

**2024
ANNUAL REPORTS**



**for the
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

James W. Griswold Jr. "Griz"
1953-2024

Born at Monadnock Community Hospital on July 20, 1953, Griz graduated from Peterborough High School in 1971. He ran a successful small business, "Griswold and Sons Painting," which he passed on to his son, Jim Griswold III, upon his retirement.

A lifelong resident of Bennington, Griz raised his two sons, Jim and Scott. He was a founder of the Bennington Sportsmen's Club and spent countless hours volunteering at the kids' fishing derby, helping children and enjoying the smiles on their faces as they fished.

In addition to his commitment to serving the community, Griz loved playing golf at the local golf club with his friends and family. He was also known for his exceptional softball skills, having spent many years on the Bennington team.

Griz was well-known and respected in the community, but most importantly, he cherished his family and friends.

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Term Expires

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James W. Cleary, Chair March 2027
Thomas James..... March 2025
Tony Parisi..... March 2026

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Robert Christian, Chair.....March 2025
Karen BelcherMarch 2025
Melissa ClarkMarch 2027

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Colleen Allen..... March 2027
Jill Wilmoth, Chair March 2025
David McKenzie, Alternate March 2025
Molly Eppig March 2026

MODERATOR

John J. Cronin, III March 2026

PLANNING BOARD

Donald Trow..... March 2027
David Hardwick.....March 2026
Luke Hardwick.....March 2025
Todd Wheeler, Vice Chair..... March 2025
Cory Lawrence, Chair..... March 2026

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Michael Hoyt..... March 2027

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Brenda Gibbons March 2028
Walter Turner, Chair..... March 2030
Melissa Searles March 2026

TOWN CLERK

Debra Belcher March 2025

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Michael Munhall March 2027
David Parker..... March 2025
Bethany Craig March 2026

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Jon Charlonne.....March 2025
Melissa M. Clark.....March 2025
Dennis McKenney, Chair.....March 2026

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Robert Christian, Vice Chair..... 2025
Melissa Clark, Chair 2025
Christopher Clough..... 2027
Peter Martel (Appointed)..... 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 Zackary Andersen

HEALTH OFFICER John Kendall

HEALTH OFFICER, DEPUTY Debra Davidson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR Debra Belcher

LIBRARY DIRECTOR..... Leslie MacGregor

RECREATIONMelissa Clark, Justin Drew, Shelly Griswold

ROAD AGENTMatthew Blanchard, Resigned – Douglas J. Wing, Jr., Appointed

TAX COLLECTORCatherine McGillicuddy

TOWN TREASURER Rhonda Davie

DEPUTY TOWN TREASURERJoyce Miner

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Term Expires

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Baybutt	2024
Jon Charlonne	2024
Judith Heddy	2024
Shelly Griswold.....	2027

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Zack Allen.....	2024
Thomas James	2025
Michael Munhall, Chair	2025
Joseph MacGregor	2025
Jon Manley	2025
Stephen Willette.....	2025

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Molly Eppig, David McKenzie, Chair, Deb Davidson, James Cleary, Michael Munhall

RHUBARB FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Library Trustees

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen would like to thank the Townspeople for their continued support and faith in our abilities to serve the Town of Bennington.

As we look back on the past year, we thank everyone of the community who has taken the time to work towards shared goals and a collective effort to enhancing services to the residents.

The Selectmen have continued to make progress with the improvements at the Town Hall. The 2nd floor has successfully been used for our Elections and other Town Functions. Residents have used the space for family events such as birthdays, baby showers and other functions.

The Highway Department, under the leadership of Matt Blanchard, was very busy this past summer with paving several roads, making improvements to Whittemore Lake and more. Matt has chosen to move on and resigned, effective January 1, 2025. Douglas Wing (DJ) has replaced Matt and is eager to follow through with the plans for the betterment of roads in Bennington.

The Police Department also has seen some changes. The department currently has two part-time and two-full time officers. Nick Cole and Bret Sullivan are our part-time officers. Chief LePine, remains our full-time Chief of Police, although he has chosen to retire and will be moving on March 14, 2025 on behalf of the Town of Bennington, we do wish him the best with his retirement. Until then, he remains our Chief.

The Fire Department, under the new leadership of Zack Andersen, has worked on making some changes as well. He will be receiving the new Fire Truck early spring 2025. The department is well-equipped and continues to seek new volunteers.

A group of residents came before the Board of Selectmen, wanting to resurrect the Recreation Committee. Selectmen appointed the group and they have done a wonderful job implementing new programs and bringing back some old. They have plans to improve the committee and we welcome their enthusiasm. They are working well together to bring about a new energy.

The Town remains to have many openings for positions, committee. If you want to support your community and give back, please contact the office and see what is available.

The cyclical re-evaluation was completed, the effort is to keep assessments as close to 100% true value and as accurately assessed as possible. This assures there is proper taxation and proper values, allowing for fair market value of every home in town. Though many have seen an increase in their assessments, this is reflective of the current housing market.

We have worked hard to keep the budgets as flat as possible, but remember, we can only control the Town portion of the tax rate. It is important to get involved, vote and make a difference.

Selectmen express their heartfelt gratitude to all employees, committee members, volunteers, residents of Bennington. Serving this community is our honor, and together, we are creating a place that is not only wonderful to live in, but also is a great community to grow, play and relax. We are looking forward to what we can accomplish moving forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Cleary, Chairman
Thomas James, Selectman
Tony Parisi, Selectman

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2024 TOWN MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION-SESSION 1
AND
MARCH 12, 2024 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS-SESSION 2**

Session 1 of the 2024 Bennington Town Meeting convened on February 5, 2024 at the Bennington Town Hall gymnasium in Bennington New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town and School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 12, 2024 at the Bennington Town Hall 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 5, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Bennington Town Hall Gymnasium

Details: 7 School Street, Second floor

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 12, 2024,

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

Location: Bennington Town Hall Gymnasium

Details: 7 School 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.

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 two million, nine thousand, eighty three (\$2,009,083). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be one million, eight hundred eighty two thousand, five hundred seventy one dollars (\$1,882,571), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Recommended by Board of Selectmen. (Majority Vote Required).

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that there has been an increase due to new employees and an increase in insurance. The Town has also purchased AEDs for town buildings. There was no discussion and no amendments were introduced. The article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES-251 NO- 143
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?
Recommended by the Selectmen.

Note: Selectman James asked Fire Chief Foster to speak to the article. Chief Foster noted that this is the annual appropriation for replacement of a fire truck. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 278 NO- 132
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?
Recommended by the Selectmen.

Note: Selectman Parisi asked Fire Chief Foster to speak to the article. Fire Chief Foster noted that this is an annual appropriation for the rescue vehicle. A new Tahoe was purchased last year. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 294 NO- 117
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?
Recommended by the Selectmen

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that there is currently \$18,258.74 in this reserve fund. The 2019 Ford is scheduled to be replaced in 2025. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 252 NO- 156
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?
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

Note: Selectman James asked Road Agent Blanchard to speak to the article. There is approximately \$12,700 in the Capital Reserve Fund. A new dump truck was just purchased. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 280 NO- 118
THE ARTICLE PASSED

7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

Note: Selectman Parisi spoke to the article noting that there is currently \$13,019.40 in the Capital Reserve Fund. Alan Wilson asked how often the mower gets replaced. A new mower was purchased this past year. It is replaced approximately every 7 to 8 years. It is used to mow Sawyer Field and the old one will be kept in addition to the new one. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 229 NO- 172
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?
Recommended by the Selectmen.

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that there is \$143,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 257 NO- 143
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?
Recommended by the Selectmen.

Note: Selectman James asked Leslie MacGregor, the GEP Dodge Librarian to speak to the article. Mrs. MacGregor noted that the funds have been used to paint the outside, windowsills in the basement, repair roof, and oil tank. The funds are used for general maintenance.

Anmarie Wilson asked what is being done to make the library ADA compliant. There is a building fund that will be used for that. The line item is to be used for structural repairs and library supplies. Currently the library takes on-line requests and phone calls to get books and other library materials to patrons. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 266 NO- 140
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?
Recommended by the Selectmen.

Note: Selectman Parisi spoke to the article noting that there is currently \$127,149.90 in the Capital Reserve Fund. Jeffrey Rose asked if there is a priority for roads to be worked on. Road Agent Blanchard stated that Old Greenfield Road is the next road to be worked on. The next road will be determined by need. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 307 NO- 98
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?
Recommended by the Selectmen.

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that there currently is \$143,102.56 in the Capital Reserve Fund. This fund was created to do work on the water tower on Route 47 and the well pump. Anmarie Wilson asked when Antrim comes, where does the money that is paid to Antrim go? Antrim is paid from Bennington's operating budget. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 268 NO- 134
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
Recommended by Selectmen

Note: Selectman James spoke to the article noting that this is for the care of the sidewalks.

Anmarie Wilson noted that Antrim had gotten a grant, but Bennington Water and Sewer minutes implied that it was not worthwhile to pursue. She would like to see the sidewalk extended to Alberto's.

Robert English noted that he would like to see the sidewalks made large enough for wheelchairs.

Crystal Maki noted that she does not feel that the sidewalks and crosswalks are maintained well. They are not cleared of ice and snow for the kids to walk to school.

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

2024 RESULTS: YES- 253 NO- 154
THE ARTICLE PASSED

Moderator Cronin noted that the articles would be heard out of order so that the representative for the Grapevine would not have to stay for the entire meeting.

22. 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.

Note: Selectman Parisi asked Melissa Gallagher from the Grapevine to speak to the article. Ms. Gallagher noted that the town has been supporting the Grapevine for close to 20 years. She stated that she would like to see the funding moved into the town's budget. Ms. Gallagher gave a brief summary of the services provided noting that they have provided groceries, clothing, heating, a home visiting program, kinship, tax preparation and child/parent programs. Avenue A has served 26 Bennington teens. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 297 NO-111
THE ARTICLE PASSED

18. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Bennington Community Power Plan, which authorizes the Selectboard to develop and implement Bennington Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E:7). The program would provide a new default electric supply and new renewable energy supply options for customers in Bennington. There is no cost to the Town budget, and no obligation to participate. Customers can opt out at any time and return to utility default service. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Note: Selectman James noted that Bob Hayden was available to answer questions. David McKenzie spoke to the article noting that the State provides the opportunity for towns to purchase renewable power. The delivery would be the same and residents can opt out of the program at any time. Bennington's default rate is lower than Eversource.

Curtis Dude asked if this would apply to all residents. If you have a 3rd party supplier you may not be eligible.

Melissa Searles asked when this would be put into effect. If it is approved, it would be put into effect when the price is lower than Eversource.

Robyn Clough asked if he would need to opt out if he did not want it. Residents would get a card in the mail to decide as to whether they would like to be in the program or opt out. It was noted that the plan is on the town website. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 286 NO- 115
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?
Recommended by the Selectmen.

Note: Selectman Parisi spoke to the article noting that there is currently \$110,464.38 in the Capital Reserve fund. There is one red listed bridge in town located near Alberto's near the Paper Mill. The State will provide 80% and the Town will be responsible for 20% of the cost. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 288 NO- 110
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?
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Fire Chief Foster to speak to the article. Fire Chief Foster noted that this is a yearly request and replacements will be purchased when needed. There is currently \$11,687.54 in the Capital Reserve fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 317 NO- 92
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?
Recommended by the Selectmen.

Note: Selectman James asked Fire Chief Foster to speak to the article. Fire Chief Foster noted that this is an annual request. There is currently \$35,514.27 in the Capital Reserve fund. Jeffrey Rose asked if article 14 and 15 should be combined as they are both for types of protective gear. Bethany Craig noted that by having separate articles it is easier to know what is being funded. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 311 NO- 95
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?

Recommended by the Selectmen.

Note: Selectman Parisi spoke to the article noting that the town is currently being assessed. This is State mandated and if the town does not have it done, the State will hire a company to do it without consideration of the price. There is currently \$20,000 in the Capital Reserve fund.

Anmarie Wilson asked how much it costs. The price is around \$55,000 every 5 years. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 209 NO- 190
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?

Recommended by the Selectmen

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that this is not a Capital Reserve fund at this time. Next year it will be put in as a Capital Reserve fund.

Joseph MacGregor asked if it could be combined with article 10. It is not a Capital Reserve fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 279 NO- 125
THE ARTICLE PASSED

19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$67,500.00 to be added to the Fire Department Fire Truck CRF previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. These funds are from the proceeds from the sale of the Ford F550 Fire Truck. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

Note: Selectman James asked Fire Chief Foster to speak to the article. Fire Chief Foster noted that no amount will need to be raised from taxation. This will be funded by the sale of the old rescue vehicle.

Robyn Clough asked how old the truck that was sold was. It was a 2009. It was asked if 2 trucks will now need to go to car accidents and medical calls. Mr. Clough noted that the money should be going to the rescue fund. The article is asking for the money to be moved.

Anmarie Wilson asked what the mileage was on the truck that was sold. The truck that was sold was custom built and had 9,500 miles on it. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 281 NO- 120
THE ARTICLE PASSED

20. 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.

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that there are currently 2 houses with a possible 3 units each located in town to provide low income housing. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 284 NO- 118
THE ARTICLE PASSED

21. 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.

Note: Selectman James introduced the article. There was no discussion. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 305 NO- 100
THE ARTICLE PASSED

23. 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.

Note: Selectman Cleary introduced the article. Moderator Cronin noted that this is a great program that deeply cares for kids who have no voice in the system. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 301 NO- 104
THE ARTICLE PASSED

24. 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.

Note: Selectman James introduced the article. Police Chief Lapine noted that this organization is utilized by the police. They provided specially trained people to do interviews with children and individuals with special needs. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 310 NO- 97
THE ARTICLE PASSED

25. 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.

Note: Selectman Parisi asked Selectman Cleary to speak to the article. Selectman Cleary noted that over 200 children in the Conval district are served by this program. Every dollar collected goes to the purchase of food for the program. .

Leslie MacGregor noted that the library receives boxes of food weekly to hand out at the library. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 300 NO- 99
THE ARTICLE PASSED

26. 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.

Note: Selectman Cleary introduced the article. There was no discussion. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 276 NO- 121
THE ARTICLE PASSED

27. 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.

Note: Selectman James introduced the article. There was no discussion. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 286 NO- 111
THE ARTICLE PASSED

28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for the purpose of supporting the Cornucopia Project-a non profit organization. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Note: Selectman Parisi asked Selectman James to speak to the article. Selectman James noted that he volunteers with this project. They work with the elementary schools teaching the children how to grow, harvest and cook food. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2024 RESULTS: YES- 262 NO- 135
THE ARTICLE PASSED

Anmarie Wilson asked if article 19 does not pass, where does the money go. The money will go to the general fund, however money will need to be found for the truck that is coming this year.

It was noted that town employee health insurance used to be 100% funded by the town. There are now 3 plans offered. The premium plan is now offered with the town covering 80% of the cost. Both a regular and lower plan will be paid 100% by the town.

In other business, Selectman Cleary asked how people feel about combining the organization articles into one article in the future. Bethany Craig asked what would happen if one of the groups asked for more support. Karen Belcher noted that she would prefer them to remain separated so you can see what support is given to each organization. There is also more of a chance of the article not passing with a much higher amount connected to it.

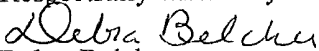
A reminder was given that February 6, 2024 is the Deliberative Session for the School. This will start at 6:00 p.m.

In new business Joseph MacGregor made a motion to place Joyce Miner's name on the honor role plaque for her years of service to the town. As the wording for the plaque signifies that names be added by voters it appears that it would need to go before the voters on a March election. The Selectmen will look into this and consult Town Council.

