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TOWN of MASON ELECTION MARCH 9, 2010

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, called the Town Election to order. The polls were declared open at 11:03 AM. Twenty nine absentee ballots were opened by the Moderator at 1pm. Checklist total was 990 (981 plus 9 newly registered voters). The polls were closed at 7:09 PM after 522 had voted.

The moderator administered the oath to the following ballot counters:
George Schwenk, Douglas Whitbeck, Mary McDonald, Lauren Mann, Anne Richards, Dee Mitchell, Jim DeMarco, Florence Wilson, Barbara Milkovits, Mark Richardson, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Dorothy Millbrandt, John Lewicke, Patricia Cross, Kathy Chapman, Nancy DeMarco, Linda Cotter-Cranston, Gary Wolpert, Kenneth Green, Jeannine Phalon and Joan Losee

The results of the Town Election on Article 1 were as follows:

Selectmen for 3 years: Mark Richardson 337
Alfred Stauble 133

Town Moderator for 2 years: Catherine Schwenk 436

Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years: Charles Moser 411

Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Wallace Brown 457

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: George Schwenk 433

Library Trustee for 3 years: 34 write-in vote for Christine Weiss

Zoning Questions:

The results of **Article 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, as follows:

ADD new Article XX: Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance; to permit by special exception, a second dwelling unit that is secondary and accessory to the principal single-family dwelling unit. The owner must occupy one of the dwelling units, which must be within or attached to the principal dwelling unit. The purpose is to provide expanded rental opportunities, provide flexibility in household arrangements, and address workforce housing. Approved by the Mason Planning Board

Yes 371 No 139

The results of **Article 3** – Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Mason Planning Board, to the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

ADD new Article XXI: Multi-Family Housing Overlay District Ordinance; to permit multi-family dwellings on lots within the GRAF district that take frontage on New Hampshire Route 31. Individual structures may contain 2-5 dwelling units located on lots of at least one acre per

unit, not including wetlands, steep slopes and rock outcroppings. The purpose is to provide a reasonable opportunity for affordable multi-family housing as required by the workforce housing statute. Approved by the Mason Planning Board.

Yes 290 No 220

The results of **Article 4** – To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 466:30-a which make it unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such.

Yes 246 No 268

The results of **Article 5** – 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. (By ballot, requires 3/5 vote)

Yes 303 No 211 308 Needed to pass. Article failed

Mason School District Results:

School Board Member 3 Years – Robert Hemmer 356
Dr. Christopher Guiry 132

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The results of **Article 2** – Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the School District on the second Tuesday of March (3/5 majority ballot vote required). (By Petition)

Yes 316 No 202 Needed 311 to pass. Article passed

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

**MASON TOWN MEETING MARCH 13, 2010 at
the Mason Elementary School, 13 Darling Hill Road**

At 9:00AM Moderator Catherine Schwenk came to the microphone and expressed the general assembly's excitement at holding the first Town Meeting in the new Mason School hall. She thanked the School Board and general contractor, Sullivan, for the hard work in getting the Mason Elementary School multi-purpose hall at 13 Darling Hill Road ready for Town Meeting. Mark Richardson thanked David Cook, Fire Chief, and Ken Wilson, Building Inspector, for working with the contractors to approve the occupancy for the Town Meeting.

The Moderator then requested that non voters should wear non voter credentials and sit in the first row to the Moderator's left. There was no request for interpretive services. She then indicated the fire and emergency exits, acknowledged all those who were involved in the election, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table: Selectmen - Anne (Nancy) Richards, Mark Richardson, and Dr. Christopher Guiry; and Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk. She also acknowledged the former Town Clerk of Mason, Charlotte Hastings.

The Moderator reviewed the procedures for voters: Voters wishing to speak should use the microphones and address any questions to the chair; all amendments and substantive motions must be in writing and signed by the maker and seconder; every voter is entitled to speak on a debatable motion unless the body by a two-thirds vote has ordered discussion stopped; a voter is

entitled to speak a second time on the same question provided all voters who wish to speak have spoken. Five voters may request a ballot vote on any article.

Appreciation was given to Wally Brown and Rick Griffith for setting up the election facilities, Steve Tamulonis for setting up the sound system, the dedicated election workers, the Town Clerk and Deputy, the Supervisors of the Checklist, Selectmen, and Barbara Milkovits, Selectmen's Assistant.

There were 137 voters and 5 non voters.

The Moderator announced the results of the Town elections and the school district. Total votes cast were 522 out of a total of 990. She declared the winning candidates elected to their respective office.

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The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 9:06 AM.

The Boy Scouts of America are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. The colors were presented by the following members of the Mason Boy Scout Troop #264: Jack McGuire, Nathan O'Brien, Nicholas Calderan, Josh McDugall and Robbie Anderson.

It was a distinct pleasure by the Moderator to present Katie Atkinson who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Katie is a highly motivated, dedicated young woman. She has continually excelled at some of the most demanding courses, including advance courses and College courses at Franklin Pierce University. She is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as its secretary.

Dr. Christopher Guiry spoke briefly congratulating Bob Hemmer for winning the School Board member race and also made note that Representative Peggy Gilmour sent her regards, since she was unable to attend due to personal reasons.

There was no objection to waiving the reading of the warrant.

On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously to accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers as printed in the annual report.

Five voters (Christine Weiss, William Weiss, Robert Ziminsky, Paula Babel and Jeff Babel) presented a written request to have a ballot vote on all articles.

Article 6: Mark Richardson moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement not to exceed the amount of One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) payable over a term of seven years to purchase a new backhoe for the Mason Highway Department and to negotiate the first year's payment of this lease to occur in 2011. (Requires 2/3 ballot vote.)

