

MASON TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at: Mason Town Hall.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to come to the polling place at the Town Hall in Mason at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 2009 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Selectman	3 years
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 years
Treasurer	3 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years

And to cast your ballots pursuant to Article 2 and Article 3 regarding amending the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A, Article XVIII: NH Model Floodplain Development Ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and Article 4 regarding adopting the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as petitioned.

The polls will be open continuously until 7:00 PM when they shall close. You are hereby notified also to meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, the 11th day of March, 2009, and at the same place to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

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

Article 2 and Article 3 were reviewed at public hearings on January 14, 2009.

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Mason Planning Board, to the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A, Article XVIII: NH Model Floodplain Development, as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program as follows:

Amend **Article XVIII: Floodplain Development Ordinance** by deleting the words “as permitted by RSA 674:52. This RSA was repealed by the Legislature in 2002.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Mason Planning Board, to Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A, Article XVIII: NH Model Floodplain Development, as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program as follows:

Amend **Appendix A** as follows: **new construction** means, for the purposes of determining insurance rates, structures for which the “start of construction” commenced on or after the effective date of an initial FIRM or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later, and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. For floodplain management purposes, *new construction* means structures for which the *start of construction* commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a community and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.

Approved by the Mason Planning Board.

Article 4 was reviewed at a public hearing on February 17, 2009.

4. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2)

- to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town. By petition.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million five hundred twenty-nine thousand, seven hundred forty-three dollars (\$1,529,743) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.
 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) to purchase a new cruiser for the Police Department and to appropriate Nine thousand three hundred seventy five dollars (\$9,375) from the insurance settlement received on the totaled police cruiser, for the first year's payment of this lease. (Requires 2/3 ballot vote.)
 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen thousand five hundred thirty-three dollars (\$14,533) for equipment for the new cruiser for the Police Department and to appropriate Fourteen thousand five hundred thirty-three dollars (\$14,533) from the insurance settlement received on the equipment of the totaled police cruiser.
 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) to pay the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) for the balance of costs resulting from the Town of Mason joining NRPC.
 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand eight hundred dollars (\$6,800) for the purchase of a zero turn mower for use in the cemeteries and parks, or take any other action relative thereto.
 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Capital Reserve, previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to purchase five new air bottles for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) for the repair and replacement of culverts on Brookline Road, or take any other action relative thereto.
 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred dollars (\$400) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund, previously established and to authorize the transfer from the December 31, 2008 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2008 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.
 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred dollars (\$400) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 2008 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2008 sale of highway equipment for this purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.
 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following: Acceptance of Credit Cards. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be allowed to accept credit card payments pursuant to RSA 80:52-c for the collection of local taxes, charges generated by other services or fees. The Town will add to the amount due, in addition to any interest and

penalties payable, a service charge for the acceptance of the card. The amount of the service charge shall be disclosed at the time of billing. The Board of Selectmen in coordination with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector may adopt rules and regulations regarding the collection procedures.

16. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to “qualified organizations” for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?
17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Police Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.