Anmarie Wilson asked how much is currently in the Capital Reserve funds for the fire truck and rescue vehicle. Bethany Craig noted that there is \$467,536.38 for the fire truck and \$61,662.61 for the rescue. The amounts may be slightly different due to bills that may have been paid since the printing of the report. If article 19 passes the money will go into the fire truck fund.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully written by


Debra Belcher
Bennington Town Clerk

Financial Information
for the Year Ended December 31, 2024



2025
WARRANT

Article 01 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year
To choose all necessary Elected 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, nine hundred twenty thousand, one hundred thirty six (\$1,920,136). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be one million, nine hundred twenty one thousand, fifty four dollars (\$1,921,054), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Recommended by Board of Selectmen. Majority vote required
 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. Majority vote required
 Yes No

Article 04 Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund
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. Majority vote required
 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. Majority vote required
 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. Majority vote required
 Yes No

Article 07 Mower Capital Reserve Fund
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund previously established? Recommended by the Selectmen. Majority vote required
 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. Majority vote required

Yes No

Article 09 GEP Dodge Library Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the GEP Dodge Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established? Recommended by the Selectmen. Majority vote required

Yes No

Article 10 Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund previously established? Recommended by the Selectmen. Majority vote required

Yes No

Article 11 Water Dept Maintenance/Repairs Capital Reserve Fund

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. Majority vote required

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. Majority vote required

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. Majority vote required

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. Majority vote required

Yes No



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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. Majority vote required

Yes No

Article 16 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established? Recommended by the Selectmen. Majority vote required

Yes No

Article 17 To appropriate Fire Truck Sale to Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Fire Truck CRF previously established? This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Majority vote required

Yes No

Article 18 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 19 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 20 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 21 To support the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program

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 22 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 23 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 24 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 25 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 26 Support for Cornucopia Project

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for the purpose of supporting the Cornucopia Project-a non profit organization. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Majority vote required

Yes No

Article 27 Establish a Sawyer Park Maintenance & Improvements CRF

To see if the town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the general fund unassigned fund balance. The funds shall be used for the purpose of maintenance of the park facilities. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Selectmen and no further legislative body approval required. These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen. Majority vote required

Yes No



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Article 28 Establish an Accessible Voting System CRF, Add \$1,000, name Selectmen as agents

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Accessible Voting System Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies to assist voting in Town to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Majority vote required.

Yes No

Article 29 Establish a Sewer Dept Maintenance & Repairs CRF

To see if the town will vote to establish a Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintaining, constructing and repairing Sewer Department facilities and equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by Selectmen. Majority Vote Required

Yes No



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Default Budget of the Municipality

Bennington

For the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025

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 27, 2025

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
Anthony Parisi	Selectman	
Tom James	Selectman	

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Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
General Government					
4130	Executive	\$196,366	(\$6,147)	\$0	\$190,219
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$57,228	(\$7,010)	\$0	\$50,218
4150	Financial Administration	\$44,836	(\$5,472)	\$0	\$39,364
4152	Property Assessment	\$9,590	\$175	\$0	\$9,765
4153	Legal Expense	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$11,000
4155	Personnel Administration	\$22,458	\$2,635	\$0	\$25,093
4191	Planning and Zoning	\$4,627	\$0	\$0	\$4,627
4194	General Government Buildings	\$83,719	(\$10,924)	\$0	\$72,795
4195	Cemeteries	\$19,575	\$0	\$0	\$19,575
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	\$41,870	\$5,395	\$0	\$47,265
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal		\$486,269	(\$16,348)	\$0	\$469,921
Public Safety					
4210	Police	\$407,291	(\$105,448)	\$0	\$301,843
4215	Ambulances	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$40,000
4220	Fire	\$91,527	\$15,000	\$0	\$106,527
4240	Building Inspection	\$3,415	\$1,201	\$0	\$4,616
4290	Emergency Management	\$4,670	\$80	\$0	\$4,750
4299	Other Public Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal		\$536,903	(\$79,167)	\$0	\$457,736
Airport/Aviation Center					
4301	Airport Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets					
4311	Highway Administration	\$294,543	(\$27,302)	\$0	\$267,241
4312	Highways and Streets	\$157,500	\$0	\$0	\$157,500
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$457,043	(\$27,302)	\$0	\$429,741



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Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Sanitation					
4321	Sanitation Administration	\$50,707	\$559	\$0	\$51,266
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$1,650	\$0	\$0	\$1,650
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$69,700	\$30,277	\$0	\$99,977
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	\$5,500	\$3,900	\$0	\$9,400
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	\$1,100	\$0	\$0	\$1,100
Sanitation Subtotal		\$128,657	\$34,736	\$0	\$163,393
Water Distribution and Treatment					
4331	Water Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric					
4351	Electric Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health					
4411	Health Administration	\$102	\$0	\$0	\$102
4414	Pest Control	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$200
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	\$5,876	\$0	\$0	\$5,876
4419	Other Health	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal		\$6,178	\$0	\$0	\$6,178
Welfare					
4441	Welfare Administration	\$4,896	(\$1,721)	\$0	\$3,175
4442	Direct Assistance	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$935	\$65	\$0	\$1,000
4445	Vendor Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	\$3,300	\$0	\$0	\$3,300
Welfare Subtotal		\$17,131	(\$1,656)	\$0	\$15,475



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Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Culture and Recreation					
4520	Parks and Recreation	\$38,925	(\$996)	\$0	\$37,929
4550	Library	\$174,976	(\$69)	\$0	\$174,907
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$700
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$216,601	(\$1,065)	\$0	\$215,536
Conservation and Development					
4611	Conservation Administration	\$823	\$108	\$0	\$931
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	\$1,633	\$367	\$0	\$2,000
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$2,456	\$475	\$0	\$2,931
Debt Service					
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay					
4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Operating Transfers Out					
4911	To Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$71,250	(\$1,260)	\$0	\$69,990
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	\$75,795	\$14,358	\$0	\$90,153
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$147,045	\$13,098	\$0	\$160,143
Total Operating Budget Appropriations		\$1,998,283	(\$77,229)	\$0	\$1,921,054



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Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
General Government			
4130	Executive	02	\$196,366
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$57,228
4150	Financial Administration	02	\$44,836
4152	Property Assessment	02	\$9,590
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$6,000
4155	Personnel Administration	02	\$22,458
4191	Planning and Zoning	02	\$4,627
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$83,719
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$19,575
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	02	\$41,870
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$486,269
Public Safety			
4210	Police	02	\$407,291
4215	Ambulances	02	\$30,000
4220	Fire	02	\$91,527
4240	Building Inspection	02	\$3,415
4290	Emergency Management	02	\$4,670
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$536,903
Airport/Aviation Center			
4301	Airport Administration		\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0
Highways and Streets			
4311	Highway Administration	02	\$294,543
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$157,500
4313	Bridges		\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$5,000
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$457,043



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Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Sanitation			
4321	Sanitation Administration	02	\$50,707
4323	Solid Waste Collection	02	\$1,650
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$69,700
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	02	\$5,500
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	02	\$1,100
Sanitation Subtotal			\$128,657
Water Distribution and Treatment			
4331	Water Administration		\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0
Electric			
4351	Electric Administration		\$0
4352	Generation		\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0
Health			
4411	Health Administration	02	\$102
4414	Pest Control	02	\$200
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	02	\$5,876
4419	Other Health		\$0
Health Subtotal			\$6,178
Welfare			
4441	Welfare Administration	02	\$4,896
4442	Direct Assistance	02	\$8,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	02	\$935
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0
4449	Other Welfare	02,20,21,22,2 3,24,25,26,27 ,28	\$14,250
Welfare Subtotal			\$28,081



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Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Culture and Recreation			
4520	Parks and Recreation	02	\$38,925
4550	Library	02	\$174,976
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$700
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	02	\$2,000
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$216,601
Conservation and Development			
4611	Conservation Administration	02	\$823
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0
4619	Other Conservation	02	\$1,633
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$2,456
Debt Service			
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes		\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0
Capital Outlay			
4901	Land		\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	17	\$45,000
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$45,000



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Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Operating Transfers Out			
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	02	\$71,250
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	02	\$86,595
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	03,04,05,06,07,08,09,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,19	\$223,500
4916	To Expendable Trusts	08,13	\$35,000
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$416,345
Total Voted Appropriations			\$2,323,533



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Revised Estimated Revenues

Bennington

(RSA 21-J:34)

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024

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	Debra Davidson

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Revised Estimated Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Estimated Revenue
Taxes			
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	02	\$2,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	02	\$12,540
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	02	\$500
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$800
3189	Other Taxes		\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$14,000
	Taxes Subtotal		\$29,840
Licenses, Permits, and Fees			
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	02	\$400
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$330,000
3230	Building Permits	02	\$5,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$6,000
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$341,400
From Federal Government			
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0
	From Federal Government Subtotal		\$0
State Sources			
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$100,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$31,500
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	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0
	State Sources Subtotal		\$131,500



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Account	Source	Article	Estimated Revenue
Charges for Services			
3401	Income from Departments	02	\$12,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0
	Charges for Services Subtotal		\$12,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
3500	Special Assessments		\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	02,19	\$77,500
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$2,500
3503	Other		\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	02	\$9,470
	Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$89,470
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund	02	\$71,250
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund	02	\$80,695
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0
	Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$151,945
Other Financing Sources			
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0
	Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0
	Total Revised Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$756,155



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Revised Estimated Revenues Summary

Subtotal of Revenues		\$756,155
Unassigned Fund Balance (Unreserved)	\$0	
(Less) Emergency Appropriations (RSA 32:11)	\$0	
(Less) Voted from Fund Balance	\$0	
(Less) Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$0	
Fund Balance Retained	\$0	
Total Revenues and Credits		\$756,155
Requested Overlay	\$0	

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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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Assessor
John Hatfield (CNP, LLC)

Municipal Officials		
Name	Position	Signature
James W. Cleary	Selectman	
Thomas James	Selectman	
Anthony Parisi	Selectman	

Preparer		
Name	Phone	Email
Mandy Irving	588-2189	ddavidson@townofbennington.com

Debra Davidson
Preparer's Signature
Debra Davidson

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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation
	Current Use RSA 79-A	4,634.82	\$422 ,
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0
	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0
ID	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0
	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0
	Residential Land	1,777.12	
	Commercial/Industrial Land	244.21	
	Total of Taxable Land	6,656.15	
	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	285.29	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation
	Residential		
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	
	Commercial/Industrial		
	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	\$0
	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F		\$0
	Total of Taxable Buildings		
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		
Utilities & Timber			Valuation
	Utilities		
3B	Other Utilities		\$0
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0
5	Valuation before Exemption		
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36 ^{wa}		\$0
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V		\$0
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a		\$0
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA		\$0
IOA	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72: 12		\$0
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA		\$0
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	\$0
13	Elderly Exemption RSA	\$0	14 \$725,000



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14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0		\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37.b	\$0		\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0		\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	7	\$109,500
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0		\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0		\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0		\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0		\$0
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$834,500
21A	Net Valuation			
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$219,868,844
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			
22	Less Utilities			
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$214,271,344
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$214,271,344

	Utility		Value	Appraiser
Brian D. Fogg				
The municipality DOES NOT use DRA utility values. The municipality IS NOT equalized by the ratio.				
Brian D. Fogg				
Electric Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans. Valuation
			\$0	\$0
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$5,033,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$5,376,700	\$220,800	\$0	\$0
MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC	\$343,200	\$220,800		\$564,000

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Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Credits	Tax
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$500	70		\$34,330
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$700			\$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
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	74		\$0
				\$42,330

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report

Deaf Income Limits

Single	\$0
Married	\$0

Deaf Asset Limits

Single	\$0
Married	\$0

Disabled Income Limits

Single	\$0
Married	\$0

Disabled Asset Limits

Single	\$0
Married	\$0

Elderly Exemption Report

First-time Filers Granted Elderly Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Exemption for the Current Tax Year Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted

Age Number	Age Number	Amount Maximum	Total	65-74 1	65-74 5	\$25,000	\$125,000	\$100,000
75-79	0	75-79	2		\$50,000	\$100,000		\$100,000
80 +	0	80+	7		\$75,000	\$525,000		\$525,000
			14			\$750,000		\$725,000

Income Limits

Asset Limits

Single \$27,500 Single \$75,000 Married \$39,500 Married \$75,000

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

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

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

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

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

Granted/Adopted? No

Structures:

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



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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 Use RSA 79-A	Current Assessed Value: Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	200.34	\$61,318
Forest Land	2,707.78	\$265,051
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	1,346.95	\$87,578
Unproductive Land	169.48	\$3,944
Wet Land	210.27	\$4,753
	4,634.82	\$422,644
Other Current Use Statistics		
Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	1,967.87
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	Acres:	
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	Owners: 83	Total Number of Parcels in Current Use
		Parcels: 148

Land Use Change Tax
 Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year \$3,500
 Conservation Allocation Percentage: 75.00% Dollar Amount: \$0
 Monies to Conservation Fund \$2,625
 Monies to General Fund \$875

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B Acres Valuation

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

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

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

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

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F

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Number Granted	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
0		0.00	\$0	\$0

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

Map	Lot	Block	Description	Current
This municipality has no Discretionary Preservation Easements.				

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

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
This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PIL T sources.	

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

Notes



Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

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

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ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: County: Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name

Street No. Street Name Phone Number

Email (optional)



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Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2023	Year: 2022	Year: 2021	
Property Taxes	3110		\$246,346.37			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189		\$14,578.93	\$101.00		
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$7,328.54)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2023	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110		\$3,161.95		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185	\$678.56			
Excavation Tax	3187	\$1,594.68			
Other Taxes	3189	\$100,089.20			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2023	2022	2021
Property Taxes	3110				
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$18.03	\$3,981.06		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits	\$95,051.93	\$268,068.31	\$101.00	\$0.00
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2023	Prior Levies	
			2022	2021
Property Taxes	\$6,425.76	\$164,253.80		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$18.03	\$3,593.06		
Penalties		\$388.00		
Excavation Tax	\$797.34			
Other Taxes	\$24,609.18	\$10,598.40		
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)				
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2023	Prior Levies	
			2022	2021
Property Taxes		\$5.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$8,696.99	\$44.00		
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Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2023	2022	2021
Property Taxes	\$85,249.52			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$678.56			
Excavation Tax	\$797.34			
Other Taxes	\$66,783.03	\$3,936.53	\$101.00	
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$13,754.30)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$95,051.93	\$268,068.31	\$101.00	\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$143,791.68
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$55,759.99



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2023	Year: 2022	Year: 2021
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$45,118.77	\$24,616.42
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)			\$1,506.71	\$1,470.39
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,625.48	\$26,086.81

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2023	2022	2021
Redemptions			\$10,294.65	\$3,680.55
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190			\$1,506.71	\$1,470.39
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110			\$34,824.12	\$20,935.87
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,625.48	\$26,086.81

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$143,791.68
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$55,759.99



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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	4-11-24