Dave Cook, Road Agent, moved to amend and it was seconded the article to strike out the \$125,000 (one hundred twenty five thousand) and insert \$90,000 (ninety thousand dollars). The amendment carried. The motion as amended carried.

The polls for the amended article were opened at 9:18AM and closed at 10:20AM.
There were 129 votes cast. 86 were needed to pass.
Yes 58 No 71 The article failed.

Article 7: Nancy Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million five hundred fifty-four thousand, four hundred twenty-three dollars (\$1,554,423) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.

There was much discussion related to salaries and benefits. Shawn Jodoin presented an amendment "that all employee salary increases be approved by a majority ballot vote". The Moderator discussed the request with the Selectmen and determined that this request could not be accomplished as the dollar amounts were imbedded in multiple line items throughout the budget. This amendment failed.

Leland Craig moved the question which was seconded and passed by a 2/3 vote. This stopped all discussion on the budget. Although highly unusual, Mike Bromberg moved and it was seconded to reconsider stopping the debate on the budget. This amendment carried. Discussion continued.

The polls were opened at 10:50AM and closed at 11:22AM.
There were 134 votes cast.

Yes 104 No 30 The article passed.

Article 8: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) payable over a term of three years to purchase and equip a new cruiser for the Police Department and to negotiate the first year's payment of this lease to occur in 2011. (Requires 2/3 ballot vote.)

The Moderator read RSA40:4-a and noted that a request for a ballot vote must be made prior to each article. They had submitted a blanket request which was not acceptable.

After much discussion the polls were opened at 11:22AM and closed at 12:24PM. There were 130 votes cast. 87 were needed to pass.
Yes 85 No 45 The article failed.

Article 9: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-three thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars (\$23,975) for the following purposes: replace shingles on the Mann House roof, roof the sunroom and rebuild the chimney from the roof line up, or take any other action thereto.

Article 10: Nancy Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve, previously established, or take any other action relative thereto.

Prior to voting, the Moderator received a ballot vote request on Article #10 from Carol Iodice, Jeff Babel, Paula Babel, Robert Ziminsky and Christine Weiss.

The polls opened at 10:40AM and closed at 11:21AM.
There were 127 votes cast. Yes 77 No 50 The article passed.

Article 11: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the following purposes: research bounds of Town land, lot G-61, removal of dangerous trees and RR Trail maintenance,

replacement tree planting, sponsor lectures regarding wood lot ice storm damage and subsequent selective cutting, and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town 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.

Article 13: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purchase of ballistic vests for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$200) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund, previously established. This sum to come from the December 31, 2009 Fund Balance (surplus) being monies received from the 2009 sale of cemetery lots, and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Article 15: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars (\$500) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This sum to come from the December 31, 2009 Fund Balance (surplus) being that amount received from the 2009 sale of highway equipment, and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Article 16: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded 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.

Jeff Babel made a motion and it was seconded to amend the article to state "all surplus will be sold at public bid with all proceeds to be added to general fund to offset taxes". The amendment failed.

Next, Jeff Babel made a motion and it was seconded that the article read "to be advertised in the Mason Gr apevine – all surplus". The amendment failed.

The article passed unanimously as originally written.

Article 17: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department.

Article 18: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen and the Police Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Police Department.

While waiting for the results of the last ballot vote, Barbara Devore spoke about upcoming Conservation Committee programs. Steve Hoffman also spoke about the possibility of Mason being included in a Google grant to bring high speed Internet to the town.

The Moderator thanked all those who set up the chairs in the hall for the Town Meeting, including the Richardson children and other children. The Moderator also thanked everyone for recycling, since this is a new green building.

The Moderator acknowledged the members of the building committee for all their hard work on the new Mason Elementary School – Robert Bergeron, Robert Hemmer, Fred Greenwood, Mary McDonald, Sheila Bergeron-Dunn and Bernie O'Grady.

On motion of Michael Bromberg, and seconded by many voices, the meeting was adjourned Sine Dai at 12:24 PM.

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

NEW HAMPSHIRE State Primary Election September 14, 2010

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, declared the polls open at 11:00AM. The total number of voters on the checklist was 978. There were 6 walk-in new voters and 25 absentee voters. 78 Undeclared voters voted Republican and 31 Undeclared voters voted Democrat. A total of 225 residents voted: 138 Republicans and 87 Democrats.

The ballot clerks were Pauline Bergeron, Florence Wilson, Lauren Mann, and Kenneth Greene.

Since the Selectmen decided to hold a special hearing regarding the condition of the roads in Mason, per RSA 669:58 they appointed three proxy Selectmen: Joseph McGuire, Wolfgang Millbrandt and Susanne Wolpert. The oath of office was administered by the Moderator.

The Moderator installed the following ballot counters: Pam McGinnity, James DeMarco, Garth Fletcher, Gary R. Wolpert, Patricia Cross, George Schwenk, Douglas Whitbeck, Linda Cotter-Cranston, Mary McDonald, and Dorothy Millbrandt.

The State of New Hampshire Primary Election Results are as follows:

Republican:

Governor	Jack Kimball Jr	43
	John Stephen	112
	Karen Testerman	36
	Frank Robert Emiro Sr	10
US Senator	Ovide Lamontagne	52
	Tom Alciere	1
	Kelly Ayotte	91
	Gerard Beloin	0
	Jim Bender	30
	Bill Binnie	39
	Dennis Lamare	1
US Representative	Joseph G. Reilly	5
	Wesley M. Sonner Jr	9
	Charles Bass	72
	Robert J. Giuda	21
	Jennifer Horn	101
Executive Council	Dave Wheeler	159
State Senate	Jim Luther	51
	John Lewicke	151
State Representative	Carolyn Gargas	91