **DOES NOT** use DRA utility values. The municipality **IS NOT** equalized by the ratio.

Electric Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC	\$0	\$463,000	\$0	\$0	\$463,000
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$3,782,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,782,800
	\$3,782,800	\$463,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,245,800



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$500	64	\$31,330
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$700	0	\$0
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$2,000	4	\$8,000
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$0	0	\$0
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		68	\$39,330

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report

Deaf Income Limits		Deaf Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0

Disabled Income Limits		Disabled Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0

Elderly Exemption Report

First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year

Age	Number
65-74	2
75-79	0
80+	0

Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted

Age	Number	Amount	Maximum	Total
65-74	5	\$25,000	\$125,000	\$100,000
75-79	3	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$149,900
80+	5	\$75,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
	13		\$650,000	\$624,900

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

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Electric Energy Systems? (RSA 72:85)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility & Electric Energy Storage? (RSA 72:87)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)

Granted/Adopted? No Structures:

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:
Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:
Total Exemption Granted:

Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:
Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a:
Current Assessed Value:



Current Use RSA 79-A	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	190.84	\$42,672
Forest Land	2,724.89	\$196,415
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	1,346.95	\$64,429
Unproductive Land	169.48	\$2,941
Wet Land	210.27	\$3,540
	4,642.43	\$309,997

Other Current Use Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	1,967.87
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	Acres:	5.04
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	Owners:	84
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	Parcels:	150

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year		\$3,800
Conservation Allocation	Percentage: 50.00%	Dollar Amount: \$0
Monies to Conservation Fund		\$0
Monies to General Fund		\$3,800

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B

	Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	0.00	\$0
Forest Land	0.00	\$0
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	0.00	\$0
Unproductive Land	0.00	\$0
Wet Land	0.00	\$0
	0.00	\$0

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	0.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	Acres:	
Owners in Conservation Restriction	Owners:	0
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	Parcels:	0



Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
	0.00	0	\$0

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F					
Number Granted	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation	
0	0	0.00	\$0	\$0	

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D					
Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation	
0	0	0.00	\$0	\$0	

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
<i>This municipality has no Discretionary Preservation Easements.</i>				

Tax Increment Financing District	Date	Original	Unretained	Retained	Current
<i>This municipality has no TIF districts.</i>					

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax	Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357	\$0.00	0.00
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186	\$0.00	0.00

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)	Amount
<i>This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.</i>	

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)	Amount
Town of Antrim	\$500
	\$500

Notes



Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

Instructions

Cover Page

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
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ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: County: Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name

Street No. Street Name Phone Number

Email (optional)



New Hampshire
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Debits								
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)					
			Year:	2021	Year:	2020	Year:	2019
Property Taxes	3110			\$363,401.11				
Resident Taxes	3180							
Land Use Change Taxes	3120							
Yield Taxes	3185							
Excavation Tax	3187							
Other Taxes	3189			\$13,241.07				
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$1,370.56)						
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance								

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2021	Prior Levies		
Property Taxes	3110	\$4,126,784.00				
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$33,275.00				
Yield Taxes	3185	\$10,991.94		\$5,272.49		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$595.38		\$459.84		
Other Taxes	3189	\$127,618.48		\$205.00		

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2021	Prior Levies		
				2020	2019	
Property Taxes	3110	\$5,089.07				
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$1,757.02	\$8,798.01			
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190					
Total Debits		\$4,304,740.33	\$391,377.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	



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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$3,863,903.23	\$294,447.14		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$24,575.00			
Yield Taxes	\$105.26	\$5,272.49		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$1,707.02	\$6,685.01		
Penalties	\$50.00	\$2,113.00		
Excavation Tax	\$595.38	\$459.84		
Other Taxes	\$111,895.55	\$11,125.60		
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$70,240.44		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$7,533.07	\$1,034.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$5,200.00			
Yield Taxes	\$10,886.68			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$1,140.40			
Current Levy Deeded				



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$264,077.44			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$3,500.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$14,582.53			
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$5,011.23)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$4,304,740.33	\$391,377.52	\$0.00	\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$277,148.74
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$136,096.79



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2021	Year: 2020	Year: 2019
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$54,216.01	\$82,754.42
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$74,311.53		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$1,749.37	\$2,713.42	\$10,301.65
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$76,060.90	\$56,929.43	\$93,056.07

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Redemptions		\$26,036.52	\$26,412.47	\$22,154.28
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$1,749.37	\$2,713.42	\$10,301.65
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			\$581.90	
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$48,275.01	\$27,221.64	\$60,600.14
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$76,060.90	\$56,929.43	\$93,056.07

For DRA Use Only

Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$277,148.74
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$136,096.79



BENNINGTON (41)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Catherine

McGillicuddy

1-5-2023

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

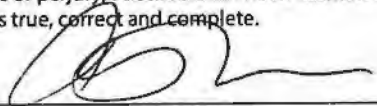
Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

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

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

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

 Tax Collector
Preparer's Signature and Title



2022
\$31.65

Tax Rate Breakdown Bennington

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,368,573	\$131,660,297	\$10.40
County	\$158,523	\$131,660,297	\$1.20
Local Education	\$2,452,137	\$131,660,297	\$18.62
State Education	\$181,744	\$127,414,497	\$1.43
Total	\$4,160,977		\$31.65

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$4,160,977
War Service Credits	(\$39,330)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$4,121,647

<p><i>Sam Greene</i></p> <p>Sam Greene Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration</p>	<p>11/17/2022</p>
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Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$2,017,453	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$689,947)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0
War Service Credits	\$39,330	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$1,737	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$1,368,573	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$158,523	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$158,523	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$3,994,537	
Net Education Grant		(\$1,360,656)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$181,744)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$2,452,137	
State Education Tax	\$181,744	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$181,744	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$131,660,297	\$131,442,323
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$127,414,497	\$126,578,523
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$131,660,297	\$131,442,323

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
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Bennington

Tax Commitment Verification

2022 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$4,121,647
1/2% Amount	\$20,608
Acceptable High	\$4,142,255
Acceptable Low	\$4,101,039