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



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2025	
			12/31/2024	12/31/2024	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive	02	\$180,794	\$196,366	\$190,219	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$45,817	\$57,228	\$50,218	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	02	\$35,884	\$44,836	\$39,684	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	02	\$4,606	\$9,590	\$9,765	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$21,057	\$21,057	\$11,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	02	\$22,458	\$22,458	\$25,093	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	02	\$3,335	\$4,627	\$4,175	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$70,872	\$83,719	\$72,795	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$19,550	\$19,575	\$19,575	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	02	\$40,870	\$41,870	\$47,265	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$445,243	\$501,326	\$469,789	\$0
Public Safety						
4210	Police	02	\$350,712	\$407,291	\$301,843	\$0
4215	Ambulances	02	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$0
4220	Fire	02	\$83,072	\$91,527	\$104,852	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	02	\$2,790	\$3,415	\$4,616	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	02	\$3,266	\$4,670	\$4,750	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$469,840	\$536,903	\$456,061	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Highway Administration	02	\$282,619	\$294,543	\$264,061	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$149,677	\$157,500	\$157,500	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$432,296	\$457,043	\$426,561	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2025	
			12/31/2024	12/31/2024	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration	02	\$45,218	\$50,707	\$51,266	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	02	\$0	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$67,616	\$69,700	\$99,977	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	02	\$9,169	\$5,500	\$9,400	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	02	\$40	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$122,043	\$128,657	\$163,393	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Health Administration	02	\$45	\$102	\$102	\$0
4414	Pest Control	02	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	02	\$5,876	\$5,876	\$5,876	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$5,921	\$6,178	\$6,178	\$0
Welfare						
4441	Welfare Administration	02	\$1,605	\$4,896	\$3,175	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance	02	\$4,700	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	02	\$900	\$935	\$1,000	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	02	\$1,728	\$14,250	\$5,300	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$8,933	\$28,081	\$17,475	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2025	
			12/31/2024	12/31/2024	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Culture and Recreation						
4520	Parks and Recreation	02	\$35,211	\$38,925	\$37,929	\$0
4550	Library	02	\$160,650	\$174,976	\$176,907	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$0	\$700	\$700	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	02	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$195,861	\$216,601	\$217,536	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611	Conservation Administration	02	\$560	\$823	\$1,000	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	02	\$1,540	\$1,633	\$2,000	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$2,100	\$2,456	\$3,000	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2025	
			12/31/2024	12/31/2024	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Operating Transfers Out						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	02	\$0	\$71,250	\$69,990	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	02	\$0	\$86,595	\$90,153	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$0	\$157,845	\$160,143	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$1,920,136	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	03 <i>Purpose: Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$30,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	04 <i>Purpose: Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$2,500	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	05 <i>Purpose: Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$15,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	06 <i>Purpose: Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$40,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	07 <i>Purpose: Mower Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$2,500	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	09 <i>Purpose: GEP Dodge Library Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	10 <i>Purpose: Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$60,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	11 <i>Purpose: Water Dept Maintenance/Repairs Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$25,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	12 <i>Purpose: Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	14 <i>Purpose: Fire Department SCBA Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$2,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	15 <i>Purpose: Fire Dept Protective Gear Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$6,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	16 <i>Purpose: Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$15,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	17 <i>Purpose: To appropriate Fire Truck Sale to Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$75,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	28 <i>Purpose: Establish an Accessible Voting System CRF, Add \$1,000, name Selectmen as agents</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	29 <i>Purpose: Establish a Sewer Dept Maintenance & Repairs CRF</i>	\$25,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	08 <i>Purpose: Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund</i>	\$25,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	13 <i>Purpose: Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund</i>	\$10,000	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$340,000	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4449	Other Welfare	24 <i>Purpose: Support for American Red Cross</i>	\$700	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	21 <i>Purpose: To support the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program</i>	\$600	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	26 <i>Purpose: Support for Cornucopia Project</i>	\$250	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	25 <i>Purpose: Support for Local Shelter</i>	\$500	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	20 <i>Purpose: Support for the Grapevine & Avenue A</i>	\$6,000	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	19 <i>Purpose: To support Community Volunteer Transportation</i>	\$500	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	23 <i>Purpose: Support of End 68 Hours of Hunger</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	22 <i>Purpose: To support Child Advocacy Center</i>	\$1,100	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	18 <i>Purpose: To appropriate to Contoocook Housing Trust</i>	\$300	\$0
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$10,950	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	02	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	02	\$12,541	\$12,540	\$2,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	02	\$500	\$500	\$500
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$831	\$800	\$600
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$15,843	\$14,000	\$22,000
Taxes Subtotal			\$29,715	\$29,840	\$27,600
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	02	\$460	\$400	\$700
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$338,899	\$330,000	\$330,000
3230	Building Permits	02	\$8,230	\$5,000	\$4,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$5,844	\$6,000	\$6,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$353,433	\$341,400	\$340,700
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
From Federal Government Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$142,145	\$100,000	\$100,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$45,281	\$31,500	\$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	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$10,458	\$0	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$197,884	\$131,500	\$145,000



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	02	\$2,167	\$12,000	\$12,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$129,991	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$79,099	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$12,683	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$223,940	\$12,000	\$12,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	02	\$0	\$77,500	\$10,000
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$34,116	\$2,500	\$2,500
3503	Rents of Property		\$675	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$1,042	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$8,790	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	02	\$0	\$9,470	\$9,470
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$44,623	\$89,470	\$21,970
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$10,533	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund	02	\$0	\$71,250	\$69,990
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund	02	\$0	\$80,695	\$90,153
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$10,533	\$151,945	\$160,143
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	17	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$75,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$860,128	\$756,155	\$782,413



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2025
MS-636

Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2025
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,920,136
Special Warrant Articles	\$340,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$10,950
Total Appropriations	\$2,271,086
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$782,413
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,488,673

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Unpaid Balance January 1, 2024		\$14,785.63
Charges:		
Water Usage	\$129,424.82	
Sewer Usage	\$78,839.11	
TOTAL CHARGES	_____	+ \$208,263.93 \$223,049.56
Receipts to Treasurer		
Water	\$113,643.92	
Sewer	\$59,109.01	
		- \$172,752.93
Abatements		
Water	\$11,037.52	
Sewer	\$19,747.81	
	_____	- \$30,785.33 _____
Unpaid Water & Sewer Charges December 31, 2024		\$19,511.30

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine McGillicuddy, Rent Collector

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2024

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$	4,500.00	
Health Insurance	\$	17,936.00	
Dental Insurance	\$	273.60	
Fica/Medicare	\$	9,711.86	
Retirement	\$	4,642.21	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	1,214.00	
Copier Lease	\$	4,719.80	
Phone & Internet	\$	6,173.09	
Cellular Phone	\$	240.00	
Advertising	\$	-	
Office Supplies	\$	3,459.32	
Postage	\$	3,724.68	
General Supplies	\$	957.31	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	332.58	
Administrator Salary	\$	61,484.80	
Administrative Support	\$	55,035.20	
Administration Overtime	\$	465.57	
Town Report Printing	\$	1,383.40	
Bulk Mailing	\$	-	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	85.00	
General Contingency	\$	4,475.00	
Total Executive Office		\$ 180,813.42	\$ 180,813.42

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Deputy Town Clerk Salary	\$	9,030.14	
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	\$	-	
Town Clerk Salary	\$	23,119.17	
Fica/Medicare	\$	2,600.84	
IT Support	\$	1,610.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	75.00	
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$	300.00	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	255.00	
Office Supplies	\$	661.83	
Postage	\$	2,124.20	
Books and Periodicals	\$	-	
Supervisors Clerical Wages	\$	1,290.00	
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$	1,350.00	
Supervisors of the Checklist Conval	\$	225.00	
Moderator's Stipend	\$	60.00	
Advertising	\$	492.03	
Supervisors Office Supplies	\$	73.88	
Election Ballot Clerks	\$	975.00	
Facility Rental	\$	-	
Election Printing	\$	696.24	
Election Meals	\$	878.61	
Total Election and Reg		\$ 45,816.94	\$ 45,816.94

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Financial Software	\$	2,296.25	
Bank Services/Fees	\$	3,223.75	
Auditing Services	\$	15,500.00	
Treasurer Salary	\$	3,244.80	
Deputy Treasurer	\$	500.00	
Fica/Medicare	\$	286.42	
Tax Collector Dues & Subscriptions	\$	-	
Tax Software	\$	3,145.00	
Tax Collector Fees	\$	149.08	
Tax Collector Postage	\$	1,351.05	
Abatement Interest	\$	-	
IT Support	\$	810.00	
Technology & Computers	\$	6,635.86	
Total Financial Administration	\$		37,199.58

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Office Supplies		\$0.00	
Mileage	\$	-	
Total Trustees of Trust Funds			\$0.00

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Assessing Services	\$	2,435.32	
Assessing Software	\$	2,103.00	
Registry of Deeds Fees	\$	68.00	
Total Property Assessment	\$		4,606.32

LEGAL EXPENSES

General Legal Support	\$	21,057.16	
ZBA Legal	\$	-	
Total Legal Expense	\$		21,057.16

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Unemployment Compensation	\$	500.00	
Workers Compensation	\$	21,958.00	
Total Personnel Administration	\$		22,458.00

PLANNING AND ZONING

PB Recording Secretary	\$	480.06	
PB Fica/Medicare	\$	36.73	
PB SWRPC Member Dues	\$	1,667.00	
PB Miscellaneous	\$	475.35	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$	330.00	
ZBA Fica/Medicare	\$	25.23	
ZBA Miscellaneous	\$	320.33	
Total Planning and Zoning	\$		3,334.70

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

TH Fica/Medicare	\$	183.95	
TH Fire/Security Alarm	\$	700.00	
TH Cleaning Service	\$	2,046.24	
TH Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$	606.42	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$	76,563.20	
Full-Time Officer Wage	\$	59,693.76	
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$	48,047.94	
Crossing Guard Salary	\$	4,570.00	
Administrative Assistant Salary	\$	-	
Overtime	\$	11,448.00	
On-Call Wages	\$	4,476.00	
Health Insurance	\$	46,213.30	
Dental Insurance	\$	1,449.44	
Fica/Medicare	\$	3,745.64	
Retirement	\$	30,118.74	
Regional Prosecutor	\$	17,300.00	
Dispatch Services	\$	20,087.50	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	440.00	
Education/Safety	\$	425.00	
IMC Software	\$	3,151.64	
Administration Telephone	\$	318.92	
Cellular Telephone	\$	340.00	
Office Supplies	\$	541.61	
Postage	\$	-	
Miscellaneous	\$	3,052.29	
Training Supplies	\$	200.49	
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$	155.62	
Equipment Supplies	\$	7,265.76	
Uniforms	\$	3,471.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$	882.48	
Gasoline	\$	5,431.20	
Special Detail Wages	\$	1,650.00	
		<u> </u>	
Total Police Department			\$ 351,039.53

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Antrim Ambulance	\$	30,000.00	
		<u> </u>	
Total Ambulance Service			\$ 30,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Call Wages	\$	20,392.09	
Fica/Medicare	\$	2,653.54	
Dispatch Service	\$	21,648.00	
Dues	\$	-	
Telephone	\$	6,335.44	
Cell Phone	\$	340.00	
General Supplies	\$	2,907.58	
Training Courses	\$	250.00	
Service Contracts	\$	14,437.49	
Radio Repairs	\$	410.86	
Equipment Replacement	\$	(250.25)	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$	1,796.21	
Vehicle Fuel	\$	828.79	
Forestry	\$	4,182.95	
Fire Prevention Materials	\$	373.85	
Total Fire Department	\$		76,306.55

MEDICAL/RESCUE

Training	\$	349.00	
Medical Supplies	\$	2,715.61	
Equipment Replacement	\$	9,110.00	
Total Medical/Rescue	\$		12,174.61

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Building Inspector Salary	\$	2,109.25	
Fica/Medicare	\$	130.78	
Cell Phone	\$	240.00	
Mileage	\$	330.00	
Books & Education	\$	-	
Total Building Inspection	\$		2,790.03

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Wages	\$	495.00	
Fica/Medicare	\$	32.51	
Supplies	\$	2,738.50	
Total Emergency Management	\$		3,266.01

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

Road Agent Salary	\$	59,406.88	
Highway Truck Driver Salary	\$	72,041.36	
PT As Needed Assistance	\$	-	
FT As Needed Assistance	\$	-	
Overtime	\$	9,878.43	
Health Insurance	\$	68,911.41	
Dental Insurance	\$	1,285.50	
Fica/Medicare	\$	12,419.26	
Retirement	\$	18,252.45	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$	786.75	
Telephone	\$	626.03	
Cell Phone	\$	180.00	

Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$	9,593.58
Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs	\$	10,376.07
Gasoline/Oil	\$	12,124.15
General Supplies	\$	2,595.57
Street Signs	\$	464.44
Miscellaneous	\$	<u>3,039.22</u>

Total Highway Department Administration \$ 281,981.10

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - ROADS MAINTENANCE

Tar/Patch/Seal	\$	35,724.11
Paving	\$	46,745.70
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$	17,720.50
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$	11,446.55
Gravel Preparation	\$	9,996.00
Equipment Rental	\$	749.70
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$	12,068.82
Road Drainage Supplies	\$	<u>3,902.40</u>

Total Highway Roads Maintenance \$ 138,353.78

STREET LIGHTING

Eversource	\$	<u>4,499.07</u>
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Total Street Lighting \$ 4,499.07

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants Salary	\$	40,463.46
Highway Dept. Assistance	\$	-
As-Needed Assistance	\$	2,304.00
Fica/Medicare	\$	1,589.64
NRRA Annual Dues	\$	125.00
Certification	\$	250.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$	486.38
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$	-
Hauling and Disposal	\$	52,753.70
Telephone	\$	602.03
Recyclables Removal	\$	13,059.93
Container Lease	\$	1,200.00
Landfill Post-Closure Costs	\$	9,168.54
General Supplies	\$	-
Miscellaneous	\$	<u>40.00</u>

Total Transfer Station \$ 122,042.68

WATER DEPARTMENT

Recording Secretary	\$	1,500.00
Commissioners Salary	\$	1,700.00
Labor Wages	\$	400.00
Fica/Medicare	\$	184.00
Town of Antrim	\$	34,726.97
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$	1,196.60
Training Courses	\$	-
Postage	\$	398.24
Miscellaneous	\$	<u>1,628.88</u>

	Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$	15,667.86	
	Telephone	\$	-	
	Water Samples	\$	1,417.50	
	Horizontal Boring	\$	-	
	Corrosion Control	\$	7,290.00	
	Total Water Department			\$ 66,110.05
SEWER DEPARTMENT				
	Town of Antrim	\$	56,444.93	
	CMOM Funds	\$	3,430.00	
	Generator Maintenance	\$	-	
	Repair Maintenance	\$	1,339.20	
	Total Sewer Department			\$ 61,214.13
HEALTH DEPARTMENT				
	Miscellaneous	\$	45.00	
	Total Health Department			\$ 45.00
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	\$	781.25	
	Fica/Medicare	\$	59.76	
	Dues & Subscriptions	\$	50.00	
	Miscellaneous	\$	713.76	
	Rental Assistance	\$	4,700.00	
	Meals on Wheels	\$	900.00	
	Food	\$	-	
	Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$	1,727.74	
	Total Welfare Department			\$ 9,225.50
PARKS AND RECREATION				
	Miscellaneous	\$	6,284.01	
	Recreation Activities	\$	390.32	
	Fishing Derby	\$	800.00	
	Little League	\$	2,000.00	
	Rhubarb Festival	\$	1,500.00	
	Groundskeeping (Labor)	\$	4,938.00	
	Fica/Medicare	\$	421.04	
	Rec Groundskeeping	\$	12,952.65	
	Ball Field Chemical Toilets	\$	1,855.00	
	Beach Staff	\$	3,130.00	
	Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$	-	
	Beach Groundskeeping	\$	-	
	Beach Supplies	\$	507.16	
	Beach Chem Toilets	\$	625.00	
	Total Parks and Recreation			\$ 35,403.18

