



ANNUAL REPORT

**OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF**

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

2012

The 2012 Town Report is dedicated to George Schwenk in grateful recognition of his generous gift of the Mason Quarry and surrounding land, to be conserved as open space for the benefit of the people and ecology of New Hampshire.

Front cover photo by Fred Austin, courtesy of the Mason Historical Society

Inside back cover: *A Morning in Mason in the 1880's*, story from the **Mason Bicentennial 1768-1968** by the Mason Bicentennial Book Committee, Elizabeth Orton Jones, Editor.

Back cover photo: Anne "Nancy" Richards
Photos taken by David Baker, Kenneth Wilson, Martha Ward

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

This year marks our Town's 244 years of incorporation. As we move forward, one of our Selectmen, Anne "Nancy" Richards has decided not to seek re-election. Nancy's twenty-three years of service has helped shape Mason into a great place to live. Her devotion and professionalism has benefited all our residents of the Town of Mason. We thank her for all the years of service to the Town and wish her well in whatever new endeavor she now takes on. She has more energy than most people half her age!

The Selectmen have been busy in the last twelve months:

- We sent out requests for proposals for assessing services and town counsel, and received multiple proposals for each. We welcomed Todd Hayward of Granite Hill Municipal Services as our new assessor, and Attorney William Drescher as our new town counsel. We are grateful to our former assessor, Richard Rockwood and former town counsel, Silas Little, for their many years of service.
- We also continued the practice of holding monthly staff meetings with the Road Agent, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Town Clerk, Building Inspector, Librarian and Selectmen's Assistant, to review their budgets, accomplishments and needs of their departments. We are very fortunate to have such a capable and qualified management team.
Thank you Department Heads!
- We made a comprehensive review of our municipal IT needs. Thanks to David Baker for securing the donation of a new server from Power Washer Sales. Several of the desktop pc's in the town offices were updated and a professional IT service was hired to boost efficiency and security.
- It was a long road but the town web site is up and running. Please visit the site at www.masonnh.us There is a calendar that lists all town events, meetings as well as minutes of the different boards, including the Selectmen's meetings. We have hired a part-time webmaster, Kerri Griffith to manage the site. If you have an event for the calendar or news for the site, please email it to kerrigriffith18@gmail.com.
- Having a mild winter last year combined with a great plan from our Road Agent Fred Greenwood, we saw marked improvements to many of our roads and plans are in place to continue the improvements through 2013. The new vehicles are performing well. The new sander, due to its efficiency, has reduced the amount of salt that we had to purchase.

- Debra Morrison has transitioned well into the Town Clerk's position. Deb and her new deputy Suzanne Kelly have streamlined many processes and have made tax information available for the public through the Avitar system on the internet. You can access your tax information and even print your tax bill by going to www.nhtaxkiosk.com
- Mason was one of five towns across the state to receive a health and wellness award from LGC. With a small grant, Administrative Assistant Barbara Milkovits arranged seminars, workshops and activities to help promote fitness, wellness, and teamwork for all employees.
- The Recreation Committee with the Mason Historical Society and private donations successfully completed the fundraising campaign for the construction of the town's gazebo. Thanks to Wally Brown for leading the efforts in completing the gazebo in time for its dedication at Old Home Day in September.
- This year also saw a face lift and improved security at our town offices. Many of the security measures were required in a recent state audit. The offices were painted by the Highway Department and redesigned for efficiency and more space by Martha Simmons, Barbara's part time assistant who is also a professional space planner. Come by and say hello and see the changes yourself!
- Police Chief Barry Hutchins and Fire Chief David Baker continue to actively improve their departments to keep pace with the needs of the Town of Mason.

As we close out the year we will see the gift of 110 acres by long time resident George Schwenk. The Mason Quarry, as it is called, has always played an important part in the history and development of the Town of Mason. It will now be saved forever as it stands today and will continue to perpetuate the rural character of Mason. Our goal in making all these changes and improvements is to provide you, the citizens of Mason, with a modern, efficient and cost effective town government.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Peter McGinnity, Anne Richards, Charles V. Moser

TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Mann House, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Meetings: Mann House 7:30 PM
Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month.
Telephone: 878-2070 Fax: 878-4892
Email: Selectmen@masonnh.us
Website: www.masonnh.us

TOWN CLERK

Office Hours: Mann House, Tuesday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday Evening 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Thursday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Last Saturday of the month 10:00 AM – Noon
Email: TownClerk@masonnh.us
Telephone: 878-3768 Fax: 878-4892

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 PM
Last Wednesday of the month
Call NRPC Circuit Rider, Jennifer DiNovo at
424-2240 xt.25 for an appointment

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Mann House, 7:00 PM.
Tuesday, by appointment only
Telephone: 878-2894

