

**2017**  
**ANNUAL REPORTS**



**for the**  
**TOWN OF BENNINGTON**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## **Joseph O'Brien**

1962-2017

As young adults Joe and his wife Lori settled in Bennington where they raised their family. Joe was a volunteer firefighter and EMT, serving our Fire Department for 25 years. During his tenure with the Bennington Fire Department he held all positions available to him, including that of Fire Chief. Joe warmly related to children of all ages. From 1996-2005 he founded and supervised the Bennington Fire Department Explorer program for youth ages 14-20; he was president of the Pop Warner Football Association for three years; had a great fondness for Breakfast with Santa which was sponsored by the Fire Department; and precious time spent with his four daughters and three grandchildren. Joe loved his community and volunteering. We are grateful for his contributions – including his elaborate outside Christmas lights and decorations which he designed and set to music – as well as his influences on the many young lives he touched.

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of the

**TOWN OFFICIALS**

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**BENNINGTON  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

for the Year Ended December 31, 2017

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	
Jeffrey D. Rose .....	March 2018
James W. Cleary, Chair.....	March 2018
Mark J. Mackesy .....	March 2020
<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</b>	
Melissa Clark.....	March 2018
Karen Belcher, Chair.....	March 2019
Joshua Segal .....	March 2020
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	
David McKenzie, Alternate .....	March 2018
Jeannette Regis .....	March 2018
Jill Wilmoth, Chair.....	March 2019
Molly Eppig.....	March 2020
<b>MODERATOR</b>	
John J. Cronin, III .....	March 2018
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	
Jeffrey Rose, Ex-Officio.....	March 2018
Donald Trow.....	March 2018
David McKenzie, Chair.....	March 2019
Christopher Maple, Vice Chair.....	March 2019
Sam Cohen .....	March 2020
<b>SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE</b>	
Linda Quintanilha .....	March 2018
<b>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST</b>	
Victoria Turner, Chair .....	March 2018
Melissa Searles .....	March 2020
Brenda Gibbons .....	March 2022
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	
Debra Belcher .....	March 2019
<b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</b>	
Valerie Germain, Chair.....	March 2018
Bethany Craig .....	March 2018
David Parker .....	March 2019
<b>WATER &amp; SEWER COMMISSIONERS</b>	
Richard Reed .....	March 2018
Dennis Mckenney.....	March 2019
David Beck .....	March 2020

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Steven Osienski .....	2018
Christopher Clough .....	2019
Melissa Clark, Chair .....	2019
Sam Cohen .....	2020
Anthony Paris, Vice Chair.....	2020

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

Administrator .....	Denise P. French
Deputy Administrator.....	Kristie J. LaPlante

**BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.....** Dario Carrara

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief ..... David Foster

**HEALTH OFFICER.....** Dario Carrara

**HEALTH OFFICER, DEPUTY .....** Debra Davidson

**HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR.....** Debra Davidson

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR.....**Leslie MacGregor

**ROAD AGENT.....** Gary S. Russell

**TAX COLLECTOR .....** Kristie J. LaPlante

**TOWN TREASURER.....** Rhonda Davie

**DEPUTY TOWN TREASURER .....**Joyce Miner

**APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Term Expires**

**BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Debora Ash .....	2018
John Baybutt .....	2018
Jon Charlonne.....	2018
Judith Heddy .....	2018
Richard Reed .....	2018

**CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE**

James Cleary .....	2018
Peter Eppig .....	2018
Mark Mackesy .....	2018
David McKenzie .....	2018
Jeffrey Rose .....	2018

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

John Baybutt .....	2018
Valerie Germain, Co-Chair .....	2018
Thomas James .....	2019
Michael Munhall, Co-Chair .....	2019
Joseph MacGregor .....	2020
Jon Manley .....	2020

**HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Bret Sullivan .....	2018
James Cleary .....	2018
Gary Russell .....	2018

**NEWHALL PARK BOARD**

Brian Whittemore .....	2018
Gretchen Hutton .....	2019
David Parker .....	2020

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

David Parker .....	2018
Jeffrey Rose .....	2018
Gary Russell .....	2018

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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



# Town of Bennington

## New Hampshire

### Warrant

2018

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: Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Pierce Elementary School

Details: 19 Main Street

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

Location: Pierce Elementary School

Details: 19 Main Street

**Article 01: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**Article 02: Zoning Amendment**

Are you in favor of amending Article IX (Signs), Section B.7 of the Zoning Ordinance? The proposed full text of Article IX is attached.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

**Article 03: Zoning Amendment**

Are you in favor of amending Article XVII, Section 14 (Home Occupation) of the Zoning Ordinance? The proposed full text is attached.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

**Article 04: 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 seven hundred twenty nine thousand two hundred thirty five dollars (\$1,729,235)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be one million seven hundred twelve thousand eight hundred twenty four dollars (\$1,712,824), 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.

**Article 05: Adopt RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b)**

Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?

(Recommended by the Conservation Commission and Selectmen)

**Article 06: Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 07: Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund**

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

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 08: Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund**

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

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 09: 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 and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 10: 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 and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 11: 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 and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 12: Fire Dept Protective Gear Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$5,700) to be added to the Fire Department Protective Gear Capital Reserve Fund previously established?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 13: Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty three thousand dollars (\$33,000) to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund previously established?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 14: Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**

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

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 15: Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 16: Bridge Maintenance ETF**

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 and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 17: Re-purpose Rescue Chassis CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Rescue Chassis Capital Reserve Fund to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend from this Fund. (2/3 vote required).

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

**Article 18: Re-purpose Water Pump CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Water Pump Replacement Capital Reserve Fund to the Water Department Maintenance and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend from this Fund. (2/3 vote required).

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

**Article 19: Close Bridge Replacement CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund that was created for the purpose of replacing the Depot Street/North Bennington Road bridge. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

**Article 20: Transfer Bridge Replacement funds to Bridge Maintenance ETF**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand nine hundred ninety seven dollars (\$15,997) to be deposited into the Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance? This sum represents the amount of principal and interest funds in the discontinued Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2017.) This article is contingent on the passage of Article 19. If Article 19 does not pass this article will be passed over.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.)

**Article 21: Close HW Equipment Loader/Grader CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Equipment Loader/Grader Capital Reserve Fund that was created for the specific purpose of purchasing a Loader/Grader. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

**Article 22: Transfer HW Equipment Loader/Grader funds to Highway Heavy Equipment CRF**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty seven thousand six hundred thirty one dollars (\$57,631) to be deposited into the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund with said sum to come from the unassigned fund balance? (This amount represents the amount of principal and interest funds in the discontinued Highway Equipment Loader/Grader Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2017). This article is contingent on the passage of Article 21. If Article 21 does not pass, this article will be passed over.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.)

**Article 23: 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 and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 24: Whittemore Beach Staffing**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) in support of Whittemore Beach staffing?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 25: Asset Management Grant**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of an Asset Management Planning Grant for the Water Department? Of the \$40,000 appropriation, up to \$20,000 will come from a grant awarded by NH Department of Environmental Services and the balance (\$20,000) will come from taxation. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2023 or until the project is completed whichever comes first.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Water Commissioners)

**Article 26: Conservation Commission Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the existing Conservation Commission Fund (established in 1995)? This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Conservation Commission)

**Article 27: Timber Sales to Conservation Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of fifteen thousand three hundred sixty four dollars (\$15,364) 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?

(Recommended by the Conservation Commission)

**Article 28: Gravel Sales to Conservation Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of three hundred nineteen dollars (\$319) 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?

(Recommended by the Conservation Commission)

**Article 29: Sale of Cemetery Lots**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of seven hundred dollars \$700 from unassigned fund balance to be deposited in the Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, said amount representing 100% of the income derived from the sale of cemetery lots in the preceding year?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees)

**Article 30: End 68 Hours of Hunger**

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?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 31: The Grapevine & Family Resource Center**

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?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 32: American Red Cross**

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

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 33: Contoocook Valley Transportation Company**

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

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 34: Court Appointed Special Advocates**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates - a nonprofit organization.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 35: Contocook Housing Trust**

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

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

**Article 36: Child Advocacy Center**

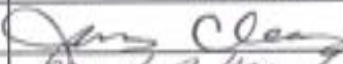
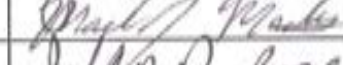
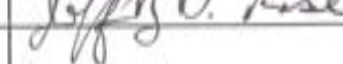
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) in support of the Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County - a nonprofit organization?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.)

**Article 37: Good Samaritans**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) in support of The Good Samaritans - a nonprofit organization?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee)

Given under our hands, January 29, 2018		
We certify and attest that on or before January 29, 2018, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Bennington Town Hall, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
James Cleary	Chairperson, Board of Selectmen	
Mark Mackesy	Selectman	
Jeffrey Rose	Selectman	

**Warrant Article 02 – Zoning Amendment**

Are you in favor of amending Article IX (Signs), Section B.7 of the Zoning Ordinance?

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

*Shall Article IX: Signs, Section B.7 be changed to read as follows:*

7. A legally established business may have one sign attached to the building and one freestanding sign on the lot. If the lot contains more than one legally established business their freestanding signs must all be mounted on the same freestanding structure.

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**Warrant Article 03 – Zoning Amendment**

Are you in favor of amending Article XVII, Section 14 (Home Occupation) of the Zoning Ordinance?

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

*Shall Article XVII, Section 14 of the Bennington Zoning Ordinance, which reads as follows –*

Home Occupation A use conducted wholly within the principal structure which is customarily incidental and clearly subordinate to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes; is conducted by or carried on under direction of the family in residence and does not employ more than the equivalent of four (4) full-time employees; provides for off-street parking; does not utilize more than one-third (1/3) of the square footage of the dwelling; and, involves no change in the outward appearance of the dwelling, excepting the appearance of one sign whose size and location shall be subject to the approval of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Home occupations shall include professional offices, real estate or insurance offices, hairdressing, dressmaking, manufacturing of crafts or food products.

*-- be replaced with the following?*

Home Businesses

- a. A home business is allowed in any property zoned for residential use. A home business is a for-profit or organizational activity which is clearly subordinate to the use of a property for residential purposes and is conducted by the family in residence.
- b. A home business shall conform to the following requirements:
  - b.1 The home business must not meaningfully change the outward appearance of the home except for a single permanent sign of no more than 12 square feet in total area which may be located anywhere within the side setback limits of the property up to the edge of the roadway right-of-way and which must otherwise comply with sections B.1 through B.11 of Article IX of the Bennington Zoning Ordinance as it applies to businesses.
  - b. 2 It must comply with state and federal law regarding noise, pollution, and effluents such as excessive smoke, dust, and noxious odors. It may not involve the keeping of bees or other venomous creatures with the exception of beekeeping in the Rural/Agricultural District as regulated by state law.

- b.3 It may involve the use of outbuildings such as garages, barns, sheds, or greenhouses, as well as open land on the property, but no more than one-third the floor space of the residence.
- b.4 It must not employ more than four people, including those domiciled within the residence, at any one time at the property.
- b.5 Adequate off-street parking must be provided for employees and for business visitors. If the home business allows visitors to arrive or depart after sunset, there must be adequate lighting for safe movement to and from the parking area(s).
- b.6 The property must conform to the Bennington Building Code and Fire Codes.

And shall Subsection VI-D-1.14 be changed to read "Home Businesses (see XVII-14)";

And shall Subsection VI-D-2.8 be changed to read "Home Businesses (see XVII-14)";

And shall Subsection VI-D-3.11 be added to read "Home Businesses (see XVII-14)".



## BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) consists of five members from our community, appointed by the Town Moderator, each for a one year term. We meet monthly or as needed during the year.

We are ably assisted by Deputy Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante who keeps careful records of our discussions and provides invaluable institutional knowledge of Town government.

It is our role to provide oversight and guidance in shaping our Town's annual budget through a review of submitted budget requests and by meeting with the Selectboard and Department Heads to gain an understanding of the Town's needs and goals.

In helping to finalize department budgets we try to insure that each is constructed so that needs are met while other requests deemed unnecessary are challenged and debated as we endeavor to keep a lid on expenses. This approach involves thoughtful discussion and sometimes compromise to shape a budget "that gets it done" in meeting our needs and maintains a solid footing for Town government in moving forward.

Of particular note this past year is the constructive meetings held with the Fire Department and Highway Department. Both departments are working diligently to shape responsible budgets and provide superior service; their cooperation is noted and very much appreciated.

This year two new appointees, Debora Ash and Judy Heddy, were added to replace two members, Barry White and Debra Whitney, who are unable to serve any longer.

Further, two members of the BAC were appointed to work with Selectman Jim Cleary and our Road Agent Gary Russell to assist in planning and implementation of a road maintenance program to bring our roadways up to acceptable standards and utilize the Highway budget in a best practices approach.

The BAC looks forward to our continuing work this year with the Selectboard and Department Heads in helping to shape the Town's annual operating budget through constructive dialogue and input.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard F. Reed, Chairman



Proposed Budget

**Bennington**

For the period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018  
Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: January 29, 2018

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

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

Name	Position	Signature
JEFFREY ROSE	SELECTMAN	
MARK J. MACKEST	Selectman	
JAMES W. CLENNY	Selectman	

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:  
<https://www.proptax.org/>

**For assistance please contact:**  
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division  
(603) 230-5090  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	04	\$188,969	\$200,315	\$195,823	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$44,457	\$39,706	\$48,848	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	04	\$39,511	\$43,812	\$41,743	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	04	\$11,734	\$6,039	\$16,800	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$4,700	\$3,407	\$4,700	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	04	\$15,130	\$15,129	\$17,580	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	04	\$5,852	\$4,658	\$5,852	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$61,401	\$67,247	\$60,153	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$16,538	\$13,300	\$14,538	\$0
4196	Insurance	04	\$26,900	\$25,900	\$27,000	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$22,500	\$14,853	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$437,692</b>	<b>\$434,366</b>	<b>\$433,035</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210-4214	Police	04	\$354,857	\$348,437	\$355,957	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	04	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	04	\$96,256	\$65,744	\$81,111	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	04	\$3,176	\$2,621	\$3,176	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	04	\$1,827	\$6,156	\$1,840	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$468,116</b>	<b>\$434,960</b>	<b>\$458,084</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>						
4311	Administration	04	\$272,516	\$249,913	\$273,888	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$184,000	\$187,286	\$149,500	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$0,000	\$8,337	\$0,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$465,516</b>	<b>\$445,536</b>	<b>\$432,388</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>Sanitation</b>						
4321	Administration	04	\$34,389	\$35,359	\$36,821	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	04	\$1,602	\$1,757	\$2,000	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	04	\$52,825	\$59,785	\$60,825	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	04	\$6,000	\$8,512	\$8,000	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	04	\$30,400	\$39,313	\$40,700	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$133,216</b>	<b>\$144,726</b>	<b>\$148,346</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>						
4331	Administration	04	\$34,820	\$34,009	\$36,012	\$0
4332	Water Services	04	\$11,001	\$10,781	\$11,001	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	04	\$4,700	\$6,407	\$4,700	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$50,521</b>	<b>\$51,197</b>	<b>\$51,713</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>						
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
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>						
4411	Administration	04	\$258	\$36	\$102	\$0
4414	Pest Control	04	\$600	\$20	\$200	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	04	\$5,891	\$5,845	\$5,845	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$6,749</b>	<b>\$5,901</b>	<b>\$6,147</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	04	\$14,679	\$11,320	\$14,679	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	04	\$720	\$720	\$720	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	04	\$4,801	\$1,738	\$4,801	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$20,200</b>	<b>\$13,778</b>	<b>\$20,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	04	\$27,002	\$23,049	\$26,002	\$0
4550-4559	Library	04	\$143,541	\$139,498	\$145,764	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	04	\$700	\$629	\$700	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	04	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$173,643</b>	<b>\$165,576</b>	<b>\$174,866</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>Conservation and Development</b>						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	04	\$661	\$661	\$823	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	04	\$633	\$633	\$633	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,294</b>	<b>\$1,294</b>	<b>\$1,456</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>						
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	04	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>						
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
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>			<b>\$1,759,947</b>	<b>\$1,697,334</b>	<b>\$1,729,235</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	25	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Asset Management Grant</i>					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	26	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Conservation Commission Fund</i>					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	27	\$0	\$0	\$15,364	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Timber Sales to Conservation Fund</i>					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	28	\$0	\$0	\$319	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Gravel Sales to Conservation Fund</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Mower Capital Reserve Fund</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Dodge Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Fire Department SCBA Capital Reserve Fund</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12	\$0	\$0	\$5,700	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Fire Dept Protective Gear Capital Reserve Fu</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$0	\$0	\$37,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	20	\$0	\$0	\$15,997	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Transfer Bridge funds to Bridge Maintenance ETF</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	22	\$0	\$0	\$41,067	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Transfer HW Equipment Loader/Grader funds to Highw</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	13	\$0	\$0	\$33,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	16	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Bridge Maintenance ETF</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	29	\$0	\$0	\$700	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Sale of Cemetery Lots</i>					
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$269,147</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	31	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: The Grapevine &amp; Family Resource Center</i>					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	34	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Court Appointed Special Advocates</i>					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	33	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Contoocook Valley Transportation Company</i>					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	32	\$0	\$0	\$700	\$0
	<i>Purpose: American Red Cross</i>					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	30	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: End 68 Hours of Hunger</i>					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	24	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Whittemore Beach Staffing</i>					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	36	\$0	\$0	\$600	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Child Advocacy Center</i>					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	37	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Good Samaritans</i>					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	35	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Contoocook Housing Trust</i>					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	23	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Deferred Road Maintenance</i>					
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$60,850</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	04	\$1,000	\$0	\$12,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	04	\$28,000	\$30,729	\$10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	04	\$500	\$500	\$500
3187	Excavation Tax	04	\$700	\$638	\$700
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	04	\$48,000	\$51,876	\$48,000
9991	Inventory Penalties	04	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$83,700</b>	<b>\$91,243</b>	<b>\$78,700</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	04	\$500	\$435	\$500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	\$290,000	\$287,376	\$200,000
3230	Building Permits	04	\$2,500	\$5,276	\$2,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	04	\$6,000	\$5,194	\$6,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$299,000</b>	<b>\$298,281</b>	<b>\$299,000</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	04	\$75,548	\$75,104	\$75,105
3353	Highway Block Grant	04	\$44,409	\$44,405	\$44,405
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments	25	\$37,913	\$0	\$20,000
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$157,870</b>	<b>\$119,509</b>	<b>\$139,510</b>
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	04	\$14,000	\$12,301	\$14,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$14,000</b>	<b>\$12,301</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	04	\$500	\$750	\$500
3502	Interest on Investments	04	\$50	\$79	\$50
3503-3509	Other	04	\$95,360	\$12,835	\$12,000
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$95,910</b>	<b>\$13,664</b>	<b>\$12,550</b>
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0





Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
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)	04	\$33,000	\$35,015	\$33,000
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	04	\$57,000	\$62,373	\$57,000
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$97,388</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	28, 26, 29, 27, 22, 20	\$0	\$0	\$78,447
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$78,447</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$740,480</b>	<b>\$632,386</b>	<b>\$712,207</b>



Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,692,447	\$1,729,235
Special Warrant Articles	\$150,700	\$269,147
Individual Warrant Articles	\$67,500	\$60,850
Total Appropriations	\$1,910,647	\$2,059,232
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$581,807	\$712,207
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$1,328,840</b>	<b>\$1,347,025</b>



Default Budget of the Municipality

**Bennington**

For the period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: January 29, 2018

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

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

Name	Position	Signature
JEFFREY ROSE	SELECTMAN	
MARK J MACKESY	Selectman	
JAMES W CLAM	Selectman	

