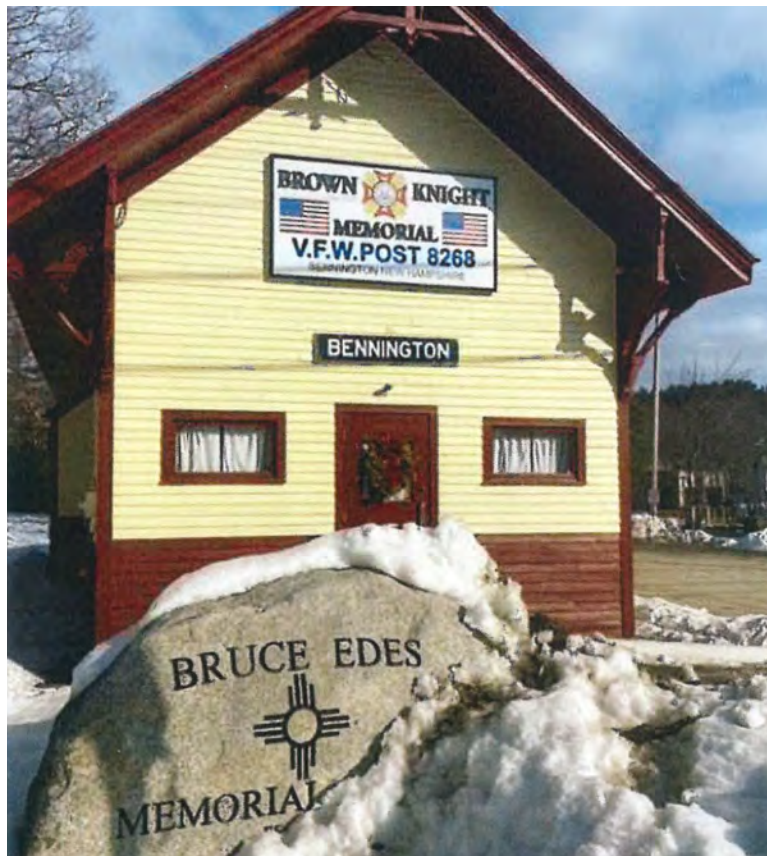


# **2022 ANNUAL REPORTS**



**for the  
TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

### **Bennington Depot/VFW (cover photo)**

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

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**ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

**Term Expires**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

James W. Cleary, Chair ..... March 2024  
David Foster ..... March 2023  
Thomas James..... March 2025

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

Karen Belcher ..... March 2022  
Joshua Segal..... March 2023  
Robert Christianson, Chair..... March 2024

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Colleen Allen..... March 2024  
Jill Wilmoth, Chair ..... March 2025  
Molly Eppig ..... March 2023  
David McKenzie, Alternate ..... March 2022

**MODERATOR**

John J. Cronin, III ..... March 2024

**PLANNING BOARD**

Sam Cohen, Chair ..... March 2023  
Donald Trow, Vice-Chair..... March 2024  
Luke Hardwick..... March 2025  
Todd Wheeler..... March 2025  
Corey Lawrence, Alternate..... March 2023

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Kiera Christian - Resigned..... March 2024

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Brenda Gibbons ..... March 2022  
Walter Turner, Chair ..... March 2024  
Melissa Searles ..... March 2026

**TOWN CLERK**

Debra Belcher ..... March 2022

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

Michael Munhall ..... March 2024  
David Parker..... March 2022  
Bethany Craig ..... March 2023

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Tyler Howe, Chair ..... March 2024  
Jon Charlonne..... March 2023  
Melissa M. Clark ..... March 2025

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Administrator .....        | Debra Davidson         |
| Deputy Administrator ..... | Catherine McGillicuddy |

**BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER .....** John Kendall

**CHIEF OF POLICE .....** Jason LePine

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Director .....           | Keith W. Nason |
| Assistant Director ..... | Jason Powers   |

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief .....

David Foster

**HEALTH OFFICER .....** John Kendall

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

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

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

**RECREATION**

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

**ROAD AGENT .....** Matthew Blanchard

**TAX COLLECTOR .....** Catherine McGillicuddy

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

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

**APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Term Expires**

**BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

**CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE**

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| James Cleary .....      | 2024 |
| David Foster .....      | 2023 |
| David Hardwick Sr. .... | 2022 |

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

**HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

**NEWHALL PARK BOARD**

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

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

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

**ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Molly Eppig, Peter Eppig, David McKenzie

**RHUBARB FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

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

## SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

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

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

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

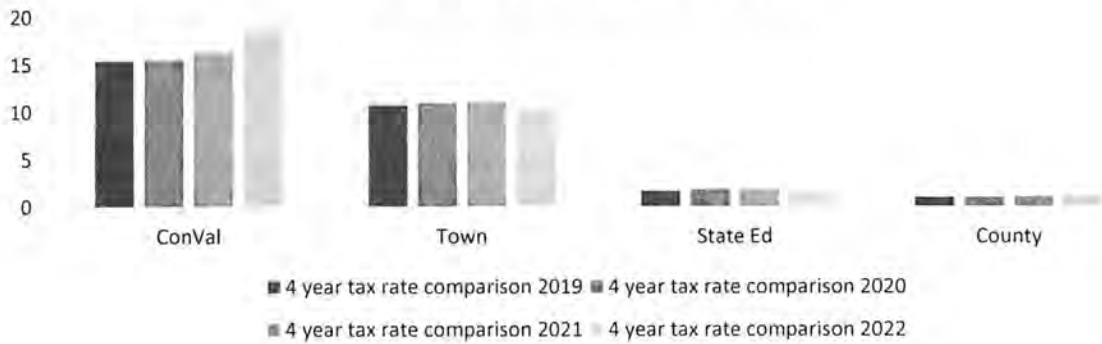
The summer of 2022 the bridge on South Bennington Road was rebuilt by the State of New Hampshire. At the same time this was happening, our water department was setting some water/sewer lines out there. We thank those who took pictures and/or videos to memorialize the project.