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 PM.
Third Monday of the month

WILTON RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM - 11:45 AM

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR 2 yr term

Catherine Schwenk	March 2014
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TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term

Debra A. Morrison	March 2015
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DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Suzanne M. Kelly, appointed	March 2015
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TREASURER 3 yr term

Patricia Letourneau	March 2015
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DEPUTY TREASURER

Garth Fletcher, appointed	March 2015
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SELECTMEN 3 yr term

R. Peter McGinnity	March 2014
Anne Richards	March 2013
Charles V. Moser	March 2015

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term

Wallace A. Brown	March 2018
Jeannine Phalon, Appointed	March 2013
Kathleen C. Wile	March 2014

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term

Anita Crehan, appointed	March 2013
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term

Lynn McCann	March 2015
Elena Kolbenson	March 2014
Christine Weiss	March 2013

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term

Robert Larochelle	March 2015
Wallace A. Brown	March 2013
Jeannine Phalon	March 2014

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term

George Schwenk	March 2013
Mark Calderan	March 2014
Charles Pierce	March 2015

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robert Larochelle	March 2014
Louise Lavoie	March 2013
Brady Schulman	March 2014

PLANNING BOARD

Pamela Lassen, Chairman	March 2015
Mark McDonald	March 2014
Dorothy Millbrandt	March 2015
Bruce Mann	March 2013
Eric Anderson	March 2013
Linda Cotter-Cranston, Alternate	March 2015
R. Peter McGinnity, Ex-officio	

COMMISSIONERS – NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Charles V. Moser	July 2013
Eric Anderson	July 2013

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Timothy Kicza, Chairman	March 2015
Tim Kelly	March 2013
Michael Davieau	March 2014
Robert Bergeron	March 2013
Kathy Sheldon, Alternate	March 2015
Winthrop Bennett, Alternate	March 2015
Patricia Letourneau, Alternate & Clerk	March 2015

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Larochelle, Chairman	March 2015
Robert Dillberger	March 2014
Anna Faiello	March 2014
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 2014
Charles Lanni	March 2015
Ann Moser	March 2013
Robert Doyle	March 2013
Barbara Devore	March 2013
Cynthia Hajjar, Alternate	March 2013

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Matthew LeClair	March 2015
Eric Anderson	March 2014

William Downs, Town Forester
R. Peter McGinnity, Ex-officio

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wallace A. Brown	March 2014
Linda O'Grady	March 2015
Jeannine Phalon	March 2014
Jennifer Messer	March 2013
Theresa Williams	March 2014

BALLOT CLERKS

Pauline Bergeron	March 2015
Kenneth Greene	March 2014
Lauren Mann	March 2015
Florence Wilson	March 2013

POLICE OFFICERS

Barry G. Hutchins	Police Chief
Steven Willette	Patrolman
Aaron Thompson	Patrolman
John LeBlanc, Sr.	Part Time Police Officer
Kevin Maxwell	Part Time Police Officer
John Dube	Part Time Police Officer
Christopher Follomon	Part Time Police Officer

EMERGENCY SERVICES

David Baker	Fire Chief/Warden/First Responder
Frederick Greenwood	1st Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/EMT-B
Richard Griffith	2nd Asst. Chief/Dep. Warden/First Resp.
Philip Phalon	Captain/Warden/EMT-B
Kenneth Spacht	1st Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/EMT-I
Dean Lambert	2nd Lieutenant
Ernie Sullivan III	2nd Lieutenant
Robert Bergeron	Fire Engineer (Resigned)
Anne Richards	Firefighter
Christopher Greenwood	Firefighter
Michael Daly	Firefighter
Paul Alton	Firefighter/First Responder
Kirk Smith	Firefighter
Jim Fowler	Firefighter
Rob Ziemieki	Firefighter/EMT-B
Bradley Gaudet	Firefighter
Mark Arsenault	Firefighter
Mark McDonald	Firefighter
Karl Mann	Firefighter
Eric Rantamaki	Firefighter
Josh Garfinkle	Firefighter
Bryan Herrin	Firefighter
Lee Lemoine	Firefighter

Brady Schulman	Firefighter
Cindy Tibbetts	EMT-I (Resigned)
Jeff Partridge	EMT-B
Jeannine Phalon	EMT-B
Tabitha Davies	EMT-B
Meryl Sullivan	EMT-B
Heidi Delorme	First Responder

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Frederick Greenwood	ROAD AGENT
Kenneth B. Wilson	BUILDING INSPECTOR/DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER
Lynn McCann	HEALTH OFFICER
Kenneth B. Wilson	HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT
William Downs	TOWN FORESTER
Wallace Brown	SEXTON

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 12th day of March, 2013 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Selectman	3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years

And to cast your ballots pursuant to Article 2 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 Mason Elementary School at 9:00 AM on Saturday, the 16th day of March, 2013, to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

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

Article 2 was reviewed at a public hearing on February 12, 2013.

