

MASON TOWN MEETING MARCH 13, 1979

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Selectman Farrey. Warrant read through Article 1. Polls declared open. Voting followed. 176 votes cast including 4 absentee votes. Polls declared closed 7:05 p.m. Meeting recessed to 8:00 p.m.

Moderator McCaffery called meeting to order 8:00 p.m. Warrant read. Rev. Barker offered prayer.

Article 1. Moderator read results of voting by ballot:

Selectman - 3 years - Inis "Peg" Gillette 156 votes. First woman to be elected to this office in Mason history.

Amending Planning Board Ordinance: One building permit per land owner per year until completion of town master plan. Yes 143, No 21

School Moderator - John Preston 157

School Board - 3 years - Walter Ammon 154

Nominated from the floor and sworn in by Moderator after election:

Auditor Cedric Valentine, Robert Polk

Library Trustee: Joanne Parker

Cemetery Trustee: Donald Armington

Trust Fund Trustee: James Rowse

Hand vote elected Valentine as auditor. Clerk was authorized to cast 1 vote for election of each Trustee.

Vote of thanks given to James Rowse and Raymond Parker for years of service on Financial Advisory Board and as Selectman.

Article 2. Postponed, to be taken up after Article 20. Passed.

Article 3. Voted in affirmative.

Article 4. The identical article was voted and passed by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote as Article 4 of the 1978 town warrant. 'Clear title' problems arose so no action was taken. Repeat action with 'clear title' now asked. Town owned land surrounds this 10 acre piece being held for public use. No pollution in brook. Perfect wildlife and conservation area. Take it now or forget it. Interest rate on town notes (\$3,000 each) due '80 and '81 - $4\frac{1}{4}\%$. Hand vote in affirmative better than $\frac{2}{3}$ % declared by Moderator.

Article 5. Moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for Highway Department building on Depot Road. Town notes of \$3,000.00 issued for '80, '81 and '82. Under provisions RSA 33 as amended. To be Niracle Span steel building - quonset hut style - fireproof-foundation and floor - erection time 3 days - to be screened from road - solves maintenance problems for equipment and freezing sand for winter roads. Be prepared to pay for heat, electricity and insulation, etc. next year. Question moved with ballot vote requested. Votes cast 121. Affirmative 91, Negative 30 - Declared $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Moderator asked non checklist voters to stand - 9 only by count - no checklist needed for future ballot votes.

Article 6. Moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$11,170.00 for used fire department engine authorizing town notes (\$3,000.00 each) for '80 and '81. Now owned by Fire Chief Hodson. Trade in allowance to

Walpole, N.H. \$9,000.00 - 20 year old pumping engine. Interest carrying charges to date \$2,170.00. Ballot vote requested. Yes 94, No. 25

Article 7. Voted \$800.00 to update town tax map that law requires by 1980.

Article 8. Voted \$1,100.00 for new mobile police radio. Better Communication.

Article 9. Voted \$1,500.00 for drain system to keep Town Hall on dry land.

Article 10. Voted \$2,800.00 to complete Phase 4 of town recreation area on Sand Pit Road.

Article 11. Voted \$1,000.00 for Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund. To be withdrawn from Revenue Sharing Fund under State Act of 1972.

Article 12. Voted \$1,500.00 for Police Cruiser Reserve Fund to be withdrawn from Revenue Sharing Fund under State Act of 1972.

Article 13. Voted \$6,750.00 as 1979 payment on Baldwin Lot Note to be withdrawn from Revenue Sharing Fund under State Act of 1972.

Article 14. Voted \$2,500.00 for 1979 payment on Sand Spreader.

Article 15. Voted \$1,000.00 for Library-Town Office Building Fund Reserve.

Article 16. Voted \$942.00 for expendable materials or repairs for Highway Department to be withdrawn from Anti-Recession Fund.

Article 17. Voted \$6,560.22 for purpose of highway improvements.

Article 18. Voted unexpended 1979 appropriation of Conservation Commission be placed in Conservation Fund as per RSA 36:A5.

Article 19. Voted to establish Library Furnishings Fund.

Article 20. Voted to close and discontinue 700 feet of Old Greenville Road between Greenville Road and Pratt Pond Road.

Article 2. (Postponed) Voted \$157,797.00 to be raised and appropriated to defray town charges for ensuing year. Changes amount to peanuts \$250.00

No more money articles to pass. Voted to adjourn 11:10.

CHARLES F.H. CRATHERN, Town Clerk