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount	
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
Net amount after TIF adjustment	

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2022 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:	Date:
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Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Bennington	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2022 Tax Rate	\$31.65	\$15.83

Associated Villages

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$130,261
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$4,679,596
Final Overlay	\$1,737

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.
 [2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2015), *Best Practice: Fund Balance Guidelines for the General Fund..*
 [3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance.*

2022 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Bennington	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (11.80%)	\$552,420
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$795,531
10% Retained	\$467,960
8% Retained	\$374,368
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$233,980

Town Clerk's Revenue Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$ 306,419.47
Municipal Agent Fees		\$ 7,244.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		\$ 778.00
Motor Vehicle Mail Program		\$ 1,839.00
OHRV	Town	\$ 236.00
Fish and Game	Town	\$ 28.00
UCC Lien Filings		\$ 274.00
Marriage Licenses:	Town	\$ 91.00
Certified Copies:	Town	\$ 665.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	\$ 1,837.50
Dog Mail Program		\$ 386.00
Dog License Fines		\$ 1,158.00
Election Fees		\$ 0
Bad Check Fees		\$ 0
Parking Tickets		\$ 35.00
Checklist		\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous		\$.40
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		<u>\$321,041.37</u>

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year ended December 31, 2022

GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2022	\$1,080,225.10
Receipts		\$5,631,571.92
Disbursements		-\$4,704,510.96
Cash Balance	12/31/2022	\$2,007,286.06

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash Balance	1/1/2022	\$65,642.54
Deposit		\$15,944.77
Withdrawal		\$0.00
Interest Earned		\$35.30
Cash Balance	12/31/2022	\$81,622.61

Town Of Bennington
Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds
For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022

First Deposit	Name of Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				TOTAL	Ending Market Value
				Balance Beginning of Year	Additions-Withdraw Gain-Loss	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal & Income	
CEMETERY TRUSTS												
1946-1960	Mount Calvary Cemetery	Perpetual Care	Common TF	826.93	18.17	845.10	572.51	41.71	0.00	614.22	1,459.32	1,400.06
1905-1997	Sunnyside Cemetery	Perpetual Care	Common TF	12,638.11	185.85	12,823.96	1,973.83	428.84	406.85	1,995.82	14,819.78	14,217.94
1913-2011	Evergreen Cemetery	Perpetual Care	Common TF	16,476.99	316.52	16,793.51	8,760.17	732.56	1,102.53	8,390.20	25,183.71	24,161.00
1945	Lizzie Holt Evergreen Cemetery Special Projects	Special Projects	Common TF	33,090.73	535.79	33,626.52	8,161.78	1,230.62	0.00	9,392.40	43,018.92	41,272.03
2018	David Glynn Estate Evergreen Cemetery Special Projects	Special Projects	Common TF	7,562.72	108.64	7,671.36	801.29	249.50	0.00	1,050.79	8,722.15	8,367.97
Total Cemetery Trusts				70,595.48	1,164.97	71,760.45	20,269.58	2,683.23	1,509.38	21,443.43	93,203.88	89,419.00
EXPENDABLE TRUSTS												
2013	Sunnyside Cemetery Expendable Trust	Enhance Sunnyside Cemetery	Common TF	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,545.17	6,512.45	11,669.33	20,388.29	20,388.29	19,560.37
Total Expendable Trusts				0.00	0.00	0.00	25,545.17	6,512.45	11,669.33	20,388.29	20,388.29	19,560.37
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS												
1994	Edward French	Scholarship	Common TF	1,073.33	13.92	1,087.25	900.69	32.97	902.68	30.98	1,116.23	1,072.82
2010	Bruce Edes	Scholarship	Common TF	35,675.90	549.47	36,225.37	6,629.71	1,262.07	0.00	7,891.78	44,117.15	42,325.67
Total Scholarship Funds				36,749.23	563.39	37,312.62	7,530.40	1,295.04	902.68	7,922.76	45,235.38	43,398.49
GENERAL												
2019	Historical Buildings Maintenance (Glynn Trust)-017	Maintenance & Improvement	Common TF	250,282.37	-15,683.21	234,599.16	15,379.10	7,781.64	0.00	23,160.74	257,759.90	247,293.05
2019	Town Square Fund (Glynn Trust)-019	Maintenance & Improvement	Common TF	74,559.92	1,028.09	75,588.01	4,597.50	2,361.39	0.00	6,958.89	82,546.90	79,194.88
Total General				324,842.29	-14,655.12	310,187.17	19,976.60	10,143.03	0.00	30,119.63	340,306.80	326,487.93
LIBRARY												
2013	Emma Gipson Trust-027	Library	Common TF	82,266.77	1,075.09	83,341.86	522.69	2,466.68	2,279.12	710.25	84,052.11	80,638.97
2013	Bennington Women's Club-028	Library	Common TF	159.41	2.08	161.49	1.02	4.78	4.42	1.38	162.87	156.26
2018	Dodge Library Books-David Glynn Estate	Purchase of Books	Common TF	50,395.96	658.65	51,054.61	323.55	1,511.15	1,399.58	435.12	51,489.73	49,398.86
Total Library				132,822.14	1,735.82	134,557.96	847.26	3,982.61	3,683.12	1,146.75	135,704.71	130,194.09

Town Of Bennington
Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds
For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022