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	\$	55,099.20	
Librarian Assistants Salary	\$	34,113.45	
As-Needed Assistance	\$	1,241.95	
Health Insurance	\$	22,124.16	
Dental Insurance	\$	526.20	
Fica/Medicare	\$	6,954.11	
Retirement	\$	9,061.66	
Technology	\$	1,870.00	
Photo Copier	\$	2,735.48	
Telephone	\$	549.19	
Conference Fees	\$	285.00	
Office Supplies	\$	775.48	
Computer Replacement	\$	1,549.08	
Program Supplies	\$	1,083.98	
Book Collection	\$	10,882.31	
Media Collection	\$	5,869.50	
Grounds Maintenance	\$	-	
Building Maintenance	\$	1,123.93	
Building Electricity	\$	2,080.77	
Building Heating Oil	\$	2,351.56	
		<u> </u>	
Total Library			\$ 160,277.01

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Edward E. French Scholarships	\$	-	
Total Education			\$ -

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day	\$	-	
Total Patriotic Purposes		<u> </u>	\$ -

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

General/Miscellaneous	\$	834.39	
Labor/Secretary	\$	-	
Fica/Medicare	\$	-	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	560.00	
Office Supplies	\$	-	
Education	\$	705.70	
		<u> </u>	
Total Conservation Commission			\$ 2,100.09

DEBT

Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$	-	
Total Tax Anticipation Note Int.		<u> </u>	\$ -

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Highway Equipment CRF	\$	40,000.00	
Road Rehab CRF	\$	15,000.00	
Mower CRF	\$	2,500.00	
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			\$ 156,000.00

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Bridge Maintenance ETF	\$	10,000.00	
Town Buildings ETF	\$	25,000.00	
Total Expendable Trust Funds			\$ 35,000.00

2024 WARRANT ARTICLES

Contoocook Housing Trust	\$	300.00	
Contoocook Valley Transportation	\$	500.00	
Grapevine Family Center	\$	6,000.00	
American Red Cross	\$	-	
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	\$	42,004.19	
Cornucopia Project	\$	-	
Gravel Tax	\$	622.73	
Timber Tax	\$	9,405.81	
Total 2021 Warrant Articles			\$ <u>62,032.73</u>

SUBTOTAL - 2024 EXPENDITURES & WARRANT ARTICLES

\$ 2,050,164.67

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Hillsborough County	\$	191,621.00	
Local School Contribution	\$	2,515,952.45	
State School Contribution	\$	226,550.00	
Total Payments to Other Governments			\$ 2,934,123.45

\$ 4,984,288.12

TOTAL 2024 EXPENDITURES

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
For Year Ended December 31, 2024

LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR		
Property Tax	\$ 2,876,400.05	
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 2,000.00	
Yield Tax	\$ 12,541.08	
Excavation Tax	\$ 830.80	
Water/Sewer Interest & Penalties	\$ 826.33	
Interest/Penalties	<u>\$ 4,706.03</u>	
		\$ 2,897,304.29
 LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS		
Property Tax	\$ 295,848.18	
Interest/Penalties	\$ 18,799.94	
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 1,021.99	
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	<u>\$ 10,114.84</u>	
		\$ 325,784.95
 WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT		 \$ 208,263.93
 TOWN CLERK REVENUE		 \$ 340,768.86
 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE		
Highway Block Grant	\$ 45,281.66	
State of NH - Rooms & Meals	\$ 147,482.09	
NH Emergency Management	\$ 1,206.50	
NH Police Dept. Grant	<u>\$ 10,532.82</u>	
		\$ 204,503.07
 LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES		
Bad Check Fees	\$ 120.00	
Building Permits	\$ 8,230.25	
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 2,576.21	
Demolition Permits	\$ -	
Dog License Fines	\$ 368.70	
Donation	\$ 250.00	
Driveway Permits	\$ 500.00	
Election/Registration	\$ 475.00	
Scrap Metal	\$ 2,687.05	
Sign Permits	\$ -	
Tin Cans	<u>\$ 1,238.00</u>	
		\$ 16,445.21
 REIMBURSEMENTS		
Police Special Details	<u>\$ 990.00</u>	
		\$ 990.00

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS

Highway Department	\$	-
Planning Board	\$	555.80
Police Department	\$	154.84
Recreation Department	\$	-
Recycling	\$	12,683.00
Water Department - Meter Replacements	\$	499.99
Water Department - Water Line Repair	\$	449.46
Town Administration	\$	2,850.85
Welfare	\$	350.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$	466.03

\$ 17,543.94

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

SALE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

\$ -

RENT OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

\$ 675.00

BANK INTEREST

\$ 35,079.24

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

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TOTAL 2024 RECEIPTS

\$ 4,047,358.49



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue
Administration


2024
\$22.47

Tax Rate Breakdown Bennington

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,569,607	\$219,868,844	\$7.14
County	\$191,621	\$219,868,844	\$0.87
Local Education	\$2,946,743	\$219,868,844	\$13.40
State Education	\$226,550	\$214,271,344	\$1.06
Total	\$4,934,521		\$22.47

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$4,934,521
War Service Credits	(\$42,330)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$4,892,191

 Sam Greene Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	12/10/2024
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Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$2,323,533	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$744,024)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$67,500)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0
War Service Credits	\$42,330	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$15,268	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$1,569,607	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$191,621	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$191,621	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$4,501,415	
Net Education Grant		(\$1,328,122)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$226,550)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$2,946,743	
State Education Tax	\$226,550	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$226,550	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$219,868,844	\$132,028,631
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$214,271,344	\$128,369,731
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$219,868,844	\$132,028,631

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
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Bennington

Tax Commitment Verification

2024 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$4,892,191
1/2% Amount	\$24,461
Acceptable High	\$4,916,652
Acceptable Low	\$4,867,730

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

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

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2024 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

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

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

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

Bennington	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2024 Tax Rate	\$22.47	\$11.24

Associated Villages

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$157,845
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$5,530,602
Final Overlay	\$15,268

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*.

2024 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Bennington	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (13.73%)	\$759,217
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$940,202
10% Retained	\$553,060
8% Retained	\$442,448
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$276,530

2024 PAYROLL

Andersen, Michael			
Fire Department	\$1,065.37		\$ 1,065.37
Andersen, Zackary			
Fire Department	\$ 3,679.44		\$ 3,679.44
Belcher, Debra			
Town Clerk	\$ 25,025.10		
Overtime	\$ 490.63		
Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$ 497.50		
Welfare	\$ 781.25		
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$ 497.50		\$ 27,291.98
Belcher, Karen			
Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 9,031.23		\$ 9,031.23
Blanchard, Matthew			
Highway Road Agent	\$ 56,222.40		
Highway Department Overtime	\$ 3,296.28		\$ 59,518.68
Clark, Melissa			
Water Commissioner	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Cleary, James			
Selectman Salary	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Cole, Nicolas			
Police Officer - Part time	\$ 11,725.00		\$ 11,725.00
Cox, Judith Cox			
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 607.50		\$ 607.50
Danforth, Jeffrey			
Police Officer - Full time	\$ 32,479.17		
Police Officer - Part Time	\$ 2,104.44		
Over-time	\$ 4,124.52		
On Call	\$ 1,438.00		
Special Detail	\$ 1,650.00		
Fire Department	\$ 307.50		\$ 42,103.63

2024 PAYROLL

Davidson, Debra			
Town Administrator	\$	62,284.69	
Over-time	\$	465.57	
	\$	<u>62,750.26</u>	\$ 62,750.26
Davie, Rhonda			
Treasurer	\$	<u>3,244.80</u>	\$ 3,244.80
Dude, Curtis			
Fire Department	\$	327.75	
Highway Laborer	\$	23,937.12	
Highway Overtime	\$	2,629.55	
Transfer Station Attendant	\$	<u>22,295.70</u>	\$ 49,190.12
Foster, David			
Fire Department	\$	<u>2,851.14</u>	\$ 2,851.14
Gibbons, Brenda			
Supervisor of the Checklist Clerical	\$	<u>270.00</u>	\$ 270.00
Hall, Bruce			
Fire Department	\$	<u>68.46</u>	\$ 68.46
Hall, Matthew			
Fire Department	\$	<u>3,243.78</u>	\$ 3,243.78
Hibbard, Carrie			
Beach Attendant	\$	<u>3,105.00</u>	\$ 3,105.00
Howe, Tyler			
Fire Department	\$	458.41	
Water Commission	\$	<u>1,100.00</u>	\$ 1,558.41
James, Thomas			
Transfer Station Attendant	\$	18,369.15	
Selectman Salary	\$	<u>1,500.00</u>	\$ 19,869.15
Kendall, John			
Code Enforcement Officer	\$	<u>2,301.00</u>	\$ 2,301.00
Robert Kinney, Jr.			
Transfer Station	\$	<u>1,501.50</u>	\$ 1,501.50
Rebecca Lambert			
Cleaning	\$	<u>90.00</u>	\$ 90.00

2024 PAYROLL

Lawrence, Nicholas			
Fire Department	\$ 990.26		
			\$ 990.26
Lemieux, Lisa			
Election	\$ 75.00		
			\$ 75.00
LePine, Jason			
Police Chief	\$ 76,862.10		
Overtime	\$ 3,700.20		
On-Call	\$ 3,120.00		
			\$ 83,682.30
Long, Patricia			
Library Cleaning	\$ 142.50		
Cleaning	\$ 3,009.96		
			\$ 3,152.46
MacGregor, Leslie			
Library Director	\$ 55,058.00		
			\$ 55,058.00
McGillicuddy, Catherine			
Administrative Assistant	\$ 55,382.08		
Insurance Stipend	\$ 6,036.00		
Water Rent Collector Stipend	\$ 1,500.00		
			\$ 62,918.08
McKenney, Dennis			
Water Commission	\$ 500.00		
			\$ 500.00
Micheals, Candi			
Crossing Guard	\$ 4,450.00		
			\$ 4,450.00
Miller, Harley			
Fire Department	\$ 543.68		
			\$ 543.68
Minahan, Haley			
Police Officer - Part time	\$ 1,067.00		
Police Officer - Full time	\$ 19,276.00		
Overtime	\$ 131.25		
Insurance Stipend	\$ 190.00		
			\$ 20,664.25
Miner, Joyce			
Deputy Treasurer	\$ 500.00		
			\$ 500.00
Nason, Keith			
Fire Department	\$ 203.20		
Emergency Management	\$ 425.00		
Non Emergency	\$ 902.63		
Emergency Calls	\$ 3,294.04		
			\$ 4,824.87

2024 PAYROLL

Parisi, Anthony			
Selectman Salary	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>		\$ 1,500.00
Parker, David			
Recreation Groundskeeping	<u>\$ 2,986.88</u>		\$ 2,986.88
Powers, Jason			
Fire Department	\$ 127.00		
Emergency Management	\$ 70.00		
Non Emergency	\$ 82.55		
Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 825.50</u>		\$ 1,105.05
Powers, Sarah			
Fire Department	<u>\$ 65.55</u>		\$ 65.55
Readel, Kristen			
Transfer Station	<u>\$ 78.00</u>		\$ 78.00
Sandquist, Greg			
Fire Department	<u>\$ 1,263.61</u>		\$ 1,263.61
Sandquist, Jennifer			
Fire Department	<u>\$ 245.63</u>		\$ 245.63
Sandquist, Kayla			
Fire Department	<u>\$ 30.00</u>		\$ 30.00
Sandquist, Matthew			
Fire Department	<u>\$ 1,305.03</u>		\$ 1,305.03
Searles, Melissa			
Librarian Assistant Salary	\$ 34,088.60		
Website Support	\$ 750.00		
Supervisor of the Checklist	\$ 675.00		
Election	<u>\$ 348.75</u>		\$ 35,862.35
Shepard, Meredith			
Fire Department	<u>\$ 545.64</u>		\$ 545.64
Southard, Ashley			
Library Cleaning	<u>\$ 67.50</u>		\$ 67.50
Sullivan, Bret			
Part Time Officer	\$ 15,561.00		
Overtime	<u>\$ 2,964.00</u>		\$ 18,525.00

2024 PAYROLL

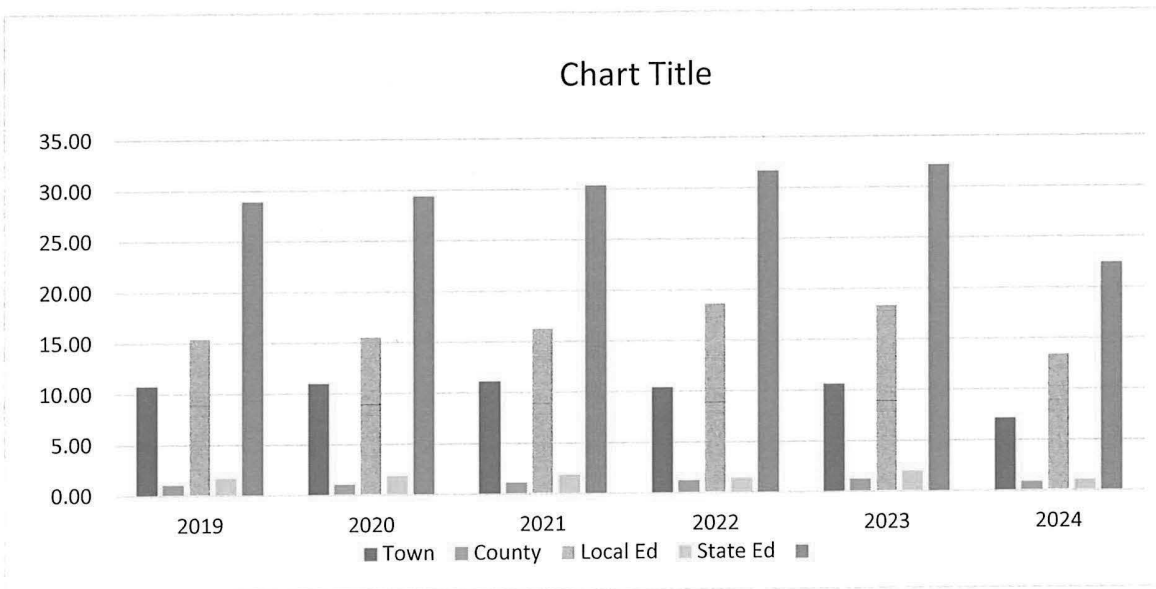
Tarrio, Christine			
Children's Librarian	\$	<u>1,216.95</u>	\$ 1,216.95
Turner, Walter			
Supervisor of the Checklist	\$	675.00	
Election	\$	<u>896.25</u>	\$ 1,571.25
Wilson, Allan			
Fire Department	\$	<u>366.51</u>	\$ 366.51
Wing, Douglas Jr. (DJ)			
Road Agent	\$	3,276.11	
Highway Laborer	\$	48,636.80	
Highway Laborer Overtime	\$	<u>3,276.11</u>	\$ 55,189.02
Total Payroll			\$ 611,375.30