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
<b>General Government</b>					
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	\$188,969	\$1,195	\$0	\$190,164
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$44,457	\$3,360	\$0	\$47,817
4150-4151	Financial Administration	\$39,511	\$1,347	(\$715)	\$40,143
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$11,734	\$5,000	\$0	\$16,734
4153	Legal Expense	\$4,700	\$0	\$0	\$4,700
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	\$15,130	\$2,450	\$0	\$17,580
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	\$5,852	\$0	\$0	\$5,852
4194	General Government Buildings	\$61,401	\$0	\$0	\$61,401
4195	Cemeteries	\$16,538	\$0	(\$2,000)	\$14,538
4196	Insurance	\$26,900	\$0	\$0	\$26,900
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>		<b>\$415,192</b>	<b>\$13,352</b>	<b>(\$2,715)</b>	<b>\$425,829</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>					
4210-4214	Police	\$354,857	\$4,469	\$0	\$359,326
4215-4219	Ambulance	\$12,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$16,000
4220-4229	Fire	\$96,266	\$287	(\$4,214)	\$92,329
4240-4249	Building Inspection	\$3,176	\$0	\$0	\$3,176
4290-4298	Emergency Management	\$1,827	\$0	\$0	\$1,827
4299	Other (Including Communications)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>		<b>\$468,116</b>	<b>\$8,756</b>	<b>(\$4,214)</b>	<b>\$472,658</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>					
4301-4309	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>					
4311	Administration	\$272,516	(\$4,310)	\$0	\$268,206
4312	Highways and Streets	\$139,000	\$0	\$0	\$139,000
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$9,000
4319	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>		<b>\$420,516</b>	<b>(\$4,310)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$416,206</b>



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
<b>Sanitation</b>					
4321	Administration	\$34,389	\$0	\$0	\$34,389
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$1,602	\$0	\$0	\$1,602
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$52,825	\$8,000	\$0	\$60,825
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$8,000
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	\$38,400	\$0	\$0	\$38,400
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$133,216</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$143,216</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>					
4331	Administration	\$34,820	\$0	\$0	\$34,820
4332	Water Services	\$11,001	\$0	\$0	\$11,001
4335	Water Treatment	\$4,700	\$0	\$0	\$4,700
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>		<b>\$50,521</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,521</b>
<b>Electric</b>					
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
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>					
4411	Administration	\$258	\$0	\$0	\$258
4414	Pest Control	\$800	\$0	\$0	\$800
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	\$5,891	\$0	\$0	\$5,891
<b>Health Subtotal</b>		<b>\$6,749</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,749</b>
<b>Welfare</b>					
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	\$14,679	\$0	\$0	\$14,679
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$720	\$0	\$0	\$720
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	\$4,801	\$0	\$0	\$4,801
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$20,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,200</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	\$27,002	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$26,002
4550-4559	Library	\$143,541	\$508	\$0	\$144,049
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$700
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$2,400	\$0	\$0	\$2,400
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$173,643</b>	<b>\$508</b>	<b>(\$1,000)</b>	<b>\$173,151</b>



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
<b>Conservation and Development</b>					
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	\$661	\$0	\$0	\$661
4619	Other Conservation	\$633	\$0	\$0	\$633
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$1,294</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,294</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>					
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
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>		<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
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
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>					
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
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>		<b>\$1,692,447</b>	<b>\$28,306</b>	<b>(\$7,929)</b>	<b>\$1,712,824</b>



Reasons for Reductions/Increases & One-Time Appropriations

Account	Explanation
4311	health; dental; retirement
4215-4219	Town of Antrim contract
4195	stone/tree/maintenance
4140-4149	two additional elections
4130-4139	health; dental; retirement
4150-4151	salary; fica/medicare; software
4220-4229	dispatch; administrative hours
4550-4559	health; dental; retirement
4520-4529	175th birthday celebration
4155-4159	workers compensation premium
4210-4214	retirement; dispatch; software
4152	utility contract
4325	new sampling mandate
4324	hauling/disposal contract



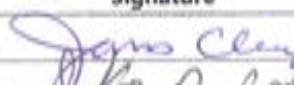
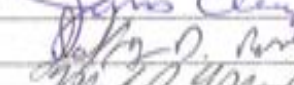

## Bennington Summary Inventory of Valuation

**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.

**For assistance please contact:**  
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division  
(603) 230-5090  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

Assessor
John Hatfield (CNP)

Municipal Officials		
Name	Position	Signature
James Cleary	Selectman	
Jeffrey Rose	Selectman	
Mark Mackesy	Selectman	

Preparer		
Name	Phone	Email
Denise French	588-2189	townadministrator@townofbennington.com

  
Preparer's Signature





Land Value Only	Acres	Valuation	
1A Current Use RSA 79-A	4,662.35	\$313,813	
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	1,765.81	\$21,121,200	
1G Commercial/Industrial Land	241.63	\$2,280,300	
<b>1H Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>6,669.79</b>	<b>\$23,715,313</b>	
1I Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	285.89	\$1,521,500	
Buildings Value Only	Structures	Valuation	
2A Residential		\$64,924,700	
2B Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31		\$1,444,000	
2C Commercial/Industrial		\$11,066,000	
2D Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	\$0	
2E Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
<b>2F Total of Taxable Buildings</b>		<b>\$77,434,700</b>	
2G Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$6,627,600	
Utilities & Timber		Valuation	
3A Utilities		\$3,636,400	
3B Other Utilities		\$0	
4 Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
<b>5 Valuation before Exemption</b>		<b>\$104,786,413</b>	
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	
10 Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
10 Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
<b>11 Modified Assessed Value of All Properties</b>		<b>\$104,786,413</b>	
Optional Exemptions	Amount Per	Total Granted	Valuation
12 Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	0	\$0
13 Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b		11	\$600,000
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
17 Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62		0	\$0
18 Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66		0	\$0
19 Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV		0	\$0
<b>20 Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>			<b>\$600,000</b>
<b>21 Net Valuation</b>			<b>\$104,186,413</b>
<b>22 Less Utilities</b>			<b>\$3,636,400</b>
<b>23 Net Valuation without Utilities</b>			<b>\$100,550,013</b>



Utility Value Appraiser

Commerford, Neider, Perkins LLC

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

Electric Company Name	Valuation
MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC	\$415,200
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$3,221,200
	<b>\$3,636,400</b>



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$500	64	\$31,585
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$700	0	\$0
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$2,000	2	\$4,000
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$0	0	\$0
		<b>66</b>	<b>\$35,585</b>

**Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report**

Deaf Income Limits	
Single	\$0
Married	\$0

Deaf Asset Limits	
Single	\$0
Married	\$0

Disabled Income Limits	
Single	\$0
Married	\$0

Disabled Asset Limits	
Single	\$0
Married	\$0

**Elderly Exemption Report**

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

Age	Number
65-74	1
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	4	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
75-79	1	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
80+	6	\$75,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
	<b>11</b>		<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

Income Limits	
Single	\$27,500
Married	\$39,500

Asset Limits	
Single	\$75,000
Married	\$75,000

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

Adopted? No Number of Structures:

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

Adopted? No Number of Properties:

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

Adopted? No Number of Properties:



<b>Current Use RSA 79-A</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
Farm Land	178.57	\$47,642
Forest Land	2,165.26	\$168,042
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	2,036.17	\$93,377
Unproductive Land	39.28	\$589
Wet Land	243.07	\$4,163
	<b>4,662.35</b>	<b>\$313,813</b>

<b>Other Current Use Statistics</b>		
Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	<b>Acres:</b>	1,970.78
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	<b>Acres:</b>	7.91
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	<b>Owners:</b>	78
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	<b>Parcels:</b>	146

<b>Land Use Change Tax</b>		
Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year		\$11,000
Conservation Allocation	<b>Percentage:</b> 0.00%	<b>Dollar Amount:</b> \$0
Monies to Conservation Fund		\$5,500
Monies to General Fund		\$5,500

<b>Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
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
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics</b>		
Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	<b>Acres:</b>	0.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	<b>Acres:</b>	0.00
Owners in Conservation Restriction	<b>Owners:</b>	0
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	<b>Parcels:</b>	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

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2017 TOWN MEETING  
DELIBERATIVE SESSION-SESSION 1  
AND  
MARCH 16, 2017 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS-SESSION 2**

Session 1 of the 2017 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Monday, February 6, 2017 at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and there was a moment of silence for Harry Clough, Frank Carara, Vera Spanos, Barbara Moorehead, and Joe O'Brien. 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.

**All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town and School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 14, 2017 at Pierce School in Bennington, New Hampshire. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Note: Due to a major snowstorm the Town election was moved to March 16, 2017.**

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 6, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Pierce Elementary School

Details: 19 Main Street

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 16, 2017

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.

Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Joshua Segal
Planning Board (3 years)	Sam Cohen
Water and Sewer Commissioner (3 years)	David A Beck
Water and Sewer Commissioner (1 year)	Richard F Reed
Selectman (3 years)	Mark J Mackesy
Library Trustee (3 years)	Mary D F Eppig
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)	
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)	Sam Cohen
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)	Anthony Parisi

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 1087 registered voters. During Election Day, 2 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voters Checklist contained 1089 voters. A total of 190 voters cast their ballots in this election, which was a 17 % voter turnout.

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The Deliberative Town Meeting, Session 1 was attended by 26 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated the following articles:

2. Are you in favor of amending Article IX (Signs) of the Zoning Ordinance?

Note: Selectman Osienski made a motion to waive the reading of the Zoning Amendment. It was seconded by Selectman Cleary. David McKenzie, Chairman of the Planning Board spoke to the article explaining the proposed changes noting that the Supreme Court has deemed that the article cannot differentiate between sign content. The article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-130 NO-50  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

3. Are you in favor of deleting Article XIV-C (accessory dwelling unit) of the Zoning Ordinance and replacing it with Article VII P (accessory dwelling units)?

Note: David McKenzie spoke to the article explaining that State law effective in June allows accessory dwelling units in all zones. Peter Martel asked what would happen if an owner were to sell the unit. The owner of an accessory dwelling unit must live in one of the units to comply. Fire Chief Michael Roina asked if the article could be amended as he was concerned about State Fire Codes. Peter Martel noted that State Fire Codes would still apply and the current stricter code would take precedence. The Moderator explained that the article could not be amended. Joseph MacGregor asked if a homeowner has come to the ZBA previously, does this article override the previous ruling. It was not known. Mr. MacGregor expressed a concern about the possible increase in rental units where as an in-law apartment is provided for a specific need. State Representative, Jonathan Manley noted that the discussion on the bill was to allow in-law apartments to have more uses. The article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-126 NO-53  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the Budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million six hundred ninety two thousand four hundred forty-seven dollars (\$1,692,447)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be one million six hundred seventy six thousand seven hundred forty eight dollars (\$1,676,748) 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 a Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that there is a 2.42% increase. This is largely due to the Police Department and the Highway Department. It was noted that there was an error in the default budget. The Moderator noted that the warrant shall be changed to show the correct default budget of \$1,676,748.00. Robyn Clough asked for the current balances in the capital reserve funds. The Administrator did not know, but will make the numbers available the following day. Mr. Clough also inquired if the Town has been paying taxes on unleaded fuel. The Deputy Administrator stated that she has not filed to get the taxes back. The article was accepted with the default budget correction.

2017 RESULTS: YES-119 NO-67  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

5. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Sewer Department Septic Lagoon Dredging Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997? Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that a majority vote is required to pass the article. Robyn Clough asked why the money would not be put toward this year's budget. He also asked how many years it would be until the lagoon needed to be dredged again. Selectman Osienski said that it should be 20 years or more before the lagoon would need to be dredged again. Also the money from the fund will need to go into the general fund. The Administrator stated that the Selectmen have talked about using the money to offset taxes or road repairs. Mr. Clough asked if the money will be able to be used right away. The Deputy Administrator stated that next year's warrant articles could request money from the general fund balance. No articles were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-148 NO-40  
THE ARTICLE PASSED



6. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to be funded by the sale of cemetery lots pursuant to RSA 289:2-a, along with any interest gained thereon, for the maintenance of cemeteries; and further to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from this fund.

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Karen Bartlett, Chairman of the Cemetery Trustees to address the article. Karen explained that the article would allow the purchase of a cemetery lot to go for the use of maintenance in the cemetery. It currently goes into the General Fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-156 NO-32  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of upgrading existing street lights.

Note: Selectman Osienski asked David McKenzie to speak to the article. David noted that the Town anticipates a matching grant. The cost of the LED bulbs is a total of \$11,000 and some of the current lighting would be eliminated. This would save the Town 50% in lighting costs or about \$3,000 per year. Peter Martel asked about the matching grant and what the plan would be if the Town did not receive it. If the grant was not received the town would have to pay the entire cost but would still be saving on lighting costs. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-126 NO-61  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that at the current time the Town is without Water Commissioners as they have resigned. The Capital Reserve Fund is for operating costs and well cleaning as well as the Eaton Avenue project. The Eaton Avenue project has approximately 500 to 600 feet left to be finished. Philip Germain asked for a current amount of the Capital Reserve fund. There is currently \$12,000 in the fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-129 NO-58  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Note: Fire Chief Michael Riona spoke to the article noting that there is currently \$247,195.83 in the fund. The replacement cost is in the range of \$250,000 and the fund is to

keep two trucks in a rotation of a ten year replacement schedule. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-136      NO-52  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Road Agent Gary Russell spoke to the article noting that the fund is for the replacement of the backhoe. It is currently 5 years old with an estimated replacement price of \$100,000. There is currently \$43,799.34 in the fund. The life expectancy is between 10 and 15 years. The last backhoe was traded in at 9 years old. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-129      NO-59  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

11. 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: Fire Chief Michael Roina spoke to the article noting that there is currently \$42,469.61 in the fund to replace the rescue truck. The truck currently has 5,000 miles on it. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-136      NO-52  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Police Chief Bret Sullivan spoke to the article noting that there is currently just under \$15,000 in the fund. The oldest cruiser is 4 years old with 50,000 miles on it. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-112      NO-74  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

13. 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: Road Agent Gary Russell spoke to the article noting the rough condition the roads are in. Work is scheduled for North Bennington Road from the iron bridge to the Deering Town line, Old Stage Coach Road and Old Greenfield Road or Dodge Road. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-138      NO-49  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

14. 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 Cleary spoke to the article noting that there is currently just under \$5,000 in the fund. The cost of a replacement mower is around \$11,000. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-128      NO-60  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Library Trustee Jill Wilmouth spoke to the article noting work that is needed such as painting face boards and replacing basement windowsills. There is currently \$45,220.60 in the fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-114      NO-75  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Fire Chief Riona spoke to the article noting that the Fire Department received a grant in mid to late 2000 for airpaks. The Department currently has 23 bottles. The current balance in the fund is \$32,201.44. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-138      NO-51  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Note: Road Agent Gary Russell spoke to the article noting that the next truck to be replaced is the 6 wheeler dump truck which is now 10 years old. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-115      NO-72  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund previously established

Note: Selectman Rose spoke to the article noting that this is an ongoing fund. In the past year 3 sides of the town hall have been repainted. Work is projected for the VFW. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-117      NO-71  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$5,700) to be added to the Fire Department Protective Gear Fund previously established.

Note: Fire Chief Michael Roina spoke to the article noting that new fire gear costs \$2,500.00 a set and has a shelf life of 10 years. Selectmen Osienski asked if gear is needed for both fire and medical. Gear will be needed for both. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-139      NO-50  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

20. 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: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that this is mandated by the State. Jon Manley asked when the next revaluation was scheduled. It will be done in 2019. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-114      NO-73  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the purpose of providing additional Highway Department funds to address deferred road maintenance.

Note: Road Agent Gary Russell spoke to the article noting that this is a 5 year plan to improve the condition of the roads. Joseph MacGregor asked why this item was not included in the budget or as a Capital Reserve item. Selectman Osienski stated that due to the amount of money the repairs will be, the Selectmen wanted the amount to be clear to the voters. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-115      NO-72  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center – a nonprofit organization? The appropriation would provide \$4,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center's programs and services.

Note: As there was no spokesperson present from the Grapevine, Selectman Osienski spoke to the article stating that the Grapevine is a nonprofit organization that serves approximately 25 families from Bennington. The Town has always supported the Grapevine. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-125      NO-64  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that this is an annual article that the Town should continue supporting. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-127      NO-60  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Contoocook Valley Transportation Company – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Rose spoke to the article noting that he did not have the number of families in Bennington that have received services, but that it is a beneficial service run by volunteers. Selectman Osienski stated that there have been 15 ride assists in the last year and 802 miles logged. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-125      NO-62  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Moderator John Cronin spoke to the article stating that the Court Appointed Special Advocates speak for children who do not have legal representation. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-126      NO-61  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Note: State Representative Jon Manley spoke to the article noting that this nonprofit organization maintains rental units in 2 buildings in Bennington. This helps to provide affordable housing in Town. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-120      NO-68  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

27. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) in support of the Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Moderator John Cronin spoke to the article noting that this organization is similar to CASA and it provides a place for children to meet with their advocates. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-138      NO-50  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand nine hundred dollars (\$2,900) for the development of a Natural Resources Inventory.

Note: Valerie Germain from the Conservation Commission spoke to the article stating that in 2015 the Conservation Commissioners began pursuing the development of a Natural Resource Inventory to be used for planning purposes. It was felt that the project be completed in 2 phases to keep the project affordable. Phase 1 included 7 maps. Phase 2 will complete this work. Conservation Commissioner Joseph MacGregor displayed 3 of the 7 maps that were completed in Phase 1 to give a clear visual representation of what is in Town and what should be protected. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-96      NO-89  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of supporting "Ending 68 Hours of Hunger" - a nonprofit regional organization?

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that this organization serves about 90 kids in the area who do not get enough food at home. The organization is based out of South Middle School in Peterborough and is run by volunteers who send backpacks full of food home with children in need for the weekend. This program has been nationwide for several years and gives 100% of all funds received. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-114      NO-71  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) in support of Whittemore Beach staffing?

Note: Bethany Craig from the Recreational Department spoke to the article noting that last year the Town beach was staffed with beach attendants. This had a positive response, but life guards would be a good next step. Philip Germain stated that it is a good idea and it used to be in the Town budget. It was noted that the Budget Committee did not want it in the budget, but suggested it be moved to a warrant article. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2017 RESULTS: YES-121      NO-66  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

In new business, a reminder was given for the Deliberative Session of the School District on February 8, 2017 at 7:00p.m.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Bennington Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**ADENDUM TO MARCH 16, 2017 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS-SESSION 2**

The July 12, 2017 Public Hearing to ratify the actions of the March 16, 2017 election was opened at 6:45 p.m. Present were Selectman James Cleary, Selectman Mark Mackesy, Administrator Denise French, Peter Martel, and Town Clerk Debra Belcher. It was noted that the Public Hearing was duly advertised in the July 6, 2017 edition of the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript and posted at the Bennington Town Hall and the GEP Dodge Library.

The reading of the facts noted that the March 14, 2017 Town election was rescheduled due to a significant snowstorm. With a day's advanced notice, the Moderator rescheduled the election to Thursday, March 16, 2017. There were no comments from the public.

Selectman James Cleary made a motion to legalize, ratify and confirm all March 16, 2017 actions, votes and proceedings of the Town of Bennington election and meeting that was scheduled to take place March 14, 2017, but was postponed due to weather. Selectman Mark Mackesy seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Bennington Town Clerk





## Report of Appropriations Actually Voted: Bennington

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting

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**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED**

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.