First Deposit	Name of Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				TOTAL	Ending Market Value
				Balance Beginning of Year	Additions-Withdraw Gain-Loss	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal & Income	
FIRE DEPARTMENT												
1990	Fire Truck-001	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	361,260.61	28,796.13	390,056.74	32,822.44	4,441.38	0.00	37,263.82	427,320.56	424,031.38
1991	Rescue Chassis-005	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	45,022.66	2,333.56	47,356.22	9,838.60	610.34	0.00	10,448.94	57,805.16	57,360.22
2001	Fire Department Radios-021	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	Fire Department SCBA-025	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	7,106.10	1,976.47	9,082.57	268.40	89.93	0.00	358.33	9,440.90	9,368.23
2013	Fire Department Protective Gear	Equipment	Common CRF	21,795.42	5,928.10	27,723.52	765.90	274.62	0.00	1,040.52	28,764.04	28,542.64
Total Fire Department				435,184.79	39,034.26	474,219.05	43,695.34	5,416.27	0.00	49,111.61	523,330.66	519,302.47
EXPENDABLE TRUSTS												
2014	Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust	Cemetery Maintenance	Common CRF	2,194.74	536.64	2,731.38	262.78	30.60	0.00	293.38	3,024.76	3,001.48
Total Expendable Trusts				2,194.74	536.64	2,731.38	262.78	30.60	0.00	293.38	3,024.76	3,001.48
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT												
1991	Highway Heavy Equipment-008	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	210,923.29	39,313.16	250,236.45	8,607.76	2,584.72	0.00	11,192.48	261,428.93	259,416.65
1997	Mower-010	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	8,113.09	967.34	9,080.43	2,534.71	120.91	0.00	2,655.62	11,736.05	11,645.71
2009	Road Rehabilitation-024	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	91,264.69	14,708.53	105,973.22	2,353.33	1,092.46	0.00	3,445.79	109,419.01	108,576.79
Total Highway Department				310,301.07	54,989.03	365,290.10	13,495.80	3,798.09	0.00	17,293.89	382,583.99	379,639.15
GENERAL												
1993	Water Department Maintenance & Repairs CRF-002	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	80,134.55	24,710.53	104,845.08	10,498.13	1,107.38	0.00	11,605.51	116,450.59	115,554.24
1994	Dodge Memorial Library-003	Structure Repair & Library Equipment	Common CRF	25,579.11	2,283.79	27,862.90	1,668.44	302.72	0.00	1,971.16	29,834.06	29,604.42
1993	Police Cruiser-009	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	32,929.97	-30,578.64	2,351.33	510.13	94.11	0.00	604.24	2,955.57	2,932.82
1997	Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund-011	Expendable Trust	Common CRF	78,541.91	9,730.85	88,272.76	8,797.87	1,000.24	0.00	9,798.11	98,070.87	97,316.00
2001	Town Buildings Expendable-012	Expendable Trust	Common CRF	157,735.36	-7,140.61	150,594.75	4,837.37	1,683.83	0.00	6,521.20	157,115.95	155,906.59
2000	Sidewalk Repair-014	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	3,034.39	990.05	4,024.44	46.08	38.38	0.00	84.46	4,108.90	4,077.27
2001	Revaluation-015	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	26,207.53	11,911.72	38,119.25	421.46	347.47	0.00	768.93	38,888.18	38,588.85
Total General				404,162.82	11,907.69	416,070.51	26,779.48	4,574.13	0.00	31,353.61	447,424.12	443,980.19
GRAND TOTALS:				1,716,852.56	95,276.68	1,812,129.24	158,402.41	38,435.45	17,764.51	179,073.35	1,991,202.59	1,954,983.17

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RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

-- BENNINGTON--

Child's Name

JENKS, PHOEBE ELORA
GONZALEZ, IRIS MAE
TROW, CARTER DES
DEMERS, LEILANI SHEENA
MEATTEY, HARVEY MATTHEW
OGERT, JOEL GLENN
ENGLAND, EMERY ANDREW ROBERT
DELEA, HENRY ALLAN

Birth Date

02/18/2022
04/25/2022
07/28/2022
08/05/2022
08/17/2022
09/03/2022
11/02/2022
12/15/2022

Birth Place

PETERBOROUGH, NH
PETERBOROUGH, NH
PETERBOROUGH, NH
CONCORD, NH
BENNINGTON, NH
KEENE, NH
PETERBOROUGH, NH
KEENE, NH

Father's/Parent's Name

JENKS, COREY ANDREW
GONZALEZ JR, JORGE ENRIQUE
TROW, DANIEL AARON
DEMERS, PATRICK STEVEN
MEATTEY, MATTHEW TODD
OGERT, WILLIAM JAMES
ENGLAND, STORM ANDREW TIMOTHY
DELEA, ERIC ALLAN

Mother's/Parent's Name

MORTON, SAMANTHA BAILEY
GONZALEZ, KRISTEN MARIE
TROW, JAYLYN MARIE
JOHNSON CORRIVEAU, BRITTNEY ALEXANDRA
MEATTEY, MERAYA ALEXIS
DUBE, JACQUELINE MARIE
SHAY, ZAPHILA LINNE
DELEA, ASHLEY NICOLE

Total number of records 8

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

-- BENNINGTON --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
TROW, DANIEL A BENNINGTON, NH	DESROSIERS, JAYLYN M BENNINGTON, NH	BENNINGTON	RINDGE	02/26/2022
BASSETT, EDWARD W BENNINGTON, NH	SHIFFLETT, AMBER J BENNINGTON, NH	BENNINGTON	BENNINGTON	06/03/2022
BERGERON, DAVID D BENNINGTON, NH	VANDERPOOL, HEATHER C BENNINGTON, NH	BENNINGTON	BENNINGTON	08/06/2022
MARTIN, CODY P BENNINGTON, NH	CELLI, NICOLE M BENNINGTON, NH	BENNINGTON	BENNINGTON	08/13/2022
HUGHES JR, STEPHEN P BENNINGTON, NH	PENDOLA, DEBORAH E BENNINGTON, NH	BENNINGTON	RINDGE	09/16/2022
POFF, JOSHUA M BENNINGTON, NH	MONTANEZ, CATHERINE M BENNINGTON, NH	BENNINGTON	RINDGE	09/25/2022
COTTLE, JASPER M BENNINGTON, NH	PURUGGANAN, ASHLEY N BENNINGTON, NH	BENNINGTON	HENNIKER	10/02/2022
JANSSEN, CHARLES W BENNINGTON, NH	ZINANNI, TINA M BENNINGTON, NH	NASHUA	HILLSBOROUGH	10/22/2022
SOUCY, MICHAEL J BENNINGTON, NH	MICHAELS-LAPOINTE, ANGELA BENNINGTON, NH	BENNINGTON	BENNINGTON	10/22/2022