2. 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. Requires a 3/5 vote to pass.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million six hundred ninety-nine thousand, five hundred forty-three dollars (\$1,699,543) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the repair and maintenance of the town's paved roads, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) for the purchase of protective, safety gear for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$4,225) for the purchase of SCBA bottles for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the purchase of firearms for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars (\$14,815) to be added to the Highway Barn/Garage Capital Reserve, previously established and to authorize the transfer from the December 31, 2012 fund balance. Recommended by the Selectmen.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Station Addition Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. Recommended by the Selectmen.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. Recommended by the Selectmen.
11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer or convey such property rights in the below described parcels of town owned land necessary so that the same shall be subject to a conservation easement, in perpetuity, the particular terms of the conservation easement to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, with the concurrence of the Conservation Commission, said authorization to include the authority to execute any and all deeds, documents or other instruments in the name of the Town that may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing. It is understood that this authority includes the right to convey the entire property in a transaction, the purpose of which is to have the property conveyed back to the town subject to the said conservation easement so as to insure the

perpetual imposition of the conservation easement. It is also understood that the intent of this article is to cause the conservation easement to be held by a 'qualified organization' as defined in section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, existing for the purchase of or holding of property interests or facilitating transactions relative thereto when such purchase carries out the purpose of RSA 36-A, said organization may be the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests or other similar qualified organization as determined by the Board of Selectmen with the concurrence of the Conservation Commission. The four (4) properties to which this authorization, if approved, will apply are:

- 30-acre Beck Lot (Map E, Lot 28)
 - 25.4-acre Coyne Lot (Map E, Lot 22)
 - 46.7-acre Downs Forest (Map E, Lot 36)
 - 19.5-acre Jefts Lot (Map E, Lot 38)
- Recommended by the Selectmen.

12. 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 part of the general fund unassigned fund balance. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the recreation commission (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.

2013 Proposed Budget	2012	2012	2013	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2012/2013
Revenues & Appropriations				
Charges for Services				
Income from Departments				
4033 · Fees-Police Reports	130			
4035 · Pistol Permits	440			
4042 · Detail Payments	9,190			
4044 · Court Fines	780			
Total Income from Departments	10,540			
Total Charges for Services	10,540	1,000	1,000	
From Federal Government				
4050 · FEMA	10,755	9500	0	
Total From Federal Government	10,755	9,500	0	
From State				
4037 · Rooms & Meals Tax Distribution	61,874	60,000	60,000	
4038 · Highway Block Grant	66,800	67,133	66,800	
4039 · State & Federal Forest Land Re.	572	640	572	
4045 · Other PD Grants	5,736	2,500	5,000	
Total From State	134,982	130,273	132,372	
Interfund Operating Tr. In				
4070 · from Special Rev. Funds-Forestry	9,500	9,500	0	
4075 · from Capital Reserve Funds	4,500	0	0	
4076 · from Trust & Fiduciary Funds	1,214	500	500	
4077 · Transfers from Con.Com.Funds	12,903	12,000	11,000	
Total Interfund Operating Tr. In	28,118	22,000	11,500	
Licenses, Permits, Fees				
Building Permits				
4024 · Permits, Building	1,944			
4025 · Oil Burner Permits & Others	240			
Total Building Permits	2,184	1,500	1,500	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees				
4020 · M. V. fees	223,083			
4021 · Titles	668			
4022 · M/A stickers	5,405			
4023 · Mail-in registrations	491			
Total Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	229,647	220,000	225,000	
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees				
4026-01 · Mail in Dog License	30			
4026 · Dog Licenses	2,092			
4027 · State Dog Fees	940			
4026-02 · Civil Forfeiture	425			
4026 -03 · Late Penalty	90			
4028 · Vital Records	875			
4029 · Fees-BOA	100			
Total 4026-4029	4,551			
4030 · Fees-Planning Board				
4030 · Fees-Planning Board - Other	0			
4031 · Fees-HDC	0			
Total 4030 · Fees-Planning Board	0			
4034 · Fees-Returned Check	90			
4078 · Exaction Fees-lot A-22	0			
Total Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,641	5,000	5,000	
Total Licenses, Permits, Fees	236,472	226,500	231,500	