Governing Body Certifications		
Name	Position	Signature
James Cleary	Selectman	<i>[Signature]</i>
Mark J Mackesy	Selectman	<i>[Signature]</i>

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## Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations As Voted
<b>General Government</b>			
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0
4130-4139	Executive	04	\$188,969
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$44,457
4150-4151	Financial Administration	04	\$39,511
4152	Revaluation of Property	04	\$11,734
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$4,700
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	04	\$15,130
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	04	\$5,852
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$61,401
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$16,538
4196	Insurance	04	\$26,900
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	07,22,23,24,25,26, 27,28,29,30	\$22,500
4199	Other General Government		\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>			
4210-4214	Police	04	\$354,857
4215-4219	Ambulance	04	\$12,000
4220-4229	Fire	04	\$96,256
4240-4249	Building Inspection	04	\$3,176
4290-4298	Emergency Management	04	\$1,827
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>			
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0
<b>Highways and Streets</b>			
4311	Administration	04	\$272,516
4312	Highways and Streets	04,21	\$184,000
4313	Bridges		\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$9,000
4319	Other		\$0
<b>Sanitation</b>			
4321	Administration	04	\$34,389
4323	Solid Waste Collection	04	\$1,602
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	04	\$52,825
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	04	\$6,000
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	04	\$38,400
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>			
4331	Administration	04	\$34,820
4332	Water Services	04	\$11,001
4335	Water Treatment	04	\$4,700
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0
<b>Electric</b>			
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations As Voted
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0
<b>Health</b>			
4411	Administration	04	\$258
4414	Pest Control	04	\$600
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	04	\$5,891
<b>Welfare</b>			
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	04	\$14,679
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	04	\$720
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	04	\$4,801
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>			
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	04	\$27,002
4550-4559	Library	04	\$143,541
4583	Patriotic Purposes	04	\$700
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	04	\$2,400
<b>Conservation and Development</b>			
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	04	\$661
4619	Other Conservation	04	\$633
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0
<b>Debt Service</b>			
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	04	\$3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
4901	Land		\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>			
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08,09,10,11,12,13, 14,15,16,17,18,19, 20	\$150,700
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds		\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0
<b>Total Voted Appropriations</b>			<b>\$1,910,647</b>



**2017**  
**\$31.94**

## Tax Rate Breakdown Bennington

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,271,881	\$104,186,413	\$12.20
County	\$139,317	\$104,186,413	\$1.34
Local Education	\$1,670,828	\$104,186,413	\$16.04
State Education	\$237,106	\$100,550,013	\$2.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,319,132</b>		<b>\$31.94</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$3,319,132
War Service Credits	(\$35,585)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$3,283,547</b>

 Stephan Hamilton Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	11/16/2017
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## Appropriations and Revenues

### Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$1,910,647	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$613,308)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$62,000)
War Service Credits	\$35,585	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$957	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,271,881</b>	

### County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$139,317	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$139,317</b>	

### Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$3,019,964	
Net Education Grant		(\$1,112,030)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$237,106)
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,670,828</b>	
State Education Tax	\$237,106	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$237,106</b>	

## Valuation

### Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$104,186,413	\$103,421,397
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$100,550,013	\$99,784,997

### Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
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## Bennington

### Tax Commitment Verification

#### 2017 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$3,283,547
1/2% Amount	\$16,418
Acceptable High	\$3,299,965
Acceptable Low	\$3,267,129

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

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

**Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2017 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.**

**Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:**

**Date:**

### 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 2017 Tax Rate	\$31.94	\$15.97

Associated Villages

## Fund Balance Retention

<b>Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>
<b>General Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,867,898</b>
<b>Final Overlay</b>	<b>\$957</b>

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), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.  
 [3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2017 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Bennington	
Description	Amount
<b>Current Amount Retained (6.29%)</b>	<b>\$243,437</b>
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$657,543
10% Retained	\$386,790
8% Retained	\$309,432
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$193,395

### 2017 RSA 198:4-b II School Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Bennington

If a school district has adopted RSA 198:4-b II by a vote of the legislative body, the school district may retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment pursuant to RSA 198:5, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and overexpenditures under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate. This retained fund balance is not cumulative. The maximum allowed fund balance retention has been calculated as:

	Net Assessment	2.5% of Net Assessment
<b>Local School</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>ConVal Regional School District</b>	\$40,368,728	\$1,009,218



Financial Report of the Budget

**Bennington**

For the period ending December 31, 2017

**PREPARER'S EFILE 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
	Tammy R. Webb	

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

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

Name	Position	Signature
JEFFREY ROSE	Selectman	<i>Jeffrey P. Rose</i>
JAMES W CHEARY	Selectman	<i>James W. Cheary</i>
MARK J MACKESY	Selectman	<i>Mark J. Mackesy</i>

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Expenditures

Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
<b>General Government</b>			
4130-4139	Executive	\$188,969	\$200,300
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$44,457	\$39,681
4150-4151	Financial Administration	\$39,511	\$43,812
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$11,734	\$6,031
4153	Legal Expense	\$4,700	\$3,212
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	\$15,130	\$15,129
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	\$5,852	\$4,658
4194	General Government Buildings	\$61,401	\$66,727
4195	Cemeteries	\$16,538	\$13,300
		<i>Explanation: \$2,205 has been encumbered at 12/31/17</i>	
4196	Insurance	\$26,900	\$25,900
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	\$22,500	\$14,853
		<i>Explanation: \$6,500 carryforward to 2018</i>	
4199	Other General Government	\$0	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>		<b>\$437,692</b>	<b>\$433,603</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>			
4210-4214	Police	\$354,857	\$347,792
4215-4219	Ambulance	\$12,000	\$12,000
4220-4229	Fire	\$96,256	\$64,992
4240-4249	Building Inspection	\$3,176	\$2,621
4290-4298	Emergency Management	\$1,827	\$6,158
4299	Other (Including Communications)	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>		<b>\$468,116</b>	<b>\$433,563</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>			
4301-4309	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>			
4311	Administration	\$272,516	\$249,651
4312	Highways and Streets	\$184,000	\$187,286
		<i>Explanation: unanticipated income of \$37,913 accepted in accordance with RSA 31:95b and \$43,773 carryforward to 2</i>	
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$9,000	\$8,337
4319	Other	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>		<b>\$465,516</b>	<b>\$445,274</b>



Expenditures

Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
<b>Sanitation</b>			
4321	Administration	\$34,389	\$35,359
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$1,602	\$1,757
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$52,825	\$59,785
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	\$6,000	\$8,512
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	\$36,400	\$39,313
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$133,216</b>	<b>\$144,726</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>			
4331	Administration	\$34,820	\$34,009
4332	Water Services	\$11,001	\$10,781
4335	Water Treatment	\$4,700	\$6,407
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>		<b>\$50,521</b>	<b>\$51,197</b>
<b>Electric</b>			
4351-4352	Administration and Generation	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>			
4411	Administration	\$258	\$36
4414	Pest Control	\$600	\$20
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	\$5,891	\$5,845
<b>Health Subtotal</b>		<b>\$6,749</b>	<b>\$5,901</b>
<b>Welfare</b>			
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	\$14,679	\$11,320
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$720	\$720
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	\$4,801	\$1,434
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$20,200</b>	<b>\$13,474</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>			
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	\$27,002	\$23,049
4550-4559	Library	\$143,541	\$139,498
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$700	\$629
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$2,400	\$2,400
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$173,643</b>	<b>\$165,576</b>



Expenditures

Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
<b>Conservation and Development</b>			
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	\$661	\$661
4619	Other Conservation	\$633	\$633
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$1,294</b>	<b>\$1,294</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>			
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	\$3,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>		<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
4901	Land	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>			
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	\$150,700	\$150,700
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>		<b>\$150,700</b>	<b>\$150,700</b>



Expenditures

Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
<b>Payments to Other Governments</b>			
4931	Taxes Assessed for County	\$0	\$139,317
	<i>Explanation: appropriation per DRA</i>		
4932	Taxes Assessed for Village District	\$0	\$0
4933	Taxes Assessed for Local Education	\$0	\$1,670,828
	<i>Explanation: appropriation per DRA</i>		
4934	Taxes Assessed for State Education	\$0	\$237,108
	<i>Explanation: appropriation per DRA</i>		
4939	Payments to Other Governments	\$0	\$0
	<b>Payments to Other Governments Subtotal</b>		<b>\$2,047,251</b>
	<b>Total Before Payments to Other Governments</b>	<b>\$1,910,647</b>	<b>\$1,845,308</b>
	<b>Plus Payments to Other Governments</b>		<b>\$2,047,251</b>
	<b>Plus Commitments to Other Governments from Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$2,047,251</b>	
	<b>Less Proprietary/Special Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,957,898</b>	<b>\$3,892,559</b>



Revenues

Account	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues
<b>Taxes</b>			
3110	Property Taxes	\$0	\$3,291,691
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	\$1,000	\$0
3121	Land Use Change Taxes (Conservation)	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	\$30,000	\$30,729
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$500	\$500
3187	Excavation Tax	\$700	\$638
3189	Other Taxes	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$48,000	\$51,876
9991	Inventory Penalties	\$7,500	\$0
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>		<b>\$87,700</b>	<b>\$3,375,434</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>			
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	\$500	\$435
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$290,000	\$286,801
3230	Building Permits	\$2,500	\$5,278
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$6,000	\$5,194
3311-3319	From Federal Government	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>		<b>\$299,000</b>	<b>\$297,706</b>
<b>State Sources</b>			
3351	Shared Revenues	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$75,105	\$75,104
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$44,405	\$82,318
<i>Explanation: additional highway block grant monies were accepted in accordance with RSA 31:95b</i>			
3354	Water Pollution Grant	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$119,510</b>	<b>\$157,422</b>
<b>Charges for Services</b>			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$14,000	\$11,214
3409	Other Charges	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>		<b>\$14,000</b>	<b>\$11,214</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$500	\$1,450
3502	Interest on Investments	\$50	\$79
3503-3509	Other	\$2,548	\$7,077
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>		<b>\$3,098</b>	<b>\$8,606</b>



Revenues

Account	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>			
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	\$33,000	\$34,563
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	\$57,000	\$61,119
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$92,812
<i>Explanation: Per Article #5 of the 2017 annual Town meeting, a capital reserve fund was dissolved and the funds w</i>			
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>		<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$188,494</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Less Proprietary/Special Funds</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Plus Property Tax Commitment from Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$3,319,132</b>	
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>		<b>\$3,932,440</b>	<b>\$4,038,876</b>



Balance Sheet

Account	Description	Starting Balance	Ending Balance
<b>Current Assets</b>			
1010	Cash and Equivalents	\$804,451	\$1,046,554
1030	Investments	\$0	\$0
1080	Tax Receivable	\$202,360	\$212,523
1110	Tax Liens Receivable	\$136,436	\$129,570
	<i>Explanation: Net of the allowance of \$15,000</i>		
1150	Accounts Receivable	\$21,258	\$19,895
1260	Due from Other Governments	\$1,740	\$5,185
1310	Due from Other Funds	\$144,840	\$6,891
1400	Other Current Assets	\$0	\$0
1670	Tax Deeded Property (Subject to Resale)	\$0	\$0
	<b>Current Assets Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,311,085</b>	<b>\$1,420,618</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
2020	Warrants and Accounts Payable	\$39,515	\$30,718
2030	Compensated Absences Payable	\$0	\$0
2050	Contracts Payable	\$0	\$0
2070	Due to Other Governments	\$2,697	\$2,882
2075	Due to School Districts	\$960,498	\$934,271
2080	Due to Other Funds	\$0	\$0
2220	Deferred Revenue	\$2,938	\$993
2230	Notes Payable - Current	\$0	\$0
2270	Other Payable	\$0	\$0
	<b>Current Liabilities Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,005,648</b>	<b>\$968,864</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>			
2440	Non-spendable Fund Balance	\$0	\$0
2450	Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	\$0
2460	Committed Fund Balance	\$0	\$0
2490	Assigned Fund Balance	\$0	\$52,478
2530	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$305,437	\$399,276
	<b>Fund Equity Subtotal</b>	<b>\$305,437</b>	<b>\$451,754</b>



**Tax Commitment**

Source	County	Village	Local Education	State Education	Other	Property Tax
MS-535	\$139,317	\$0	\$1,670,828	\$237,106	\$0	\$3,291,691
<b>Commitment</b>	\$139,317	\$0	\$1,670,828	\$237,106		\$3,319,132
<b>Difference</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(\$27,441)

**General Fund Balance Sheet Reconciliation**

Total Revenues	\$4,038,876
Total Expenditures	\$3,892,559
<b>Change</b>	<b>\$146,317</b>
Ending Fund Equity	\$451,754
Beginning Fund Equity	\$305,437
<b>Change</b>	<b>\$146,317</b>



## SELECTMENS MESSAGE

Another year passes in Bennington and we prepare for Town Meeting (SB2 style) coming up soon in March. Though a somewhat quiet year we have had, the year did not pass without substance.

This year the Rhubarb Festival, which was originally conceived by the GEP Dodge Library Trustees and has grown exponentially for each of the last five years, was paired with the energetic and creative efforts of the Recreation Committee to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Bennington. The weekend started with a guided tour of Pierce School by former teachers Joyce Chiuli, Carol Reed, and Claudia Sysyn. Activities at Sawyer Park included music performances, a petting zoo, vendors of various sorts, Touch-a-Truck with the Bennington Fire Department and Pine View Excavation and Land Clearing, a World War II Encampment by the 26<sup>th</sup> Yankee Division, as well as the Rhubarb Pie baking contest and sale. The following day there was a parade downtown and a military reenactment at Sawyer Park. There are many folks to thank for this successful celebration but it would be a gross oversight to not identify Recreation Commission Co-chairs Bethany and Jim Craig for their extensive efforts. VFW members also contributed to the occasion with the donation and placement of a granite bench on the Town common. Thank you to all that joined forces to mark this memorable occasion.

The Town awarded several Scholarships and Awards in 2017. Our two Edward French Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Zachary Beymer and Tiffany Cote. The Conservation Commission awarded week-long scholarships to the Harris Center to Ronan Clough and Harley Wilson. The Bruce Edes Trust Fund awarded funds to Keegan Harris, Michelle Jarest, Emma-Rose Mellon, and Jared Lewis. Also this year, Jared achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; a job well done! Finally, a new Achievement Award was created by the Great Brook School community which identified the top 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduate from each of the core Towns of the school – Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown, and Hancock. Bennington's first recipient is Luca Kekuewa-Colon. It is indeed our hope these individuals continue with their fine work.

The year did not occur without transition. Resignations in 2017 included Mike Roina – Fire Chief and Highway Department employee, Adam Dunning – Rescue Captain and Firefighter, Glenn Wilson and David Desaulniers – Water/Sewer Commissioners, Steve Osienski – Selectman, Dottie Gates – Crossing Guard, Bill OConnor and Howard Clow – Transfer Station employees, Barry White and Debra Whitney – Budget Committee members, Rick Reed – ZBA, and Stephen Willette – Conservation Committee member. We thank these individuals who have all given much to our community.

In early 2017 the Town of Bennington suffered a significant loss when current member and former Fire Chief Joseph O'Brien passed away unexpectedly. A member for 25 years, Joe selflessly served our community through thick and thin. Our Fire Department and this community is greatly indebted to his years of service and passion for the Fire Service.

In the fall of 2017 long-time, retired Water/Sewer Commissioner John Spanos passed away.

With transition and loss, however, there comes growth. The Town is fortunate to have several new folks working and/or volunteering for the Town. John Plourde and Chris Davies now work for the Highway Department under the supervision of Road Agent Gary Russell. The Fire Department has returned to leadership by three officers: Chief Dave Foster, Deputy Chief Matt Hall, and Assistant Fire Chief Keith Nason; they all share the work load and make a great team. Allan Wilson, Damon Beaudreau, and Scott Plourde have returned to their former employment

with the Fire Department and the Fire Department has welcomed a new EMT – Sarah Powers. Taking the helm of the Water/Sewer Departments are Commissioners David Beck, Dennis McKenney, and Richard Reed. Anmarie Wilson is our new Crossing Guard; Part-time Police Officers David Bell and Zachary Letourneau add depth to the Police Department staffing and are available to cover for Chief Sullivan and Sergeant LePine when needed. We trust by now you all know how capable Matt Blanchard and Tom James are at the Transfer Station. We welcome Bethany Craig to the Trustees of Trust Funds as well as Debora Ash and Judy Heddy to the Budget Committee. We look forward to working with all of you!

At the March 2017 Town Meeting, voters raised and appropriated \$5,000 for the purpose of upgrading metal halide street lights to more efficient LED lighting. Our Advisory Energy Committee spent a significant amount of time inventorying lights and researching options before making recommendations to the Selectmen for which lights should be upgraded, added, or discontinued. The Selectmen then held a Public Hearing to receive public input about the Energy Committee's suggested changes. As a result, the Selectmen voted to upgrade 35 halide fixtures to LED, add three new fixtures, and discontinue/remove eleven street lights. We thank retired engineer/resident David Beck for his assistance in putting together a RFP which we sent to potential vendors, allowing us to select the right company to hire for the conversion project. The \$8,535 contract was awarded to Efficient LED Lighting Systems out of Sunapee, NH. An unknown cost remains for Eversource to remove the eleven fixtures. In addition to the \$5,000 appropriation, the Town expects to receive \$3,500 in incentive rebates. Further, the Town expects to receive 50% reimbursement of net costs, after application of all available funds, from the NH Charitable Trust Foundation. The LED upgrade project should be completed by mid-March 2018.

Also in March 2017, voters approved a \$45,000 Warrant Article to begin addressing Deferred Road Maintenance. Throughout the summer the Highway Department worked on Old Stagecoach Road, North Bennington Road, and Old Greenfield Road. We are again asking for voters to support a \$45,000 Warrant Article for continued work throughout the summer of 2018 on deferred road maintenance.

At the March 2017 Town Meeting, voters also approved the discontinuance of the Sewer Department Septic Lagoon Dredging Capital Reserve Fund. As a result \$92,630 was transferred to the municipality's general fund. These funds currently make up a part of the Town's Fund Balance – an account made up from lapsed appropriations, assets, and liabilities. The State of NH Budget Laws are very specific about how the Town's Fund Balance can be used. Fund Balance can be used to reduce the tax rate *or* as appropriated by the legislative body, which in our Town are the voters. Several ideas have been informally floated about the best use of the funds from the closed Capital Reserve Fund. The use of Fund Balance must specifically be requested of and approved by the voters; the Selectmen (or other departments) cannot arbitrarily spend the money.

Speaking of Capital Reserve Funds – Town Staff spent several weeks thoroughly researching each of the Town's Capital Reserve Funds to track down the original purpose of each fund and any subsequent action to change the purpose to ensure that our Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds are being used appropriately. As a result the Town identified three Funds that were inadvertently being used inappropriately:

- Rescue Chassis Capital Reserve Fund – this Fund was established in 1992 specifically for the purchase of a rescue chassis and not the full vehicle including the equipment box. The verbiage to create the Fund in 1992 reads, "Vote to establish a CRF for the

purchase of a Rescue Vehicle chassis..." Minutes of the Capital Improvement Committee's 1992 meeting (to establish funding for 1992) documents the purpose of the Fund being for the purchase of the chassis only; "the present rescue box will be transferred to the new chassis."

Warrant Article 17 will be put forth to the voters to obtain voter approval to repurpose this Fund to expand the purpose for a Rescue Vehicle (and not just the chassis). Changing this Fund will require a 2/3 vote.

- Highway Equipment Loader/Grader Fund – this Fund was established in 1997 for the purchase of a Loader/Grader. The verbiage to create the Fund in 1997 reads, "Vote to establish a CRF for the purpose of a Highway Equipment Loader/Grader..." However, starting in 1998 the Town started to refer to this fund as "Highway Equipment" and that is how it has been used since. Because of the specificity of the Warrant Article creating the Fund, Town Counsel has advised that this Fund must be used for a Loader or a Grader; it can no longer be used generically for equipment.

Warrant Article 21 will be put forth to the voters to obtain voter approval to close this Fund; Warrant Article 22 seeks voter approval to transfer the balance of this fund to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. A majority vote is required for both Warrant Articles.