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

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



### 4 YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON



#### Tax Rate for 2022

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

James Cleary, Chair  
David Foster  
Thomas James



**Bennington**

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

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)**

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

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

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

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

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

| Name         | Position  | Signature           |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------|
| James Cleary | Chairman  | <i>James Cleary</i> |
| David Foster | Selectman | <i>[Signature]</i>  |
| Thomas James | Selectman | <i>Thomas James</i> |
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**Article 01 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year**  
 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Yes  No

**Article 02 Operating Budget**

Shall the Town of Bennington raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million, eight hundred thirty one thousand, eight hundred five dollars (\$1,831,805.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be one million, seven hundred seventy one thousand, eight hundred fifty three dollars (\$1,771,853), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Yes  No

**Article 03 Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund**

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

Yes  No

**Article 04 Rescue Vehicle CRF**

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

Yes  No

**Article 05 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund**

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

Yes  No

**Article 06 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

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

Yes  No

**Article 07 Mower Capital Reserve Fund**

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

Yes  No



**Article 08 Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund**

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

Yes  No

**Article 09 Dodge Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund**

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

Yes  No

**Article 10 Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund**

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

Yes  No

**Article 11 Water Dept Maintenance/Repairs CRF**

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

Yes  No

**Article 12 Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund**

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

Yes  No

**Article 13 Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund**

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

Yes  No

**Article 14 Fire Department SCBA Capital Reserve Fund**

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

Yes  No



**Article 15 Fire Dept Protective Gear Capital Reserve Fund**

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

Yes  No

**Article 16 Revaluation CRF**

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

Yes  No

**Article 17 Deferred Road Maintenance**

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

Yes  No

**Article 18 Lease with Escape Clause**

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

Yes  No

**Article 19 Veterans Tax Credit Modification**

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

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

Yes  No

**Article 20 Authorize KENO**

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

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

Yes  No



**Article 21 To appropriate to Contoocook Housing Trust**

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

Yes  No

**Article 22 To support Community Volunteer Transportation**

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

Yes  No

**Article 23 Support for the Grapevine & Avenue A**

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

Yes  No

**Article 24 To support the Court Appointed Special Advocate Pr**

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

Yes  No

**Article 25 To support Child Advocacy Center**

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

Yes  No

**Article 26 Support of End 68 Hours of Hunger**

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

Yes  No

**Article 27 Support for American Red Cross**

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

Yes  No



**Article 28 Support for Local Shelter**

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

Yes

No

**Article 29 Support for Cornucopia Project**

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

Yes

No

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

Session 1 of the 2022 Bennington Town Meeting convened on February 9, 2020 at the Pierce School Multi-Purpose Room in Bennington New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town and School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 8, 2022 at Pierce School in Bennington, New Hampshire. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

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

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: February 9, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Pierce Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Details: 19 Main Street

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 9, 2021

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

Location: Pierce Elementary School

Details: 19 Main Street

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

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



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

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

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

The Moderator initiated the following articles:

2. Shall the Town of Bennington raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million, seven hundred seventy-one thousand, eight hundred fifty-three dollars (\$1,771,853.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be one million, seven hundred ninety thousand, four hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$1,790,488), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: Selectmen Cleary spoke to the article noting that the proposed operating budget is a decrease from last year. Ronald Clough asked about the French scholarship. At this time there is \$1,000 in principal, but that cannot be spent. Bethany Craig, Trustee of Trust Funds, noted that a scholarship had been given last year, however, adequate funds were not available in the trust; the balance was taken from the general fund to be dispersed. The account can either be closed or added to. Ronald Clough asked about Fire

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

2022 RESULTS: YES- 181 NO- 47

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES-185 NO- 58

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES-189 NO- 53

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES-173 NO- 69

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES-158 NO- 84

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES-174 NO- 72

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES-165 NO- 78

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES-155 NO- 86

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES-161 NO- 83

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS:        YES-179                    NO- 66

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS:        YES-158                    NO- 73

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS:        YES-149                    NO- 92

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES-181 NO- 61

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES-190 NO- 55

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES-188 NO- 56

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES- 131 NO- 105

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES- 166 NO- 75

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES- 145 NO- 78

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES- 130 NO- 77

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES- 170 NO- 72

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES- 170 NO- 73

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES- 163 NO- 73



THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES- 173 NO- 67

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES- 161 NO- 78

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS: YES- 161 NO- 80

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS:        YES- 153                    NO- 65

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

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

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

2022 RESULTS:        YES- 136                NO- 84

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

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

2022 RESULTS:        YES- 128        NO- 87

THE ARTICLE PASSED

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Karen Belcher  
Bennington Deputy Town Clerk

## 2022 PAYROLL

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

**2022 PAYROLL**

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

**2022 PAYROLL**

**Rebecca Lambert**

|          |                  |           |
|----------|------------------|-----------|
| Cleaning | <u>\$ 460.50</u> | \$ 460.50 |
|----------|------------------|-----------|

**Jason Lepine**

|              |                    |              |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Police Chief | \$ 71,616.90       |              |
| Overtime     | \$ 4,896.06        |              |
| On-Call      | <u>\$ 3,240.00</u> |              |
|              |                    | \$ 79,752.96 |

**Patricia Long**

|          |                    |             |
|----------|--------------------|-------------|
| Cleaning | <u>\$ 1,819.50</u> | \$ 1,819.50 |
|----------|--------------------|-------------|

**Leslie MacGregor**

|                  |                     |              |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Library Director | <u>\$ 50,940.76</u> | \$ 50,940.76 |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------|

**Catherine McGillicuddy**

|                          |                    |              |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Administrative Assistant | \$ 53,650.00       |              |
| Insurance Stipend        | <u>\$ 6,036.00</u> |              |
|                          |                    | \$ 59,686.00 |

**Lester Milton**

|                          |                  |              |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Part-Time Police Officer | \$ 32,714.00     |              |
| Overtime                 | \$ 858.00        |              |
| On-Call                  | \$ 94.00         |              |
| Special Detail Wages     | <u>\$ 360.00</u> |              |
|                          |                  | \$ 34,026.00 |

**Joyce Miner**

|                  |                  |           |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Deputy Treasurer | <u>\$ 500.00</u> | \$ 500.00 |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|

**Keith Nason**

|                      |                    |             |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Fire Department      | \$ 499.76          |             |
| Emergency Management | \$ 2,350.00        |             |
| Non Emergency        | \$ 1,206.17        |             |
| Emergency Calls      | <u>\$ 1,796.09</u> |             |
|                      |                    | \$ 5,852.02 |