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

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Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
SMITH, DORIS MAY	01/25/2022	BENNINGTON	KAISER, CHARLES	EARNST, GRACE	N
HOLDEN, BETTY MARION	02/02/2022	PETERBOROUGH	WARREN, BURTON	GRISWOLD, ADA	N
MCCARTHY, REGENA RUTH	03/05/2022	BENNINGTON	MCCARTHY, JAMES	EAVES, MARJORIE	N
HOYT, LORI BETH	03/29/2022	PETERBOROUGH	HUNTER, RICHARD	SHALLOW, CLAIRE	N
TROW, GRACE D	05/29/2022	BENNINGTON	DREWRY, CHARLES	COLBURN, EUNICE	N
BURKE, PATRICK MICHAEL	06/02/2022	CONCORD	BURKE, JAMES	SMITH, MURIEL	N
ELDRED, DIANE	06/18/2022	WINCHESTER	HALL, FRANK	HILLIARD, MARION	N
JOHNSON, CHARLES I	08/05/2022	LEBANON	JOHNSON, EDWARD	COPELAND, CORA	N
ST. PIERRE, ANGEL	08/07/2022	BENNINGTON	ST. PIERRE, JOSEPH	WALKER, KELLY	N
FISH, JAN	10/18/2022	BENNINGTON	ROBERTSON, LESTER	JOHANSEN, ELEANOR	N
BUXTON, SANDRA LEE	10/31/2022	PETERBOROUGH	BUXTON, CHARLES	GEDDES, LOUISE	N

Total number of records 11

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Our system delivered nearly 17.2 million gallons of drinking water to the customer upon demand and meeting all state and federal requirement. Effluent in excess of 6.8 million gallons was pumped to the facility we share with the Town of Antrim, properly tested and treated to state and federal standards, and then discharged into the Contoocook River. Our joint contractual arrangement with the Antrim Water and Sewer Department for the the day-to-day operation of the Bennington water and sewer system continues to run smoothly and the efforts of Matt Miller and staff are appreciated.

In July a lightning strike took out some vital components of the well. Our insurance company paid for the repairs to those components. Thanks to the cross main line we were able to still provide drinking water to customers via the Antrim water well. During the time the well was down and we were waiting for parts, we had the well pump rebuilt and had the well cleaned.

Thanks to the ARPA funding from the federal government, the commissioners decided to begin the project of upgrading the old customer water meters. This project will begin in 2023. At the current time we pay to have a meter reader go to each home every quarter to read meters which takes an entire day and sometimes longer. Once the project is complete these meters will be similar to what Eversource uses. They will be read just by having Antrim water & sewer drive by and collect the data. This will assist in lowering our operations expenses.

Sewer and water rates will increase in 2023. Rate increases will be similar to the increase in 2020. (The increase planned for 2021 was postponed due to the uncertainty raised by the unknowns then associated with the COVID pandemic.) A rate study in 2019 determined that our charges were well below those of similar sized systems and the market prices for the delivery of water and sewer services. The Commissioners' goal is to have the revenue generated by our customers—those residents and taxpayers who receive the benefit of town water and sewer—cover the day-to-day operating expenses of the system. Capital improvements to the system, however, would be spread across the Town's entire tax base.

2022 also included a new section of water line on South Bennington Road associated with reconstruction of the bridge over Carkin Brook; camera inspection and cleaning of the sewer lines for the first time since their construction in the 1980's. We were able to complete half of the sewer mains. The other half will be done in 2023. These are in addition to the basic work of delivering drinking water in the quantity and quality expected by the customer, which must continue to meet all state and federal requirements, and the proper treatment and disposal of effluent generated by the users.

We typically meet at 4pm in the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted:

Tyler Howe

Jon Charlonne

Melissa M. Clark

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The ZBA held three meetings in 2022. Our April meeting was an administrative meeting in which we elected officers for the year & updated our meeting day to accommodate schedules.

The September meeting was an informal chat session to answer questions a property owner had regarding a possible variance they were wondering about applying for. A member inquired about changes to rules and procedures and it was determined member would submit a list of suggestions and then they could be discussed.

The November meeting was a scheduled hearing that had resulted from the informal September chat session. However, due to only three members being able to attend, and all three would have to agree for variance to pass, the applicants opted to postpone a month so more members could be available to hear the case. It was discussed if variance would transfer with property as owners were looking to sell property and the variance was contingent upon buyer's decision to purchase.

The December meeting was the postponed hearing from September. The variance submitted was for lot size in order for an addition to be built. The variance was granted and a document was approved that would be attached to the property for the sale.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Bennington
Bennington, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bennington, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Summary of Opinions

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Adverse
General Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities" paragraph, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Bennington, as of December 31, 2021, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bennington as of December 31, 2021, the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Bennington and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 13-B to the financial statements, management has not recorded the long-term costs of retirement healthcare costs and obligations for other postemployment benefits for the single employer plan in the governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those costs be recorded, which would increase the liabilities, decrease the net position, and increase the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, net position, and expenses on the governmental activities is not readily determinable.

***Town of Bennington
Independent Auditor's Report***

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Town of Bennington's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Bennington's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Bennington's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Bennington's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information – Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the following be presented to supplement the basic financial statements:

- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Pensions,
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Town of Bennington
Independent Auditor's Report***

Management has omitted a Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

Supplementary Information – Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bennington's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

November 21, 2022
Concord, New Hampshire

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

BUILDING INSPECTOR / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

We had a total of 56 permits in 2022. There were four permits for new construction, many permits were for renovations, plumbing & electrical upgrades and again a few houses installed solar panels. I continue to work closely with Crotched Mountain working on their upgrades and improvements.

The price of building supplies is quite expensive and this makes renovations and home projects a bit more challenging with those who may have the time.

I look forward to continuing the various duties and responsibilities on behalf of the Town and am available to assist residents any time by calling 603-562-6363.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kendall, Building Inspector
Code Enforcement Officer

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Town of Bennington Cemetery Trustees sold many lots in 2022.

We want to thank George Chicoine for doing a great job keeping the cemeteries looking great and we also want to thank Jon Giffin for his work on the fence.