TOWN PROPERTY LIST 2024

<u>MAP</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>SUB-LOT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2	4	0	SOUTH BENNINGTON RD	0.19	1,000	-	1,000
3	15	0	MOUNTAIN RD	1	44,000	-	44,000
3	32	0	325 GREENFIELD RD	0.6	112,000	800	112,800
7	14	0	FRANCESTOWN RD	0.07	6,800	-	6,800
7	18	0	2 GREENFIELD RD	1.9	57,000	6,700	63,700
7	37	1	OLD GREENFIELD RD	11	90,400	-	90,400
7	65	0	ACRE ST	4	80,000	2,600	82,600
7	73	0	7 SCHOOL ST	0.33	177,300	280,600	457,900
7	81	0	2 MAIN ST	0.15	152,500	147,100	299,600
7	103	0	STATE ROUTE 202	6.4	68,700	-	68,700
9	7	0	STATE ROUTE 202	6.9	56,300	-	56,300
9	8	0	PIERCE HILL RD	12.9	24,500	-	24,500
9	12	0	9 HANCOCK RD	0.19	160,500	83,400	243,900
9	15	0	PIERCE HILL RD	4	10,000	-	10,000
9	16	0	PIERCE HILL RD	0.72	1,800	-	1,800
9	17	0	PIERCE HILL RD	5	12,500	-	12,500
9	18	0	PIERCE HILL RD	4.5	11,300	-	11,300
9	23	00000A	4 STARRETT RD	0.23	23,700	8,000	31,700
10	1	0	8 SCHOOL ST	0.16	154,500	173,000	327,500
10	16	0	MAIN ST	0.19	42,800	-	42,800
10	72	0	121 BIBLE HILL RD	1.9	44,800	7,300	52,100
10	73	0	BIBLE HILL RD	0.9	1,100	-	1,100
10	81	0	OLD STAGECOACH RD	23	121,000	-	121,000
10	83	0	OLD STAGECOACH RD	2.77	51,900	2,200	54,100
10	85	0	EATON AVE	1.93	57,200	-	57,200
11	10	0	FRANCESTOWN RD	0.11	7,600	-	7,600
11	11	0	FRANCESTOWN ROAD	6.8	113,600	28,400	142,000
12	3	0	ONSET RD	1.04	22,400	-	22,400
12	13	0	ONSET RD	1	22,300	-	22,300
12	14	0	ONSET RD	1	13,400	-	13,400
12	43	0	ONSET RD	1.25	36,000	-	36,000
13	26	0	OAK HILL RD	0.76	21,000	-	21,000
13	27	0	OAK HILL RD	0.82	21,300	-	21,300
13	28	0	OAK HILL RD	0.88	21,500	-	21,500
13	29	0	OAK HILL RD	0.98	21,900	-	21,900
13	30	0	OAK HILL RD	0.98	31,600	-	31,600
13	33	0	BIRCH DR	0.76	21,000	-	21,000
13	45	0	FRANCESTOWN RD	0.23	28,200	-	28,200
15	1	00000B	BIBLE HILL RD	2.61	51,200	-	51,200
15	1	00000C	144 BIBLE HILL RD	4.64	207,300	89,600	296,900
16	13	0	170 BIBLE HILL RD	4.5	34,400	29,100	63,500
16	14	0	BIBLE HILL RD	2.8	3,500	-	3,500
17	27	0	BIBLE HILL RD	0.5	1,300	-	1,300
21	1	0	198-0 NORTH BENNINGTON RD	103.82	469,200	143,700	612,900
21	13	1	443 NORTH BENNINGTON RD	5	99,300	39,100	138,400
22	3	0	NORTH BENNINGTON RD	1.6	4,000	-	4,000
23	17	0	PINE MEADOWS CIRCLE	2.4	98,000	-	98,000
TOTALS				235.41	2,913,600	1,041,600	3,955,200

Tax Rate

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Town	10.78	10.99	11.11	10.40	10.63	7.14
County	1.04	1.02	1.12	1.20	1.24	0.87
Local Ed	15.41	15.52	16.27	18.62	18.31	13.40
State Ed	1.70	1.86	1.84	1.43	1.97	1.06
	28.93	29.39	30.34	31.65	32.15	22.47



TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year ended December 31, 2024

GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2024	\$1,926,905.94
Receipts		\$3,890,098.24
Disbursements		-\$5,344,691.68
Cash Balance	12/31/2024	\$472,312.50

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash Balance (savings)	1/1/2024	\$31,744.11
Deposit (savings)		\$10,028.54
Interest Earned (savings)		\$983.64
9 Month CD		\$77,250.00
Interest Earned (CD 2023)		\$280.00
Interest Earned (CD 2024)		\$3,622.06
Cash Balance	12/31/2024	\$123,908.35

GEP DODGE LIBRARY
Year end Treasurers Report
2024

BEGINNING BALANCE - January 1, 2024 \$10,476.69

INCOME

Book Sales:	\$78.00
B&W Copies:	\$242.25
Color Copies:	\$43.00
Fax:	\$21.00
Overdue:	\$3.00
Interest from Trust Funds:	\$2,202.39
Interest from Trust Fund CD:	\$33.97
Donations:	<u>\$961.00</u>
 Total:	 \$3,584.61

EXPENSES

Museum Passes:	\$316.00
Merchandise:	\$350.00
Program Speaker Fees:	\$537.00
Community Supper:	<u>\$250.89</u>
 Total:	 \$1,453.89

ENDING BALANCE - December 31, 2024 \$12,607.41

Town Clerk's Revenue Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$ 326,986.16
Municipal Agent Fees		\$ 7,138.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		\$ 794.00
Motor Vehicle Mail Program		\$ 1,752.00
OHRV	Town	\$ 225.00
Fish and Game	Town	\$ 33.00
UCC Lien Filings		\$ 130.00
Marriage Licenses:	Town	\$ 70.00
Certified Copies:	Town	\$ 479.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	\$ 1,752.00
Dog Mail Program		\$ 380.00
Dog License Fines		\$ 449.70
Election Fees		\$ 0
Bad Check Fees		\$ 105.00
Parking Tickets		\$ 0
Checklist		\$ 475.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 0
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		\$340,768.86

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

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk



INCOME

PRINCIPAL

DATE	TRUST NAME	Type	Purpose	Item Invested	% of Total	ANNUAL TOTALS			ANNUAL TOTALS			Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value					
						BALANCE 01/01/24	NEW FUNDS	GAIN/LOSS	EXPEND	BALANCE 12/31/24	BALANCE 01/01/24			Gross Income	Mgmt Fees	Transf/Income/Exp	BALANCE 12/31/24	Total Tax Cost
1990	Evergreen Cemetery	Income-only Trust	Cemetery	Common Investment	4.07%	16,595.19	-	133.62	-	16,748.81	7,550.40	708.76	(185.23)	-	8,073.93	24,822.74	760.06	25,582.80
1996	Mount Calvary Cemetery	Income-only Trust	Cemetery	Common Investment	0.25%	832.79	-	9.54	-	842.33	665.52	43.99	(11.48)	-	698.03	1,540.36	47.17	1,587.53
1996	Sunnyside Cemetery	Income-only Trust	Cemetery	Common Investment	2.49%	12,702.42	-	94.17	-	12,796.59	2,098.96	434.47	(113.53)	-	2,419.90	15,216.49	465.92	15,682.41
2/1/2013	Sunnyside Cemetery Expendable Trust	Income-only Trust	Cemetery	Common Investment	4.34%	-	-	163.98	(0.37)	163.61	25,774.01	756.56	(197.71)	-	26,332.86	26,496.47	811.31	27,307.78
9/29/1945	Lizelle Holt Evergreen Cemetery Special Projects	Income-only Trust	Cemetery	Common Investment	7.44%	33,263.88	-	281.03	-	33,544.91	10,904.59	1,296.51	(338.81)	-	11,862.29	45,407.20	1,390.35	46,797.55
2/21/2018	David Glynn Estate Evergreen Cemetery Special Projects	Income-only Trust	Cemetery	Common Investment	1.51%	7,597.84	-	56.97	-	7,654.81	1,357.39	262.88	(68.70)	-	1,551.57	9,306.38	281.89	9,488.27
3/31/2013	Bennington Women's Club	Income-only Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.07%	160.10	-	1.03	-	161.13	1.25	4.73	(1.24)	(4.26)	0.48	161.61	4.95	166.56
6/29/2018	Dodge Library Books-David Glynn Estate	Income-only Trust	Library	Common Investment	8.59%	50,615.43	-	324.56	-	50,939.99	395.11	1,497.34	(591.50)	(1,346.55)	154.60	51,094.59	1,564.49	52,659.08
1/1/2013	Emma Gipson Trust	Income-only Trust	Library	Common Investment	34.05%	82,624.94	-	529.81	-	83,154.75	644.98	2,444.27	(638.75)	(2,198.13)	252.37	85,407.12	2,553.89	85,961.01
3/26/2019	Historical Buildings Maintenance (Glynn Trust)	Expendable Trust	Maintenance and Repair	Common Investment	31.02%	153,341.26	-	1,179.51	(10,502.00)	144,017.77	30,766.93	5,217.39	(1,368.70)	-	34,615.62	178,633.39	5,466.67	184,103.06
3/26/2019	Town Square Fund (Glynn Trust)	Income-only Trust	Maintenance and Repair	Common Investment	18.57%	99,997.08	-	706.01	-	100,697.09	10,024.93	3,229.35	(843.95)	-	12,410.53	113,107.62	3,463.30	116,570.92
12/1/2010	Bruce Edes	Income-only Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	7.50%	35,859.68	-	283.39	-	36,143.07	8,680.74	1,307.43	(341.67)	-	9,646.50	45,789.57	1,402.05	47,191.62
12/31/1994	Edward French	Income-only Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	0.19%	1,077.83	-	7.34	-	1,085.17	70.30	33.68	(8.83)	-	95.15	1,180.32	36.14	1,216.46
6/10/2024	Bennington Police Department Fund	Expendable Trust	Police/Fire	Common Investment	0.06%	-	-	(0.29)	(9,407.08)	-	-	117.16	(25.91)	(84.07)	7.18	7.18	0.22	7.40
10/10/2024	Evergreen Cemetery Tree Removal Fund	Expendable Trust	Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.00%	-	-	-	(5,625.00)	-	-	27.41	(5.23)	-	22.18	1,897.18	58.09	1,955.27
Common Trust Funds						494,668.44	16,907.37	3,784.67	(25,535.45)	489,825.03	98,935.11	17,382.13	(4,541.04)	(3,633.01)	108,143.19	597,968.22	18,309.50	616,277.72

3/31/1991	Highway Heavy Equipment	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Capital	Common Investment	11.88%	148,860.50	40,000.00	749.24	(147,000.00)	42,609.74	17,111.82	883.33	(70.89)	(6,200.00)	11,724.26	54,334.00	3.27	54,337.27
3/31/1997	Mover	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Capital	Common Investment	0.93%	10,104.76	2,500.00	776.50	-	13,383.06	2,914.64	495.25	(59.41)	-	3,350.48	16,733.54	1.01	16,734.55
3/31/2001	Revaluation	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Capital	Common Investment	3.72%	50,216.36	23,007.88	1,250.68	(74,468.26)	6.66	1,747.25	820.57	(86.08)	(2,481.74)	-	6.66	(0.00)	6.66
3/31/2001	Town Buildings Expendable	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Capital	Common Investment	10.50%	136,609.04	25,000.00	8,591.91	(38,651.05)	131,549.90	10,122.77	4,730.51	(590.06)	-	14,263.22	145,813.12	8.77	145,821.89
3/31/1994	Dodge Memorial Library	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Library	Common Investment	2.98%	32,929.06	5,000.00	1,768.82	(5,933.96)	33,761.92	1,673.56	1,134.40	(134.53)	-	2,673.43	36,435.35	2.19	36,437.54
3/31/1997	Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Maintenance and Repair	Common Investment	7.91%	98,479.21	10,000.00	6,610.32	-	115,089.53	11,985.17	4,188.32	(500.83)	-	15,672.66	130,762.19	7.86	130,770.05
3/31/2000	Road Rehabilitation	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Maintenance and Repair	Common Investment	9.10%	121,210.85	15,000.00	7,606.68	(71,414.88)	72,402.65	5,939.05	4,825.20	(577.53)	-	10,186.72	82,589.37	4.97	82,594.34
3/31/2000	Sidewalk Repair	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Maintenance and Repair	Common Investment	0.37%	5,034.19	1,000.00	311.96	-	6,346.15	184.12	198.50	(23.81)	-	358.81	6,704.96	0.40	6,705.36
3/31/1998	Water Department Maintenance & Repairs Crt	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Maintenance and Repair	Common Investment	10.23%	130,114.63	25,000.00	8,583.72	(44,313.19)	119,385.16	12,987.93	4,565.70	(574.73)	-	16,976.90	136,362.06	8.20	136,370.26
7/23/2013	Fire Department Protective Gear	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Police/Fire	Common Investment	2.54%	33,789.89	6,000.00	2,285.61	(35,697.33)	6,378.17	1,724.38	959.42	(122.54)	-	2,561.26	8,939.43	0.54	8,939.97
3/31/2001	Fire Department Radios	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Police/Fire	Common Investment	0.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3/31/2001	Fire Department Sca	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Police/Fire	Common Investment	0.84%	11,104.41	2,000.00	698.83	-	13,803.24	583.23	444.29	(53.27)	-	974.25	14,777.49	0.89	14,778.38
3/31/1994	Fire Truck	Capital Reserve (RSA)	Police/Fire	Common Investment	33.47%	420,930.53	97,500.00	27,944.50	-	546,375.03	46,605.85	17,793.79	(2,136.12)	-	62,263.52	608,638.55	36.61	608,675.16

PRINCIPAL

INCOME

DATE	TRUST NAME	Type	Purpose	How Invested	% of Total	PRINCIPAL ANNUAL TOTALS			INCOME ANNUAL TOTALS			Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value				
						BALANCE 01/01/24	NEW FUNDS	GAIN/LOSS	EXPEND	BALANCE 12/31/24	Gross Income			Net Fees	Transf/Income Exp	BALANCE 12/31/24	Total Tax Cost
1/31/1991	Police Cruiser	Reserve Capital Plan	Police-Ple	Common Investment	1.31*	17,385.45	15,000.00	1,084.56	-	33,470.01	708.45	(86.75)	-	1,495.01	34,965.02	2.10	34,967.12
3/31/1991	Rescue Chassis	Reserve Capital Plan	Police-Ple	Common Investment	4.41*	49,971.46	2,500.00	4,348.11	(53,212.20)	3,607.37	753.22	(119.55)	-	12,324.82	15,932.19	0.96	15,933.15
9/23/2014	Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust	Expendable Trust	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	0.29**	5,678.94	-	242.19	-	3,921.13	152.85	(18.29)	-	499.33	4,420.46	0.26	4,420.72
	Capital Reserve Funds				100.00%**	1,270,419.28	269,507.88	72,855.43	(470,692.87)	1,142,089.72	42,651.80	(5,154.57)	(8,681.74)	153,324.67	1,297,414.39	78.03	1,297,492.42
	Town of Bennington Total					1,765,087.72	286,415.25	76,640.10	(496,238.32)	1,631,914.75	60,033.93	(9,695.41)	(12,314.75)	263,467.86	1,895,382.61	18,387.53	1,913,770.14

Births, Deaths & Marriages
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-- BENNINGTON --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
SMITH IV, WILLIAM JOHN BENNINGTON, NH	CHRISTIANSEN, HEIDI LYNN BENNINGTON, NH	BENNINGTON	BENNINGTON	08/10/2024
BRESSLER, JUDAH DAVID BENNINGTON, NH	WASHBROOK, REBEKAH ELIN BENNINGTON, NH	BENNINGTON	BENNINGTON	09/04/2024
WILLIAMS, JUSTIN TERRANCE BENNINGTON, NH	DIAMOND, JASMINE DAWN BENNINGTON, NH	BENNINGTON	MEREDITH	11/01/2024

Total number of records 3

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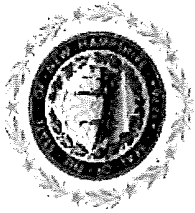
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