**David Parker**

|                           |                    |             |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Recreation Groundskeeping | <u>\$ 3,664.00</u> | \$ 3,664.00 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|

**Jason Powers**

|                 |                    |             |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Fire Department | <u>\$ 1,074.51</u> | \$ 1,074.51 |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|

**Sarah Powers**

|                 |                 |          |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Fire Department | <u>\$ 81.73</u> | \$ 81.73 |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------|

**Greg Sandquist**

|                 |                    |             |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Fire Department | <u>\$ 1,174.65</u> | \$ 1,174.65 |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|

**2022 PAYROLL**

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

# GEP DODGE LIBRARY

Year end Treasurers Report

2022

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

## INCOME

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

## EXPENSES

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

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



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

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

**INCOME (deposits)**

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

**EXPENSES (checks written)**

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

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

**OUTSTANDING (haven't cleared bank)**

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

**RECONCILED BANK BALANCE \$7,455.62**

**OTHER ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 12/30/22:**

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

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

*Rhonda Davie 1/26/23*

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

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

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

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

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

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

current as of 12/30/22 statement

## **GEP DODGE LIBRARY**

### **2022 TOWN REPORT**

2 Main Street ~ 7 School Street, Unit 204, Bennington, NH 03442 ~ 603-588-6585

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Website: [www.dodgelaibrary.com](http://www.dodgelaibrary.com) ~ Online catalog: [dodgelaibrary.biblionix.com](http://dodgelaibrary.biblionix.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Much thanks and gratitude go to the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Catherine McGillicuddy, Rent Collector

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

For the Year ended December 31, 2022

### GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT

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

### CONSERVATION FUND

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



## STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2022

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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

### ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

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

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

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

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

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

CEMETERIES

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

PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - ROADS MAINTENANCE

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

STREET LIGHTING

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

TRANSFER STATION

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

WATER DEPARTMENT

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

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

|                        |    |           |              |
|------------------------|----|-----------|--------------|
| Town of Antrim         | \$ | 55,006.43 |              |
| CMOM Funds             | \$ | 6,750.00  |              |
| Generator Maintenance  | \$ | -         |              |
| Repair Maintenance     | \$ | 180.34    |              |
| Total Sewer Department |    |           | \$ 61,936.77 |

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

|                         |    |       |          |
|-------------------------|----|-------|----------|
| Miscellaneous           | \$ | 90.00 |          |
| Total Health Department |    |       | \$ 90.00 |

## HEALTH AGENCIES

|                           |    |          |             |
|---------------------------|----|----------|-------------|
| Home Health Care          | \$ | 4,000.00 |             |
| Monadnock Family Services | \$ | 1,876.00 |             |
| Total Health Agencies     |    |          | \$ 5,876.00 |

## WELFARE DEPARTMENT

|                                 |    |          |             |
|---------------------------------|----|----------|-------------|
| Welfare Director Salary         | \$ | 168.50   |             |
| Fica/Medicare                   | \$ | 12.90    |             |
| Dues & Subscriptions            | \$ | 240.63   |             |
| Miscellaneous                   | \$ | (626.96) |             |
| Rental Assistance               | \$ | 4,489.62 |             |
| Meals on Wheels                 | \$ | 935.00   |             |
| Food                            | \$ | 99.27    |             |
| Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat | \$ | 4,608.08 |             |
| Total Welfare Department        |    |          | \$ 9,927.04 |

## PARKS AND RECREATION

|                             |    |           |              |
|-----------------------------|----|-----------|--------------|
| Miscellaneous               | \$ | 2,152.23  |              |
| Recreation Activities       | \$ | 535.69    |              |
| Fishing Derby               | \$ | 795.00    |              |
| Little League               | \$ | 2,132.00  |              |
| Rhubarb Festival            | \$ | 957.15    |              |
| Groundskeeping (Labor)      | \$ | 4,826.08  |              |
| Fica/Medicare               | \$ | 214.82    |              |
| Rec Groundskeeping          | \$ | 16,339.55 |              |
| Ball Field Chemical Toilets | \$ | 1,785.00  |              |
| Beach Staff                 | \$ | 1,290.00  |              |
| Beach Water Sample/Analysis | \$ | -         |              |
| Beach Groundskeeping        | \$ | -         |              |
| Beach Supplies              | \$ | 332.70    |              |
| Beach Chem Toilets          | \$ | 770.00    |              |
| Beach Telephone             | \$ | 175.07    |              |
| Total Parks and Recreation  |    |           | \$ 32,305.29 |

## LIBRARY

|                             |    |           |  |
|-----------------------------|----|-----------|--|
| Librarian Salary            | \$ | 50,940.76 |  |
| Librarian Assistants Salary | \$ | 30,723.00 |  |
| As-Needed Assistance        | \$ | 1,011.55  |  |
| Health Insurance            | \$ | 22,574.87 |  |
| Dental Insurance            | \$ | 556.53    |  |
| Fica/Medicare               | \$ | 6,285.02  |  |
| Retirement                  | \$ | 5,689.84  |  |
| Technology                  | \$ | 557.12    |  |
| Photo Copier                | \$ | 2,072.00  |  |
| Telephone                   | \$ | 475.95    |  |
| Conference Fees             | \$ | 310.00    |  |
| Office Supplies             | \$ | 1,612.08  |  |
| Computer Replacement        | \$ | 418.24    |  |
| Program Supplies            | \$ | 945.24    |  |
| Book Collection             | \$ | 10,788.30 |  |
| Media Collection            | \$ | 5,000.00  |  |

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

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





Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted

**Bennington**

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

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

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



**Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted**

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



Revised Estimated Revenues Summary

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

Assessment Overview

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Appropriations              | \$2,017,453        |
| (Less) Total Revenues and Credits | \$689,947          |
| <b>Net Assessment</b>             | <b>\$1,327,506</b> |

Explanation of Adjustments

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



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Revised Estimated Revenues

**Bennington**

(RSA 21-J:34)

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

**PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION**

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

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

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Revised Estimated Revenues

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



**Revised Estimated Revenues**

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



Revised Estimated Revenues Summary

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



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Default Budget of the Municipality

**Bennington**

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

*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 31, 2022

**GOVERNING BODY OR BUDGET COMMITTEE 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 |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| James W Cleary | Selectman |           |
| David Foster   | Selectman |           |
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**Appropriations**