Jon did a wonderful job on the fence along Bible Hill Rd., at Sunnyside Cemetery. When driving by, you can't help but notice how great it looks.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Belcher
Joshua Segal
Robert Christian



BENNINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2022 Annual Report

2022 has been a productive year for your Conservation Commission of maintaining what we have and taking new initiatives to improve the town's resources. We had two adjustments to the membership of the Commission; Christina Hahn Lightfoot became a full member upon the election of Tom James as a Selectman. Tom remains on the Commission but as an *ex officio* member representing the town.

This annual report is a review of the Bennington Conservation Commission Goals for 2022 and how we fared in achieving them.

- *Continuing to work with the Board of Selectmen to get the depot restored and functional.*
The Board of Selectmen approved in 2021 funds to paint the exterior of the Depot. Norm Mercier was hired to do the work and did an outstanding job. The installation of a handicap parking area unfortunately included the removal of a spirea bush that was a memorial to Bruce Edes. The Commission undertook the job of purchasing a replacement shrub.
- *Continue to work on finding uses for the Old Stagecoach and Rockwell properties.*
In an effort to find public uses for town land the Commission has been looking for ways to use the parcel between the two cemeteries on Old Stagecoach Road and the Rockwell parcel on North Bennington Road at the intersection with Durgin Road. The Old Stagecoach property is earmarked to have hiking trails layed out in 2023. The North Bennington Road property is going to be modified to act as a pollinator garden to encourage monarch butterflies and other pollinators to thrive.
- *Upgrade the Bennington Trail.*
With the leadership of Zach Allen the Bennington Trail off of Mountain Road was cleaned up and had better markings painted on trees along the trail so hikers can now use it more easily and get to the top where there are magnificent views.
- *Pursue grants to fund our projects.*
Looking for grant funding is an ongoing project. This year we did not obtain any new funds.
- *Tally town and current use properties to see what can be done to make them accessible to the public.*
At our December meeting the Commission mapped out all the current use property in Bennington. Now that that is done, we will look for possible ways to create more hiking trails. That is a project for 2023.
- *Maintain what we currently have: Annual clean up roads and forest, and have the annual river paddle.*

The Commission had a great turnout for the Spring Earth Day Cleanup. In November we cleaned up the trails in the Bruce Edes Forest and installed a new bench, made by Steve Willette, on the hill overlooking the huge erratic on the White Trail. We also added a modification to the Blue Trail along the Contoocook River where there are many rocks that make walking this part of the trail hazardous. Right near the bench on the trail, we put a new trail that has a gradual slope up to the train tracks and doesn't have any rocks. Also, in conjunction with the Dodge Library, a "Little Library" was installed in the Forest. Commissioner Joe MacGregor used his woodworking skills to create the library. Part of an international program of little libraries, this box provides books for people to read in the Forest or at home and for people to put books in it themselves for others to use. Our Annual River Paddle, the last Saturday in June, took a different direction this year. Due to fallen trees and such on the river north of the Mill, we started at the Forest Road Covered and paddled toward Peterborough. Due to the size of the fallen trees, this new direction will probably be the path for the coming years. Zach Allen also made regular samplings of the Contoocook River water and reported his findings to the State.

- *Do more educational outreach.*

In recent years the Commission has sponsored two Bennington children to attend summer camp at The Harris Center for Conservation Education. In an effort to use our limited funds to benefit the greatest number of students, we instead paid for additional time for Harris Center staff to work with all the students at Pierce School. We again sponsored an Earth Day sign competition for local students. After evaluating many entries, Tommy Belcher's "Make Bennington Bloom" design was chosen and can be seen on the roadsides of the town.

- *Perambulate the Greenfield townline.*

This townline perambulation has been put off until 2023.

- *Work to get the trestle opened and explore a bike trail.*

As the rail line hasn't been used since 1989, the Commission has wanted to make the railbed available to residents for recreational purposes. This year, several of the members of the Commission had a meeting with the owner of the railbed and a Department of Transportation Rail Division representative to discuss the future use of the railbed, the trestle and a timeline. While we did get the various groups speaking together, nothing concrete came from the meeting. It appears that there are several parties who have interests in maintaining the railbed as it is and others who would like to see it opened for recreational uses.

Other things that the Commission accomplished this year included having a warrant article passed that will act in perpetuity for the transfer of Gravel and Timber Tax to be transferred to the Commission's trust fund for future uses for the town's resources.

The members of your Commission look forward to another productive year providing stewardship for Bennington's natural and historical resources.

Mike Munhall, chair

Zach Allen

Christina Hahn Lightfoot

Pat Long

Joe MacGregor

Jon Manley

Steve Willette

Tom James, ex officio

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bennington Emergency Management has had an extremely eventful year serving the community. Director Keith Nason, assisted by Deputy Director Jason Powers continued to support ongoing Covid-19 related items as well as several weather and security related issues.

During 2022, the Emergency Management Team continued to work with and support the Police and Fire Departments. As needed, meetings have continued with members of each agency and school faculty to provide the safest possible environment for the students and teachers at Pierce School.

Emergency Management continues to be very busy even after the State of Emergency ended in June 2021 and continues to follow guidance from the Governor's Office, Health & Human Services, Attorney General's Office, CDC, local medical control (MCH) and several other agencies. We continue to attend conference calls which keep us up to date on all Homeland Security and Emergency Management happenings. Our team has worked diligently to guide and, in some cases, enforce the Governor's orders with all local businesses while assisting our local residence with any needs.

Keeping our residents and our employees safe has been our top priority. Emergency Management continues to perform Covid testing as needed.

During 2020 through 2022 we worked very hard to obtain PPE worth tens of thousands of dollars at no charge to the town which is used to keep both first responders and town residents protected and safe. The PPE has been used by all town departments as well as many local businesses. Obtaining PPE was very time consuming and challenging at the beginning of the pandemic but has eased over time. We are optimistic that we will continue to be well positioned with our supply and will continue to receive most of supplies at no cost to the town while we remain under this State of Emergency.