2013 Proposed Budget	2012	2012	2013	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2012/2013
Miscellaneous Revenues				
4061 · Interest Income	289	800	300	
4063 · Town Hall Donations	1,500			
4067 · Other Income	44,480	5,500	5,500	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	46,269	6,300	5,800	
Revenue-Taxes				
4000 · Property Taxes	3,933,370			
4001 · Land Use Change Taxes	14,400	5,000	5,000	
4002 · Timber Taxes	17,729	8,000	8,000	
4005 · Interest & Penalties on taxes	38,830	7,000	7,000	
4006 · Costs on taxes	286	250	250	
Total Revenue-Taxes	4,004,615	20,250	20,250	
Total Income	4,471,752	415,823	402,422	
Capital Outlay				
6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip.				
6032-19 · WA # 5 HD Truck	35,000	35,000		
6032-20 · WA # 6 HD Stainless Steel Sander	20,147	20,500		
6032-21 · WA # 5 FD Safety Gear			17,500	
6032-22 · WA # 6 FD SCBA Bottles			4,225	
6032-23 · WA # 7 PD Firearms			4,000	
Total 6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip.	55,147	55,500	25,725	
6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings				
6034-15 WA # 7 Comm. Tower (4683 FB)	19,500	19,500		
6034-16 WA # 8 HD Road Improvements (FB)	50,000	50,000		
6034-17 WA # 9 Forestry Committee Projects	9,500	9,500		
6034-18 WA # 4 HD Road Improvements			50,000	
Total 6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings	79,000	79,000	50,000	
Total Capital Outlay	134,147	134,500	75,725	
Operating Transfers Out				
6036 · To Capital Reserve & Trust Fund				
6036-15· WA # 10 FD Bldg Addition Cap.Res.	10,000	10,000		
6036-16· WA # 11 HD Barn/Garage Cap.Res.	5,000	5,000		
6036-17· WA # 12 Police Cruiser Cap.Res.	9,000	9,000		
6036-18 · WA # 13 Hwy Equip. Cap. Res. (FB)	3,468	3,468		
6036-19· WA # 14 Cemetery Funds (FB)	0	200		
6036-20· WA # 10 Police Cruiser Cap.Res.			9,000	
6036-21· WA # 9 FD Bldg Addition Cap.Res.			10,000	
6036-22· WA # 8 HD Barn/Garage Cap.Res. (FB)			14,815	
Total Operating Transfers Out	27,468	27,668	33,815	
Total Capital & Operating Transfers	161,615	162,168	109,540	
Conservation				
6028-01 · Conservation Commission Exp.	4,385	688	688	
6028-02 · CC Railroad Trail Maint.	0	1,312	1,312	
6028-02 · CU Penalty -CC	6,500			
6029-01 · Town Forests	0	1	1	
Total Conservation	10,885	2,001	2,001	0%

2013 Proposed Budget	2012	2012	2013	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2012/2013
6024 · Parks & Recreation				
6024-01 · Parks Maint.	1,694	2,000	2,000	
6024-02 · Parks Electricity	83	100	100	
6024-03 · Toilet Facilities	404	600	500	
6024-04 · Activities/Rec.Com.	392	400	600	
6025-01 · Town Common Maint.	4,854	7,000	6,000	
6025-02 · TC Payroll Taxes	332	536	459	
6025-03 · TC Workers' Comp.	174	234	234	
6025-03 · TC Workers' Comp. 2013 Credit			-184	
Total 6024 · Parks & Recreation	7,933	10,870	9,709	-11%
6026 · Library				
6026-01 · Library Wages	38,076	38,260	39,407	
6026-02 · Lib. Payroll Taxes	2,913	2,927	3,015	
6026-13 · Lib. Retirement	1,180	1,180	1,200	
6026-03 · Lib. Workers' Comp.	50	66	66	
6026-03 · Lib. Workers' Comp. 2013 Credit			-45	
6026-04 · Continuing Education	0	200	200	
6026-05 · Travel	406	375	375	
6026-06 · Telephone	766	825	825	
6026-07 · Technology	454	700	900	
6026-08 · Postage	61	100	100	
6026-09 · Supplies	473	500	500	
6026-10 · Dues & Fees	595	600	600	
6026-11 · Programming	299	300	300	
6026-12 · Books	3,090	3,400	3,400	
Total 6026 · Library	48,363	49,433	50,843	3%
6027 · Patriotic Purposes	262	600	600	0%
Total Culture & Recreation	56,558	60,903	61,152	0%
Debt Service				
6030-01 · Princ. Long Term Bonds & Notes	78,458	78,458	69,655	
6030-02 · Interest Long Term Bonds & Note	14,603	14,621	10,976	
6030-03 · Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	7,287	10,000	9,000	
Total Debt Service	100,348	103,079	89,631	-13%
General Government				
6000 · Executive				
6000-01 · Selectmen	2,925	2,925	2,925	
Total 6000 · Executive	2,925	2,925	2,925	0%