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



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



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| Account                                      | Purpose                                            | Prior Year<br>Adopted Budget | Reductions or<br>Increases | One-Time<br>Appropriations | Default Budget     |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Conservation and Development</b>          |                                                    |                              |                            |                            |                    |
| 4611-4612                                    | Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources | \$931                        | \$0                        | \$0                        | \$931              |
| 4619                                         | Other Conservation                                 | \$1,133                      | \$0                        | \$0                        | \$1,133            |
| 4631-4632                                    | Redevelopment and Housing                          | \$0                          | \$0                        | \$0                        | \$0                |
| 4651-4659                                    | Economic Development                               | \$0                          | \$0                        | \$0                        | \$0                |
| <b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b> |                                                    | <b>\$2,064</b>               | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$2,064</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>\$1,790,488</b>           | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$1,790,488</b> |



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**Reasons for Reductions/Increases & One-Time Appropriations**

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



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**Default Budget of the Municipality  
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For the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023


*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 subdivisi*

**AMENDED February 8, 2023**

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**GOVERNING BODY OR BUDGET COMMITTEE 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                                                                           |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| James Cleary | Chairman  |  |
| David Foster | Selectman |                                                                                     |
| Thomas James | Selectman |                                                                                     |
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| Account                                   | Purpose                                      | Prior Year Adopted Budget | Reductions or Increases | One-Time Appropriations | Default Budget |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>General Government</b>                 |                                              |                           |                         |                         |                |
| 4130-4139                                 | Executive                                    | \$166,906                 | \$12,999                | \$0                     | \$166,906      |
| 4140-4149                                 | Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics | \$51,834                  | \$2,244                 | \$0                     | \$51,834       |
| 4150-4151                                 | Financial Administration                     | \$49,105                  | (\$3,157)               | \$0                     | \$49,105       |
| 4152                                      | Revaluation of Property                      | \$9,775                   | (\$185)                 | \$0                     | \$9,775        |
| 4153                                      | Legal Expense                                | \$6,000                   | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$6,000        |
| 4155-4159                                 | Personnel Administration                     | \$23,249                  | (\$3,122)               | \$0                     | \$23,249       |
| 4191-4193                                 | Planning and Zoning                          | \$5,896                   | \$43                    | \$0                     | \$5,896        |
| 4194                                      | General Government Buildings                 | \$68,056                  | \$15,613                | \$0                     | \$68,056       |
| 4195                                      | Cemeteries                                   | \$15,520                  | \$1,055                 | \$0                     | \$15,520       |
| 4196                                      | Insurance                                    | \$31,540                  | \$4,150                 | \$0                     | \$31,540       |
| 4197                                      | Advertising and Regional Association         | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| 4199                                      | Other General Government                     | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| General Government Subtotal               |                                              | \$427,881                 | \$29,640                | \$0                     | \$467,521      |
| <b>Public Safety</b>                      |                                              |                           |                         |                         |                |
| 4210-4214                                 | Police                                       | \$379,413                 | (\$272)                 | \$0                     | \$379,413      |
| 4215-4219                                 | Ambulance                                    | \$25,000                  | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$25,000       |
| 4220-4229                                 | Fire                                         | \$77,498                  | \$500                   | \$0                     | \$77,498       |
| 4240-4249                                 | Building Inspection                          | \$3,415                   | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$3,415        |
| 4290-4298                                 | Emergency Management                         | \$3,920                   | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$3,920        |
| 4299                                      | Other (Including Communications)             | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| Public Safety Subtotal                    |                                              | \$489,246                 | \$228                   | \$0                     | \$489,474      |
| <b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>            |                                              |                           |                         |                         |                |
| 4301-4309                                 | Airport Operations                           | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal          |                                              | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| <b>Highways and Streets</b>               |                                              |                           |                         |                         |                |
| 4311                                      | Administration                               | \$234,756                 | (\$2,064)               | \$0                     | \$234,756      |
| 4312                                      | Highways and Streets                         | \$156,500                 | \$1,000                 | \$0                     | \$156,500      |
| 4313                                      | Bridges                                      | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| 4316                                      | Street Lighting                              | \$5,000                   | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$5,000        |
| 4319                                      | Other                                        | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| Highways and Streets Subtotal             |                                              | \$396,256                 | (\$1,064)               | \$0                     | \$395,192      |
| <b>Sanitation</b>                         |                                              |                           |                         |                         |                |
| 4321                                      | Administration                               | \$33,203                  | (\$150)                 | \$0                     | \$33,203       |
| 4323                                      | Solid Waste Collection                       | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| 4324                                      | Solid Waste Disposal                         | \$67,552                  | \$750                   | \$0                     | \$67,552       |
| 4325                                      | Solid Waste Cleanup                          | \$4,800                   | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$4,800        |
| 4326-4328                                 | Sewage Collection and Disposal               | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| 4329                                      | Other Sanitation                             | \$1,100                   | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$1,100        |
| Sanitation Subtotal                       |                                              | \$106,655                 | \$600                   | \$0                     | \$107,255      |
| <b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>   |                                              |                           |                         |                         |                |
| 4331                                      | Administration                               | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| 4332                                      | Water Services                               | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| 4335                                      | Water Treatment                              | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| 4338-4339                                 | Water Conservation and Other                 | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal |                                              | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |
| <b>Electric</b>                           |                                              |                           |                         |                         |                |
| 4351-4352                                 | Administration and Generation                | \$0                       | \$0                     | \$0                     | \$0            |



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

Health

|                 |                                       |         |        |     |         |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|-----|---------|
| 4411            | Administration                        | \$12    | \$90   | \$0 | \$12    |
| 4414            | Pest Control                          | \$200   | \$0    | \$0 | \$200   |
| 4415-4419       | Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other | \$5,876 | (\$31) | \$0 | \$5,876 |
| Health Subtotal |                                       | \$6,088 | \$69   | \$0 | \$6,147 |

Welfare

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

Culture and Recreation

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

Conservation and Development

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

Debt Service

|                       |                                       |         |     |     |         |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|---------|
| 4711                  | Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal | \$0     | \$0 | \$0 | \$0     |
| 4721                  | Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest  | \$0     | \$0 | \$0 | \$0     |
| 4723                  | Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest     | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,000 |
| 4790-4799             | Other Debt Service                    | \$0     | \$0 | \$0 | \$0     |
| Debt Service Subtotal |                                       | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,000 |