In mid-2022 we acquired an ID maker and some first responder clothing using Department of Homeland Security funding which paid 100% of the cost. In 2021 we obtained an LED message board which we continue to use for town wide messaging as needed. Replacement body armor for active shooter situations has been ordered and we expect to receive the items in early 2023.

During 2021 we completed a new Hazard Mitigation plan which had been approved by NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management and in 2022 we received the needed final FEMA approvals.

During these hard times we ask that you reach out if you are in need, help your friends and neighbors. Follow Bennington Emergency Management on Facebook and download the State of NH's ReadyNH app for your mobile phone. Please remember if you "See Something, Say Something".

As we continue to enhance our community involvement and education, we are encouraging anyone with comments, questions or ideas to contact us. Calls can be made to the Town Office during normal business hours or through Southwest Fire Mutual Aid or Hillsboro Police Dispatch after hours. We also welcome emails anytime which can be sent to Director Nason at keith.nason@townofbennington.com or Deputy Director Powers at jason.powers@townofbennington.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Keith Nason, EMD
Jason Powers, Deputy EMD

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 2020 through 2022 Bennington Fire and Rescue saw many changes relating to Covid-19 protocols, policies, recommendations, and guidelines. The continuous changes caused for a busy and very time-consuming year for all. All officers remained in place with no changes, and we are in the process of adding several new fire and EMS members. We are always looking for individuals who are interested in joining either the fire department or the rescue.

In 2022 Bennington Fire and Rescue responded to a total of 224 emergency calls – up from 209 in 2021 and 198 in 2020 with 159 of them being medical in nature which is up from 128 in 2021 and 135 in 2020.

Although 2021 and 2022 created a new sense of the unknown and many new challenges for us all, the Fire Department and Rescue have been in full operation all year without any interruption to residents and have continued to assist our neighboring communities. We are following all recommended guidance and working hard to serve our community to the best of our ability. We continued with all preventative maintenance on our equipment and vehicles to protect the town and our assets.

If you are planning to burn brush, please contact the Warden or one of the Deputy Wardens for a Burn Permit or you can obtain one online at: <https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net>.

To better service our community, in 2023 Bennington Rescue will be downsizing from a full size truck to a SUV to save the town money and maintenance costs. The SUV will primarily service medical calls and all rescue equipment will be placed on the larger trucks.

Lastly, please take the time to make sure that you have large and reflective numbers on both sides of your mailbox and on your residence if your house can be seen from the road. If you live in an apartment, please also have your apartment identified as this will enable emergency services to locate your home quickly in the case of an emergency. If you need assistance, please contact either the Fire Department or the Town Office and somebody from the Fire Department will happily assist you with this important task.

The entire Fire Department membership would like to thank the residents of Bennington for their continued support of the Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Foster, Fire Chief
Matt Hall, Deputy Fire Chief
Keith Nason, Assistant Fire Chief
Jason Powers, Rescue Captain
Zachary Andersen, Fire Captain

BENNINGTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This year we started out with ditching and fixing up North Bennington Road. There were some ditch lines that needed addressing, a retaining wall to be fixed, and many culverts to be cleaned out and assessed. Two culverts had failed, all before we did a top coat of new pavement to provide a longer lasting surface.

Once done with those projects, we ditched a lot of areas of town that the water was not able to make it to the culverts and off the road very well, or if at all. Further, we did work on North Bennington Road starting at the highway shop, Bible Hill Rd., Balch Farm Rd., Starrett Rd., Antrim Rd., Pierce Road (the dirt section), Paradise Drive, Old Greenfield Rd., Gillis Hill, (many times with rain) the Birches, and Pine Meadows.

The most compromised roads were worked on first and we went from there. All culverts from the highway shop into town were addressed and cleaned up; cut outs and run offs, too. More needs to be done, but it is a work in progress for future.

During this time, we learned what worked and we added to our work schedule the care of downtown local government building repairs and maintenance, and spring cleanup. This included mowing and trimming of the Historical property, the Common, Library, Town Hall, VFW and Sawyer Park. DJ and I, as well as the Selectboard, thought it was fitting that we added this work to our schedule in an effort to save on groundskeeping expenses. We scheduled a day and a time and every other week cared for the town grounds. When we were done we could switch gears and finish what was needed for the remainder of the day at the highway and/or roads.

I am happy to report we received additional Highway Block Grant Funds from the State for highway use within the Town, as well as another Bridge Grant Funding for bridges and crossings in December. We utilized the additional funds from Highway Block Grant Funding for purchases that would help the highway department and also for large purchases that would have increased budgeting year after year. Our purchases included a leaf vac, wing plow, grader tires, an additional leaf blower, and built a box for the pickup to fill with leaves in the fall. We used the leaf vac to do fall clean up at all town properties and found a great new use- cleaning out pipes and ditch lines on roadsides.

Lastly, we started prepping for winter. We hauled winter sand from out back, refilled the salt shed, tested and prepped all sanders, plow and wings, as well as installed the new wing on the International. As the year comes to an end and we are lucky enough for all the beautiful weather we have, we are out and about still fixing all we can and preparing for next year's spring thaw to begin our next projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blanchard, Bennington Road Agent

HUMAN SERVICES

2022 - \$9,927.77 was spent for direct assistance on behalf of qualified applicants. The majority was for rental assistance and electric or fuel. Affordable housing in the Monadnock Region continues to be nearly non-available and is very challenging for families who want to live in the area. There are programs that can help with low income or affordable housing, there is a long waiting list for these services, but worth applying for.

Below is a list of programs that can be helpful, residents are encouraged to contact any of the numbers below directly during business hours. You can also contact the Town Welfare at 603-588-2189 and assistance is available to help if you qualify.

Contoocook Valley Transportation – 1-877-428-2882

Grapevine – 588-2620

Home Health Care Hospice & Community Services – 532-8353

NH Community Resources – 2-1-1

NH Department of Health and Human Services - 1-844-ASK-DHHS (275-3447)

Salvation Army – 588-2189

Southern NH Services - 924-2243

The River Center – 924-6800

Meals on Wheels – 352-2253

We are very fortunate to have a variety of programs, individuals and groups that have helped out those in need of assistance. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can help, please contact the welfare office.