- Water Pump Fund – this Fund was established in 1993. The verbiage to create this Fund in 1993 reads, "Vote to change the purpose of the existing Capital Improvements Capital Reserve Fund to the Water Pump Capital Reserve Fund." After the Water Pump was replaced in 1995 the Warrant Article verbiage for appropriating funds changed to "Water Department CRF", although there have been no Warrant Articles introduced since 1995 to formally change the purpose of this Fund.

Warrant Article 18 will be put forth to the voters to obtain voter approval to repurpose this Fund to expand the use to include system upgrades and maintenance. Changing this Fund will require a 2/3 vote.

As a result of the Capital Reserve Fund research projects, we learned that the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund was established in 2000 "for the purpose of replacing the Depot Street/North Bennington Road Bridge". This bridge was replaced in 2014. Because this Fund was created for this specific bridge the nearly \$16,000 remaining in this account cannot be used; essentially this fund no longer has a purpose. Warrant Article 19 will be put forth to the voters to obtain voter approval to close this Fund; Warrant Article 20 seeks voter approval to transfer the balance to the Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. A majority vote is required for both Warrant Articles.

In recognition of the need for improvements to local transportation systems, Governor Sununu and the State Legislature adopted Senate Bill 38 to provide additional funds to each Town in NH for local highway aid. Specifically in Bennington, the Town received an additional \$37,913 Highway Block Grant for highway construction, reconstruction, or maintenance purposes that are not budgeted. In short these funds are to tackle a project that is not currently on the drawing board. One idea that has been discussed is to use the SB 38 funds for installation of guard rails on North Bennington Road along the river bank between the old iron bridge and the Deering town line, although no decisions have been made.

Two future roadway infrastructure repair projects unexpectedly came on the horizon in 2017. During the two-day rain event in October, a culvert on Class V Mountain Road began to fail and is in need of repair or replacement. Had Hillsborough County met the FEMA dollar value threshold for damages caused by this storm, the repair/replacement could have been covered with substantial FEMA funds. Because Hillsborough County did not meet that threshold the Town is liable for 100% of the costs. In addition to this unanticipated cost, in late November the Town was notified, via a NH DOT Bridge Inspection Report, that the Antrim Road bridge over the Monadnock Mill Canal has been put on Red List Status due to deterioration of the deck's underside and exterior T-Beams. In concert with the Monadnock Paper Mill leadership we are exploring options for rehabilitation as well as applying for Municipal Bridge Aid from NHDOT.

While discussing Highway Department functions let us move across the parking lot to the Transfer Station. In past years we have arranged for residents to take their Household Hazardous Waste to the Keene collection site. This service cost the Town \$2,400 per year and the location has been inconvenient for many of our residents. In recognition of the travel inconvenience and with an eye towards saving tax dollars, the Town will be partnering in a regional, one day Hazardous Waste collection opportunity this spring in Hillsborough. As soon as we know the date we will post the information at the Transfer Station, Town Hall, Library, and online. Until then we ask you to store these items safely and stay tuned.

In another effort to increase convenience and ease of access for our residents, we have expanded the hours at the Transfer Station on Wednesdays so the facility is now open until 6:00 p.m. Hours for our Transfer Station facility are Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays/Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In 2018 we are expecting a sizable parcel of land in Bennington to be purchased by the Frankestown Land Trust and become protected by a Conservation Easement. This 120 acre parcel is located on the west face of Crotched Mountain and extends from frontage along Bennington's Class VI non-maintained Mountain Road all the way up the westerly slope to the summit. Once this purchase is complete this Conservation tract will directly abut over 2,000 acres of protected land in Bennington, Greenfield, and Frankestown. Large undeveloped parcels like this are critical for wildlife habitat such as moose, deer, bobcat, bear, and turkey. The Frankestown Land Trust will own the property, and in partnership with the Bennington Conservation Commission, will continue to manage the property for sustainable forestry growth.

Within the 2018 Town Warrant, we are asking for your support of Warrant Article 5 which, if passed, will grant our Conservation Commission the authority to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property. This verbiage is from RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) and while "no interest in the property" sounds like the Town will literally have no interest – it's legal jargon for the Town not becoming an outright owner of record on the property deed. In layman's terms and speaking specifically to the Frankestown Land Trust project, the Town would hold a legal Executory Interest in the property so that in the event the Frankestown Land Trust were to dissolve then the Town of Bennington would become the new owners of the property. Assuming passage of Warrant Article 5, the Town's Conservation Commission will then have the authority to expend \$7,000 from its existing Conservation Fund to help facilitate Frankestown Land Trust's purchase of this land. This expenditure will not affect taxation. We think this is a small price for such a large gain.

Another seemingly big obstacle the Selectmen are trying to proactively navigate is a solution to provide adequate space for Administrative Offices and the Police Department. Town Hall, built in 1871 as a combined schoolhouse and town function hall, currently hosts Town Administration and the Police Department on the first floor, recreation activities in the gymnasium on the second floor, and records storage in the attic. Up until the late 1970s and early 1980s all Town Hall functions were either conducted at the Monadnock Paper Mill or at the residence of public officials.

Fast forward to today. All Town Administration, excepting Police, Fire, and Highway Department services, are conducted in a 975 square foot room at the heart of Town Hall. The Police Department currently operates out of a 518 square foot space that houses space for two officers and an evidence room; their records are currently stored on an elevated platform in the damp basement of Town Hall.

We engaged the services of Architect Mike Petrovich to complete a Feasibility Study to help us establish a baseline of where we are at now, complete a needs assessment to help determine the adequate space we need, and how to best create or manage that space. Two Public Hearings were held in the summer and fall to share findings with the public and to receive feedback on proposed alternatives for Town services. Based on the Hearings and the Study, it appears the best solution may be to renovate the VFW building and establish the Police Department there and then expand Town Administration into the space formerly occupied by the Police Station at Town Hall. No decisions have been made.

As we round out our review of 2017 it is important to note how the community has begun to grow again. In 2017 our Building Inspector issued eight building permits for new single family houses; we haven't seen that number of permits in over ten years. And undoubtedly you have all seen the new Dollar General Store on the northern end of Route 202. No matter how you feel about its presence, most people agree this location is far better than the location of their first proposal years ago within a residential neighborhood.

As we move into a new year we continue to welcome public feedback and involvement. Our Town would not be able to successfully function without a dedicated core of seasoned employees and volunteers. New ideas are always welcome as we strive to balance rules and regulations that affect the operations of the Town with the needs and desires of our residents in our small town.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Cleary  
Mark Mackesy  
Jeffrey Rose

**Town Clerk's Revenue Report**  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$ 277,493.32
Municipal Agent Fee		\$ 6,585.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		\$ 856.00
Motor Vehicle Mail Program		\$ 1,623.00
OHRV	Town	\$ 123.00
Fish and Game	Town	\$ 63.00
UCC Lien Filings		\$ 435.00
Marriage Licenses	Town	\$ 147.00
Certified Copies	Town	\$ 373.00
Dog Licenses	Town	\$ 1,559.00
Dog Mail Program		\$ 313.00
Dog License Fines		\$ 320.00
Election Fees		\$ 0.00
Bad Check Fees		\$ 105.00
Parking Tickets		\$ 0.00
Checklist		\$ 350.00
Pole Licenses		\$ 30.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 29.00
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		<u>\$ 290,404.32</u>

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

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES January 1, 2017</b>		
Property Taxes		\$202,359.66
Yield Tax		0
<b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR</b>		
Property Taxes	\$3,294,561.22	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	30,729.26	0.00
Excavation Taxes	637.68	0.00
<b>OVERPAYMENT</b>		
Refunds	50.00	0.00
Prepaid 2018	984.06	0.00
<b>INTEREST &amp; FEES</b>	3,232.51	13,878.47
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$3,330,194.73</b>	<b>\$216,238.13</b>
<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER 2017</b>		
Property Taxes	\$3,082,749.14	\$111,030.15
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	30,729.26	0.00
Interest/Fees	3,232.51	13,878.47
Excavation Taxes	637.68	0.00
Credit Carried From 2016	258.21	0.00
Conversion to Lien (principal)	0.00	89,843.51
<b>ABATEMENTS</b>		
Property Taxes	70.00	1,481.00
Yield Tax	0.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	0.00	0.00
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES December 31, 2017</b>		
Property Taxes	\$212,517.93	\$5.00
Yield Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$3,330,194.73</b>	<b>\$216,238.13</b>

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

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kristie J. LaPlante  
Tax Collector**

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS  
JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:								
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2017		\$70,222.11	\$58,321.02	\$8,528.42	\$5,097.24	\$1,392.79	\$3,038.43	\$4,836.04
Liens Executed 2017	99,781.39							1,471.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	1,991.68	4,819.75	20,923.72	3,023.46	3,459.09	258.26	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$101,773.07</b>	<b>\$75,041.86</b>	<b>\$79,244.74</b>	<b>\$11,551.88</b>	<b>\$8,556.33</b>	<b>\$1,651.05</b>	<b>\$3,038.43</b>	<b>\$6,307.04</b>
<b>REMITTANCE TO TREASURER</b>								
Redemptions	\$17,544.11	\$21,860.50	\$55,472.08	\$6,751.42	\$5,097.24	\$1,392.79	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Costs	1,991.68	4,819.75	20,923.72	3,023.46	3,459.09	258.26	0.00	0.00
Abatement of Unredeemed Liens	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 2017	82,237.28	48,361.61	2,848.94	1,777.00	0.00	0.00	3,038.43	4,836.04
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$101,773.07</b>	<b>\$75,041.86</b>	<b>\$79,244.74</b>	<b>\$11,551.88</b>	<b>\$8,556.33</b>	<b>\$1,651.05</b>	<b>\$3,038.43</b>	<b>\$4,836.04</b>

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

Kristie J. LaPlante  
Tax Collector



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

Cash Balance	1/1/2017	\$	780,781.11
Receipts		\$	4,203,920.30
Disbursements		\$	<u>(3,953,440.32)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2017	\$	1,031,261.09

**CONSERVATION FUND**

Cash Balance	1/1/2017	\$	18,203.83
Deposit	12/28/2017	\$	231.22
Interest Earned		\$	<u>9.08</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2017	\$	18,444.13

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rhonda Davie*  
Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**  
For Year Ended December 31, 2017

<b>LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR</b>		
Property Tax	\$ 3,082,749.14	
Land Use Change Tax	\$ -	
Yield Tax	\$ 30,729.26	
Excavation Tax	\$ 637.68	
Interest/Penalties	<u>\$ 3,232.51</u>	
		\$ 3,117,348.59
<b>LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS</b>		
Property Tax	\$ 111,030.15	
Yield Tax	\$ -	
Interest/Penalties	\$ 13,878.47	
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 108,118.14	
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	<u>\$ 34,475.96</u>	
		\$ 267,502.72
<b>WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>		\$ 90,986.15
<b>TOWN CLERK REVENUE</b>		\$ 290,530.34
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE</b>		
Highway Block Grant	\$ 44,404.70	
SB38 Highway Block Grant	\$ 37,913.09	
State of NH - Rooms & Meals	<u>\$ 75,104.39</u>	
		\$ 157,422.18
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</b>		
Building Permits	\$ 5,205.60	
Demolition Permits	\$ -	
Driveway Permits	\$ 60.00	
Sign Permits	\$ 10.00	
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 2,661.84	
Court Fines	\$ -	
Pistol Permits	\$ 40.00	
Bad Check Fees	<u>\$ 122.00</u>	
		\$ 8,099.44
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS</b>		
Police Special Details	\$ -	
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ -	
VFA Forestry Grant	\$ -	
LGC Settlement	<u>\$ -</u>	
		\$ -

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$	700.00
Town Administration	\$	945.62
Highway Department	\$	12.44
Planning Board	\$	1,798.50
Police Department	\$	35.00
Recreation Department	\$	9.05
Recycling	\$	19,614.98
Sewer Department	\$	-
Zoning	\$	417.00
		<u>23,532.59</u>
SALE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY	\$	750.00
RENT OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY	\$	400.00
INTEREST/BANK FEES	\$	78.93
CLOSED SEWER LAGOON CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$	92,812.05
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 2017 RECEIPTS</b>		<u><b>\$ 4,049,462.99</b></u>

## STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2017

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$	4,500.00	
Health Insurance	\$	37,824.35	
Dental Insurance	\$	495.38	
Fica/Medicare	\$	8,886.98	
NH Retirement	\$	11,271.62	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	1,417.00	
Copier Lease	\$	1,048.84	
Phone & Internet	\$	1,573.92	
Advertising	\$	1,116.42	
Office Supplies	\$	2,882.38	
Postage	\$	2,735.50	
General Supplies	\$	596.87	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	650.60	
Administrator Salary	\$	54,469.64	
Deputy Administrator Salary	\$	43,205.78	
Administration Part-Time	\$	11,927.15	
Deputy Administrator Overtime	\$	47.37	
Town Report Printing	\$	1,400.62	
Bulk Mailing	\$	384.15	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	1,034.12	
General Contingency	\$	12,846.17	
Total Executive Office		200,314.84	\$

### ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Deputy Town Clerk Salary	\$	4,918.06	
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	\$	3,694.30	
Town Clerk Salary	\$	21,394.72	
Fica/Medicare	\$	2,358.72	
IT Support	\$	930.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	150.00	
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$	382.45	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	1,138.68	
Office Supplies	\$	1,816.90	
Books and Periodicals	\$	81.95	
Supervisors Clerical Wages	\$	132.50	
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$	450.00	
Supervisors of the Checklist Conval	\$	225.00	
Moderator's Stipend	\$	20.00	
Advertising	\$	82.00	
Supervisors Office Supplies	\$	1,104.50	
Election Ballot Clerks	\$	207.00	
Election Printing	\$	547.22	
Election Meals	\$	71.97	
Total Election and Registration		39,705.97	\$

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Financial Software	\$	2,691.25
Bank Services/Fees	\$	2,447.17
Auditing Services	\$	17,588.30
Treasurer Salary	\$	2,241.48
Deputy Treasurer	\$	500.00

Fica/Medicare	\$	209.72	
Tax Software	\$	2,665.00	
Tax Collector Fees	\$	2,775.88	
Abatement Interest	\$	17.31	
IT Support	\$	6,140.00	
Technology & Computers	\$	6,274.91	
Total Financial Administration			\$ 43,551.02
<b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</b>			
Office Supplies	\$	30.90	
Postage	\$	1.40	
Total Trustees of Trust Funds			\$ 32.30
<b>PROPERTY ASSESSMENT</b>			
Assessing Services	\$	4,264.84	
Assessing Software	\$	1,774.00	
Total Property Assessment			\$ 6,038.84
<b>LEGAL EXPENSES</b>			
General Legal Support	\$	3,199.68	
ZBA	\$	207.00	
Total Judicial & Legal Expense			\$ 3,406.68
<b>PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Unemployment Compensation	\$	500.00	
Workers Compensation	\$	14,629.15	
Total Personnel Administration			\$ 15,129.15
<b>PLANNING AND ZONING</b>			
PB Recording Secretary	\$	1,160.00	
PB Fica/Medicare	\$	88.76	
PB SWRPC Member Dues	\$	1,607.00	
PB Miscellaneous	\$	745.45	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$	605.00	
ZBA Fica/Medicare	\$	46.25	
ZBA Miscellaneous	\$	405.25	
Total Planning and Zoning			\$ 4,657.71
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>			
TH Cleaning Service	\$	4,368.00	
TH Bldg Repairs Maintenance	\$	3,426.18	
TH Janitorial Supplies	\$	299.82	
TH Electric	\$	3,310.21	
TH Heat	\$	3,356.49	
VFW Cleaning Service	\$	1,456.04	
VFW Bldg Repairs Maintenance	\$	142.30	
VFW Electric	\$	410.33	
VFW Heat	\$	1,406.38	
FD Fire Alarm	\$	175.00	
FD Cleaning Service	\$	1,455.92	
FD Bldg Repairs Maintenance	\$	1,483.54	
FD Electric	\$	2,753.05	
FD Heat	\$	1,860.71	
HW Bldg Repairs Maintenance	\$	1,000.00	
HW Electric	\$	1,514.98	

HW Heat	\$	2,154.90	
SWD Bldng Repairs Maintenance	\$	5,962.11	
SWD Electric	\$	1,219.01	
SWD Heat	\$	172.09	
WTR Security Alarm	\$	250.00	
WTR Electric	\$	11,950.08	
WTR Pumphouse Heat	\$	1,264.75	
SWR Electric	\$	6,104.62	
SWR Heat	\$	39.40	
REC Bldng Repairs Maintenance	\$	2,898.69	
REC Electric	\$	769.20	
GEN Groundskeeping	\$	3,155.00	
GEN Repairs Maintenance	\$	2,104.48	
GEN Electric	\$	<u>783.93</u>	
Total General Government			\$ 67,247.21

CEMETERIES

Evergreen Cemetery Groundskeeping	\$	3,762.00	
Sunnyside Cemetery Groundskeeping	\$	6,988.00	
Recording Secretary	\$	560.00	
Labor	\$	42.80	
Fica/Medicare	\$	42.84	
Stone/Tree Maintenance	\$	1,795.00	
Maintenance Supplies	\$	<u>109.25</u>	
Total Cemeteries			\$ 13,299.89

PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE

Property/Liability Annual Premium	\$	<u>25,900.00</u>	
Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance			\$ 25,900.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$	67,632.28	
Sergeant/Patrol Officer Salary	\$	54,621.09	
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$	32,025.90	
Crossing Guard Salary	\$	4,000.28	
Administrative Assistant	\$	6,606.56	
Overtime	\$	13,259.28	
On-Call Wages	\$	6,350.00	
Health Insurance	\$	51,415.53	
Dental Insurance	\$	1,311.60	
Fica/Medicare	\$	5,481.93	
Retirement	\$	38,720.39	
Regional Prosecutor	\$	31,153.00	
Dispatch Services	\$	14,198.65	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	350.00	
Education/Safety	\$	700.00	
IMC Software	\$	2,135.00	
Admin Telephone	\$	2,719.08	
Cellular Telephone	\$	360.00	
Office Supplies	\$	1,193.04	
Miscellaneous	\$	24.49	
Training Supplies	\$	2,209.70	
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$	262.00	
Equipment Supplies	\$	<u>2,127.24</u>	

Uniforms	\$	2,523.09	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$	1,878.86	
Gasoline	\$	4,275.17	
Special Detail Wages	\$	903.00	
Total Police Department			\$ 348,437.14
<b>AMBULANCE SERVICE</b>			
Antrim Ambulance	\$	12,000.00	
Total Ambulance Service			\$ 12,000.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			
Officers	\$	3,142.87	
Emergency Calls	\$	7,709.65	
Non-Emergency Wages	\$	7,226.19	
Health Insurance (shared employee)	\$	1,021.20	
Dental Insurance (shared employee)	\$	12.39	
Fica/Medicare	\$	1,518.18	
Retirement (shared employee)	\$	306.32	
Dispatch Service	\$	17,176.00	
Dues	\$	150.00	
Telephone	\$	917.71	
Cell Phone	\$	480.75	
General Supplies	\$	1,173.04	
Training Courses	\$	700.00	
Service Contracts	\$	3,495.48	
Radio Repairs	\$	578.00	
Equipment Replacement	\$	4,803.61	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$	6,941.13	
Vehicle Fuel	\$	867.41	
Forestry	\$	1,042.55	
Fire Prevention Materials	\$	559.50	
Total Fire Department			\$ 59,821.98
<b>MEDICAL/RESCUE</b>			
Training	\$	3,355.31	
Medical Supplies	\$	2,000.00	
Equipment Replacement	\$	566.29	
Total Medical/Rescue			\$ 5,921.60
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>			
Building Inspector Salary	\$	1,893.75	
Fica/Medicare	\$	156.84	
Mileage	\$	335.56	
Books & Education	\$	194.88	
Total Building Inspection			\$ 2,581.03
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>			
Wages	\$	182.83	
Supplies	\$	5,974.91	
Total Emergency Management			\$ 6,157.74
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Road Agent Salary	\$	47,550.18	
Highway Truck Driver Salary	\$	16,343.30	
Highway Laborer Salary	\$	23,035.88	