Capital Outlay

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

Operating Transfers Out

|       |                                      |          |          |     |          |
|-------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----|----------|
| 4912  | To Special Revenue Fund              | \$0      | \$0      | \$0 | \$0      |
| 4913  | To Capital Projects Fund             | \$0      | \$0      | \$0 | \$0      |
| 4914A | To Proprietary Fund - Airport        | \$0      | \$0      | \$0 | \$0      |
| 4914E | To Proprietary Fund - Electric       | \$0      | \$0      | \$0 | \$0      |
| 4914O | To Proprietary Fund - Other          | \$0      | \$0      | \$0 | \$0      |
| 4914S | To Proprietary Fund - Sewer          | \$47,300 | \$23,950 | \$0 | \$47,300 |
| 4914W | To Proprietary Fund - Water          | \$82,961 | \$2,266  | \$0 | \$82,961 |
| 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      |



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| 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>\$130,261</b>   | <b>\$26,216</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$156,477</b>   |
| <b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b> |                               | <b>\$1,771,853</b> | <b>\$67,604</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$1,839,457</b> |





**Proposed Budget**

**Bennington**

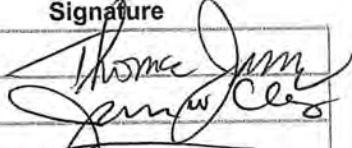

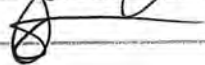
For the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

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

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**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                                                                           |
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| THOMAS JAMES | selectman |  |
| JAMES CLEARY | Selectman |  |
| David Foster | Selectman |  |
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**Appropriations**

| Account                        | Purpose                                      | Article | Expenditures for | Appropriations    | Proposed Appropriations for period |                   |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                |                                              |         | period ending    | for period ending | ending 12/31/2023                  |                   |
|                                |                                              |         | 12/31/2022       | 12/31/2022        | (Recommended)                      | (Not Recommended) |
| <b>General Government</b>      |                                              |         |                  |                   |                                    |                   |
| 4130-4139                      | Executive                                    | 02      | \$166,794        | \$166,906         | \$179,905                          | \$0               |
| 4140-4149                      | Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics | 02      | \$42,411         | \$51,834          | \$54,078                           | \$0               |
| 4150-4151                      | Financial Administration                     | 02      | \$30,145         | \$49,105          | \$44,652                           | \$0               |
| 4152                           | Revaluation of Property                      | 02      | \$8,663          | \$9,775           | \$9,590                            | \$0               |
| 4153                           | Legal Expense                                | 02      | \$3,979          | \$6,000           | \$6,000                            | \$0               |
| 4155-4159                      | Personnel Administration                     | 02      | \$15,887         | \$23,249          | \$20,127                           | \$0               |
| 4191-4193                      | Planning and Zoning                          | 02      | \$2,808          | \$5,896           | \$5,939                            | \$0               |
| 4194                           | General Government Buildings                 | 02      | \$63,036         | \$68,056          | \$83,669                           | \$0               |
| 4195                           | Cemeteries                                   | 02      | \$10,071         | \$15,520          | \$16,575                           | \$0               |
| 4196                           | Insurance                                    | 02      | \$22,416         | \$31,540          | \$35,694                           | \$0               |
| 4197                           | Advertising and Regional Association         |         | \$0              | \$0               | \$0                                | \$0               |
| 4199                           | Other General Government                     |         | \$0              | \$0               | \$0                                | \$0               |
|                                | <b>General Government Subtotal</b>           |         | <b>\$366,210</b> | <b>\$427,881</b>  | <b>\$456,229</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>        |
| <b>Public Safety</b>           |                                              |         |                  |                   |                                    |                   |
| 4210-4214                      | Police                                       | 02      | \$387,719        | \$379,413         | \$379,141                          | \$0               |
| 4215-4219                      | Ambulance                                    | 02      | \$25,000         | \$25,000          | \$25,000                           | \$0               |
| 4220-4229                      | Fire                                         | 02      | \$71,099         | \$77,498          | \$77,998                           | \$0               |
| 4240-4249                      | Building Inspection                          | 02      | \$1,801          | \$3,415           | \$3,415                            | \$0               |
| 4290-4298                      | Emergency Management                         | 02      | \$42,601         | \$3,920           | \$3,920                            | \$0               |
| 4299                           | Other (Including Communications)             |         | \$0              | \$0               | \$0                                | \$0               |
|                                | <b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>                |         | <b>\$528,220</b> | <b>\$489,246</b>  | <b>\$489,474</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                               | 02      | \$236,774        | \$234,756         | \$232,692                          | \$0               |
| 4312                           | Highways and Streets                         | 02      | \$80,608         | \$156,500         | \$157,500                          | \$0               |
| 4313                           | Bridges                                      |         | \$0              | \$0               | \$0                                | \$0               |
| 4316                           | Street Lighting                              | 02      | \$4,648          | \$5,000           | \$5,000                            | \$0               |
| 4319                           | Other                                        |         | \$0              | \$0               | \$0                                | \$0               |
|                                | <b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>         |         | <b>\$322,030</b> | <b>\$396,256</b>  | <b>\$395,192</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>        |