2013 Proposed Budget	2012	2012	2013	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2012/2013
6001 · Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.				
6001-01 · Moderator	525	545	250	
6001-02 · Election Expenses	5,075	3,200	3,000	
6001-03 · Town Clerk/Tax Collector	25,600	25,600	26,368	
6001-05 · TC/TX Deputy	8,740	9,500	10,200	
6001-16 · TC/TX Payroll Tax	2,627	2,456	2,798	
6001-21 · TC/TX Workers' Comp.	53	69	69	
6001-21 · TC/TX Workers' Comp. 2013 Credit			-48	
6001-06 · Assoc. Dues	20	55	50	
6001-07 · State Dog Fees	1,057			
6001-08 · Convention/Education	1,234	1,500	1,500	
6001-09 · Certification/Training	150	300	400	
6001-17 · TX Registry Fees	188	300	300	
6001-10 · Mileage	847	450	450	
6001-11 · Office Supplies	1,743	2,403	2,403	
6001-12 · Postage	1,957	1,990	2,100	
6001-13 · Software Maint./Update	3,870	3,860	4,107	
6001-14 · Telephone & Internet	925	990	990	
6001-20 · Equipment Replacement	499	500	500	
6001-00 · Tech Support			1,575	
6001-19 · Tax Lien Notice Fees	1,728		1,000	
Total 6001 · Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	56,837	53,718	58,012	8%
6002 · Financial Administration				
6002-01 · Treasurer	550	550	550	
6002-02 · Auditor	10,660	9,500	9,500	
6002-03 · Admin. Salary	38,252	38,252	39,208	
6002-04 · Part-time Admin.	3,908	6,500	7,500	
6002-05 · Payroll Taxes	3,533	3,727	3,877	
6002-06 · Workers' Comp.	378	570	570	
6002-06 · Workers' Comp. 2013 Credit			-494	
6002-07 · Retirement Ins.	1,978	2,060	2,060	
6002-08 · Bank Service Charges	301	200	200	
6002-09 · Conferences	0	600	400	
6002-10 · Payroll Services	5,169	5,100	5,200	
6002-11 · Software Maint./Update	1,582	1,550	1,600	
6002-12 · Mileage	59	200	200	
6002-13 · Miscellaneous	228	250	250	
6002-14 · Postage	765	900	900	
6002-15 · Registry Fees	62	100	100	
6002-16 · Repairs & Maint.-Equipment	580	495	530	
6002-18 · Office Supplies	1,989	1,500	1,800	
6002-19 · Advertising	0	225	225	
6002-20 · Town Office Equipment	499	400	250	
6002-21 · Telephone	463	500	550	
6002-22 · Town Reports	758	1,500	800	
6002-23 · Tech Support	290	2,300	1,600	
6002-24 · Town Website	1,582	500	100	
6002-25 · LGC Health & Wellness	500		500	
Total 6002 · Financial Administration	74,084	77,479	77,976	1%
6003 · Revaluation of Property				
6003-01 · Assessing	1,995	3,000	4,800	
6003-02 · Tax Map Update	500	500	700	
Total 6003 · Revaluation of Property	2,495	3,500	5,500	57%
6004 · Legal Expenses	5,647	7,500	7,500	0%
6005 · Personnel Administration				
6005-02 · STD & Life Insurance	2,414	3,000	3,000	
6005-03 · Health & Dental Insurance	197,337	213,757	233,128	
6005-03 · Health & Dental Ins. 2013 Credit			-7,583	
6005-04 · Unemployment Taxes	621	621	738	
6005-00 · Health & Safety	404	500	500	
Total 6005 · Personnel Administration	200,777	217,878	229,783	5%

