

TOWN MEETING - MARCH 8, 1994

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. The Town Clerk was asked to read the Warrant through Article 2.

Polls were declared open at 12:12 P.M. Checklist total was 651. Polls were closed at 7:08 P.M. after 122 had voted. There were no absentee ballots.

Results were as follows:

Selectman for 3 years:	Clifton W. Hastings	111
Moderator for 2 years:	Catherine Schwenk	116
Treasurer for 2 years:(Write in)	Amy L. Laurencelle	2
Auditor for 1 year:	Patricia A. Greene	110
Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years:	Constance E. Lacasse	110
Library Trustee for 3 years:	Bette Lewicke	105
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years:	Wolfgang Millbrandt	111
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:	George G. Schwenk	114

School Board results:

School Board member for 3 years:	Paul Gavin	91
Moderator for 1 year:	Catherine Schwenk	108

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance, Appendix A, as follows:

a. In item 1, "Definition of Terms", insert the following definition following "100-year flood" and before "Regulatory floodway".

"Recreational vehicle" means a vehicle which (a) built on a single chassis; (b) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection; (c) designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck; and (d) designed not for use as a permanent dwelling but as a temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

b. In item V111, paragraph 2, insert the following as paragraph (d),reordering the subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

Recreational vehicles placed on sites within zones A1-A30 shall either (i) be on the site for fewer than 120 consecutive days; (ii) be fully licensed and be ready for highway use; or (iii) meet all the standards of Section 60.3,(b)(1) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations and the elevation and anchoring requirements for "Manufactured Homes" in Paragraph (c)(6) of Section 60.3

or take any other action relative thereto.

These amendments are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) if Mason is to continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The vote on this amendment was 86 yes and 27 no.

TOWN MEETING. The Meeting was reopened at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Schwenk reviewed the procedure we would follow. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits. Thanks were given the Wilsons, the Johnsons and the election officials.

Note was made in the expiration date of Constance Lacasse in the Town report. Her term as supervisor expired in 1994.

Announcement was made of the upcoming Rabies Clinic on the 10th.

Thanks were expressed to Elizabeth Orton Jones "Twig" for the tribute to Debby Downey in our annual report. The meeting was dedicated to Debby. Thanks were also given to Road Agent Curt Dunn and his staff for the endless hours of plowing this winter.

Recognition was given to new voter Steven Wolpert, new citizen and first time voter, Malcolm Jewell and Cedric Valentine for his 30th consecutive time voting in Town elections. There were 102 registered voters present.

Colors were presented by Andrea Iodice, flag carrier, and color guards Katie Sullivan and Amy Georges. They are members of the Mason Free Spirit 4H club. Invocation was given by the Rev. Bonnie C. Evans and John Dube, Mason's newest Eagle Scout, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the Warrant was waived.

ARTICLE 3. The Town voted to accept the provisions of RSA 33:7 providing that any town as at annual meeting may adopt an article authoring indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to issue tax anticipation notes.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or borrowing, or otherwise, the sum of Six Hundred Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$608,886) for the operation and expenses for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mrs. Schwenk proceeded to review the line items of the budget.

Ann Gavin Blum made a motion and it was seconded, to reduce the \$300 salary of the Moderator to \$100. The motion failed to pass.

Kevin McCabe made a motion and it was seconded to remove the previous question in order to stop debate on the budget. The motion failed to pass.

Shirley Morley questioned the election expenses. At a previous Town Meeting, pay was voted in for the Supervisors, but was not followed through. No motion was made to increase this line item.

Ann Gavin Blum made a motion and it was seconded, to establish a new line item of \$6,000 for fireman (Firefighter) stipend. Discussion followed as to the pros and cons of this motion. The motion to establish a new line item of \$6,000 for a stipend for the firefighters passed on a voice vote.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$614,886 for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing. This included an increase in the Fire Department Budget of \$6,000, which is for a stipend for the firefighters.

ARTICLE 5. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the balance owed on the Loader voted for at Town Meeting, March 1993.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) for the support of the Mason First Responders and to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate a long term contract for ambulance service.

David Cook reviewed the expenses involved in setting up our first responders. Many voters expressed their satisfaction in regards to the first responders and the Brookline Ambulance Service. It was pointed out that Souhegan Ambulance Service will still respond as Mutual Aid.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for the support of the Mason First Responders and authorized the Selectmen to negotiate a long term contract for ambulance service.

ARTICLE 7. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purchase and installation of a new propane furnace for the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for replacing the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (S.C.B.A.) air packs, at the 1995 Town Meeting. This article failed to pass.

ARTICLE 9. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw up to \$5,000 from the Cemetery Land Purchase Fund for the purpose of laying out gravel roads and for mapping out new lots and seeding.