FT As Needed Assistance	\$	14,125.25	
PT As Needed Assistance	\$	10,292.89	
Overtime	\$	14,988.07	
Health Insurance	\$	45,014.29	
Dental Insurance	\$	1,087.92	
Fica/Medicare	\$	9,860.91	
Retirement	\$	12,448.52	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$	763.00	
Telephone	\$	1,445.74	
Cell Phone	\$	180.00	
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$	12,758.59	
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	\$	15,589.70	
Gasoline/Oil	\$	19,374.87	
General Supplies	\$	1,951.36	
Street Signs	\$	353.83	
Miscellaneous	\$	<u>2,748.57</u>	
Total Highway Department Administration			\$ 249,912.87

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - ROADS MAINTENANCE

Tar/Patch/Seal	\$	35,162.25	
Paving	\$	50,753.76	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$	26,363.78	
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$	22,299.07	
Gravel Preparation	\$	5,000.00	
Equipment Rental	\$	3,220.10	
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$	4,125.00	
Road Drainage Supplies	\$	<u>1,223.00</u>	
Total Highway Department Roads			\$ 148,146.96

#### STREET LIGHTING

Eversource	\$	<u>8,337.26</u>	
Total Street Lighting			\$ 8,337.26

#### TRANSFER STATION

Attendants Salary	\$	27,885.73	
As-Needed Assistance	\$	4,076.73	
Fica/Medicare	\$	2,543.31	
NRRA Annual Dues	\$	103.32	
Certification	\$	375.00	
Equipment Maintenance	\$	375.00	
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$	1,757.00	
Hauling and Disposal	\$	47,104.00	
Telephone	\$	389.32	
Recyclables Removal	\$	11,091.35	
Container Lease	\$	1,200.00	
Landfill Post-Closure Costs	\$	8,512.32	
General Supplies	\$	458.56	
Miscellaneous	\$	<u>403.88</u>	
Total Transfer Station			\$ 106,275.52

#### WATER DEPARTMENT

Recording Secretary	\$	147.36	
Commissioners Salaries	\$	1,700.00	
Fica/Medicare	\$	580.86	



Town of Antrim	\$	29,998.68	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$	55.00	
Postage	\$	595.75	
Miscellaneous	\$	931.04	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$	9,685.28	
Telephone	\$	1,095.62	
Water Samples	\$	1,111.98	
Corrosion Control	\$	5,295.01	
Total Water Department			\$ 51,196.58
<b>SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>			
Town of Antrim	\$	34,353.44	
Generator Maintenance	\$	1,347.48	
Repair Maintenance	\$	2,749.79	
Total Sewer Department			\$ 38,450.71
<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>			
Fica/Medicare	\$	1.34	
Miscellaneous	\$	35.00	
Total Health Department			\$ 36.34
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>			
Animal Control	\$	20.00	
Total Animal Control			\$ 20.00
<b>HEALTH AGENCIES</b>			
Home Health Care	\$	4,000.00	
Monadnock Family Services	\$	1,845.00	
Total Health Agencies			\$ 5,845.00
<b>WELFARE DEPARTMENT</b>			
Welfare Director Salary	\$	2,800.25	
Fica/Medicare	\$	216.42	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	30.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	1,116.81	
Rental Assistance	\$	7,156.47	
Meals on Wheels	\$	720.00	
Vendor Payments - Food	\$	100.00	
Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$	1,638.05	
Total Welfare Department			\$ 13,778.00
<b>PARKS AND RECREATION</b>			
Miscellaneous	\$	1,056.62	
Recreation Committee	\$	1,427.26	
Fishing Derby	\$	635.00	
Little League	\$	2,000.00	
Groundskeeping (Labor)	\$	3,877.97	
Fica/Medicare	\$	296.64	
Rec Groundskeeping	\$	11,677.59	
Ball Field Chemical Toilets	\$	716.25	
Park Telephone	\$	161.97	
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$	180.00	
Beach Groundskeeping	\$	400.00	
Beach Chem Toilets	\$	525.00	
Beach Telephone	\$	94.25	

Total Parks and Recreation

\$ 23,048.55

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	\$ 49,222.45	
Librarian Assistants Salary	\$ 25,150.02	
As-Needed Assistance	\$ 712.00	
Health Insurance	\$ 20,448.19	
Dental Insurance	\$ 476.28	
Fica/Medicare	\$ 5,908.93	
Group 1 Retirement	\$ 5,661.39	
Technology	\$ 849.00	
Photo Copier Supplies	\$ 2,722.70	
Telephone	\$ 585.89	
Conference Fees	\$ 600.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 1,662.48	
Program Supplies	\$ 979.15	
Book Collection	\$ 11,782.10	
Media Collection	\$ 6,948.62	
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 1,275.99	
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,072.64	
Building Electricity	\$ 1,890.45	
Building Heating Oil	\$ 1,550.13	
Total Library		\$ 139,498.41

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Edward E. French Scholarships	\$ 2,000.00	
Project LIFT	\$ 400.00	
Total Education		\$ 2,400.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day	\$ 629.22	
Total Patriotic Purposes		\$ 629.22

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Labor/Secretary	\$ 350.00	
Fica/Medicare	\$ 26.78	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 284.22	
Education	\$ 500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 133.00	
Total Conservation Commission		\$ 1,294.00

DEBT

Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$ -	\$ -
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CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Highway Truck CRF	\$ 25,000.00	
Highway Equipment CRF	\$ 12,000.00	
Road Rehab CRF	\$ 15,000.00	
Mower CRF	\$ 1,000.00	
Fire Truck CRF	\$ 20,000.00	
Rescue Vehicle CRF	\$ 2,500.00	
Breathing Apparatus CRF	\$ 2,000.00	
FD Protective Gear CRF	\$ 5,700.00	
Police Cruiser CRF	\$ 10,000.00	

Water CRF	\$ 20,500.00	
Property Reval CRF	\$ 12,000.00	
Library Building CRF	\$ 5,000.00	
Town Buildings ETF	\$ 20,000.00	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 150,700.00
<b>2016 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>		
Natural Resource Inventory	\$ 797.50	
		\$ 797.50
<b>2017 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>		
Contoocook Housing Trust	\$ 300.00	
Contoocook Valley Transportation	\$ 500.00	
Grapevine Family Center	\$ 5,000.00	
American Red Cross	\$ 700.00	
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$ 500.00	
Child Advocacy Center	\$ 600.00	
Natural Resource Inventory	\$ 1,400.00	
Whittemore Beach Staffing	\$ 4,055.96	
End 68 Hours of Hunger	\$ 1,000.00	
To Address Deferred Road Maintenance	\$ 39,139.07	
Total 2017 Warrant Articles		\$ 53,195.03
<b>SUBTOTAL - 2017 EXPENDITURES &amp; WARRANT ARTICLES</b>		<u>\$ 1,847,765.05</u>
<b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>		
Hillsborough County	\$ 139,317.00	
Local School Contribution	\$ 1,670,828.00	
State School Contribution	\$ 237,106.00	
Total Payments to Other Governments		<u>\$ 2,047,251.00</u>
<b>TOTAL 2017 EXPENDITURES</b>		<u><b>\$ 3,895,016.05</b></u>

## 2017 PAYROLL

<b>Colleen Allen</b>			
Whittemore Beach Attendant	<u>\$ 332.50</u>	\$	332.50
<b>Michael Andersen</b>			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 47.67</u>	\$	47.67
<b>Zackary Andersen</b>			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 2,017.16</u>	\$	2,017.16
<b>Damon Beaudreau</b>			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 325.60</u>	\$	325.60
<b>David Beck</b>			
Water Commissioner Salary	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	\$	700.00
<b>Debra Belcher</b>			
Town Clerk	\$ 21,441.84		
Cemetery Recording Secretary	\$ 560.00		
Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$ 1,160.00		
ZBA Recording Secretary	<u>\$ 605.00</u>	\$	23,766.84
<b>Karen Belcher</b>			
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 3,701.36		
Conservation Recording Secretary	<u>\$ 350.00</u>	\$	4,051.36
<b>David Bell</b>			
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 3,890.00		
On-Call	<u>\$ 16.00</u>	\$	3,906.00
<b>Benjamin Billings</b>			
Transfer Station Assistance	<u>\$ 196.00</u>	\$	196.00
<b>Matthew Blanchard</b>			
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 10,365.00		
Highway Department Assistance	<u>\$ 183.00</u>	\$	10,548.00
<b>Vint Boggis</b>			
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 3,603.00</u>	\$	3,603.00
<b>Dario Carrara</b>			
Code Enforcement Officer	<u>\$ 2,050.00</u>	\$	2,050.00

**2017 PAYROLL**

<b>James Cleary</b>			
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>		\$ 1,500.00
<b>Howard Clow</b>			
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 3,656.12		
Highway Department Assistance	<u>\$ 10.48</u>		\$ 3,666.60
<b>Bethany Craig</b>			
Whittemore Beach Attendant	<u>\$ 500.00</u>		\$ 500.00
<b>Debra Davidson</b>			
Welfare Officer	<u>\$ 2,800.25</u>		\$ 2,800.25
<b>Rhonda Davie</b>			
Treasurer	<u>\$ 2,241.48</u>		\$ 2,241.48
<b>Christopher Davies</b>			
Highway Driver - Regular	\$ 14,049.00		
Highway Driver - Overtime	\$ 1,194.75		
Health Insurance Reimbursement	<u>\$ 727.20</u>		\$ 15,970.95
<b>Adam Dunning</b>			
FD Officers	\$ 134.70		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 410.84</u>		\$ 545.54
<b>Lionel Emond</b>			
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 3,599.20</u>		\$ 3,599.20
<b>David Foster</b>			
FD Officers	\$ 366.66		
Highway Department Assistance	\$ 1,260.00		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,742.95</u>		\$ 3,369.61
<b>Lawrence Fox</b>			
Highway Department Assistance	\$ 3,078.75		
Highway Department - Overtime	\$ 168.75		
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 120.00</u>		\$ 3,367.50
<b>Denise French</b>			
Town Administrator	<u>\$ 54,449.10</u>		\$ 54,449.10
<b>Dorothy Gates</b>			
Crossing Guard	<u>\$ 2,066.92</u>		\$ 2,066.92
<b>Brenda Gibbons</b>			
Supervisor of the Checklist	<u>\$ 225.00</u>		\$ 225.00

## 2017 PAYROLL

<b>Patrick Greene</b>		
Highway Department Assistance	\$ 98.00	
Transfer Station Assistance	<u>\$ 1,361.00</u>	\$ 1,459.00
<b>Bruce Hall</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 179.10</u>	\$ 179.10
<b>Matthew Hall</b>		
FD Officers	\$ 979.50	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 3,307.81</u>	\$ 4,287.31
<b>Daniel Heffernan</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 78.66</u>	\$ 78.66
<b>Thomas James</b>		
Transfer Station Attendant	<u>\$ 6,168.50</u>	\$ 6,168.50
<b>Walter Kiblin</b>		
Highway Driver - Regular	\$ 3,886.00	
Highway Driver - Overtime	<u>\$ 364.31</u>	\$ 4,250.31
<b>Kristie LaPlante</b>		
Deputy Administrator	\$ 43,456.22	
Deputy Administrator - Overtime	<u>\$ 47.37</u>	\$ 43,503.59
<b>Jason Lepine</b>		
Police Sergeant	\$ 54,600.50	
Overtime	\$ 8,071.48	
On-Call	<u>\$ 4,116.00</u>	\$ 66,787.98
<b>Zachary Letourneau</b>		
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 5,814.00</u>	\$ 5,814.00
<b>Karen MacFarlane</b>		
Whittemore Beach Attendant	<u>\$ 910.00</u>	\$ 910.00
<b>Leslie MacGregor</b>		
Library Director	<u>\$ 49,203.89</u>	\$ 49,203.89
<b>Mark Mackesy</b>		
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Philip Marcellino</b>		
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 2,589.10</u>	\$ 2,589.10

**2017 PAYROLL**

<b>Catherine McGillicuddy</b>			
Part-Time Police Admin	<u>\$ 6,466.16</u>		\$ 6,466.16
<b>Dennis McKenney</b>			
Water Commissioner Salary	<u>\$ 500.00</u>		\$ 500.00
<b>Francis McMahon</b>			
Highway Department Assistance	<u>\$ 9,963.75</u>		\$ 9,963.75
<b>Lester Milton</b>			
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 12,177.20		
On-Call	\$ 54.00		
Special Detail Wages	<u>\$ 903.00</u>		\$ 13,134.20
<b>Joyce Miner</b>			
Deputy Treasurer	<u>\$ 500.00</u>		\$ 500.00
<b>Keith Nason</b>			
FD Officers	\$ 275.03		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,918.06</u>		\$ 2,193.09
<b>Joseph O'Brien</b>			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 106.01</u>		\$ 106.01
<b>William OConnor</b>			
Transfer Station Attendant	<u>\$ 7,639.03</u>		\$ 7,639.03
<b>David Parker</b>			
Highway Department Assistance	\$ 1,053.36		
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 965.73		
Recreation Groundskeeping	<u>\$ 3,877.97</u>		\$ 5,897.06
<b>Kaitlyn Phillips</b>			
Whittemore Beach Attendant	<u>\$ 270.00</u>		\$ 270.00
<b>John Plourde</b>			
Highway Driver - Regular	\$ 202.50		
Highway Laborer	\$ 19,852.50		
Highway Driver - Overtime	\$ 1,203.76		
Transfer Station Assistance	<u>\$ 217.50</u>		\$ 21,476.26
<b>Scott Plourde</b>			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 509.24</u>		\$ 509.24

## 2017 PAYROLL

<b>Jason Powers</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 2,821.02	\$ 2,821.02
<b>Sarah Powers</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 317.97	\$ 317.97
<b>Rick Reed</b>		
Water Commissioner Salary	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Lori Ricci</b>		
Part-Time Administration	\$ 11,852.82	\$ 11,852.82
<b>Michael Roina</b>		
FD Officers	\$ 1,441.59	
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 1,285.22	
Highway Laborer- Regular	\$ 4,595.46	
Highway Laborer- Overtime	\$ 938.33	\$ 8,260.60
<b>Jeffrey Rose</b>		
Selectman	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Gary Russell</b>		
Road Agent - Salary	\$ 49,570.70	
Road Agent - Overtime	\$ 11,546.46	\$ 61,117.16
<b>Dwayne Searles</b>		
Highway Department Assistance	\$ 856.80	
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 924.00	\$ 1,780.80
<b>Melissa Searles</b>		
Library Assistant	\$ 25,140.50	
Supervisor of the Checklist	\$ 225.00	
Website Maintenance	\$ 750.00	\$ 26,115.50
<b>Bret Sullivan</b>		
Police Chief	\$ 67,606.79	
Overtime	\$ 5,730.71	
On-Call	\$ 2,202.00	\$ 75,539.50
<b>Jeffrey Tarr</b>		
Highway Department Assistance	\$ 9,035.27	
Highway Department - Overtime	\$ 528.75	\$ 9,564.02
<b>Christine Tarrío</b>		
Part-Time Library Assistance	\$ 604.00	\$ 604.00



**2017 PAYROLL**

<b>Victoria Turner</b>			
Supervisor of the Checklist	<u>\$ 357.50</u>	\$	357.50
<b>Debra Whitney</b>			
Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 4,926.67		
Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 69.62</u>	\$	4,996.29
<b>Jill Wilmoth</b>			
Whittemore Beach Attendant	<u>\$ 930.00</u>	\$	930.00
<b>Allan Wilson</b>			
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 438.37</u>	\$	438.37
<b>Anmarie Wilson</b>			
Crossing Guard	<u>\$ 1,940.00</u>	\$	1,940.00
<b>Total Payroll</b>		<u>\$</u>	<u>609,535.57</u>

**Town Of Bennington**  
**Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds**  
**For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2017**

First Deposit	Name of Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL		
				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	Ending Market Value
<b>CEMETERY TRUSTS</b>												
1946-1960	Mount Calvary Cemetery	Perpetual Care	Common TF	616.52	7.13	623.65	387.26	32.13	0.00	419.33	1,242.98	1,314.09
1965-1967	Sunyside Cemetery	Perpetual Care	Common TF	12,572.94	86.40	12,659.34	2,069.60	389.88	0.00	2,479.48	15,088.82	15,951.96
1913-2011	Evergreen Cemetery	Perpetual Care	Common TF	16,492.76	145.84	16,638.60	8,182.60	657.78	0.00	8,840.38	25,478.98	26,936.76
1958	Evergreen Cemetery Special Projects	Special Projects	Common TF	32,783.01	209.80	32,992.81	2,668.53	946.81	0.00	3,615.34	36,608.15	38,734.31
	Total Cemetery Trusts			62,615.23	448.17	63,063.40	13,367.93	2,026.60	0.00	15,394.53	78,448.53	82,937.14
<b>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</b>												
2013	Sunyside Cemetery Expendable Trust	Enhance Sunyside Cemetery	Common TF	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	8,636.37	3,185.17	2,000.00	9,821.54	59,821.54	63,244.08
	Total Expendable Trusts			0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	8,636.37	3,185.17	2,000.00	9,821.54	59,821.54	63,244.08
<b>SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS</b>												
1994	Edward French	Scholarship	Common TF	1,658.59	10.05	1,668.64	639.29	45.31	0.00	684.60	1,753.24	1,853.55
2010	Bruce Edes	Scholarship	Common TF	35,352.83	220.52	35,573.35	1,941.43	965.16	0.00	2,906.59	38,509.94	40,713.15
	Total Scholarship Funds			36,411.42	230.57	36,641.99	2,580.72	1,048.47	0.00	3,821.19	40,293.18	42,566.74
<b>LIBRARY</b>												
2013	Emma Gibson Trust-027	Library	Common TF	81,612.15	484.51	82,096.66	348.77	2,182.80	2,193.63	337.54	82,434.60	87,150.94
2013	Bennington Women's Club-028	Library	Common TF	158.15	0.93	159.08	0.68	4.22	4.25	0.65	159.73	168.87
	Total Library			81,770.30	485.44	82,255.74	349.45	2,187.02	2,197.88	338.19	82,594.33	87,319.81
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>												
1990	Fire Truck-001	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	236,278.52	21,122.90	257,401.82	18,516.91	2,992.64	0.00	13,509.55	271,311.37	276,547.14
1997	Rescue Truck-005	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	36,045.36	2,692.89	38,738.25	6,424.25	512.89	0.00	6,937.14	45,675.39	46,556.83
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	31,127.84	2,146.26	33,274.10	1,073.60	389.04	0.00	1,462.64	34,736.74	35,407.89
2013	Fire Department Protective Gear	Equipment	Common CRF	5,898.42	5,726.24	11,414.66	60.90	76.54	0.00	137.44	11,552.10	11,775.83
	Total Fire Department			309,148.54	31,688.29	340,836.83	18,475.66	3,971.11	0.00	22,445.77	363,275.60	370,286.09

**Town Of Bennington**  
**Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds**  
**For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2017**

First Deposit	Name of Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL Principal & Income	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
<b>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</b>												
2014	Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust	Cemetery Maintenance	Common CRF	2,940.87	9.45	2,950.32	42.10	25.00	0.00	67.10	2,117.42	2,158.28
Total Expendable Trusts				2,940.87	9.45	2,950.32	42.10	25.00	0.00	67.10	2,117.42	2,158.28
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>												
1997	Highway Dept Equipment-006	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	40,875.17	12,198.16	52,274.33	3,724.17	541.43	0.00	4,265.60	56,538.93	57,631.84
1998	Highway Department Trucks-008	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	14,732.01	25,968.76	39,800.77	275.27	213.23	0.00	488.50	40,289.27	41,966.77
1999	Highway Department Mower-010	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	2,865.22	1,822.19	3,887.41	2,816.79	59.89	0.00	2,076.68	5,964.09	6,076.19
2009	Road Rehabilitation-024	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	23,858.16	15,111.35	38,969.51	584.31	313.18	0.00	897.49	39,867.00	40,636.35
Total Highway Department				81,530.56	53,401.46	134,932.02	6,690.54	1,127.73	0.00	7,728.27	142,660.29	145,413.35
<b>GENERAL</b>												
1993	Water Department-002	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	3,609.33	11,541.12	15,150.45	8,368.81	158.22	0.00	8,467.03	23,617.48	24,873.25
1994	Library-003	Structure Repair	Common CRF	44,535.90	4,857.63	48,593.53	684.70	547.72	0.00	1,232.42	49,825.95	50,787.48
1997	Sewer-004	Equipment	Common CRF	77,549.22	-77,549.22	0.00	14,688.17	372.96	14,981.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
1999	Police Cruiser-019	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	13,135.78	10,668.07	23,203.85	1,801.48	182.51	0.00	1,993.99	25,197.84	25,684.11
2001	Bridge Repair Expendable Tr-011	Expendable Trust	Common CRF	20,795.16	117.87	20,913.03	5,166.89	311.48	0.00	5,477.57	26,390.60	26,899.89
2001	Town Buildings Expendable-012	Expendable Trust	Common CRF	46,157.94	20,233.22	66,391.16	5,097.37	641.53	0.00	5,738.90	72,130.06	73,522.03
2001	Bridge Replacement-013	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	14,920.64	70.10	14,990.74	517.72	185.23	0.00	702.95	15,693.69	15,996.55
2001	Sidewalk Repair-014	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	0.00	0.04	0.04	8.87	0.11	0.00	8.98	9.02	9.19
2002	Ravallation-015	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	12,636.41	12,659.30	24,995.71	59.36	171.85	0.00	231.24	25,226.95	25,713.79
Total General				233,740.38	-19,501.87	214,238.51	36,252.60	2,581.61	14,981.13	15,179.01	238,951.59	242,686.29
<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>				807,249.30	116,762.51	924,011.81	86,295.37	16,144.71	15,179.01	83,261.87	1,007,272.88	1,036,611.78

## CAPITAL RESERVE FUND/EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

### Highway Department:

The Town did not expend funds from any Highway Department accounts; funds needed for road projects came from a \$45,000 Deferred Road Maintenance Warrant Article.