Another year of thanks the residents who so humbly helped during the year with providing assistance to those in need. I know they choose to remain anonymous, you know who you are, and on behalf of those assisted, the Town of Bennington and the local welfare thank you and want you to know your assistance is very much appreciated.

As a final note, after many years of being the Welfare Director for the Town of Bennington, I am stepping down. Debra Belcher has taken the position over and is doing a great job. I am available to help her, she really has done a great job and will continue to provide assistance as is legally required by law. If you need assistance, you can call the office and Deb Belcher will call you back as soon as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Davidson
Human Services Director

PLANNING BOARD

New Hampshire law establishes Planning Boards for all cities and towns in the state, charged with municipal land use planning, mainly by way of a Master Plan to guide development, as well as regulatory functions for property subdivisions and lot mergers, site plan reviews and approvals for non-residential land use, and commercial excavations. The Planning Board also may propose changes to the town Zoning Ordinance in the form of warrant articles to be submitted for town voter approval. By state law, all meetings of the Planning Board are open to the public, and decisions involving individual cases are always preceded by formal public hearings for which generous public notice is given.

The Planning Board meets at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Planning Board members are unpaid volunteers; four are elected by the town, and a fifth is a selectman chosen by the Select Board as a voting *ex officio* member. Throughout the 2022 administrative year, however, beginning after the 2022 town election, the Planning Board has had no *ex officio* member to date.

State law RSA 673:8 requires a Chair to be selected annually by a vote of the Board but also allows other officers to be selected as the Board determines; the Bennington Planning Board has always chosen a Vice Chair, and after the 2022 town elections, further created the office of Sergeant at Arms.

No changes to either the Master Plan or the Zoning Ordinance were proposed in 2022.

In April 2022, the Board held a completeness review of an application for a minor subdivision of the property at Tax Map 21, Lot 2B, on North Bennington Road. The subdivision was approved at a public hearing in May.

In June, the Board considered an application for a voluntary lot merger of two lots on Acre Street, and noticed that while RSA 674:39-a, II, requires written consent of all mortgage holders on such property, there was no provision for protection of the property owners from future legal problems if no mortgages are held. Therefore, the Board created a document, signed by the owners and kept on file, declaring that no liens encumbered the lots in question.

In January 2023, the Board began a completeness review of an application for a minor subdivision of the property at Tax Map 1, Lot 16, on South Bennington Road.

Having served 14 years on the Planning Board, and even longer on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, at age 78 Sam Cohen has decided not to run for town office again, and wishes both boards a successful future, with special thanks to Debi Belcher for her invaluable procedural knowledge and support.

Respectfully submitted,

The Bennington Planning Board

Sam Cohen, Chair and Sergeant at Arms

Don Trow, Vice Chair

Luke Hardwick

Todd Wheeler

Cory Lawrence, Alternate

Debra Belcher, Recording Secretary

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The members of the Bennington Police Department would like to thank the citizens of Bennington for their continued support. 2022 was a busy year for the Police Department as we saw an uptick in overall activity. As always, the Officers of the Bennington Police Department continued to work hard and I would like to thank each member of the Bennington Police Department for their dedication and continued professionalism to the town of Bennington.

In 2022, the Bennington Police Department responded to approximately 2800 calls for service, a 10 percent increase in calls from 2021. These calls included crimes reported, arrests, motor vehicle stops, motor vehicle crashes, medical calls, assisting other agencies, death investigations, civil matters, and community caretaking. In 2022 the Bennington Police Department had 73 incidents reported, about a 32 percent increase from 2021, and made 41 arrests, which was a 14 percent increase from 2021. These incidents and arrests were both Misdemeanor and Felony level. Traffic stops in 2022 declined slightly at 525.

As in previous years, we continue to see many drug and alcohol offenses to include possession of drugs and DWI. Overdoses, medical emergencies and DWI detection continue to be one of our top priorities.

In December of 2022 we saw the retirement of Corporal Lester Milton. Corporal Milton has been employed with the Bennington Police Department for over 20 years and was a familiar face in Town. Corporal Milton was very dedicated and professional and it was an Honor for us at the Bennington Police Department to have served with him. Thank you for everything. We salute you and wish you well.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support. We appreciate everything you do. As 2023 approaches, myself and the Officers of the Bennington Police Department look forward to serving the community with professionalism and compassion.

Chief Jason LePine

2023 Election Report

As of this writing, we have 961 voters on the checklist: 294 Democrats, 315 Republicans, and 352 Undeclared voters. And while elections in Bennington once again ran smoothly, there is much talk in this country about "problems" with elections. Sometimes it's difficult to discern what merits concern and what doesn't. With the recent proliferation of information, our knowledge is challenged constantly, and wisdom becomes rare indeed.

However, there are still some things that most people in this country can agree on. Sometimes you just have to get back to first principles.

Voting in the United States is a right that should be extended to all citizens over the age of 18. What complicates this is that we are a federation of states, each of which makes its own rules for voting.

While most of us should agree that voting should be as easy as possible, we should also agree that citizens should vote only once per election in the place that they call their primary home. They should be able to vote privately and their vote should be counted in a timely manner.

Sounds simple, doesn't it?

Some people believe that a great deal of fraudulent voting takes place regularly. But election officials in all the states work very hard to make sure that voting laws are followed. There are substantial penalties levied for people who engage in in-person voter fraud (i.e. voting twice in two different places or voting as someone that you are not). People who try this get caught, pay substantial fines, and go to jail. The percentage of fraudulent voting is a fraction of a percentage point. For example, The average double voting rate for most states is around 0.0002% (<https://safeatlast.co/blog/voter-fraud-statistics/#gref>)

For specific cases of voter fraud, see:

https://www.heritage.org/voterfraud/search?combine&state=All&year&case_type=All&fraud_type=24493

For more information on voter fraud allegations, see:

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/truth-about-voter-fraud>

The truth is, a person is more likely to be hit by lightning than they are to commit voter fraud. How much energy should we be putting into preventing this sort of thing, compared to how much energy we should be putting into getting our citizens more involved and engaged in participating in democracy?