**Appropriations**

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



**Appropriations**

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                              |                                                    |         | period ending    | for period ending | ending 12/31/2023                  |                   |
|                                              |                                                    |         | 12/31/2022       | 12/31/2022        | (Recommended)                      | (Not Recommended) |
| <b>Conservation and Development</b>          |                                                    |         |                  |                   |                                    |                   |
| 4611-4612                                    | Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources | 02      | \$329            | \$931             | \$981                              | \$0               |
| 4619                                         | Other Conservation                                 | 02      | \$936            | \$1,183           | \$1,133                            | \$0               |
| 4631-4632                                    | Redevelopment and Housing                          |         | \$0              | \$0               | \$0                                | \$0               |
| 4651-4659                                    | Economic Development                               |         | \$0              | \$0               | \$0                                | \$0               |
| <b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b> |                                                    |         | <b>\$1,265</b>   | <b>\$2,114</b>    | <b>\$2,114</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                  | 02      | \$0              | \$3,000           | \$3,000                            | \$0               |
| 4790-4799                                    | Other Debt Service                                 |         | \$0              | \$0               | \$0                                | \$0               |
| <b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>                 |                                                    |         | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$3,000</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                  |         | \$45,000         | \$45,000          | \$0                                | \$0               |
| <b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>               |                                                    |         | <b>\$45,000</b>  | <b>\$45,000</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                        | 02      | \$47,300         | \$47,300          | \$71,250                           | \$0               |
| 4914W                                        | To Proprietary Fund - Water                        | 02      | \$82,961         | \$82,961          | \$80,695                           | \$0               |
| 4918                                         | To Non-Expendable Trust Funds                      |         | \$0              | \$0               | \$0                                | \$0               |
| 4919                                         | To Fiduciary Funds                                 |         | \$0              | \$0               | \$0                                | \$0               |
| <b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>      |                                                    |         | <b>\$130,261</b> | <b>\$130,261</b>  | <b>\$151,945</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>        |
| <b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b> |                                                    |         |                  |                   | <b>\$1,831,805</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>        |



Special Warrant Articles

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



**Individual Warrant Articles**

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



Revenues

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



Revenues

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





**Budget Summary**

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



Report of Appropriations Actually Voted

**Bennington**

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

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

| Name           | Position  | Signature             |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| James w Cleary | Selectman | <i>James w Cleary</i> |
| David E Foster | Selectman | <i>David E Foster</i> |
| Thomas James   | Selectman | <i>Thomas James</i>   |
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**Appropriations**

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



**Appropriations**

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



Appropriations

| Account                                 | Purpose                               | Article                                     | Appropriations As Voted |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <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     | 02                                          | \$3,000                 |
| 4790-4799                               | Other Debt Service                    |                                             | \$0                     |
| <b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>            |                                       |                                             | <b>\$3,000</b>          |
| <b>Capital Outlay</b>                   |                                       |                                             |                         |
| 4901                                    | Land                                  |                                             | \$0                     |
| 4902                                    | Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment    |                                             | \$0                     |
| 4903                                    | Buildings                             |                                             | \$0                     |
| 4909                                    | Improvements Other than Buildings     | 17                                          | \$45,000                |
| <b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>          |                                       |                                             | <b>\$45,000</b>         |
| <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           | 02                                          | \$47,300                |
| 4914W                                   | To Proprietary Fund - Water           | 02                                          | \$82,961                |
| 4915                                    | To Capital Reserve Fund               | 03,04,05,06,0<br>7,09,10,11,12<br>,14,15,16 | \$154,500               |
| 4916                                    | To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds  | 08,13                                       | \$35,000                |
| 4917                                    | To Health Maintenance Trust Funds     |                                             | \$0                     |
| 4918                                    | To Non-Expendable Trust Funds         |                                             | \$0                     |
| 4919                                    | To Fiduciary Funds                    |                                             | \$0                     |
| <b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b> |                                       |                                             | <b>\$319,761</b>        |
| <b>Total Voted Appropriations</b>       |                                       |                                             | <b>\$2,017,053</b>      |





## Bennington Summary Inventory of Valuation

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

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

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| Approver                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|
| John Hatfield (Commerford, Neider, Perki) |

| Municipal Officials |           |                                                                                      |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name                | Position  | Signature                                                                            |
| James W. Cleary     | Chairman  |   |
| Thomas James        | Selectman |  |
| David Foster        | Selectman |                                                                                      |

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

Preparer's Signature



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



**Utility Value Appraiser**

Brian D. Fogg

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

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





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

**Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report**

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

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

**Elderly Exemption Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

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

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

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

Granted/Adopted? No

Structures:

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

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

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

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

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

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:

Total Exemption Granted:

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

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a:

Current Assessed Value:



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

**Other Current Use Statistics**

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

**Land Use Change Tax**

|                                         |                           |                           |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year |                           | \$3,800                   |
| Conservation Allocation                 | <b>Percentage: 50.00%</b> | <b>Dollar Amount:</b> \$0 |
| Monies to Conservation Fund             |                           | \$0                       |
| Monies to General Fund                  |                           | \$3,800                   |

**Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B**

|                                         | Acres       | Valuation  |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Farm Land                               | 0.00        | \$0        |
| Forest Land                             | 0.00        | \$0        |
| Forest Land with Documented Stewardship | 0.00        | \$0        |
| Unproductive Land                       | 0.00        | \$0        |
| Wet Land                                | 0.00        | \$0        |
|                                         | <b>0.00</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

**Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics**

|                                                                                     |                 |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------|
| 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>   |      |
| 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  |

**Notes**

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### Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning  and ending

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

#### Instructions

##### Cover Page

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

##### For Assistance Please Contact:

**NH DRA Municipal and Property Division**  
Phone: (603) 230-5090  
Fax: (603) 230-5947  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

#### ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality:  County:  Report Year:

#### PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name  Last Name

Street No.  Street Name  Phone Number

Email (optional)



**New Hampshire**  
 Department of  
 Revenue Administration

**MS-61**

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

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

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



**New Hampshire**  
 Department of  
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**MS-61**

**Credits**

| Remitted to Treasurer                      | Levy for Year<br>of this Report | Prior Levies |      |      |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------|------|
|                                            |                                 | 2021         | 2020 | 2019 |
| Property Taxes                             | \$3,863,903.23                  | \$294,447.14 |      |      |
| Resident Taxes                             |                                 |              |      |      |
| Land Use Change Taxes                      | \$24,575.00                     |              |      |      |
| Yield Taxes                                | \$105.26                        | \$5,272.49   |      |      |
| Interest (Include Lien Conversion)         | \$1,707.02                      | \$6,685.01   |      |      |
| Penalties                                  | \$50.00                         | \$2,113.00   |      |      |
| Excavation Tax                             | \$595.38                        | \$459.84     |      |      |
| Other Taxes                                | \$111,895.55                    | \$11,125.60  |      |      |
| Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)        |                                 | \$70,240.44  |      |      |
| <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/> |                                 |              |      |      |
| Discounts Allowed                          |                                 |              |      |      |

| Abatements Made                            | Levy for Year<br>of this Report | Prior Levies |      |      |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------|------|
|                                            |                                 | 2021         | 2020 | 2019 |
| Property Taxes                             | \$7,533.07                      | \$1,034.00   |      |      |
| Resident Taxes                             |                                 |              |      |      |
| Land Use Change Taxes                      | \$5,200.00                      |              |      |      |
| Yield Taxes                                | \$10,886.68                     |              |      |      |
| Excavation Tax                             |                                 |              |      |      |
| Other Taxes                                | \$1,140.40                      |              |      |      |
| <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/> |                                 |              |      |      |
| Current Levy Deeded                        |                                 |              |      |      |