-- BENNINGTON--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name
ECHAVARRIA, NORA VALERIE	01/26/2024	NASHUA, NH	ECHAVARRIA, CHAD ALAN	ECHAVARRIA, ASHLEE MARIA
PEARCE, PHOENIX LOREN	03/11/2024	PETERBOROUGH, NH	PEARCE, JACOB BRANDON	EVANS, SIERRA KATHLEEN
BOCCHIERE, OPHELIA SUSAN	04/05/2024	PETERBOROUGH, NH	BOCCHIERE JR, ROBERT SCOTT	BOCCHIERE, SAMANTHA ANNE
BOUCHER, VIVIAN MAY	05/07/2024	PETERBOROUGH, NH	BOUCHER, JOSHUA CHARLES	BOUCHER, KATRINA MARIE
SULLIVAN, MEREDITH MAE	06/14/2024	NASHUA, NH	SULLIVAN, NICHOLAS JOSEPH	SULLIVAN, KRYSTIN MARIAH
HILLERBY, CLAYTON DONALD	07/30/2024	PETERBOROUGH, NH	HILLERBY, JARED ANDREW	MACBRIDE, MORGAN GRACE
VOORHEES, CORALEE JEAN	08/20/2024	NASHUA, NH	VOORHEES, JOHN LEWIS	HAMLIN, TIMEA MAY
PORTER, MARA JADE	09/04/2024	CONCORD, NH	PORTER, AARON MICHAEL	PORTER, MEGAN CHRISTINE
HARDWICK, AUTUMN ANN	12/08/2024	PETERBOROUGH, NH	HARDWICK, MATTHEW HUNTER	HARDWICK, ELIZABETH ANN
BLANCHARD, CARSON WILLIAM	12/21/2024	PETERBOROUGH, NH	BLANCHARD, DAVID WILLIAM	BLANCHARD, URSULA MARIEL

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

--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
TATRO, MICHAEL J	01/22/2024	GREENFIELD	TATRO, GORDON	LAFLAMME, DORIS	N
BERGERON, STEVEN JOSEPH	01/31/2024	BENNINGTON	BERGERON, ARTHUR	CONSTANTINEAU, MARION	N
WHITELEY, TERRIE	02/01/2024	PETERBOROUGH	HORNACEK, WILLIAM	YOUNG, FRANCES	N
PORTER, MICHAEL	02/09/2024	BENNINGTON	PORTER, HAROLD	BURKE, MARY	N
LANUM, BRANDON LEE	02/13/2024	BENNINGTON	LANUM, RICHARD	MCDONNELL, BARBARA	N
GRISWOLD JR, JAMES W	03/17/2024	CONCORD	GRISWOLD SR, JAMES	ROCKWELL, EVELYN	N
AVERY, PHILLIP A	04/04/2024	PETERBOROUGH	AVERY, FOSTER	JOHNSON, DOROTHY	N
RENSHAW, JAMES E	07/01/2024	BENNINGTON	RENSHAW, ROLAND	LAGOY, LEONA	N
STODDARD, RICHARD C	08/31/2024	LEBANON	STODDARD, HOMER	FOWLER, PATRICIA	Y
USSEGLIO, JOSEPH EDWARD	10/28/2024	CONCORD	USSEGLIO, EDWARD	GARVEY, MARY	Y
BLANCHETTE, PAUL NELSON	11/05/2024	BENNINGTON	BLANCHETTE, JOSEPH	LEBLANC, EXILDA	Y
VARNUM, JEROME CARY	12/29/2024	BENNINGTON	VARNUM JR, ARTHUR	DUPREE, AILEEN	N

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Department Reports
for the Year Ended December 31, 2024

BUILDING INSPECTOR / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

We had a total of 74 permits in 2024, six were for new homes. Solar Permits are still very common, as are generators. Energy requirements have increased, along with other associated costs of construction.

Please remember that I am here to help answer any questions on building and zoning. The best choice to reach me is a text message.

I look forward to continuing the various duties and responsibilities on behalf of the Town of Bennington 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 Bennington Cemeteries were able to address several projects during the 2024 year thanks to several individuals. The Trustees began the year working towards planning for addressing tree work in Evergreen Cemetery. It is due to the generous donation from an anonymous donor that the Trustees were able to address significant tree work in Evergreen Cemetery. We could not have completed so much work within one year without this support.

The second project within Evergreen Cemetery that was completed was work to the stone wall around the cemetery. Over the years many rocks have become loose and fallen out of the wall. In looking for having this work addressed, Zeth Kenney of Graceline Stoneworks came to the Cemetery Trustees offering his services free of charge. Zeth repaired the stonewall on Veterans Day to honor the fall veterans.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Belcher
Melissa Clark
Robert Christian

COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

Community Power is a program approved by the State Legislature that allows towns to buy electric power for their residents and small businesses, with the goal of providing lower rates for everyone in town. There is neither cost nor risk to the Town. Eversource will continue to deliver power to Bennington and will also do the billing, so the delivery charge on your bill will not change. The cost savings will affect the supply part of the bill. Bennington's Community Power plan will offer ratepayers three options: The basic rate, with no renewable energy, will be the lowest cost; the default rate with 5-10% renewables will, per the plan, offer lower cost than Eversource offers; and the 100% renewable rate will be the most expensive. Community Power will not be launched unless we are able to secure a default rate that is lower than the Eversource rate. Community Power is an opt-out plan; initially all ratepayers will be enrolled at the default rate but will be given ample opportunity to opt out and remain with Eversource or choose one of the two other Community Power rates. Before Community Power begins, the committee will give a public presentation, and every ratepayer will receive a return letter presenting the available choices, including rates, as outlined above. Those who choose Community Power will be able to opt out or switch rates at the end of any billing cycle.

In order to pursue Community Power, Bennington requires approval of its plan by the State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission and passage of a warrant article by the voters. The Plan was approved by the NH PUC on February 12, 2024, and the required warrant article was passed by the voters in the March 12, 2024 town meeting. For the remainder of the year, the committee, with the help of Standard Power, a company acting as our agent, monitored the electricity market, seeking to meet our plan's basic requirement of a default rate lower than the Eversource rate. As the year ends it appears that we will be able to satisfy this requirement early in 2025 for an April launch and a 7-8 month contract duration.

Jim Cleary
Deb Davidson
Molly Eppig
David McKenzie
Mike Munhall



Bennington Conservation Commission
Caring for the Land and Building Community since 1989

2024 Annual Report

The Bennington Conservation Commission sets goals each October for the succeeding year and spends that next year endeavoring to accomplish all that it has set out for itself. 2024 was no different. Our goals for 2024 were:

1. Establish a property conservation easement educational program to help residents interested in putting their land into conservation or common use as well as look into providing financial assistance to those wishing to do either.

How did we do? In March commissioner, Jane Butler, coordinated a talk by Eric Masterson from the Harris Center for Conservation Education to speak to residents about putting land into conservation easements. Not only did Bennington people attend, but residents from four other towns came to listen and learn.

2. Make a greater effort to get a website operational.

This goal has been a frustration for several years, and continues to be so.

3. Perambulate Greenfield townline and complete the Deering townline.

One of the duties of the selectmen is to monitor the boundaries of the town that borders Antrim, Frankestown, Hancock, Greenfield and Deering. The selectmen have delegated that responsibility to the conservation commission. The commission, has for many years now, done one of the five borders each year in what is referred to as a perambulation. This year Joe MacGregor, Zach Allen and Mike Munhall walked the Greenfield line checking survey monuments along the way.

4. Monitor water quality in town waters and look into remediation of current issues.

Commissioner Zach Allen has taken this activity on for the past several years. Working with NHDES he samples water in the Contoocook River in various spots in town and sends his results to the state so they can be aware of potential water quality issues. Zach has worked with the Pierce Elementary Fourth Grade so students understand how to monitor the quality of their environment. Particularly as they raise and release their salmon.

5. Continue work on the Bennington Trail and build a parking area at the trailhead.

Along with the commission's monitoring of the Bruce Edes Memorial Forest it is in the process of developing the Bennington Trail which runs from Mountain Road up the backside of Crotched Mountain to the peak at 2024 feet. Several work crews have spent time this year clearing the trail, blazing the route and reorienting it a bit to make it more accessible to hikers. Zach Allen has spearheaded these activities

An ongoing activity of the Commission is the care of the Edes Forest. In that regard we hold an annual walk in September to acquaint people with the trails and features of the forest but we also hold annual trail cleanup days and with the Dodge Library keep a Story Walk up to date that entertains youngsters as they wander the trail. This year we had an additional cleanup day after violent winds pulled down some trees and limbs blocking some of the trails.

6. Do more educational programming on environmental issues and history.

The Commission has sponsored several talks this year. In January we invited Eric Tenney and Dave Beck to share their research in Bennington in the Civil War. While much of the talk was information about groups of soldiers, and major campaigns where they fought during the conflict they also shared individual stories of people buried in the Bennington cemeteries.

We also sponsored a talk by a NHDES naturalist who talked about bobcats in New Hampshire. Jenn Sutton, the third grade teacher at Pierce Elementary spoke on a passion of hers: salamanders. Earlier in the year Jenn had worked

with the Commission to have her students install a salamander research station in the Edes Forest for her students to monitor the activity of salamanders in the woods. In October, we sponsored a NHDES talk on the threat to moose in New Hampshire. In November science students from Franklin Pierce University gave a fascinating presentation about the impact of climate change on our region.

The Select Board asked the Commission to investigate two property situations this year, one on North Bennington Road and one on Whittemore Pond. We did, but eventually both were referred to the town building inspector.

Beyond our stated goals the Commission has a full range of activities that fill out our year. Each year we select a conservation theme for the town; this year it was "Bee Kind to Pollinators." Leading up to Earth Day in April we hold a contest for Pierce students to design a yard sign that best portrays the annual theme, this year's winner was a third grader from Ms Sutton's classroom. Earth Day, the Saturday nearest to April 20 was a big success. Beginning with a waffle breakfast at the Depot sponsored by the Monadnock Paper Mill and Common Place Cafe it gets the day off to a nourishing start. Individuals and families fanned out across town clearing roadsides of litter from the winter. In February we put on the highly popular community supper known as the Sausage Fest. In its second year it draws about 150 townspeople for good food and music. June saw us promoting our activity at the Bennington Rhubarb Festival with our River Paddle which has become an annual delight as we cruise up the Contoocook at the end of the month. At the end of the year, we were approached by Mrs. Val Germain's 4th Grade to help them with their study of mammals by purchasing a trail cam so that the students will be able to monitor wildlife in the Edes Forest. It will be installed early in 2025. Jon Manley and Joe MacGregor continue to represent the town at the Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee (CNBRLAC) which coordinates river activity with other towns along the rivers.

Our big project this year was tackling the triangle of property at the confluence of Antrim Road and Bible Hill Road. Long a tangled mess of vines, overgrown shrubs and unkempt trees, we felt it was too public a spot and worked to remedy it. We hired tree surgeons to remove several of the trees, and asked the Town Road Crew to use their heavy equipment to dig out most

of the vine tangle replacing it with good loam. We raked the soil out, planted grass seed and planted three hydrangea bushes which should be in white bloom most of the year, and turning red in the fall.

Membership is an issue for the Commission. We are looking for some new blood, particularly residents with an enthusiasm for nature and protecting the features of Bennington that have drawn so many of us here. If you are interested in working to maintain the natural features of the town, please speak with any Conservation Commissioner. Zach Allen and Jane Butler were each reappointed to another three year terms. Even if you feel you cannot be a fulltime commissioner, we are also looking for alternates who can share their passion as appropriate.

Bennington Conservation Commission

Zach Allen

Jane Butler

Jon Manley

Joe MacGregor

Mike Munhall, chair

Steve Willette

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bennington Emergency Management has returned to a “normal” status after having several eventful years with Covid and the winding down of Covid. Over the past year director Keith Nason, assisted by Deputy Director Jason Powers continued to support the community during several weather events and we continued to prepare and train for security and weather-related issues. For 2024 we were able to stay under budget and are not asking for any increases for 2025.

During 2024, the Emergency Management Team continued to work with and support the Police, Fire, and Highway 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 attend monthly conference calls which keep us up to date on all Homeland Security and Emergency Management happenings. Our team has worked diligently to keep up to date with the local, national, and international intelligence briefings and other relevant trainings to make sure that Bennington is properly prepared for potential weather and security happenings.

Keeping our residents and our employees safe has been our top priority. Emergency Management continues to evolve and is available should you have any questions or concerns.

For the upcoming year we will focus on our EMS in the warm zone / active shooter training to enhance our knowledge of new practices being implemented around the country. To stay current and ahead of Federal and State of New Hampshire requirements, we will continue to work on our new operations plans (LEOP) which will be required in a few years.

Visit <https://benningtonnhalerts.genasys.com/portal/en> to sign up for Bennington specific alerts, you can select which message types you wish to receive and how to receive them such as text, email and/or phone. For assistance, please reach out to the contacts below.

Follow Bennington Emergency Management on Facebook. Please remember if you “See Something, Say Something”.

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

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

ELECTION REPORT

As of this writing, we have 1052 voters on the checklist: 261 Democrats, 388 Republicans, and 403 Undeclared voters. Of course, this number is always a moving target: since our last session, 21 voters have moved to other towns in New Hampshire. Once we approve those voters for removal, our total will be 1031. Then we will have another election, more voters will register, and the number will go up slightly. And so it goes.

2024 saw 4 elections, all of which were busy as there were contested races and controversial issues to decide. Even the Town / School district meeting had higher than normal turnout. And the General Election broke all records for turnout, with 125 new voters registering on the day through the Same Day Registration process, and a total of 900 ballots cast, for a turnout of 82.2%!

Despite being busy, all of our elections ran very smoothly in Bennington. Rarely did anyone have to wait for more than a few minutes to sign in and receive their ballot. Also, thanks to our new elevator, voting and Town Meeting have returned to the upstairs of our Town Hall, a beautiful historic space filled with memories of basketball games, plays, and poetry recitals.

2025 is a relatively quiet election year, with only the Town / School District cycle to get through. However, while this is traditionally the election with the lowest turnouts by far, it is the one that has by far the greatest impact on your life and your pocketbook. We encourage all voters to become more knowledgeable and to vote: come to the meetings, meet your town officials, get involved!

The Supervisors of the Checklist are now tasked with regularly reviewing the NCOA (National change of address) data supplied to us by the US Post Office. Through this we can cross-compare address data to determine whether people have moved out of town. Occasionally, this can result in someone being removed from the checklist even if they still live in town. In the past, this could be remedied simply by re-registering on the day through the Same Day Registration process. Recent changes in the law have made that process more difficult, with little to no demonstrated benefit. We hope this situation will be rectified soon.

Meanwhile, please come prepared to the polls with your drivers' license or other form of ID, proof of domicile, and proof of US Citizenship. Bring a passport and/or birth certificate if you have one. The Bennington Supervisors of the Checklist are committed to making sure that everyone who is eligible to vote in Bennington shall be able to vote – that is your right.

We look forward to seeing all of you soon. Thanks to all who participate, and a special thanks to all of the volunteers who count votes late into the evening, and to all of the officials, elected and otherwise who keep our elections running smoothly. It takes all of us to make this happen!

Walter Turner
Supervisor of the Checklist

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 2024 there were some changes to the fire officers. In August Zachary Andersen was promoted to Fire Chief and in December Greg Sandquist was promoted to Fire Captain and Mike Andersen was promoted to Fire Lieutenant. This year we have added several more firefighters and EMT's to the roster.

In 2024 Bennington Fire and Rescue responded to a total of 223 emergency calls – down from 236 in 2023, 224 in 2022, 209 in 2021 and 198 in 2020. Included in the 223 calls we responded to 142 medical calls this year which is a decrease from last year and does not including vehicle crashes.

Keep in mind that permits are required for all outside burning, including solo (smokeless fire pits of any size). Seasonal permits will be available in the spring once the snow cover has dissipated. If there is not adequate and complete snow coverage If and 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>.

During 2024 the new rescue Tahoe served the community well, saving money and allowing for better responses. The new engine is expected to arrive and be placed in service in early 2025.

Should you have a medical condition and may be at home alone, we ask that you have a key or door code available to expedite entry in the case of an emergency. There are low-cost lockbox solutions available, please reach out for more information.