December 31, 2017 CRF/ETF balances for all Highway Department accounts are as follows:

Equipment Loader/Grader	\$ 56,539.93
Heavy Equipment	\$ 40,289.27
Mower	\$ 5,964.09
Road Rehabilitation	\$ 39,867.00
Bridge Repair	\$ 26,390.60
Bridge Replacement	\$ 15,693.69
Sidewalk	\$ <u>9.02</u>
Cumulative Balance	<u>\$184,753.60</u>

### Fire Department:

The Town did not expend funds from any Fire Department accounts.

December 31, 2017 CRF balances for all Fire Department accounts are as follows:

Fire Trucks	\$271,311.37
Rescue Chassis	\$ 45,675.39
SCBA	\$ 34,736.74
Protective Gear	\$ <u>11,552.10</u>
Cumulative Balance	<u>\$363,275.60</u>

### Police Department:

The Town did not expend funds from the Police Department account.

December 31, 2017 balance for the Police Cruiser CRF is \$25,197.84.

### Water Department:

The Town expended \$15,904.73 for completion of the Eaton Avenue water loop construction. During 2017 \$9,013.28 was paid from the Water Pump CRF; a balance of \$6,891.45 remains due from the Water CRF as well.

December 31, 2017 balance of the Water Pump CRF is \$23,617.48.

**Sewer Department:**

By a March 16, 2017 vote of 148 "yes"; 40 "no", the Town voted to discontinue the Sewer Department Septic Lagoon Dredging CRF. The CRF and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal totaled \$92,630.35 and was transferred to the municipality's general fund.

**Library:**

The Library Trustees expended \$1,147.49 for a replacement computer.

December 31, 2017 balance of the Library CRF is \$49,825.95.

**Municipal Departments:**

The Town did not expend funds from the Town Buildings ETF nor the Revaluation CRF.

December 31, 2017 CRF/ETF balances for all Municipal Department accounts are as follows:

Town Buildings	\$72,130.06
Revaluation	<u>\$25,226.95</u>
Cumulative Balance	<u>\$97,357.01</u>

The cumulative balance of all Capital Reserve Funds/Expendable Trust Funds as of December 31, 2017 is \$744,027.48

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Proposed 2018 Town Meeting action on all Capital Reserve (CRF) and Expendable Trust Funds (ETF):

- Fire Truck CRF = \$20,000
- Police Cruiser CRF = \$10,000
- Road Rehabilitation CRF = \$15,000
- Mower CRF = \$1,000
- Library CRF = \$5,000
- Fire Department Breathing Apparatus CRF = \$2,000
- Fire Department Protective Gear = \$5,700
- Town Buildings ETF = \$33,000
- Revaluation CRF = \$12,000
- Highway Heavy Equipment CRF - \$37,000
- Bridge Maintenance CRF = \$10,000

Proposed 2018 funding is established at \$150,700 which is the same level of 2017 Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust funding.

Also in 2017, administrative staff undertook an in-house audit of all Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) and Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) to be sure that the accounts were being spent as was authorized when each respective fund was created through Town Meeting action. Based upon review of the findings with Town Counsel the Selectmen have proposed six warrant articles for 2018 Town Meeting action. Each of the identified deficiencies is captured below in the summary review.

❖ **REPURPOSE RESCUE CHASSIS CRF**

The Rescue Chassis CRF was established at the 1992 Town Meeting. Minutes of the Capital Improvement Committee's meeting where the decision to request funding was made documents the purpose of the Rescue Chassis CRF being for the purchase of the chassis only; "the present rescue box will be transferred to the new chassis". Warrant Article 17 seeks voter approval to change the purpose of the existing Rescue Chassis Fund to Rescue Vehicle CRF.

❖ **REPURPOSE WATER PUMP CRF**

The Water Pump CRF was established at the 1993 Town Meeting. After the water pump was replaced in 1995 the verbiage for appropriating funds was titled "Water Department CRF", although there hasn't been any subsequent warrant article introduced since 1995 to change the purpose of this Fund. Warrant Article 18 seeks voter approval to change the purpose of the existing Water Pump CRF to Water Department Maintenance and Repairs CRF.

❖ **CLOSE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT CRF**

The Bridge Replacement CRF was established at the 2000 Town Meeting for the designated purpose of replacing the Depot Street/North Bennington Road bridge. This bridge was actually replaced in 2014. Because there is no longer a need to fund replacement of the Depot Street/North Bennington Road bridge there is no longer a purpose to keep this Bridge Replacement CRF active. Warrant Article 19 seeks voter approval to discontinue the Bridge Replacement CRF with said funds and accumulated interest being withdrawn and transferred to the municipality's general fund. Companion Warrant Article 20 seeks voter approval to transfer funds from the Town's general fund (from the discontinued Bridge Replacement CRF) into the existing Bridge Maintenance ETF.

❖ **CLOSE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT LOADER/GRADER CRF**

The Highway Equipment Loader/Grader CRF was established at 1997 Town Meeting for the designated purchase of a Highway Equipment Loader/Grader. Starting in 1998 the Town started to refer to this Fund as "Highway Equipment". Warrant Article 21 seeks voter approval to discontinue the Highway Equipment Loader/Grader that was created for the specific purpose of a Loader/Grader with said funds and accumulated interest being withdrawn and transferred to the municipality's general fund. Companion Warrant Article 22 seeks voter approval to transfer funds from the Town's general fund (from the discontinued Highway Equipment Loader/Grader CRF) into the existing Highway Heavy Equipment CRF.

## GEP DODGE LIBRARY

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Facebook Page: GEP Dodge Library- Bennington, NH

Monday- 9-6PM, Tuesday-12-6PM, Thursday- 12-8PM, Friday-12-5PM, Sunday-4-6PM

The GEP Dodge Library houses a materials collection of 27,511 items that includes 2,564 DVDs, 763 sound recordings, 31 periodical subscriptions, and one newspaper. In addition, our patrons have access to a rotating DVD collection of 560 and two STEAM collections belonging to the Nubanusit Library Cooperative and the NH State Library. Through our online catalog and a Library card, our patrons have access to the *NH Overdrive* collection managed by the NH State Library that includes a vast digital collection of e-books, audio books and e-periodicals. Through the NH State Library, our Library also has subscriptions to *Ancestry.com*, *Heritage.com*, *NHU-PAC*, (the statewide library catalog), *Consumer Health Complete*, *EbscoHost*, *Explora for public libraries*, *Explora for grades K-8*, *Medline plus*, *Geni*, *Libri Vox*, *Newspaper Source*, *Novelist*, *Novellst K-8*, and *Project Gutenberg*. Our Library also has an additional subscription to *Tumblebooks*- an online collection of animated talking picture books that includes youth chapter books, educational games and puzzles and foreign language instruction. In 2017, 1,547 Bennington patrons checked out 17,681 print, audio and visual items from our own Library's collection. In 2017 we loaned 870 items and our patrons borrowed 944 items from the Interlibrary Loan program. Interlibrary Loan gives users access to all NH Public Libraries as well as to College and University collections, providing patrons with access to materials that are of rare and limited edition, are out of print, are too expensive for us to acquire or that we don't have room to shelve.

In 2017 we began a monthly program that we call *GEP TALKS*. This series is intended to highlight the talents, experiences and knowledge that our local citizens have and are willing to share with others. *GEP Talks* are held on the second Thursday of every month at the Library from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Other programs held by the Library throughout the year include visiting speakers, book groups for all age groups, Story Walks, scavenger hunts, guessing games, STEAM activities such as Legos, Snap Circuits, a visiting 3-D printer, craft projects, various weekly and monthly story times and visits from Pierce School.

Trustee Molly Eppig and Janice McKenzie, spearheaded the fifth Rhubarb Festival Fundraiser for the Library's Building Campaign and joined forces with Bethany Manley, the Recreation Committee, and Bennington's 175th Anniversary Planning Committee. This year's Festival was held at Sawyer Field instead of on the Library's grounds and the downtown Bennington area. The new venue provided ample parking, greater visibility and plenty of space for vendors, the musicians and the petting zoo.

We continue to have museum passes for our patrons to borrow. Our goal is to have a variety of museum types. Each year we evaluate which of our passes have been used, what passes have been requested by patrons, which were well received by our patrons and which were worth the

purchase cost. The Library's museum passes are purchased through fund raising and donations. This past year we added a Strawberry Banke pass to our collection for the first time in many years. Strawberry Banke has done a lot of renovating and have created a wonderful place for families to visit and learn about New Hampshire's early seacoast history. Our current passes are to the *The Currier Museum of Art* in Manchester, NH, *The Fells* in Newbury, NH, *Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum* in Warner, NH, *The Museum of Fine Arts* in Boston, *The Seacoast Science Center*, *Odiorne State Park*, in Rye, NH and *Strawberry Banke* in Portsmouth, NH.

The 2017 Summer Reading Program was entitled '*Build A Better World*'. It was a STEAM themed program. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) We had twice weekly story times, field trips, a bike rodeo, games, programs, activities, a trivia night, and many reading challenges. Thank you to all of our story time and bike rodeo volunteers; Carlee Kimball, Claudia Sysyn, Jill Wilmoth, Michele Stahl, Laurie MacKeigan, Joe MacGregor, Jon Manley, Bret Sullivan, Dave Parker, Matt Hall, Keith Nason and Newhall Field Trustees. Thank you to Arthur Dunham and Jon Manley for their annual donation of a bike, through the Mason's Masonic Bikes for Books program. This year's winner was Chelsea LaPlante.

Our very generous volunteers are many. Most help in multiple ways to keep the library running and all help us to enrich other's lives. Besides serving as Trustees, Molly Eppig, Jill Wilmoth, Jeannette Regis and David McKenzie volunteer and donate their time and talents outside of their trustee duties. Thank you to the many others, of all ages, who came to help, gave us all sorts of support and good cheer and who have made generous donations throughout the year: Joe MacGregor, Dwayne Searles, Mike Munhall, Chris Tarrío, Chris Maple, Peter Eppig, Robert Gross, Janice McKenzie, Cheryl Riley, Ull, Evelyn and Brian Wilmoth, Meredith Desaulniers, Colleen Allen, Jon and Robyn Manley, Linda Oslenski, Victoria Burnham, Carrie Whittemore and Blueberry Hill Designs, Deb and Rich Page, Barbara Goodwin, Chandee Palmer, Gary Pearson, John and RoAnne Cronin, the Patel family, Debi Belcher and family, Leslie and Allison Hodgen, Liam Richardson, Claudia Sysyn, Carlee Kimball, Laurie MacKeigan, Mark Bastarache, DJ Wing, the Bennington Garage, Inc, Milford and Frankestown Masons, Betty Coffin Brooks, Richard and Linda Delay, and Rose Melanson. Thank you to the Bennington Historical Society for use of their meeting room facility for speakers and for the book group, and to the Town of Bennington for sharing their VFW Hall and upstairs of Town Hall meeting spaces for programming.

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

Leslie MacGregor, Director  
Melissa Searles, Assistant Director  
Jill Wilmoth, Trustee Chair  
Molly Eppig, Trustee Treasurer  
Jeannette Regis, Trustee  
David McKenzie, Trustee Alternate



**GEP Dodge Library Treasurer's Report for 2017 January 1 to December 31, 2017**

**BEGINNING BALANCE January 1, 2017 = \$ 4755.89**

**INCOME**

<i>Interest paid out from trusts by Trustees of Trust Funds 2017</i>	\$ 2197.88
<i>Interest from Trust Fund CD</i>	\$ 16.66
<i>Media Reimbursement</i>	\$ 157.96
<i>Book Sales</i>	\$ 34.50
<i>Copier Fees</i>	\$ 106.25
<i>Color Copier</i>	\$ 21.50
<i>Fax fees</i>	\$ 37.25
<i>Over-due books</i>	\$ 18.99
<i>Donations</i>	\$ 586.00
<i>Rhubarb Festival funds</i>	\$ 250.00
<i>Konica copier lease refund</i>	\$ 942.62

**TOTAL INCOME \$ 4269.61**

**EXPENSES**

<i>Museum passes &amp; memberships</i>	\$ 712.00
<i>Programs</i>	\$ 371.63
<i>Copier replacement</i>	\$ 942.62
<i>New set of bank checks</i>	\$ 34.19
<i>Media replacement</i>	\$ 46.91

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 2107.35**

**ENDING BALANCE December 31, 2017 = \$ 6918.15**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to start by once again thanking the citizens of Bennington and the Bennington Selectmen for your continued support. Your support is always greatly appreciated and helps us continue to provide you with the service you expect.

We have a few new faces this year. First, our longtime crossing Guard Dorothy Gates resigned to take on a new position. For sixteen years she stood out in the rain, cold, and snow crossing our children safely on their way to school. Thank you for your many years of excellent service, Dorothy; will be missed by many!

With that said, Anmarie Wilson was hired and has taken over the duties of school crossing. Many of you have probably already seen Anmarie as she has been involved with the school for many years. Also filling two vacant positions we had here, Zachary Letourneau and David Bell were both hired as part time Police Officers. Zachary has already met several citizens and is a fantastic fit for the Town of Bennington. Please join me in welcoming them.

In 2017, the Bennington Police Department investigated twenty five Felony level cases. Some of these are crimes against children. I ask you as citizens, if you know something that you feel should be reported, to please come see us. Often it has been said "I wished I said something sooner". Please take the time to come speak with us.

2017 was also a hard year for citizens with telephone scams. Bennington citizens have lost thousands of dollars in 2017 to scams. If you didn't enter a lottery, you didn't win a lottery. The IRS does NOT call you to arrest you unless you pay them and Police Departments do not call you for bail over the phone. If it doesn't seem right, it isn't. Please contact us BEFORE you send money, gift cards or any other monetary items to anyone. We will look into the matter for you.

I would like to add - the Town is currently doing a study on the feasibility of the Town Hall. This study includes renovations and possibly changing the location of the Police Department into the VFW building. This would also open more area for the Town Hall to conduct business and expand as both Town Administration and the Police Department are running out of room. Please take the time to meet with staff/Selectmen to answer questions or concerns you may have.

In closing, I would like to thank the staff at the Bennington Police Department. Your dedication to the Department and Town is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with you all in 2018!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bret Sullivan  
Chief of Police

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bennington Fire and Rescue had many changes for 2017 with the most prominent taking place within the Officers ranks. In March Fire Chief Michael Roina and Rescue Captain Adam Dunning resigned. As a result the Selectmen appointed Dave Foster Fire Chief, Matt Hall remained in his role of Deputy Fire Chief, Keith Nason was appointed Deputy Fire Chief, and Jason Powers assumed the role of Rescue Captain. In addition, Matt Hall was appointed Forest Fire Warden and Dave Foster, Keith Nason and Jason Powers were all appointed as Deputy Forest Fire Wardens. Firefighter Scott Plourde remains a Deputy Warden and Firefighter Zak Andersen was newly appointed as a Deputy Warden.

In 2017 the Department and the Town suffered a tragic loss with the unexpected passing of long-time member and former Fire Chief Joseph O'Brien. Joe served our Department for 25 years and helped to shape and mold the careers of many young lives when he founded and supervised the Bennington Fire Explorers which ran from 1996-2005. Joe's inner youth shined through every year during our annual Breakfast With Santa event. His knowledge and dedication will be greatly missed.

In 2017 Bennington Fire and Rescue responded to a total of 187 emergency calls with 118 of them being medically based. Department members also participated in many trainings and meetings to be able to better serve the community.

The new team of officers worked very hard this year to reduce costs and found better ways to properly serve our community while reducing the operating budget going in to 2018. Maintaining our vehicles and equipment properly to achieve a longer life cycle is a priority along with life safety and protective items.

New State of New Hampshire regulations have caused confusion regarding the proper permit process of tents 400 square feet (example 20'x20') and larger. The State of New Hampshire requires all residents to obtain a permit at the time of installation. This includes temporary uses (as little as one day) as well. Part of the tent permit requires Fire Department inspection and approval; give us a call so we can help you navigate the process effectively. Please also remember to contact the Warden or one of the Deputy Wardens if you plan to burn brush.

The entire Fire Department membership would like to thank the residents of Bennington for their continued support of the Department and for all the support that was provided to us during our transitional time in March of 2017.

Respectfully Yours,

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

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bennington Emergency Management has had another busy year serving the community. Director Keith Nason, Deputy Director Kristie LaPlante and Specialist Jason Powers have spent much of the year rewriting of the Bennington Emergency Management Local Emergency Operations Plan which will be completed in 2018.

During 2017 the Emergency Management team continued to grow strength with support from the Police and Fire Departments. Continued training has focused on the community with specialized planning and training involving Pierce School. Members of the Police Department have received active shooter "Train the Trainer" training and members of the fire and rescue have received training on "Active Shooter – EMS in the Warm Zone". Monthly meetings have continued with members of each agency and school faculty to provide the safest possible environment for the students and teachers of Pierce School.

In 2017 Emergency Management was able to secure funding to supply six complete body armor packages at no cost to the Town. Four sets were placed with fire/rescue and two with the Police Department.