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

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



**Lien Summary**

**Summary of Debits**

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

**Summary of Credits**

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

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





**BENNINGTON (41)**

**1. CERTIFY THIS FORM**

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

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Catherine

McGillicuddy

1-5-2023

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**

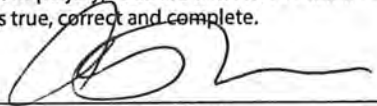
Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

**3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM**

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

**PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION**

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

 Tax Collector  
Preparer's Signature and Title



## Tax Rate Breakdown Bennington

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

| Village Tax Rate Calculation |            |           |          |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Jurisdiction                 | Tax Effort | Valuation | Tax Rate |
| <b>Total</b>                 |            |           |          |

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                        |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <br>Sam Greene<br>Director of Municipal and Property Division<br>New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration | 11/17/2022 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|

## Appropriations and Revenues

### Municipal Accounting Overview

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

### County Apportionment

| Description                           | Appropriation    | Revenue |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Net County Apportionment              | \$158,523        |         |
| <b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b> | <b>\$158,523</b> |         |

### Education

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

## Valuation

### Municipal (MS-1)

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

### Village (MS-1V)

| Description | Current Year |
|-------------|--------------|
|-------------|--------------|

## Bennington

### Tax Commitment Verification

#### 2022 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

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

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

|                                                                        |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <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 2022 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 2022 Tax Rate | \$31.65        | \$15.83              |

Associated Villages

## Fund Balance Retention

|                                                |                    |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds</b> | <b>\$130,261</b>   |
| <b>General Fund Operating Expenses</b>         | <b>\$4,679,596</b> |
| <b>Final Overlay</b>                           | <b>\$1,737</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), (2015), *Best Practice: Fund Balance Guidelines for the General Fund.*

[3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance.*

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

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

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

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

# TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year ended December 31, 2022

## GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT

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

## CONSERVATION FUND

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

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

| First Deposit            | Name of Fund                                           | Purpose of Fund            | How Invested | PRINCIPAL                 |                                |                     | INCOME                    |            |                      | TOTAL     | Ending Market Value |                     |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                          |                                                        |                            |              | Balance Beginning of Year | Additions-Withdrawal Gain-Loss | Balance End of Year | Balance Beginning of Year | Net Income | Expended During Year |           |                     | Balance End of Year |
| <b>CEMETERY TRUSTS</b>   |                                                        |                            |              |                           |                                |                     |                           |            |                      |           |                     |                     |
| 1946-1960                | Mount Calvary Cemetery                                 | Perpetual Care             | Common TF    | 826.93                    | 18.17                          | 845.10              | 572.51                    | 41.71      | 0.00                 | 614.22    | 1,459.32            | 1,400.06            |
| 1905-1997                | Sunnyside Cemetery                                     | Perpetual Care             | Common TF    | 12,638.11                 | 185.85                         | 12,823.96           | 1,973.83                  | 428.84     | 406.85               | 1,995.82  | 14,819.78           | 14,217.94           |
| 1913-2011                | Evergreen Cemetery                                     | Perpetual Care             | Common TF    | 16,476.99                 | 316.52                         | 16,793.51           | 8,760.17                  | 732.56     | 1,102.53             | 8,390.20  | 25,183.71           | 24,161.00           |
| 1945                     | Lizzie Holt Evergreen Cemetery Special Projects        | Special Projects           | Common TF    | 33,090.73                 | 535.79                         | 33,626.52           | 8,161.78                  | 1,230.62   | 0.00                 | 9,392.40  | 43,018.92           | 41,272.03           |
| 2018                     | David Glynn Estate Evergreen Cemetery Special Projects | Special Projects           | Common TF    | 7,562.72                  | 108.64                         | 7,671.36            | 801.29                    | 249.50     | 0.00                 | 1,050.79  | 8,722.15            | 8,367.97            |
| Total Cemetery Trusts    |                                                        |                            |              | 70,595.48                 | 1,164.97                       | 71,760.45           | 20,269.58                 | 2,683.23   | 1,509.38             | 21,443.43 | 93,203.88           | 89,419.00           |
| <b>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</b> |                                                        |                            |              |                           |                                |                     |                           |            |                      |           |                     |                     |
| 2013                     | Sunnyside Cemetery Expendable Trust                    | Enhance Sunnyside Cemetery | Common TF    | 0.00                      | 0.00                           | 0.00                | 25,545.17                 | 6,512.45   | 11,669.33            | 20,388.29 | 20,388.29           | 19,560.37           |
| Total Expendable Trusts  |                                                        |                            |              | 0.00                      | 0.00                           | 0.00                | 25,545.17                 | 6,512.45   | 11,669.33            | 20,388.29 | 20,388.29           | 19,560.37           |
| <b>SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS</b> |                                                        |                            |              |                           |                                |                     |                           |            |                      |           |                     |                     |
| 1994                     | Edward French                                          | Scholarship                | Common TF    | 1,073.33                  | 13.92                          | 1,087.25            | 900.69                    | 32.97      | 902.68               | 30.98     | 1,118.23            | 1,072.82            |
| 2010                     | Bruce Edes                                             | Scholarship                | Common TF    | 35,675.90                 | 549.47                         | 36,225.37           | 6,629.71                  | 1,262.07   | 0.00                 | 7,891.78  | 44,117.15           | 42,325.67           |
| Total Scholarship Funds  |                                                        |                            |              | 36,749.23                 | 563.39                         | 37,312.62           | 7,530.40                  | 1,295.04   | 902.68               | 7,922.76  | 45,235.38           | 43,398.49           |
| <b>GENERAL</b>           |                                                        |                            |              |                           |                                |                     |                           |            |                      |           |                     |                     |
| 2019                     | Historical Buildings Maintenance (Glynn Trust)-017     | Maintenance & Improvement  | Common TF    | 250,282.37                | -15,683.21                     | 234,599.16          | 15,379.10                 | 7,781.64   | 0.00                 | 23,160.74 | 257,759.90          | 247,293.05          |
| 2019                     | Town Square Fund (Glynn Trust)-019                     | Maintenance & Improvement  | Common TF    | 74,559.92                 | 1,028.09                       | 75,588.01           | 4,597.50                  | 2,361.39   | 0.00                 | 6,958.89  | 82,546.90           | 79,194.88           |
| Total General            |                                                        |                            |              | 324,842.29                | -14,655.12                     | 310,187.17          | 19,976.60                 | 10,143.03  | 0.00                 | 30,119.63 | 340,306.80          | 326,487.93          |
| <b>LIBRARY</b>           |                                                        |                            |              |                           |                                |                     |                           |            |                      |           |                     |                     |
| 2013                     | Emma Gipson Trust-027                                  | Library                    | Common TF    | 82,266.77                 | 1,075.09                       | 83,341.86           | 522.69                    | 2,466.68   | 2,279.12             | 710.25    | 84,052.11           | 80,638.97           |
| 2013                     | Bennington Women's Club-028                            | Library                    | Common TF    | 159.41                    | 2.08                           | 161.49              | 1.02                      | 4.78       | 4.42                 | 1.38      | 162.87              | 156.26              |
| 2018                     | Dodge Library Books-David Glynn Estate                 | Purchase of Books          | Common TF    | 50,395.96                 | 658.65                         | 51,054.61           | 323.55                    | 1,511.15   | 1,399.58             | 435.12    | 51,489.73           | 49,398.86           |
| Total Library            |                                                        |                            |              | 132,822.14                | 1,735.82                       | 134,557.96          | 847.26                    | 3,982.61   | 3,683.12             | 1,146.75  | 135,704.71          | 130,194.09          |