2013 Proposed Budget	2012	2012	2013	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2012/2013
6006 · Planning & Zoning				
6006-01 · PB Advertising	50	450	450	
6006-02 · PB Training	2	80	80	
6006-03 · PB Supplies	145	182	182	
6006-04 · PB Postage	0	200	200	
6006-05 · BOA Salaries	55	400	400	
6006-07 · BOA Advertise	123	250	250	
6006-08 · BOA Postage	0	30	30	
6006-09 · BOA Supplies	145	152	152	
6006-10 · BOA Training	0	200	200	
6006-11 · Historic District Expense	0	110	110	
6006-12 · NRPC Assistant	4,485	5,500	5,500	
Total 6006 · Planning & Zoning	5,005	7,554	7,554	0%
6007 · Gen. Gov. Buildings				
6007-01 · Custodial Expense	8,242	8,242	7,592	
6007-02 · TB Supplies	761	1,100	1,100	
6007-03 · TB Heat	6,387	9,000	7,000	
6007-04 · TB Electricity	3,004	3,700	3,400	
6007-05 · TB Repairs & Maint.	25,050	24,800	27,100	
6007-06 · Records Preservation	2,000	2,000	2,000	
6007-07 · TB Restrooms-ADA	1,490			
6007-08 · TB Ins. Settlement Work	5,111			
Total 6007 · Gen. Gov. Buildings	52,045	48,842	48,192	-1%
6008 · Cemeteries				
6008-01 · Cem. Maintenance	1,767	1,700	1,700	
6008-02 · Cem. Wages	8,008	10,000	10,000	
6008-03 · Cem. Payroll Taxes	576	765	765	
6008-04 · Cem. Workers' Comp.	205	273	273	
6008-04 · Cem. Workers' Comp. 2013 Credit			-214	
Total 6008 · Cemeteries	10,557	12,738	12,524	-2%
6009 · Insurance				
6009-01 · LGC-PLIT	24,796	26,500	26,500	
Total 6009 · Insurance	24,796	26,500	26,500	0%
6010 · Advertising & Assoc.				
6010-01 · NRPC	1,128	1,128	1,169	
Total 6010 · Advertising & Assoc.	1,128	1,128	1,169	4%
6011 · Other Gen. Gov.				
6011-01 · LGC Membership	1,060	1,060	1,095	
6011-02 · Abatements & Refunds	11,736	0	0	
Total 6011 · Other Gen. Gov.	12,795	1,060	1,095	3%
Total General Government	449,091	460,822	478,730	4%
Health				
6022-01 · Health Officer	0	25	25	
6022-02 · Animal Control	0	1,000	1,000	
6022-03 · Health Agencies, Visiting Nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Total Health	1,500	2,525	2,525	0%

2013 Proposed Budget	2012	2012	2013	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2012/2013
Highways & Streets				
6018 · Highway Town Maintenance				
6018-01 · Road Agent Salary	51,000	51,000	61,000	
6018-34 · Equip. Operator	6,055	36,400	37,310	
6018-03 · Equip. Operator I	34,261	36,764	37,683	
6018-04 · Equip. Operator II	31,312	38,381	39,340	
6018-05 · Other Salaries	58,687	55,000	55,000	
6018-06 · Overtime Wages	3,224	9,000	7,700	
6018-07 · Hwy Payroll Taxes	14,154	17,369	18,209	
6018-08 · Hwy Workers' Comp.	6,860	9,108	9,108	
6018-08 · Hwy Workers' Comp. 2013 Credit			-6,879	
6018-09 · Hwy Retirement	6,037	8,602	8,767	
6018-10 · Hwy Mileage	0	200	0	
6018-11 · Drug & Alc. Testing	536	700	700	
6018-12 · Consulting Engineer	0	1,000	500	
6018-13 · Paved Road Restoration	163,420	115,000	123,000	
6018-14 · Patch	4,577	7,100	5,000	
6018-15 · Culverts	1,180	3,900	2,900	
6018-16 · Calcium Chloride	4,480	5,100	4,500	
6018-17 · Signs & Rewards	2,069	2,400	1,400	
6018-18 · Plowing	6,275	7,750	7,000	
6018-19 · Salt	15,408	15,000	16,500	
6018-24 · Hired Equipment	2,608	10,000	10,000	
6018-27 · Tree Work	0	1,000	500	
6018-28-Guard Rails	0	400	400	
6018-29 · Sweeper	2,600	4,000	3,000	
6018-32 · Aggregate	9,881	10,000	7,000	
Total 6018 · Highway Town Maintenance	424,625	445,174	449,638	1%
6019 · Hwy Dept. Expenses				
6019-01 · Building Maint.	3,217	5,000	7,000	
6019-02 · Electricity	2,449	3,600	2,400	
6019-03 · Telephone	1,941	2,000	2,000	
6019-04 · Dues & Education	85	1,000	500	
6019-05 · Equip. Maint.	52,688	40,000	44,000	
6019-06 · Edges for Plowing	2,687	3,500	2,500	
6019-07 · Tires	5,232	7,500	4,000	
6019-08 · Chains	703	500	700	
6019-09 · Chainsaw Repairs	122	200	200	
6019-10 · Radios	969	1,000	1,000	
6019-11 · Welding Equipment	225	600	500	
6019-12 · Safety Equipment	3,735	2,000	2,000	
6019-13 · Tools	312	800	500	
6019-14 · Vehicle Fuel	36,471	36,000	38,400	
6019-16 · Hwy Veh. & Equip.	9,862	9,862	9,862	
6019-19 · Heating Fuel	4,844	6,000	4,800	
Total 6019 · Hwy Dept. Expenses	125,541	119,562	120,362	1%
6020 · Street Lighting	1,684	1,584	1,684	6%
Total Highways & Streets	551,850	566,320	571,684	1%