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 the Police Department after hours. Email Keith at [EMD@BenningtonNHfire.com](mailto:EMD@BenningtonNHfire.com) or Kristie [DEMD@benningtonNHfire.com](mailto:DEMD@benningtonNHfire.com)

Respectfully Yours,

Keith W. Nason, Emergency Management Director  
Kristie LaPlante, Deputy Emergency Management Director  
Jason Powers, Emergency Management Specialist

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department has two new employees John Plourde who filled Mike Roina's spot and Chris Davies who is filling Walter Kiblin's spot.

Last winter went fairly smooth with only a few bumps to get over and deal with. Then we made it through mud season with very little trouble. After that the first of May we rented an excavator and moved a lot of sand from a lot on Bible Hill to the Town gravel pit. We used some material for making Pug Mill that was used on North Bennington Road, Old Stagecoach Road, and some on Old Greenfield Road for a total of a little over 4,900 feet of road surface. We used the excavator to do the dig outs on Old Stagecoach Road to remove the frost heave sections and to slope part of the road side. And some of the sand we hauled was used for our winter sand. We also sand sealed almost 7,400 feet of hot top, starting with North Bennington Road, Pine Meadows Circle, and Ross and Knightland Roads.

We also had our road side mowing and line striping done this summer. Worked on road grading fall clean up and it was time to gear up for winter again.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary S. Russell  
Road Agent

## TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station has seen a few changes over the last year – mostly in personnel. Two former employees, Bill OConnor and Howard Clow, gave their notice. Now working at the Transfer Station are Matt Blanchard and Tom James.

The other change this year was we switched vendors for our E-Waste vendor. This change should save the Town money with disposal costs *and* we should also start to receive revenue for some of the recycled materials. As part of this switch we will be using the tire container for E-Waste until we can find a larger container to store tires.

In past years we have arranged for residents to take their Household Hazardous Waste to the Keene collection site. This service cost us \$2,400 per year and the location has been inconvenient for many of our residents. In recognition of the travel inconvenience and with an eye towards saving tax dollars, the Town will be partnering in a regional, one day Hazardous Waste collection opportunity this spring in Hillsborough. As soon as we know the date we will post the information at the Transfer Station, Town Hall, Library, and online. Until then we ask you to store these items safely and stay tuned.

Not only does recycling save our environment, it also saves money. The more we recycle equates to less refuse in this compactor which saves us significant disposal costs.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Parker  
Jeffrey Rose  
Gary Russell

Solid Waste Committee

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 1989, the Bennington Conservation Commission was established with the purpose of conserving, protecting, and managing Bennington's natural and historical resources.

The Conservation Commission would like to highlight our projects and accomplishments for 2017.

We would like to begin by expressing our appreciation to Stephen Willette for serving as a Conservation Commission member and co-chair. We appreciate the time and effort he devoted to the Commission's work during his tenure.

Our Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) was completed in 2017. Phase II was an analysis of the maps that were generated in 2016. The maps included the following features of Bennington: topography and unfragmented lands, Conservation lands, groundwater, wildlife habitat, and wetlands. The Conservation Commission would like to express our appreciation to the voters for their support of Phase II. In the spring of 2018, there will be a Public Hearing on the findings of the Natural Resources Inventory presented by Moosewood Ecological of Chesterfield. The results will assist us to identify critical areas of Town lands that should be preserved for their resource value.

In 2017, the Frankestown Land Trust (FLT) applied for grants to purchase a 120-acre parcel of property on Mountain Road in Bennington. The NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) awarded the FLT \$75,000 towards the purchase of the land and the Gilbert Verney Foundation made a generous contribution as well. This property abuts over 2,000 acres of Conservation land in Frankestown, Greenfield and Bennington and offers recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to our Town.

In an effort to increase our Conservation Fund for future land protection, the Conservation Commission will be placing three warrant articles on the 2018 Town Warrant:

- The first Warrant Article, #26, requests voters to approve \$5,000 to be placed in the Conservation Fund from Fund Balance.
- The second Warrant Article, #27, requests voters to appropriate \$15,364 from unassigned Fund Balance to be deposited in the Conservation Fund – said amount representing 50% of the income derived from Timber Tax Revenue in 2017.
- The third Warrant Article, #28, requests voters to appropriate \$319 from unassigned Fund Balance to be deposited in the Conservation Fund – said amount representing 50% of the income derived from Excavation Tax Revenue in 2017.

As the Commission's charge is not only for natural resource protection but historical preservation, conversation efforts were initiated with State and Federal agencies regarding public access across the railroad trestle between the Bruce Edes Town Forest and the rail trail/bike path, extending north to Hillsborough. The trestle was shored up for winter snowmobile use but more long-term solutions are being explored for permanent access to the trestle.

The Commission awarded two Bennington students Conservation Education scholarships for the Harris Center. Ronan Clough and Harley Wilson each attended a week long summer camp in July. We will be taking applications for 2018 summer camp opportunities in March.

Our 9th Annual Earth Day event was held in May. Participants enjoyed a complimentary waffle breakfast before heading out to clean up the road sides throughout the Town. Over 100 bags of

trash were collected and we would like to thank the Highway Department for their continued support of this event. Once again, Mr. Verney graciously provided funds for our Earth Day event. While volunteers picked up litter Conservation members took some time to work on invasive species mitigation near the VFW. This year's Earth Day roadside clean up will be Saturday, April 21st. All town residents are welcome to join us.

In July, the Commission sponsored a town canoe paddle down the Contoocook River from The Paper Mill to the steel bridge on North Bennington Road. A number of Town residents joined the adventure and all expressed interest in making it an annual event.

Working to preserve the natural resources of Bennington for current and future residents is rewarding work. We would like to extend our appreciation to all Bennington community members for their support. Residents, organizations, and other interested parties are welcome to attend our monthly Conservation Commission meeting held on the third Thursday of each month. The Commission is looking for new members; if you are interested in helping to preserve the unique natural features of the town, please contact Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bennington Conservation Commission



## PLANNING BOARD

In New Hampshire, the Planning Board has several functions. Its adjudicative functions include regulation of land Subdivisions, review of Site Plans, and regulation of Excavations. Legislative functions include preparation and adoption of the Master Plan and the Capital Improvement Program and recommendation of changes to the Zoning Ordinance, which take the form of proposed Warrant Articles for voter approval.

The Planning Board proposed two Zoning Warrant Articles for the 2017 Town Meeting – both of which were approved by the voters. The first rewrites the Sign Article, in part to comply with a US Supreme Court ruling that requires sign ordinances to be neutral as to sign content. The second is a new article that addresses Accessory Dwelling Units in light of a new State Law that took effect on June 1, 2017.

For the 2018 Town Meeting, the Board will propose five changes to the Zoning Ordinance. The first is a minor change to the Signs Article of the Zoning Ordinance. The second rewrites article defining Home Occupations and changes the title to "Home Businesses". The third, fourth, and fifth changes are housekeeping changes to replace "Home Occupations" with "Home Businesses".

In April the Planning Board considered applications from Bennington DG, LLC for a Subdivision of Tax Map 16, Lot 2 on Route 202 and for a Site Plan Review of Tax Map 16, Lot 2A for construction of a Dollar General retail establishment. With the Bennington Conservation Commission, the Planning Board conducted a Site Walk of these properties. A Public Hearing was held on April 24, 2017, and both applications were approved. The Planning Board would like to acknowledge the diligence of the Conservation Commission at both the Site Walk and the Public Hearing. The applications were approved because there were no issues with the Zoning Ordinance or the Conservation Commission, and no public opposition to the project was expressed. However, the applicants subsequently asked the Zoning Board of Adjustment to approve two variances to the Signs article of the Zoning Ordinance. One variance, concerning the size of the sign on the building, was approved and the other variance, concerning the height of the freestanding sign on the lot, was not.

At year's end, the Planning Board is considering a complex application involving two Lot Mergers, two Lot-Line Adjustments, and a Subdivision that includes properties identified as Tax Map 19, lots 3, 4, 21A, 21B, and 21C, on Gillis Hill Road. David McKenzie and Jeff Rose have recused themselves from hearing this case because they are abutters and Selectman Mark Mackesy is serving as an ex-officio alternate for Jeff Rose.

Respectfully Submitted,

David McKenzie, Chair  
Sam Cohen  
Chris Maple, Vice-Chair  
Jeff Rose, *ex-officio*  
Donald Trow

## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

In 2017 there was an increase in Building Permit activity, including eight new houses and a new commercial retail store for Dollar General. I continued to assist property owners with zoning and building questions, permit applications, plan review, issuing permits, and performing inspections of buildings and trade work. Late in the year I proposed that the Select Board authorize an increase in our permit fees, to bring our fee structure in-line with neighboring towns; which they did approve. The new fees became effective January 1, 2018. I continue to receive excellent support from office staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dario Carrara  
Building Inspector  
Code Enforcement Officer

## FEE SCHEDULE

Permit Application Fee	\$ 0.00
Residential Building – New	\$ .25/square foot
Residential Building – Remodel	\$ .15/square foot
Out Building without service (shed, barn, garage)	\$ .25/square foot
Commercial Building – New	\$ .30/square foot
Commercial Building – Remodel	\$ .30/square foot
Electrical Permit	\$ 50.00
Plumbing Permit	\$ 50.00
Mechanical Permit (gas, oil, wood, heating, or HVAC)	\$ 50.00
Demolition Permit	\$ 0.00
Sign Permit	\$ 25.00
Zoning or Code violation penalty	Not more than maximum set by State Law

## HUMAN SERVICES

As difficult as it is for many to ask for assistance, the Town is required to provide local assistance to all qualifying Bennington residents. Often times someone may need assistance and does not feel comfortable asking; if you know someone who may need a little help or direction please have them contact me. Assistance granted is governed by statutory regulations and the guidelines are very specific. Assistance is for those immediate life sustaining needs, such as housing, heat, food, medications, electricity. In accordance with NH RSA 165:1, "Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be relieved and maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town..."

2017 brought less cases, but more need. Some residents needed assistance one time only, others needed guidance or a compassionate ear and assistance to get them through unexpected hard times. By law, the municipality may request reimbursement to the municipality from family members if it is determined the family is able to provide assistance to their family member who has sought local assistance. Briefly, "The relation of any poor person in the line of father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, son, daughter, husband, or wife shall assist or maintain such person when in need of relief if they are financially able..."

I always encourage the use of any and all outside resources, and there are many:

- The Monadnock United Way is located at 23 Center Street in Keene and assists with many programs. I strongly encourage you to contact them if you are in need of any assistance. Their number is 352-4209.
- The Grapevine Family and Community Center is located at 4 Aiken Street in Antrim and they offer a variety of programs in support of families and community. They sponsor community suppers, a wood bank program, educational programs, childcare, parenting classes, Teen Avenue, the list goes on. Their number is 588-2620
- The River Center is located at 9 Vose Farm Road, Suite 115 in Peterborough and they assist families and individuals of all economic abilities. They provide opportunities to allow people to overcome challenges, encouraging good parenting, helping parents to take good care of themselves, in turn becoming stronger parents. They also provide guidance with financial needs. Their number is 924-6800.
- Southern NH Services (SNHS) is located at 46 Concord Street in Peterborough and they provide assistance in several areas, including NH Easy - Apply for Medical Coverage, Food Stamps, Cash Assistance, Child Care and Medicare Beneficial Assistance Programs. Their number is 924-2243.
- There are also Community Suppers at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the Unitarian Church in Peterborough as well as Community Suppers at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday in Frankestown (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at their Community Church), Bennington (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at Pierce Elementary School), Antrim (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at their First Presbyterian Church), and Hancock (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at their Congregational Church Vestry).

End 68 Hours of Hunger is a non-profit program that provides food for children in the ConVal Towns. To make a donation, volunteer or to sign up for the program contact Carol Cleary for more information; her phone number 588-2468.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Davidson  
Welfare Director

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Facebook: Bennington Recreation Committee

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

Ongoing programs include ConVal Martial Arts, 4-H, and Girls Scouts. These programs meet in the Town Hall gymnasium and VFW building 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.

- ConVal Martial Arts: Mondays 5:15pm-6:45pm
- 4-H (Two Clubs: Bennington 4-H Club & Monadnock Homesteaders): Meeting Times Vary by Season
- Girl Scouts: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month 3:30pm - 5:30pm

The annual Andy Mackenzie Fishing Derby was held at Cold Spring Pond on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event is hosted by the Bennington Sportsman Club and is open to Bennington residents ages 15 and under. Prizes were awarded to all fishermen.

2017 marked Bennington's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday! To celebrate this historic milestone a weekend of activities was planned in conjunction with the Annual Rhubarb Festival June 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>. An open house at Pierce School with past teachers serving as tour guides and historians kicked off the weekend on Friday afternoon. Saturday was a day-long festival at Sawyer Memorial Park celebrating all things "rhubarb" for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Rhubarb Festival to benefit the GEP Dodge Library Building Fund. The festival also included live music, craft & food vendors, a petting zoo, a WW2 reenactment encampment, and "touch-a-truck" featuring the Bennington Fire Department and Pine View Excavation & Landclearing. The celebration moved to downtown on Sunday with an outdoor church service at the Bennington Congregational Church, open houses, face painting, lawn games, an ice cream social, and a parade of floats from local businesses, town departments, clubs & organizations, and antique vehicles. Thank you to the volunteers and sponsors who made the weekend a success!

Many Thanks to:

Bennington Democratic Committee  
Bennington Garage  
Blueberry Hill Design Works  
Crotched Mountain Ski Area  
D.H. Hardwick & Sons  
Edmunds Hardware  
Francestown Sand & Gravel  
The French Family  
Howe's Garage  
Jim Craig Electric  
John J. Cronin, III, P.C.  
Monadnock Paper Mills  
Pine View Excavation & Landclearing  
Rymes Propane & Oil  
Trow Logging  
US 202 Express Mini-Mart

Whittemore Beach was staffed with full-time beach attendants and a part-time certified lifeguard during the summer months. Attendants raked the beach, cleaned up litter, and assisted beachgoers as needed, while the lifeguard focused on swimmer safety. The Recreation Committee hopes to continue to reestablish the beach staff and offer swimming lessons as staffing and resident interest allow.

The Recreation Committee co-sponsored a Halloween party on October 20<sup>th</sup> with the GEP Dodge Library upstairs in the Town Hall gymnasium. Children and adults came in costumes and played games, sang songs, listened to spooky stories, and enjoyed some Halloween treats.

A Town-wide Christmas celebration was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> thanks to collaboration with the Bennington Fire Department and Bennington Congregational Church. The day began with Breakfast with Santa upstairs at the Fire Station and ended with a live nativity play and petting zoo on the Town green. Horse and wagon rides around Acre Street were offered throughout the afternoon. The Town Christmas tree was lit at the conclusion of the play. Residents enjoyed coffee, hot chocolate, and baked goods during the event.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany & Jim Craig  
Recreation Committee Co-Chairs

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

As of this writing, there are 1056 registered voters in Bennington: 254 Democrats, 330 Republicans, 472 Undeclared, and 0 Libertarians. Why, you may ask, are there 0 Libertarians? This can be explained by the recent arrival of the Libertarian Party on our checklist. Any Party which receives 4% or more of the votes in the General Election for Governor or US Senate gains the right to appear on the ballot, which allows voters to register to vote as a member of that party. Since Gary Johnson received 4.13% of the votes for Governor as a Libertarian, his party qualified.

In the last few years we have witnessed a great deal of discussion revolving around "voter fraud". As a result, the State Legislature has been very busy cooking up more and more complicated rules to prevent anyone from voting where they do not live. In New Hampshire we call the place where you live, for voting purposes, your "domicile". New voters and voters who have moved to Bennington will be asked to present evidence of domicile. If voters do not present this evidence, they will still be allowed to register to vote by executing a sworn statement in which they promise to produce evidence of domicile within 30 days. Without this evidence, the burden of proof falls on local election officials and other town employees to investigate and verify the voter's domicile – a time-consuming process. Failing that, verification goes to the Secretary of State and Attorney General.

Reading the current New Hampshire Election Laws is enough to make your head spin. Following these laws is difficult, time consuming, and costs extra mounds of wasteful paperwork. Is all of this complication achieving anything real? Noam Chomsky, the great linguist and scholar, said, "The smart way to keep people passive and obedient is to strictly limit the spectrum of acceptable opinion, but allow very lively debate within that spectrum". Could all this debate about voter fraud be preventing us from looking at the big picture? The Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity was disbanded on January 3 after spending millions of dollars of taxpayers' money without turning up any evidence of wide-spread voter fraud. Maybe our focus should be elsewhere:

When any system becomes cumbersome and not user-friendly, it is time to modernize: As of the last Census, only 68% of eligible Americans were registered to vote. Compare this to our neighbor Canada, which has a 92% voter registration rate. The difference is that their voter registration system does not put the burden of registration on the individual voter, nor does it rely on mounds of paperwork to track changes in voter data. Canada and other democracies (France, Sweden, Mexico, Australia, etc.) use 21<sup>st</sup> century technology to keep their voter rolls up to date and accurate.

Voting is a right, not a privilege. Registering to vote should be automatic, with an opt-out option for those who do not want to participate, not an opt-in system with ever more complicated rules that discourage participation. The key to an automatic system is carefully regulated data-sharing between government agencies. Data-sharing allows election officials to update the voter rolls continuously, using information that already exists on other government lists. Barriers to voting should be removed to ensure that all citizens are included in this vital process.

But for now, New Hampshire voters will have to come to the polls prepared to do things the old-fashioned way: bring your photo I.D.s to vote. And if you are a new voter coming to register, be sure to bring something that ties you to your domicile: motor vehicle registration, drivers' license, any other government or school I.D. with your residence on it, school enrollment forms, public utility bills, landlord agreements, real estate sales agreements, tax bills, an affidavit signed by the property owner where you live, or any other evidence that ties you to the place where you currently live. Election officials in Bennington promise that we will do our best to make registering and voting as pleasant and painless as ever.

See you at the polls!

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Gibbons, Melissa Searles, Victoria Turner

## **WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

### **New Commissioners**

In March 2017 two new Water Sewer Commissioner were elected and a third Commissioner was appointed to fill out the term of Commissioner which resigned after the election. The new Commissioners have been endeavoring to obtain an understanding of Bennington's Water and Sanitary Sewer Systems. As part of their education, the new Commissioners have attended a number of conferences and workshops pertaining to the operations of both drinking water and sanitary sewer systems.

### **Bennington Water System Background from 1910 to 2017**

The current Bennington Water System has a water well located next to the Contoocook River, 330,000-gallon concrete storage tank off of Route 47, approximately 230 water service connections, over seven miles of buried distribution lines, approximately 31 fire hydrants and approximately 42 system shutoff valves.

The original Bennington Water System was privately constructed back in 1910. About 50% of the current buried water distribution pipes are now over 107 years old. In 1922 the Town bought the Water System and has been responsible for its operation since then. The original 1910 system was supplied by a reservoir on the right side of Route 47 as travelling from Bennington to Frankestown located about 4,600 feet northeast from Main Street. The original system had a main line of 10-inch cast iron pipe from the 1910 Reservoir off of Route 47 to the Paper Mill. The 1910 system included 6-inch cast iron branch lines on Main Street, Greenfield Road (Route 31), South Bennington Road, Acre Street, Pierce Hill Road, and along Route 202 to what is now Sawyer Park.

In 1935 two new reservoirs with associated connecting buried pipes were constructed. A new surface water storage reservoir (1935 Reservoir) was constructed at a higher location north of Route 47 about 2000-feet northwest of the original 1910 Reservoir. A 12-inch cast iron pipe connected the 1935 Reservoir to the existing 10-line on Route 47. To the east side of Bible Hill Road a new dam and pump station were constructed at Fresh Pond which is now known as the Cold Springs Pond. This pump station was connected to existing Bible Hill 10-inch line with 1600-feet of 6-inch cast iron pipe. In dry years the Fresh Pond Pump Station was utilized to pump water to the higher reservoir. This pump station was in operation from 1935 until the drilled well was added off Bible Hill Road in 1967.