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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION  
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT  
01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

-- BENNINGTON--

| Child's Name                 | Birth Date | Birth Place      | Father's/Parent's Name        | Mother's/Parent's Name                |
|------------------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| JENKS, PHOEBE ELORA          | 02/18/2022 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | JENKS, COREY ANDREW           | MORTON, SAMANTHA BAILEY               |
| GONZALEZ, IRIS MAE           | 04/25/2022 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | GONZALEZ JR, JORGE ENRIQUE    | GONZALEZ, KRISTEN MARIE               |
| TROW, CARTER DES             | 07/28/2022 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | TROW, DANIEL AARON            | TROW, JAYLYN MARIE                    |
| DEMERS, LEILANI SHEENA       | 08/05/2022 | CONCORD, NH      | DEMERS, PATRICK STEVEN        | JOHNSON CORRIVEAU, BRITTNEY ALEXANDRA |
| MEATTEY, HARVEY MATTHEW      | 08/17/2022 | BENNINGTON, NH   | MEATTEY, MATTHEW TODD         | MEATTEY, MERAYA ALEXIS                |
| OGERT, JOEL GLENN            | 09/03/2022 | KEENE, NH        | OGERT, WILLIAM JAMES          | DUBE, JACQUELINE MARIE                |
| ENGLAND, EMERY ANDREW ROBERT | 11/02/2022 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | ENGLAND, STORM ANDREW TIMOTHY | SHAY, ZAPHILA LINNE                   |
| DELEA, HENRY ALLAN           | 12/15/2022 | KEENE, NH        | DELEA, ERIC ALLAN             | DELEA, ASHLEY NICOLE                  |

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

-- BENNINGTON --

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

## RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

--BENNINGTON, NH --

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

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## WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted:

Tyler Howe

Jon Charlonne

Melissa M. Clark

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

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

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

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



## PLODZIK & SANDERSON

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

#### Report on the Financial Statements

##### *Adverse and Unmodified Opinions*

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

##### Summary of Opinions

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

##### *Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities*

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

##### *Unmodified Opinions*

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

##### *Basis for Opinions*

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

##### *Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities*

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

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

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

November 21, 2022  
Concord, New Hampshire

*Blodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kendall, Building Inspector  
Code Enforcement Officer

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Belcher  
Joshua Segal  
Robert Christian



## BENNINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### 2022 Annual Report

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

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

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

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

- *Do more educational outreach.*

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

- *Perambulate the Greenfield townline.*

This townline perambulation has been put off until 2023.

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

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

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

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

Mike Munhall, chair

Zach Allen

Christina Hahn Lightfoot

Pat Long

Joe MacGregor

Jon Manley

Steve Willette

Tom James, ex officio

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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



## **BENNINGTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blanchard, Bennington Road Agent

## HUMAN SERVICES

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

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

Contoocook Valley Transportation – 1-877-428-2882  
Grapevine – 588-2620  
Home Health Care Hospice & Community Services – 532-8353  
NH Community Resources – 2-1-1  
NH Department of Health and Human Services - 1-844-ASK-DHHS (275-3447)  
Salvation Army – 588-2189  
Southern NH Services - 924-2243  
The River Center – 924-6800  
Meals on Wheels – 352-2253

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Davidson  
Human Services Director

## PLANNING BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

The Bennington Planning Board

Sam Cohen, Chair and Sergeant at Arms

Don Trow, Vice Chair

Luke Hardwick

Todd Wheeler

Cory Lawrence, Alternate

Debra Belcher, Recording Secretary

## BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Chief Jason LePine

## 2023 Election Report

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

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

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

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

Sounds simple, doesn't it?

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

For specific cases of voter fraud, see:

[https://www.heritage.org/voterfraud/search?combine&state=All&year&case\\_type=All&fraud\\_type=24493](https://www.heritage.org/voterfraud/search?combine&state=All&year&case_type=All&fraud_type=24493)

For more information on voter fraud allegations, see:

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

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

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

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

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

Clearly, there is still work to do.

Thanks to all who participate!

Walter Turner

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

Brenda Gibbons  
Melissa Searles  
Debra Belcher  
Karen Belcher  
John Cronin

Debra Page  
Barbara Goodwin  
Rhonda Davie

Tom James  
David Foster  
James Cleary  
Lise Lemieux  
Shelly Griswold

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Facebook: Bennington Rec Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Bennington Recycling Center 2022.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted, Tom James Supervisor.