2013 Proposed Budget	2012	2012	2013	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2012/2013
Public Safety				
6012 · Police Department				
6012-20 · Police Chief Salary	77,691	78,000	79,950	
6012-21 · 1st Patrolman	33,342	45,912	45,000	
6012-22 · 2nd Patrolman	37,149	37,183	40,000	
6012-02 · Part-time Wages	15,683	30,392	30,392	
6012-23 · On Call	800	0	0	
6012-03 · Overtime Wages	5,945	5,000	5,000	
6012-04 · Prosecutor	9,000	9,000	9,000	
6012-05 · Payroll Taxes	4,196	4,734	4,791	
6012-06 · Workers' Comp.	3,614	4,802	4,802	
6012-06 · Workers' Comp. 2013 Credit			-3,456	
6012-07 · Retirement	35,598	33,134	42,997	
6012-08 · Detail Expenses	19,568	1	1	
6012-09 · OHRV Grant Detail	1,200		1	
6012-28 · DUI/Traffic Enf. Grant	6,170		1	
6012-11 · Conventions & Dues	790	750	750	
6012-12 · Office Expenses	3,966	5,000	5,000	
6012-31 · Heat	1,730	2,000	2,000	
6012-32 · Electricity	1,775	1,400	1,600	
6012-13 · Uniforms	4,385	2,500	2,500	
6012-14 · Equip. & Maint.	13,113	4,500	4,500	
6012-24 · K-9 Maintenance	1,786	1,500	1,500	
6012-26 · K-9 Trust Purchase	1,214			
6012-15 · Training	3,410	5,000	5,000	
6012-17 · Cruiser Maint.	4,666	3,500	4,000	
6012-18 · Cruiser Fuel	12,586	8,000	14,000	
6012-29 · Telephone & Internet	4,376	4,000	4,000	
6012-34 · Ins. Settlement Exp.	22,893			
Total 6012 · Police Department	326,647	286,308	303,329	6%
6013 · Ambulance	11,039	11,039	14,306	30%
6014 · Fire Department				
6014-01 · Fire Chief Stipend	7,000	7,000	7,000	
6014-02 · FD Stipend	11,325	12,000	14,150	
6014-23 · FD Admin. Assistant	425	2,000	1,800	
6014-24 · FD Payroll Tax	0	153	138	
6014-24 · FD Workers' Comp.	621	789	789	
6014-24 · FD Workers' Comp. 2013 Credit			-579	
6014-04 · Officers' Expenses	1,225	2,400	2,100	
6014-05 · Hep.B Vac.	0	250	250	
6014-06 · Insurance	0	250	250	
6014-07 · Training	2,058	2,000	2,000	
6014-08 · Expendables	943	1,200	1,200	
6014-09 · Building Maint.	2,613	4,000	4,000	
6014-10 · Electricity	2,190	2,500	2,500	
6014-11 · Heat	1,592	2,500	2,200	
6014-12 · Telephone	875	1,200	1,200	
6014-13 · Radio Repair	1,613	1,500	1,500	
6014-14 · Code Books	187	400	400	
6014-15 · Vehicle Maint.	3,889	6,000	6,000	
6014-16 · Fuel	1,422	2,000	2,000	
6014-17 · Equip. Maint.	19,960	8,000	8,000	
6014-19 · EMS Supplies	427	1,500	1,350	
6014-20 · EMS Training	1,270	3,000	3,000	
Total 6014 · Fire Department	59,634	60,642	61,248	1%

2013 Proposed Budget				2012	2012	2013	% Change
				Actual	Budget	Budget	2012/2013
6015 · Building Inspection							
	6015-01 · Bldg. Insp. Wages			10,307	12,730	12,730	
	6015-05 · Bldg. Insp. Admin.			578	2,900	2,900	
	6015-02 · BI Payroll Taxes			812	1,196	1,196	
	6015-06 · BI Workers' Comp.			352	500	500	
	6015-06 · BI Workers' Comp. Credit					-307	
	6015-03 · BI Mileage			907	1,100	1,100	
	6015-04 · BI Expenses			1,085	1,180	1,180	
Total 6015 · Building Inspection				14,041	19,606	19,299	-2%
6016 · Emergency Management				360	4,800	4,800	0%
6017 · Other (incl. Comm.)							
	6017-01 · Communications			17,368	18,100	39,000	
	6017-02 · Waterhole Maint.			1,500	1,500	1,500	
Total 6017 · Other (incl. Comm.)				18,868	19,600	40,500	107%
Total Public Safety				430,588	401,995	443,482	10%
Sanitation							
6021-01 · Wilton Recycling				45,457	46,086	49,338	
Total Sanitation				45,457	46,086	49,338	7%
Welfare							
6023-01 · Town Poor				2,400	1,000	1,000	0%
Total Operating Expenses				1,648,676	1,644,731	1,699,543	3%
Total Capital & Operating Expenses				1,810,291	1,806,899	1,809,083	0%
Other Assessments							
6037 · School District Assessment				2,522,514			
6038 · Hillsborough County				183,919			