In 1954 chlorination was added to the water system, which included construction of the Chlorination Vault located on the northside of Route 47 on the 12-inch line to the 1935 Reservoir.

In 1967 the existing Bennington Well was drilled and Well Pump House was constructed at a location 900-feet to the west of Bible Hill Road. The new well was connected to the end of the 6-inch line at Fresh Pond with a new 8-inch cast iron pipe line about 4700-feet long. The new well eliminated the need for the Fresh Pond Pump Station. The well pump and associated appurtenances were replaced in 2016.

The water meters which were installed back in 1967 are now over 50-years old are coming up for replacement in the near future. This is estimated to cost from \$100,000 up to \$150,000.

In 1968, 2100-feet of 6-inch cast iron pipe was constructed from the existing hydrant at Sawyer Park on Route 202 to Knightland Road providing Town water to the new homes in Edward's Acres.

In 1981 a 330,000 Concrete Water Tank was built about 600-feet north of the 1935 Reservoir on higher ground and connected to the existing 12-inch cast iron line at the 1935 Reservoir with a new 12-inch ductile iron line. With the addition of covered water storage, chlorination was no longer required and the Route 47 Vault was converted from chlorination to housing the water tank telemetry. Also in 1981, 1700-feet of 8-inch ductile iron pipe was installed on Bible Hill Road from Cold Springs Pond to the 10-inch cast iron line to the Paper Mill, and 3400-feet of 10-inch ductile iron pipe was added from the 10-inch line on Main Street down on Cross Street, across the bridge, up Hancock Road and down Route 202 to the Sawyer Park Hydrant to improve the water flows and pressure along Route 202 and to the homes on Knightland Road.

In 1991 corrosion control measures were added to the water system at the Well Pump House to avoid future costs associated with the degradation of the system assets and to meet Safe Drinking Water regulations.

In 1995 about 2000-feet of 8-inch ductile iron pipe was installed on the railroad bed from the access road to Bennington's pump house to the Antrim Well located down from the Balch Farm Road cul-de-sac. This allows Antrim's Well Pump to provide backup water supply to Bennington and for Bennington's well to be a backup source to Antrim. However, since Antrim's water tank is about 40-feet higher than Bennington's tank, the water line to Bennington's Tank has to be shutoff when one well is providing water to both Antrim and Bennington.

In 1995 the Bennington water well pump was replaced. While the Bennington well pump was out of service for maintenance, the Antrim well supplied water to Bennington.

In 2017 the 900-foot 8-inch ductile iron loop line on Eaton Avenue was completed. This was a project which was started in 2014 with a total cost of about \$72,000.

### **Water System Asset Management Program Development**

In December 2017, a grant request for \$40,000 was submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for development of an Asset Management Program (AMP) for the Bennington Water System. This grant is a 50-50 matching grant program where DES will pay \$20,000 and the Town of Bennington will pay \$20,000 for the project. In concert with this request to NHDES, there is a Warrant Article (#25) on the 2018 Town Warrant for the Town to provide matching funds to allow development of the Bennington Water Asset Management Plan to ensure the safe and efficient supply of dependable drinking water to the Town and sufficient water for fire protection.

The Townspeople should be aware that in the not too distant future significant capital expenditures will be required in order to continue to expand service, maintain adequate pressure and flow rates, and ensure the efficient and safe operation of the water supply. Implementation of the Asset Management Program will allow for the effective planning to obtain these objectives.



### **Bennington Sanitary Sewer System**

The construction of the Bennington Sanitary Sewer System was completed in 1985. This System services the Bennington Village area. There are approximately 95 sanitary sewer connections collecting sanitary sewage from residences, business and public buildings within the village area. This collection system includes 7300-feet of buried 8-inch cast iron pipes, 2300-feet of 6-inch sanitary sewer service pipes, and 38 sanitary sewer manholes. This gravity collection system conveys the Bennington Village sanitary sewage to the Starrett Road Sanitary Sewage Pump Station located across from Alberto's. The sewerage is then conveyed to the Antrim's Sanitary Sewer System for treatment and discharge into the Contoocook River. A 1.6 mile 6-inch force main from the Starrett Road Pump Station is routed down Antrim Road, past the Paper Mill, over the Contoocook River Bridge and on the east side of Route 202 to an Antrim Sanitary Sewer Manhole located between the Route 202 intersections with Pleasant Street and High Street. The Paper Mill has its own sanitary sewage pump station which connects to the 6-inch force main.

From the Antrim Route 202 Sanitary Sewer Manhole, the Bennington sewage then flows by gravity to the Antrim Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) located next to the Contoocook River for treatment and discharge into the river. The Antrim WWTP was constructed in 1984. Per a 1983 Contract between Town of Antrim and Town of Bennington for joint use of the Antrim WWTP, Bennington is entitled to convey approximately 50,000 gallons-per day (gpd) to the WWTP. Current Bennington flows are about 28,000 gpd with about 5% of those flows coming from the Paper Mill.

Per the 1983 Contract, Bennington is responsible for 25% of the WWTP capital costs and a prorated plant operational cost based on flow rates. Antrim quarterly bills Bennington for actual costs of the operation and maintenance of the treatment plant.

As the age of the Bennington Sanitary Sewer System is nearing 40 years, in the not too distant future this system may require major maintenance upgrade costs.

### **Services Provided by Antrim Water Services**

To assure that Water Works facilities provide a safe, adequate, and reliable supply of water to their customers, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) requires that public drinking water systems be under the responsible charge of a primary certified Drinking Water System Operator. To meet that requirement, the operation of the Bennington Water System is the responsibility of the Antrim Water Works and their NHDES certified Superintendent. The Antrim Water Department does provide for the operation and maintenance of both the Bennington's Water and Sanitary Sewer Systems, and quarterly bills Bennington the cost of each of these services provided.

Water system operation and maintenance includes daily inspection of well pump operations, bi-yearly hydrant flushing, quarterly water meter readings, emergency responses such as power outages, system leak repairs and system equipment maintenance as required.

Sanitary Sewer System operation and maintenance include inspection of the Starrett Road Pump Station several times a week, emergency response such as power outages and addressing other issues as may be so required to maintain the safe and efficient operation of system.

### 2018 Projected Work

Pending approval of the NHDES Asset Management Grant Request and the Town Warrant associated with this grant request, the Commissioners are looking forward to the development of the Water System Asset Management Program.

Provided that Bennington's request to NHDES for Leak Testing of the Drinking Water System is accepted, the Bennington water system will be investigated for leaks. The result of this testing will greatly aid in the evaluation of the system water distribution lines.

Other issues to be worked on in 2018 are:

- Review of water and sewer rates,
- Evaluation of water meters,
- Improving the operation of the Antrim and Bennington water connection, and
- Update Emergency Response Plans for both the Water and Sewer Systems.

We hope that all voters will give the Warrant Article (#25) for Asset Management Program development serious thought and vote for this in order that the Commissioners may know what direction the voters would like to see the Water Sewer Department take in future years.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Beck  
Dennis McKenney,  
Richard Reed  
Water Sewer Commissioners

## **Drinking Water System - Asset Management Program**

Modern, well maintained public infrastructure is a public health benefit, enhances safety of all Bennington citizens and supports the value of all property not just the water and sewer customers. Bennington's drinking water infrastructure has assets which over hundred years old. To implement an effective asset management plan, it is necessary to determine what assets there are, the condition of those assets, where these assets are located, and then prioritize the maintenance and improvement of those assets.

In December 2017 Bennington submitted a request to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for a grant of up to \$40,000 of matching funds to develop an Asset Management Program (AMP) for the Town's Drinking Water System. NHDES has notified the Town that the grant has been approved.

The total estimated cost of this development effort is \$40,000 of which NHDES will reimburse the Town up to \$20,000 upon the completion of the Bennington Water AMP. The AMP is planned to be completed and implemented by December 2018. Of the Town's \$20,000 obligation about \$7,000 is planned to be covered by in-kind-services by the Town Staff and volunteer work done by the Commissioners and others. Thus, the estimated actual cost to the Town will be only about \$13,000, after taking account of NHDES grant and allowance for in-kind-services.

Major costs for the development of the AMP involves technical engineering support from The Dufresne Group which includes office engineering services and field collection of survey data, and Geographic Information System (GIS) development services from the Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) to develop a GIS System Map. Other costs involve the software purchase/user fees and possible electronic hardware to support the collection and management of water system management documentation.

The Asset Management Program is intended to be a complete decision-making tool involving the following:

- 1) Taking inventory of existing assets
- 2) Developing electronic document control system and GIS System Map this includes turning paper documents into electronic model of the water system
- 3) Defined level of service that the community is expecting
- 4) Prioritization of assets based on condition assessment and criticality;
- 5) Life cycle cost analysis determine the existing useful life of each asset and determining the costs of future replacement
- 6) Funding strategy for asset maintenance and replacement identified;
- 7) An implementation plan that explains how the community will continue to maintain and use the asset management program; and
- 8) A communication plan with time frame for completion to inform staff, community management and customers of the asset management program and its capabilities
- 9) Organized maintenance and system operations for both effective and efficient system performance

Major objectives of the Asset Management Program are to:

- Increase system knowledge
- Improve system reliability/security
- Maintain Safe and reliable Drinking Water

- Maintain adequate system water pressures and flows for both drinking water and fire protection.
- Reduced overall operational and maintenance costs.
- Planning for future system upgrades and funding of those upgrades
- Develop rates that are fair and as low as possible
- Compliance with new regulations

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT  
JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017**

<b>Unpaid Balance January 1, 2017</b>		\$10,443.68
<b>Charges:</b>		
Water Usage	\$62,113.32	
Water Interest	\$513.92	
Sewer Usage	\$35,015.30	
Sewer Interest	\$367.93	
Disconnect/Restore Fees	\$70.00	
Impending Lien Fees	\$208.00	
Water Connection Backflow Tests	\$135.00	
Water Meter Replacement	+ \$260.00	
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>		+ <u>\$98,683.47</u> \$109,127.15
<b>2017 Credit Carried Forward</b>		- \$130.39
<b>Prepaid 2018</b>		
Water	\$8.48	
Sewer	<u>\$0.00</u>	
		+ \$8.48
<b>Conversion to Lien</b>		
Water	\$766.39	
Sewer	<u>\$907.29</u>	
		- \$1,673.68
<b>Receipts to Treasurer</b>		
Water	\$58,679.45	
Sewer	<u>\$32,306.70</u>	
		- \$90,986.15
<b>Abatements</b>		
Water	\$1,838.53	
Sewer	<u>\$955.38</u>	
		- <u>\$2,793.91</u>
<b>Unpaid Water &amp; Sewer Charges December 31, 2017</b>		\$13,551.50

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

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kristie J. LaPlante  
Tax Collector**

## BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On May 27, 2017, Bennington Historical Society lost its founder and historian, David A. Glynn. Since 1984, David has been dedicated to the Society and his lifetime dedication to the Town of Bennington. He spent many years collecting pictures and memorabilia of the Town which became part of two histories, "A Pictorial History of Bennington, New Hampshire" and "A History of Bennington, New Hampshire." He had a wealth of information about Bennington and could answer most questions asked of him about homes in Town – the age of the home and who lived there. He was also very knowledgeable about antiques and could tell you the monetary and useful value of an item. David was also extremely knowledgeable about Bennington, he will certainly be missed.

Despite our loss, the Society had a busy year. This season each month a guest speaker was scheduled, all subjects were connected to Bennington. "How Glaciers formed Bennington's Modern Economy," guest speaker was Molly Eppig, "12,000 years ago in the Granite State/Abenaki Indians in the Monadnock Region," guest speaker, Robert Goodby, and "Stonewalls in New Hampshire," guest speaker, Kevin Gardner. In September the Society co-hosted a program with the Bennington Library. Richard Kruppa presented "Songs and Stories from World War I." All programs were excellent.

Changes have been made to the exhibits. The new exhibit lists all of Bennington's Police Chiefs and Fire Chiefs since 1936. This exhibit includes names, dates of service and a picture of each. MaryEllen Lindsay spent many hours organizing these two displays.

The annual yard sale in August was a success. Thank you to all that donated items and your time.

October was the annual meeting and drawing of the 50/50 raffle ticket. Brenda Gibbons was voted in as Vice-President; she will replace David Glynn. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Sean Magoon of Bennington.

In December the Society celebrated Christmas with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from Pierce School. Students made Christmas ornaments, decorated our tree, and sang Christmas Carols; students were also involved in a short discussion on Bennington's history. Santa left gifts for each child and refreshments were served; it was a Holiday celebration for all!

The Museum is open from May to October, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. You can also call for a tour, 603-588-4871. New members are always welcome.

## BENNINGTON ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Bennington Energy Committee (BEC) was established in 2010 with the charge to help the Town find ways to save energy and thereby save money. A secondary objective is to help the Town's residents save energy. The vision of the BEC is to find ways for the Town to cut energy costs by 50% by 2020. The BEC will examine all aspects of Town energy use, including both indoor and outdoor usage.

This year, the BEC completed work on reducing the cost of operating the Town's streetlights. Currently, our streets are lit by metal-halide lamps, which are not very efficient. Much of the light generated by the lamp is caught up in the cover of the lamp and does not reach the ground. New technology has created light-emitting diode (LED) lamps that are more efficient, cost less to operate, and have a longer life than metal-halide lamps. LED's can deliver the same illumination as our current lamps but at about half the wattage.

The BEC surveyed the Town's streetlights and created an initial list of lights to be replaced with LED's and lights that could be eliminated. The list went through several iterations with input from the Selectboard. Finally, in July, the Selectboard convened a Hearing to allow townspeople and Town departments to weigh in on the plan. As a result, a final list was generated that calls for the replacement of 35 metal-halide lamps with LED's, the addition of three new LED's, the removal of 11 lights, and the retention of the two very bright lights in front of the Historical Society Museum. Then a request for proposals was issued and a vendor selected to do the work, which will be done in the spring of 2018. Although the two lights near the Historical Society are a requirement of the Transportation Enhancement Project, the BEC is hopeful that the Town can get permission to use lights that are much less bright. This street light replacement project will be completed with a 50-50 matching grant from Eversource.

Toward the end of the year, the BEC began to study the feasibility of using a solar array to provide power to the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Eppig  
Peter Eppig  
Peter Martel  
David McKenzie  
Mike Munhall

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For the last several years the Cemetery Trustees have received money through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation from a donor to be used for special projects that enhance Sunnyside Cemetery. These funds have allowed us the ability to continue our focus of preserving the history held within Sunnyside. We would like to thank Gravestone Services of New England, LLC and Peterborough Marble and Granite for their hard work preserving a number of cemetery stones in both of our cemeteries this year.

Sadly, we were never able to thank the individual that made much of this work possible until now. David Glynn, a long-time resident of Bennington, New Hampshire passed away this year. David was greatly interested in Bennington's history and was very involved with our Town's Historical Society. In his passing, he left money to be used in both Town Cemeteries with the hopes that others would follow in his footsteps in preserving our Town history within the Cemeteries.

In 2017, the Trustees drafted a proposal changing the price for a Cemetery lot to include the cost and placement of four corner stones. The Selectmen approved this proposal. This change will ensure that all sold lots are clearly marked. 2017 also came with continued hardships on Sunnyside Cemetery. Between 2016 and 2017, sections of the fence along Bible Hill Road continued to give way and had to be removed. The Trustees have spent time exploring options for replacing or repairing the fence, however both of these options can be quite costly. We are seeking feedback, ideas, and suggestions from the community regarding the fence. Please contact us with your ideas.

The Trustees will be focusing their time in 2018 updating our Rules and Regulations, identifying trees in both cemeteries (especially Evergreen) that need attention, and developing a plan for the failing fence around Sunnyside Cemetery.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Belcher  
Joshua Segal  
Melissa Clark



Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2017

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father and Mother</u>
01/18/2017	Ryland Michael Mitchell	Peterborough, NH	Matthew and Faith Mitchell
02/03/2017	Walker Cameron Greene	Peterborough, NH	Casey and Jacqueline Greene
02/06/2017	Gabriel Michael Stone	Concom, NH	Michael Stone and Taylor Jones
02/08/2017	Adrienne Jean Pitchard	Peterborough, NH	James and Corinne Pitchard
03/17/2017	Ezekiel Bion Hardwick	Concord, NH	David Hardwick Jr. and Meredith Shepard
04/18/2017	Robert Caiseal Simmons	Lebanon, NH	Matthew and Elizabeth Simmons
05/04/2017	Weston Clyde Johnson	Peterborough, NH	Kodiak Johnson and Tanisha Lowell
05/04/2017	Mabel Marie Johnson	Peterborough, NH	Kodiak Johnson and Tanisha Lowell
05/15/2017	Caroline Elena Fae Molloy	Peterborough, NH	Brian Molloy and Kelly Keenan
05/30/2017	Maddison Rose Debern	Peterborough, NH	Christopher Robidoux and Sabrina Debern
06/21/2017	Samuel Kerry Martin	Peterborough, NH	Ryan Martin and Elizabeth Greene
08/10/2017	Korie Elizabeth Guillemette	Peterborough, NH	Branden Guillemette and Kaitlyn Phillips
09/05/2017	Orion Jonathan Frain	Nashua, NH	Colin and Ashley Frain
09/06/2017	Sophia Kate Cadorette	Peterborough, NH	Austin Cadorette and Krystyna Anderson
09/20/2017	Maurice George Tweedie III	Concord, NH	Maurice Tweedie Jr and Jessica Brooks
09/26/2017	Leo Walker Snyder	Concord, NH	Richard and Erica Snyder
11/03/2017	Jameson Quinn Brouillet	Concord, NH	Chad and Kristina Brouillet

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

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2017**

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride &amp; Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
07/08/2017	Justin P Chacos Emma J Quinn	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
07/22/2017	Marc A Ryan Kelly M Brown	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/19/2017	Colin J Frain Ashley E Gelinias	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/16/2017	David P Hardwick Jr Meredith A Shepard	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/23/2017	Kimball S Buccheri Marion E Langenberg	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/23/2017	Scott A Griswold Elizabeth Zaluki	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/23/2017	Richard D Roberts Jr Elizabeth A Chase	Francesstown, NH Bennington, NH
10/14/2017	Justin A Drew Carlee D Mooney	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH

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 Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2017

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
01/19/2017	Marion Smith	Peterborough, NH	Harold Hilliard	Constance Mitchell
01/22/2017	Mary Townley-Tilson	Manchester, NH	Harold Colby	Abbie Lahey
01/30/2017	Joseph O'Brien	Dover, NH	Robert O'Brien	Eleanor Piantedosi
02/16/2017	Brenda Allen	Manchester, NH	Carlton Behlman	Alice Worcester
03/03/2017	Eugene Speeney	Bennington, NH	Dominic Speeney	Elizabeth Connors
03/16/2017	Fremont Gagnon	Concord, NH	Joseph Gagnon	Marion Drake
09/30/2017	John Spanos	Concord, NH	Louis Spanos	Sadie Beers
10/30/2017	Carol Maki	Bennington, NH	Treffie Lafreniere	Bernice Quint

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

**TOWN OF BENNINGTONS  
OFFICE HOURS  
588-2189**

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

**MEETING SCHEDULES**

Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Energy Committee	First Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Library Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. <i>at the Library</i>
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Recreation Committee	As needed, with proper notice
Selectmen	Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Trustees of Trust Funds	As needed, with proper notice
Water/Sewer Commissioners	First Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**LIBRARY HOURS  
588-6585**

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS  
588-3407**

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.