ARTICLE 10. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund. This was by standing vote. 52 yes, 42 no.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to replace the Chief's Fire Car with a later model used car, or take any other action relative thereto. This article failed to pass.

ARTICLE 12. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to purchase a front mount rake and frame mount for the Highway Department's 4X4 truck.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the continued restoration of "Tom's House" on the Mason Common, or take any other action relative thereto. This article failed to pass.

Mr. Gary Elsworth made a motion and it was seconded, to restrict reconsideration on Article 3 through Article 13. This motion passed.

ARTICLE 14. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purchase of a new pump for town gas pumps and to implement a gasoline vapor recovery program as required by Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

ARTICLE 15. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the evaluation of the Special Education Program of SAU 63 and/or the Mascenic Regional School District.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) for the purchase of new polling booths, or take any other action relative thereto. This article failed to pass.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-One Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$191.67) from surplus, such amounts received in 1993 from the sale of cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. George Schwenk made a motion and it was seconded, to amend after "Cemetery Land Improvement Fund (striking the comma,) and to add "; and the sum of Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$880) from surplus, such amounts received in 1993 from the sale of surplus equipment, to the Highway Capital Equipment Fund,". This motion passed.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$191.67 from surplus, such amounts received in 1993 from the sale of cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund; and the sum of \$880 from surplus, such amounts received in 1993 from the sale of surplus equipment, to the Highway Equipment Fund.

ARTICLE 18. The Town voted to accept as a gift from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department, the Fire Station, located at 101 Depot Road, and all equipment directly related to fire fighting activity.

ARTICLE 19. The Town voted to adopt RSA 154:1.b which defines the Fire Department as a Municipal Department organized as follows: A Fire Chief appointed by the local governing body with firefighters appointed by the local governing body upon recommendation of the Fire Chief.

ARTICLE 20. The Town voted to adopt the provisions of RSA 154:5 which states as follows: The chief fireward, engineer or fire chief in any town, village district, precinct, city or area which has adopted the provisions of this section shall be appointed for an indefinite period of time or for a definite term, as determined by the legislative body, and the tenure of office shall depend on good conduct and efficiency. The chief fireward, engineer or fire chief shall be technically qualified by training or experience and shall have ability to command firefighters and hold their respect and confidence. The chief fireward, engineer or fire chief may be removed for just cause and after hearing with reasonable notice in writing of the charges against that person. Such term for appointment of the chief fireward, engineer or fire chief shall be a three year term.

ARTICLE 21. The Town voted to accept RSA 154:1-b for the formation of a Firefighter Association for the benefit of the Mason Fire Department.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other government unit or a private source which becomes available during the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. John Lewicke made a motion and it was seconded, to add "if said money is not contingent upon nor requires any other expenditure by the town". This motion failed to pass.

Article 22 passed as originally presented. .

ARTICLE 23. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department and with monies received to be placed in the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 24. The Town voted to authorize the Selectman indefinitely until rescinded, to convey any real estate acquired by the town by tax collector's deed. Such conveyance shall be by deed following a public auction, or the property may be sold by advertised bids, or the property may be retained by the town, or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require pursuant to RSA 80:80.

ARTICLE 25. The Town voted to accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal to other government unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 26. The Town voted to establish a municipal forest under the provisions of RSA 31:110 and place all unencumbered Town lands under the jurisdiction of a Town Forestry Committee and to establish a Forest Maintenance Fund with proceeds and expenses of said forest to be placed in said fund and allowed to accumulate.

We adjourned at 11:55 P.M. Sine Dai

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk



STATE Biennial Primary September 13, 1994

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk, and the polls were declared open at 10:01 A.M. Reference was made to the new election laws. Checklist total: 654, which included 271 Republicans, 136 Democrats, 235 Undeclared and 12 Libertarians.

Polls were closed at 7:06 P.M. after 135 had voted. There were 3 absentee ballots. Checklist totals: 662, which included 303 Republicans, 143 Democrats, 12 Libertarians, 204 Undeclared.

Results are as follows:

	<u>Republican</u>		<u>Democrat</u>		<u>Libertarian</u>	
Governor:	Cordatos	4	King	24	Winter	8
	Gard	2			Blevens	0
	Merrill	77			Warburton	0
	Bramante	9				
Representative Congress	Bassett	8	Swett	25	Blevens	0
	deWinter	13			Lewicke	7
	Elias	3				
	Fisteag	1				
	Goretsky	0				
	Haas	2				
	Hammond	24				
	Sawtelle	1				
	Scott	19				
	Bass	19				
Executive Councilor	Streeter	75	Regli	23		
State Senate	Gagnon	38	Baldizar	28		
	Hogan	12				
	Stawasz	38				