What is concerning is that many legislatures are passing laws that make it more difficult for citizens to vote. New Hampshire's recently passed law, SB 418, essentially creates a provisional ballot system that potentially violates a voter's right to vote in secret. And the amount of time given for voters to prove that they voted legitimately could potentially disenfranchise members of the military and others who work overseas.

Any so-called reform that has an extremely limited benefit, while also making it measurably harder to vote, should end up on the trash-heap of bad ideas. Good ideas, like holding elections on weekends, early, mail-in, and absentee voting (*with the proper safeguards in place*) should merit our attention.

Oh, and did you know which 5 countries have the highest voter participation among their citizens? Uruguay, Turkey, Peru, Indonesia, and Argentina. And where does the USA rank on that list? 31st. (<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2022/11/01/turnout-in-u-s-has-soared-in-recent-elections-but-by-some-measures-still-trails-that-of-many-other-countries/>)

Clearly, there is still work to do.

Thanks to all who participate!

Walter Turner

Sincerest Thanks to all of our election workers and to the selectmen, who all work very hard to keep our democracy rolling:

Brenda Gibbons
Melissa Searles
Debra Belcher
Karen Belcher
John Cronin

Debra Page
Barbara Goodwin
Rhonda Davie

Tom James
David Foster
James Cleary
Lise Lemieux
Shelly Griswold

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Facebook: Bennington Rec Committee

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

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

- Bennington 4-H Club: 2nd Friday of the month in the Evening
- Girl Scouts: Sunday Afternoons

The annual Andy Mackenzie Fishing Derby was held at Cold Spring Pond on April 23, 2022. The derby is open to youth ages 15 and under. The event is hosted by the Bennington Sportsmen's Club with financial assistance from Recreation.

Whittemore Beach was staffed with part-time beach attendants to keep up with beach maintenance. There were no lifeguards due to the nation-wide labor shortage. Staff are charged with light maintenance work including litter removal, raking, and overall upkeep of the beach area.

The Bennington Rhubarb Festival was held on June 3-5, 2022 at Sawyer Memorial Park. The festival included musicians, children's activities, craft vendors, food trucks, and of course - RHUBARB!

New this year was a weekly Farmer & Artisan Market on Tuesday evenings at Sawyer Memorial Park. The market gained some momentum, at its peak hosting over 80 people, but closed by late summer due to vendor conflicts and ongoing tension with a private sports league using the property. ▶

Another new addition was Trunk-or-Treat, hosted at Newhall Youth Field on October 29, 2022. The event included decorated vehicles, lawn games, face painting, a costume contest, crafts, and more.

The annual Nativity play returned on December 4, 2022, followed by the Lighted Truck & Tractor Parade. Hot cocoa and treats were served on the town common leading up to the parade. A new addition to the holiday celebration was the Decorated Tree Stroll. There were 9 tree entries displayed in downtown buildings.

On December 31, 2022 co-chairs Bethany & Jim Craig resigned from the Recreation Committee.

The Recreation Committee thanks the volunteers who make recreation activities in Bennington possible. New ideas and programs are always welcome. To get involved contact the Recreation Committee at benningtonhrec@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bethany & Jim Craig, Recreation Committee Co-Chairs

Bennington Recycling Center 2022.

Thanks to all the recycling center has had another good year. Staff as well as patrons have come together to make things work better as well as also welcoming many new residents to the town of Bennington and bringing them up to speed on how the center works. We appreciate them all for bringing their recycling habits as well from elsewhere. All of our residents, original and new have been doing a great job at separating their recycling for contamination, plus; exceptionally well at rinsing their recyclables to help keep the health factors to a minimum for employees. Thank you! We also would like to add that there is a new employee of the center who just started, Auralee Burchett. She is the latest employee joining the group of part time help and as needed fill ins of Tom James, Sara Cox, Judith Cox most recently but let's not forget the long-time faithful fill in locals for years, Dwayne Searles, David Parker and Curtis Dude.

This year we implemented a change of hours that are working well. With use of the facility on the rise as dumpsters go up and bills do too in addition to the new residents in town, it has been harder to complete everything and get out on time. We decided with the boards approval to close a half an hour earlier to accommodate instead of an increase in ours. Our new hours effective this fall are Wednesday 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Saturday 10:00 am until 4:30 pm, same for Sunday; 10 am until 4:30 pm.

Some of you may notice that the compost or leaf and yard waste pile has been moved. It has not been getting mixed as well as it should be by getting turned. More also has been added to the already broken-down leaves there so we decided to keep turning it for a month to break it up some and next moved it across the parking lot where it can get turned more often, leaving the spot that it was in and everyone is used too to start all over again. The intention is to mix it up and even have composted loam available for residents at one point. Stay tuned.

The town of Bennington will be announcing a date soon on a household hazardous waste day as well this up and coming year. It has been a couple of years since it was last done. It will not be held here though please keep an eye out for flyers and signs in the spring or ask one of us helpful employees. It will be in Hillsborough NH, location will be provided with date as well, but not too far away to be able to get rid of all that hazardous chemicals, bad gas, oil-based paints and we all know it, the stuff that ended up in the un-marked glass jar in grandpas garage that nobody remembers what is in it. These folks are trained to figure that part out. Safety transport location and time will be all posted as soon as we know months before and again please ask us at the center if you have any questions at all. The purpose of it being in Hillsborough not here is that the cost of setting up, collecting, processing and disposal of this stuff is far too expensive for many single towns to pay for or budget so surrounding town will band together to make it work out. We can all share the costs even braking it down by residents visiting the that day for a fair price that covers all. Please remember that we do take used motor oil, Hydraulic oils, break fluids, antifreeze from your auto implement or engine year round but it is very important that you drop it off at the Recycling center in a sealed clearly labeled container or in certain cases

if it is in something that needed to be empty so you can take it in return, we can make that work out as well.

Thank you very much for all or your help and support for another great year at the recycling center!

Respectfully submitted, Tom James Supervisor.