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,

Zachary Andersen, Fire Chief
Matt Hall, Deputy Fire Chief
Keith Nason, Assistant Fire Chief
Jason Powers, Rescue Captain
Greg Sandquist, Fire Captain
Mike Andersen, Fire Lieutenant

GEP DODGE LIBRARY

2024 TOWN REPORT

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

dodglibrary1@comcast.net; dodglibrary2@comcast.net

Website: www.dodglibrary.com ~ Online catalog: dodglibrary.bibliionix.com

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

2024 was a more typical library year than the previous three years had been. Patrons are now as comfortable checking out their online selections offered through our catalog as they are with the traditional lending library choices. When newly moved-in Bennington residents arrive to register, they are already fully familiar with the online catalog, programs and databases offered to our patrons. It is now second nature for all of our patrons, old, new, younger, older, to use our online catalog to place inter-library loan requests, and in-house reserves, from wherever they are in the world, 24/7. Greater accessibility also includes patrons taking advantage of having requested materials put into the outside bin for after-hours pick-up, or for homebound patrons requesting delivery. Extending these library services has accommodated our patron's varied lives.

Summer Reading Program is a term of five weeks that includes two weekly story times, guest readers, craft activities, games, and prizes; field trips; a bike rodeo, a paint night, a family trivia night, and ongoing crafts and activities. Claudia and Tim Sysyn funded a visit from Wild Life Encounters Zoo for the kick-off to the summer reading program. We were also fortunate to benefit from the very popular Mason's *Bikes For Books* program. Masons Jon Manley and Arthur Dunham of the *Benevolent Lodge #7, Milford, NH, and Pacific Lodge #45, Frankestown, NH*, treated our young patrons to their annual reading challenge. Two bikes were offered by the Masons in 2024, and the winners were Mable Johnson and Tommy Belcher. A core activity for the reading program is the *Read and Review* challenge. Readers from three age groups are challenged to read, then fill out a review form for each of the books that they've read, and then enter their reviews into a drawing to win a bag full of practical and impractical things. This year's three age group winners were Betty Coffin Brooks, Lydia Vanderhoof, and Weston Johnson.

Everyone needs friends, and the *Friends of the Library* are always looking for more *Friends* volunteers to help with their fund raising activities to support the library's enrichment programs. *Library Friends* help with the purchase of museum passes and other non-budget extras such as programming and supplies for adults and children.

Throughout this past year, our patrons have had uninterrupted access to our library's collection of 29,721 items, which includes 3,803 DVDs, 1,193 sound recordings, including music CDs, 14 periodicals, 2 newspapers, and 16 puzzles. Our library's collection also includes a subscription to the *Tumblebooks* database, an online collection of 2,716 titles that includes animated talking picture books and nonfiction titles, 172 National Geographic videos, 123 language lessons, 129 playlists, and 294 games and puzzles. Through **BIBLIIONIX**, the library's online catalog, and a library card, our patrons have access to the **FREE NH OVERDRIVE** collection known as 'LIBBY.' *NH OVERDRIVE LIBBY* is a digital collection, managed by the NH State Library, of 95,087 items: 45,584 e-books, 43,774 e-audios, 5,729 e-periodicals and access to the online databases of *Ancestry* and **Heritage Quest**. Through the library's catalog, patrons also have access to NHAIS, NH City and Town Annual Reports, Ebscohost, Explora, Geni, LibriVox, Medline Plus, Merck Manuals, Novelist, Project Gutenberg, and soon to be added are the A to Z Maps, A to Z The USA, and A to Z World Culture databases, great for students and anyone interested in general knowledge.

2024 saw an increase to our *Library of Things* collection. This is a collection of non-media items that had been donated to the library for the benefit of the library's patrons. Our small space keeps us from having large items to loan, but we do have some things, and we will continue to add to that collection through donation and creative storage. Please check the catalog for our growing list of things to borrow.

We are grateful to the *ConVal End 68 Hours of Hunger* program for selecting the library as one of their locations to provide our young residents with year round access to meal bags and after-school snacks. This anonymous program has been very successful.

This past year, the library received a variety of mini-grants and packets that provided our patrons with some free extras. We received seed packets from UNH and packets from the NH *SNAP Farm Share* and materials from *Tick Free NH* that included tick identification cards and tick removers for our patrons. A second surge of NH COVID cases made us eligible for more free COVID test kits from the NH Dept of Health and Human Services, and we had an NH Fish and Game representative come to talk about local NH wildlife conservation.

The Rhubarb Festival, the library's main building fundraiser, has returned to being a one-day event, planned and organized by the library trustees, the Friends of the Library, the library staff, and library volunteers. The success of the 2024 one-day Rhubarb Festival was the result of good spring weather, a terrific core of volunteers, the generosity of Anmarie and Allan Wilson, excellent vendors, good acoustical help, and tremendous, generous logistical and financial support given by the Town of Bennington Selectmen and their administration, the Bennington fire department, and the Bennington police department.

Thank you to all of you who support the library through your generous donations of time, talents, money, physical help, intelligence, moral support, and kindness. We cannot survive without you. We are especially grateful to those of you who are always willing to step-up when we need help and do so even when we don't know that we need help. Chris Maple for his continued support and for filling in as needed. Chris Tarrío, for her library skills and her time. Rhonda Davie, who keeps us balanced. Deb Belcher (and her team) for the most incredible, creative, and always much-anticipated, best in the Monadnock region, summer reading program, lawn mascot and display. For the very generous and loyal patrons who enrich everyone's library experience through their donation of talent, personal time, and donations—Victoria Burnham, Deb & Rich Page, Dave & Catriona Beck, Betty Coffin-Brooks, John Cronin, Claudia and Tim Sysyn, Joshua Segal, Laurie MacKeigan, Haley Tramposh, Mike Munhall, Molly & Peter Eppig, Jon and Robyn Manley, Meredith Andersen, Dwayne Searles, and Robert Gross. Joe MacGregor for help with so many things, including ongoing help with the building, the grounds, the Little Free Library, and the Story Hike. Summer reading program story time volunteers Crystle Bullard, Meredith Lyons, Ella Sulzer, Claudia Sysyn, Lydia Vanderhoof, Barbara Wilcott, and Jill Wilmoth. All the moms and dads and grandparents who have stepped in at a moment's notice to help out during the programs. The Wilcott family and Luna, who literally have our backs. Jason LePine of the Bennington PD and Zach Andersen of the Bennington Fire Department. Deb Davidson and Cathy McGillicuddy in the Bennington Town Office. Robin Lamothe and Jenn Sutton at Pierce School and all of our wonderful patrons who make us want to provide them with the best possible library service.

Respectfully submitted;

Leslie MacGregor- Director and Melissa Searles-Assistant Director

Jill Wilmoth- Trustee Chair

Molly Eppig-Trustee Treasurer

Colleen Allen- Trustee Secretary

David McKenzie- Trustee Alternate

Rhonda Davie- Trustee Alternate/Bookkeeper

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The highway had a good year, lots of projects were completed.

Starting the year at the town beach we removed the damaged fence, cut and cleaned brush from the ditch line that ran around the beach and beautifying the beach itself. We installed a new culvert pipe and laid stone. Crowe Fencing installed a new fence around the beach.

We moved onto the Beach Road and cleared brush in preparation for new pavement. We then replaced a culvert on Mountain Road in preparation for paving that road. Old Greenfield Road had a number of large boulders from the middle of the road on the hill going up the road were removed. We ditched the entire road in anticipation of paving. While the paving crew was in town, we had them grind and pave under the trestle on Antrim Road and at the intersection of 202. Once all paving was done, we built a shoulder box and went around and installed shoulders on all new pavement.

Selectboard wanted the recycling building to be fixed up, the highway crew took this project on and replaced all the siding, added windows and a fresh coat of paint!

The Highway also applied for and was picked for a clean emissions grant which allows us to get another new International CV, residents should see it by summer 2025. This grant saved the taxpayers \$134,000.00.

We appreciate all the support from residents and look forward to another successful year in 2025.

Douglas Wing, Jr., (DJ), Road Agent

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Bennington Historical Society held a dedication to the Gazebo in town with an ice cream truck social and a band on Labor Day Weekend. It was a great success with well over 150 people attending and enjoying a lovely summer day within our community. We are planning on making this a yearly event.

As always, we are looking for members and if you would like to visit the Historical Society, please leave us a message or wait for our regular open hours during the summer. It is fascinating to see how our Town has grown and changed since its inception. It is wonderful to reminisce and see all the faces of our Town. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Clark
Arnold Cernota
Scott Parker
Ron McClure

HUMAN SERVICES

2024 was a busy year for this department. The majority of help was once again for rental assistance and electric or fuel. Affordable housing in the Monadnock Region is very limited and families who want to live in the area are finding it more challenging. There are programs that can help with low 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 contact the Town Welfare at 603-588-2189 and assistance is available if you qualify.

Contoocook Valley Transportation- 1/877-428-2882

Grapevine- 603-588-2620

Home Health Care Hospice & Community Services- 603-532-8353

NH Community Resources- 2-1-1

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

Salvation Army- 603-588-2189

The River Center- 603-924-6800

Meals on Wheels- 603-352-2253

Peterborough Food Pantry- 603-924-3008 (M,W,F; 9-12)

We are very fortunate to have a variety of programs, individuals and groups who 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. In the upcoming year we would like to introduce some new opportunities for the public to assist their neighbors who may be struggling.

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

Though local assistance is governed by NHRSA 165, if you are having a hard time financially, call the office if you are in need of anything. If you do not qualify for local assistance, I may be able to guide you towards programs more specifically geared to what your need may be.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Belcher
Human Services Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Officers of the Bennington Police Department would like to thank the citizens of Bennington for their continued support. 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 2024, the Bennington Police Department saw a lot of changes. Full Time Officer Jeff Danforth left full time policework and went to part time status. Officer Hayley Minahan entered the Full Time Police Academy and graduated in November of 2024. Officer Minahan did very well and has since passed her Field Training and is now on her own. To cover some of the open hours left by Ofc. Danforth's departure, the Town of Bennington contracted the Antrim Police Department for 40 hours of Police coverage while Ofc. Minahan was in the Academy. We thank the Antrim Police Department for all their assistance on this. We also welcomed aboard Part time Officer Nicolas Cole, who was sent to the Part Time Police Academy in January of 2024. Officer Cole graduated the part time academy as well as field training and is now on his own. In October of 2024, I submitted my notice of retirement to the Board of Selectmen and will be retiring from Full Time policework March 14th of 2025 and moving to part time status. Your Board of Selectmen have been working very hard to determine the right option for the future of the Bennington Police Department.

The Bennington Police Department has also been slowly updating our equipment. In 2024 we purchased 3 new rifles to replace the old ones we've had. We've also been working with NH State Police to update our IMC system which will allow for ECrash and ECitation to be used by Officers.

In 2024 The Bennington Police Department had a little over 1300 calls for service which consisted of citizen assists, motor vehicle stops, arrests, car crashes, offense reports, department assists of other agencies as well as other contacts with the public. The Bennington Police Department had 37 Offense reports taken, 14 arrests, 12 motor vehicle crashes, and 284 traffic stops.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support. We appreciate everything you do. As 2025 approaches, myself and the Officers of the Bennington Police Department look forward to serving the community with professionalism and compassion.

Chief Jason LePine

RECREATION

The Bennington Recreation had 4 events this past year which were all huge successes.

We started off with an Easter Egg Hunt at Newhall Field, we hid over 1,000 eggs and had a visit from the Easter Bunny for the kids. We had an incredible turnout.

At the end of the summer there was a party at Whittemore Lake for the kids before they went back to school. We followed this up by bringing back the infamous Haunted Hayride and also added a Trunk or Treat. The Haunted Hayride was held at the Transfer Station. Well over 300+ people participated. We cannot wait to top it this coming year.

Finally, we partnered with the Bennington Congregational Church and the Bennington Fire and Rescue for a Christmas Bash in the center of town. We had a petting zoo, food, DJ, Nativity Play and Cookies & Milk with Santa. This was all followed up with a phenomenal Lighted Truck Parade. We are very excited for this upcoming year.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to participate please contact the Town Office 603-588-2189 and please follow us on our Facebook page for information on upcoming events and as always, we will be needing lots and lots of volunteers to continue to make these Community events the successes that they are.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563145784299>

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Clark
Justin Drew
Shelley Griswold

RECYCLING CENTER / TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station ran smoothly throughout the year, with residents utilizing our recycling building at an impressive level. The building itself did get a fresh new outer shell and a new coat of paint. The compliments and praises received by the residence after this was done was very much appreciated, thank you!

Rechargeable, batteries, and any batteries that are not alkaline need to be brought to an attendant for proper disposal.

We DO accept used motor oil, hydraulic oil, and coolant. Please see an attendant with these items to be checked before leaving.

We DO NOT accept any gasoline, tool cleaner, paint, nor do we accept any other hazardous waste. When in doubt, ask an attendant.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

-Wednesday 1:00 - 6:00

-Friday 1:30 - 6:30

-Saturday 8:00 - 4:00

Respectfully,

Curtis Dude, Transfer Station Supervisor

RHUBARB FESTIVAL

Since 2013, Bennington has been “Headin’ for the Rhubarb” – the annual Rhubarb Festival, that is. This year, the Library Trustees and Friends of the Library took over the planning and running of the event at Sawyer Park, and it was a great success. Proceeds from the Festival benefit the GEP Dodge Library's Building Fund and the Friends of the Library.

Leslie MacGregor and Rhonda Davie recruited more craft vendors than we have ever had before. Jill Wilmoth designed the layout of the field, and set it up with the assistance of the Highway Department and many volunteers. Haley Tramosch lined up sponsors, to whom we are grateful.

Select Board member Tony Parisi and sons directed traffic for parking. Select Board member Tom James arranged for rhubarb-themed recordings during the festival, followed by live music at the stage on Sawyer Park. Town Administrator Deb Davidson ran the Rhubarb General Store, which was very successful. Bethany and Jim Craig set up and managed the Children's Activity Tent. Linda and Steve Osienski arranged for the animals in the Petting Zoo up on the hill.

Colleen Allen over-saw the Contests, including Rhubarb Superlatives, art work, and Rhubarb Jam. Molly Flower Eppig ran the Rhubarb Pie Baking Contest, with amateurs vying for prizes from the King Arthur Baking Company, and professionals competing in their own division. The entire Board of Selectmen served as judges for the contest. The Friends of the Library, headed by Laurie McKeigan, along with Melissa Searles sold pies, other baked goods, and books in the Pie Tent. There was also a Rhubarb Wine Contest, which seems to be the only such competition in all New England.

The event was well-covered in the press, with publications as far as Manchester publishing articles about it. The weather was splendid and people came from far and wide to attend. Our thanks to all the named and un-named volunteers who worked hard to make the 2024 Rhubarb Festival a great success.

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Trustees of the Trust Funds moved all Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds from Three Bearings Fiduciary Advisors/Fidelity Investments to Bar Harbor Wealth Management effective February 5, 2024.

All fund information can be found on the following page in the annual MS-9 report.

The town received two donations in 2024:

\$9,407.37 from the Estate of Franklin D. Dalton for the Bennington Police Department.

\$7,500.00 from an anonymous donor via New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for tree removal at Evergreen Cemetery.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bethany Craig, Chair
Michael Munhall
David Parker

2024 Report of the Bennington Water & Sewer Commissioners

The Town's water system delivered 23,212,900 gallons of potable water to our base of xxx customers. All the system's water meets or exceeds state and federal standards. Customers of the municipal sewer system generated in excess of 7 million gallons of effluent that was pumped to the treatment plant in Antrim, a facility we have shared with the Town of Antrim since the early 1980's. After testing and treatment to state and federal standards, the treated water was discharged into the Contoocook River.

Our water and sewer system are under the daily, capable supervision of Matt Miller and other Antrim staff. The Bennington system operates smoothly and efficiently under our contractual arrangement with the Town of Antrim.

The vast majority of old water meters have been replaced with newer models that are more accurate in recording water usage and more easily read making the quarterly billing process more efficient. Meters are read remotely as the contractor drives past the customer's residence or business. Remote read reduces our operating expenses.

215 new meters have now been installed and only 20 old meters now remain in service. The Commissioners urge these remaining 20 water customers to contact the water department at 603-588-2433 to make arrangements for a free replacement: it's a quick process requiring the installer to spend a few minutes in the home's basement. Funding for this project was paid for with Federal ARPA monies received during the COVID epidemic.

Customers who have chronically neglected the installation of updated meters are now being penalized on their quarterly bill. The Town Hall includes a highlighted notice on your bill that makes you aware of the penalty. In the event a hardship is present please be in touch with the Town Hall for an appointment with your Water and Sewer Commission. We meet on the second Tuesday monthly at 4 PM at the Town Hall.

Sewer and water rates increased in 2024 in an effort to meet our goal of having 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. This goal is based on our 2019 study that determined that Bennington's sewer and water rates were well below those of similar sized systems and the current market prices for the delivery of water and sewer services.

Again, we meet on the second Tuesday monthly at 4 PM at the Town Hall. Questions about billing, system and meter upgrades or other concerns can be readily addressed. Please call the Town Hall to make an appointment at any regularly scheduled meeting.

Jon Charlonne

Dennis D. McKenney

Melissa M. Clark

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

The ZBA had four hearings in 2024. Two of the hearings were to address leach field setbacks for new construction, one was to separate a garage and property for sale and the final was to add an Attached Dwelling Unit (ADU). All four of these variants were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Clark, Chairman
Robert Christian, Vice Chair
Christopher Clough
Peter Martel
Jeff Rose



August 29, 2024

Sheryl A. Pratt, CPA**

Michael J. Campo, CPA, MACCY

Sylvia Y. Petro, CPA, CFE, MSA**

To the Members of the Select Board:
Town of Bennington
7 School Street, #101
Bennington, NH 03442

** Also licensed in Vermont

Dear Members of the Select Board:

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Bennington as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated August 26, 2024. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated June 20, 2022, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion(s) about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Town of Bennington solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our findings regarding significant control deficiencies over financial reporting, and material weaknesses, and material noncompliance, and other matters noted during our audit in a separate letter to you dated August 26, 2024.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you in our engagement letter dated June 20, 2022.

Compliance With All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

We follow the AICPA Ethics Standard Rule 201 and in conjunction with the Firm's Quality Control Document, we annually review with all engagement staff potential conflicts with staff. We have not identified any relationships or other matters that in the auditor's judgment may be reasonably thought to bear on independence.

PLODZIK & SANDERSON, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

Significant Risks Identified

Our audit process and planning for each individual audit is based upon a risk model which requires us to identify significant risks within the entity and plan appropriate audit procedures to address those risks. A significant risk is defined as an identified and assessed risk of material misstatement that, in the auditor's judgment, requires special audit consideration. We have management override of controls, improper revenue recognition, lack of maintenance of general ledger and reconciliation of accounts, and lack of segregation of duties over cash receipts, and disbursements as significant risks through our risk assessment procedures. Many of these risks are identified universally in New Hampshire governmental entity audits performed by our firm. As a result of these risks the engagement team developed an audit approach that specifically addresses these significant risks.

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Town of Bennington is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 2-C to the financial statements, the Town of Bennington changed accounting principles to change the way the Town reports subscription based services by adopting Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, in the fiscal year 2023. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are as follows:

Management's estimate of the capital asset useful lives is based on historical information and industry guidance. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the capital asset useful lives in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the allowance for uncollectible property taxes are based on historical data and information known concerning the assessment appeals. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the uncollectible property taxes in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the accrued landfill postclosure care costs is based on estimates provided by the Town's engineer. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used, by the Town's engineer, to develop the accrued landfill postclosure care costs in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are based on assumptions of future events, such as employment, mortality and estimates of value of reported amounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the other postemployment benefit liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources are based on the assumption of future events, such as employment, mortality, and healthcare cost trend, as well as estimates of the value of reported amounts. We evaluated key factors and assumptions used to develop the other postemployment benefits liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the other postemployment benefits in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.



Financial Statement Disclosures

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Significant Unusual Transactions

There are no significant or unusual transactions identified during our audit.

Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards also require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole and each applicable opinion unit. A list of these adjustments for the general fund is attached to this letter. Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying those uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future-period financial statements to be materially misstated, even though the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements currently under audit.

Disagreements With Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the Town of Bennington's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Circumstances That Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report

For purposes of this letter, professional standards require that we communicate any circumstances that affect the form and content of our auditor's report. No such circumstances have arisen.

Representations Requested From Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the representation letter dated August 26, 2024.

Management's Consultations With Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Key Audit Matters

We have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate.

Modification of the Auditor's Report

We have made the following modification to our auditor's report. An adverse opinion will be issued on the governmental activities due to the circumstance that has led to this modification is as follows:

The Town has not recorded the long-term costs of retirement health care costs and obligations for other postemployment benefits for the Town's 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 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.



Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the Town of Bennington, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Town of Bennington's auditors.

Financial, Personnel, and IT Policies (repeat comment)

During review of the Town's policies, we noted the Town is missing a significant number of key accounting, personnel, and IT policies, including but not limited to: Financial Close and Reporting, Credit Card Use, Employee Reimbursement, Purchasing, Capital Assets, Conflict of Interest, Payroll, Staff and Board Ethics, Disaster Recovery Plan, and Data Retention Plan. A capital asset policy is required by governmental accounting standards. All other policies are considered best practice, which are essential to ensure the smooth and continued operations of the Town. We recommend the Town work to develop and adopt the noted policies, and any other policies that management deems appropriate. These policies should then be reviewed and amended on a regular basis, generally every three to five years.

Incomplete Payroll Records (repeat comment)

While performing a walkthrough for payroll, we identified one employee that did not have a Form I-9 in their payroll file. In addition, the employee had received raises for several years that had not been updated on the employee's personnel action form. All employees hired after November 6, 1986, are required to have a completed Form I-9 in their personnel file. In addition, each employee's file should include formal documentation of any changes in pay rate. We recommend the Town review its personnel files to ensure they are accurate and complete for all employees and obtain any missing information that is identified.

Ambulance Services Agreement (repeat comment)

It was noted that ambulance services for the Town of Bennington are provided by the Town of Antrim, however, there is currently no formal agreement in place for these services. As a best practice, we recommend that an ambulance service agreement be developed and signed by both of the towns involved. The agreement should outline relevant information, such as the nature of services provided, period of the agreement, and cost of related services.

Reconciliation of Undeposited Funds (repeat comment)

During our review of the Town's cash accounts, we noted the "Undeposited Funds" account had a balance of \$(1,117) that was not reconciled. This account should operate as an "in and out" account, ultimately netting to a balance of zero. We recommend the Town include the "Undeposited Funds" account in its monthly bank reconciliation process and work to resolve the remaining unexplained variance in the account.

Maintenance of Capital Asset Listing (repeat comment)

It was noted the Town does not maintain its own capital asset listing for financial reporting purposes, but rather the listing has historically been updated by the independent auditors. Maintenance of the capital asset listing is a non-audit service that has the potential to impair an auditor's independence. In addition, if the list is not being reviewed and updated by management, there is potential that capital asset additions or disposals may not be properly identified and recorded, which could lead to a misstatement of the financial statements. We recommend the Town maintain its own capital asset listing and update it annually as part of the financial close process for the annual audit.

General Ledger Software Training (repeat comment)

During the audit we noted that staff do not appear to be fully trained in the operation and maintenance of the general ledger software system. The trial balance provided for the audit was out of balance by \$5,739,738, which is a result of the prior accounting period not being properly closed in the software. In addition, the cash accounts appear to be the only balance sheet accounts that are being reconciled. We recommend the Town invest in additional software training for all individuals that utilize the general ledger.



Reconciliation of the Budget to the State

In fiscal year 2023, the expenditure and revenue budgets entered into the general ledger did not agree to the State Forms MS-232R or MS-434R by total or function. We recommend that when entering the budget into the general ledger that the totals should both agree to their respective State form. Doing so will allow improved monitoring and financial reporting of the Town's revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year, decreasing the risk of over expenditure of appropriations.

Water and Sewer Fund

During the audit we noted the water and sewer funds are maintained in the general fund. Furthermore, we noted that both the water and sewer funds are running at deficits which are being subsidized through property taxes. The water and sewer funds should be broken out into separate funds so that better tracking can be maintained. In addition, the water and sewer funds should be self-sufficient. We recommend maintaining water and sewer funds in separate funds, and to do a water and sewer study to determine how much rates should be raised.

Approval of the Trust Funds

During review of the Trustee of Trust Fund questionnaire, we noted that the minutes are not being formally approved by the Trustees at a subsequent meeting. Minutes should be formally approved so that there is a formal record of the events that occurred at the meeting. We recommend going forward all Trustee meeting minutes are approved at the next trust meeting.

Other Matters

Implementation of New GASB Pronouncements

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued several pronouncements that have effective dates that may impact future financial presentations. Management has not currently determined what, if any, impact implementation of the following statements may have on the financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*, issued in June 2022, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, issued in June 2022, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, issued in December 2023, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of the Town's financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints.

Restriction of Use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Select Board and management of the Town of Bennington and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully,

Plodzik & Sanderson

PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association
Concord, New Hampshire

Attachment:
Governance Letter Journal Entries Report





Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services

Report to the Town of
 BENNINGTON
 2024
 Annual Report

In 2024, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and hospice services to the residents of Bennington. The following information represents HCS’s activities in Bennington during the past twelve months.

Service Report

Services Offered	Services Provided
Nursing.....	248 Visits
Physical Therapy.....	135 Visits
Occupational Therapy.....	126 Visits
Medical Social Work.....	48 Visits
Home Health Aide.....	221 Visits
Chronic Care.....	181 Hours
Healthy Starts Well Child Services.....	50 Hours

Other services available to Bennington residents include:

- Hospice end of life care at home and bereavement support for family members
- Palliative Care nursing services.
- Foot Care Clinics, including foot assessment and nail care.

For information about services, residents may call (603) 532-8353, visit HCS online at HCSservices.org, or drop-in to Walk-in Wednesday on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 1pm to 3pm at our new office in Peterborough, located at the MCH Medical Arts Building, 454 Old Street Road, Suite 208.

Financial Report

The actual cost of all services provided in 2024 with all funding sources is \$178,710.00. These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants, and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2025, we request an appropriation of \$4,000.00 to continue to be available for home care services in Bennington.

Thank you for your continuing support of home care services.

**Monadnock Family Services
Annual Report to the Towns
For the year ended June 30th, 2024**

Town of: BENNINGTON

Monadnock Family Services provided the following services to your town's residents this last year:

Number of residents treated:	24
Children:	20
Adults:	3
Seniors:	1
Total number of appointments provided for the above residents:	542
Percentage of payments received for services:	93 %
Discounts based on a resident's ability to pay and other discounts:	\$4,613
In addition to the above discounts, current outstanding and uncollectible resident balances:	\$3,262

Monadnock Family Services
 Activity in Bennington, NH
 July 2023 - June 2024

NUMBER OF EVENTS	Total Appointments							
	Intake	Case Management	Therapy - Eligible	MSAS - Elig and Non-Elig	Nursing	Psychiatry - Eligible	Acute Care Svcs/ Mobile Crisis	InShape
Children	11	224	168	0	0	0	0	1
Adults	2	27	13	0	0	0	1	0
Seniors	0	39	0	39	8	8	1	0
Total	13	290	181	39	8	8	2	1

# of Children	20
# of Adults	3
# of Seniors	1

Total	24
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GRAPEVINE FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center's Mission is to promote family and community health and well-being through support, education and the sharing of resources. The Grapevine has served Bennington and surrounding towns since 1996. We strive to offer inclusive programs and a welcoming environment for all. We benefit from municipal funding from five of our local towns, including Bennington; local support is critical to our success as a non-profit social service organization.

Program/service highlights - From July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, The Grapevine served over 1,400 children, youth and adults across our region including **186 residents of Bennington**. Total served highlights include: 145 parents and children in our Parent - Child Programs; 321 teens at our Avenue A Teen & Community Center; 91 children and adults served through our Home Visiting program; 86 families received intensive case management support; 62 families received emergency relief funding, 59 adults trained in Suicide Prevention, 58 seniors enrolled in our SAIL exercise program in partnership with Antrim Recreation, 38 Kinship Caregivers and relative caregivers received support and financial resources, and 11 families received free emergency wood from our Community Wood Bank. **The Grapevine distributed \$5,468 to residents of Bennington** in the past fiscal year which included funds for groceries, gas, clothing, emergency utility bill payments, car and home repairs and more. In 2024, the Grapevine received a 1 million dollar construction award through the Community Center Investment Program, administered by the NH Community Development Finance Authority to build a new Avenue A Teen Center. This is being built as an addition to the Grapevine's main center at 4 Aiken Street and is projected to be complete by Spring 2025.

Our Funding - The Grapevine's funding sources are sustainable and diverse. Approximately 63 percent came from private grants, 12 percent from individual donations, 8 percent from five local towns, 4 percent from local business, as well as donations from special events, local churches and civic groups. The Grapevine does not receive any direct state or federal funding to support programs or operations.

In 2023/2024 major financial support came from: 100+ Women Who Care Monadnock, The Agnes M Lindsay Trust, All Saints Parish, Antrim-Bennington Lions Club, Bank of NH, Bantam Grill Restaurant, Bellows-Nichols Insurance, The Bitty Foundation, Bridgebuilder Foundation, Concord Hospital Trust, Connected Families NH, First Presbyterian Church of Antrim, Gilbert Verney Foundation, Grand Monadnock Rotary, Hancock Women's Club, John Vance ACCESS Fund, Kiwanis Club of Peterborough, Monadnock Paper Mills, Monadnock United Way, MoonRivers Technology Group, LLC, NH Charitable Foundation, NH Children's Trust, NH Community Development Finance Authority, NH State Council of the Arts, Robin Colson Memorial Trust, The Boston Foundation, The Quigley Foundation and the Towns of Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, Hancock and Hillsborough. The Grapevine would not exist but for the generosity of the hundreds of individual and group contributions of time, services and goods. Our Annual Review publication is available at: grapevinenh.org

Farewell and thank you to: Staff member Michelle Heath for her role in our children's programs; Welcome to staff members Kim Bylancik, Avenue A Coordinator and Brenda Hennessy, Children's Program Assistant.

Respectfully Submitted: Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director

Town of Bennington
Office Hours
588-2189

Town Hall	Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tax Collector	Available during Town Hall office hours
Town Clerk	Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Welfare Director	By Appointment – call 603-588-2189
Code Officer	By Appointment – call 603-562-6363

MEETING SCHEDULES

All Meetings are at the Town Hall, unless otherwise noted

Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month – 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Third Thursday of each month – 6:30 p.m.
Energy Committee	First Thursday of each month – 6:00 p.m.
Library Trustees	Fourth Thursday of each month – 7:00 p.m. – at the Library
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month – 7:00 p.m.
Selectmen	Monday - 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted
Trustees of Trust Funds	As needed with proper notice
Water/Sewer Commissioners	Second Tuesday of each month – 4:00 p.m.
ZBA	First Tuesday of each month – 7:00 p.m. – or as needed

LIBRARY HOURS

588-6585

Monday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 am – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS

588-3407

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.