TOWN OF MASON

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance

For the year ended December 31, 2012

REVENUES:	2012	2011	2010
Highway Block Grant	66,800	76,404	70,182
Other state revenue	6,308	640	542
Property taxes	3,933,370	3,878,251	3,687,765
Yield taxes	17,729	26,092	9,255
Land use change taxes	14,400	10,000	33,150
Motor vehicle fees	229,647	226,686	232,268
Penalties and interest	39,116	35,343	23,392
Licenses, permits, fees	3,249	5,207	4,455
Interest income	289	863	1,596
Dog licenses	3,576	3,810	3,628
Detail Payments, Fines & Gra	10,540	4,830	7,210
Rooms & Meals Tax	61,874	61,742	60,457
Conservation Commission	12,903	14,688	21,255
Forestry Committee	9,500	0	8,000
FEMA Funds	10,755	2,167	12,831
Insurance settlement	27,626	0	
Other	18,354	10,396	36,611
Total revenues	4,466,038	4,357,117	4,212,597
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	438,535	427,472	448,897
Cemeteries	10,557	11,618	13,568
Public safety	469,088	398,706	379,141
Highways	665,465	553,452	549,441
Sanitation	45,457	49,479	40,967
Health & Welfare	3,900	3,047	2,500
Education	2,522,514	2,486,302	2,408,407
Culture and recreation	76,943	66,994	100,445
Debt service	100,348	85,141	89,400
County taxes	183,919	178,991	188,997
Total expenditures	4,516,725	4,261,201	4,221,763
Excess (deficit) of revenues/expend. revenues over expenditures	(50,687)	95,916	(9,166)
Other financing sources:			
Voided/Deletions	0	309	
Interfund transfers	5,714	7,584	18,245
Unexpended encumbrances	0	8,091	0
	5,714	15,984	18,245
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expend. over expenditures and other f	(44,973)	111,900	9,079
Fund balance beginning	427,279	315,379	306,300
Fund balance ending	382,306	427,279	315,379

TOWN OF MASON
Combined Balance Sheet
At December 31, 2012

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consrv Comm	Forestry Committee	All Funds
Cash	\$947,671	\$106,206	\$195,356	\$52,777	\$53,147	\$1,355,157
Deeded property	\$40,822					\$40,822
Unredeemed taxes	\$163,667					\$163,667
Uncollected taxes	\$274,759					\$274,759
Total assets	\$1,426,919	\$106,206	\$195,356	\$52,777	\$53,147	\$1,834,404

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Accounts Payable	(\$59)					(\$59)
Escrow Funds	\$4,818					\$4,818
Encumbrances	\$9,500					\$9,500
Payroll taxes payab	\$5					\$5
Due to schools	\$1,030,347					\$1,030,347
Total liabilities	\$1,044,611	0	0	0	0	\$1,044,611

Fund balances	\$382,308	\$106,206	\$195,356	\$52,777	\$53,147	\$789,794
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$1,426,919	\$106,206	\$195,356	\$52,777	\$53,147	\$1,834,404

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 2012	\$962,701
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	\$234,189
Tax Collector	\$3,982,804
Selectmen	\$254,470
Interest income TD & People's Banks	\$232
Interest income NHPDIP	\$45
Interest income Bank of NH PoolPlus	\$12
Tax Anticipation Loans	\$600,000
Total cash available	\$6,034,453
Selectmen's orders paid	\$3,944,055
Payroll disbursements	\$535,440
Tax anticipation loans repaid	\$600,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	\$7,287
Total monies paid out	\$5,086,782
Cash on hand, December 31, 2012	\$947,671

Patricia Letourneau
Treasurer

TOWN OF MASON BONDS

Police Station - Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-Feb-07				\$7,972.22	\$7,972.22	
15-Aug-07	\$292,000	\$27,000	5.00%	\$7,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$41,972.22
15-Feb-08				\$6,325.00	\$6,325.00	
15-Aug-08	265,000	30,000	5.00%	\$6,325.00	\$36,325.00	\$42,650.00
15-Feb-09				\$5,575.00	\$5,575.00	
15-Aug-09	235,000	30,000	5.00%	\$5,575.00	\$35,575.00	\$41,150.00
15-Feb-10				\$4,825.00	\$4,825.00	
15-Aug-10	205,000	30,000	4.00%	\$4,825.00	\$34,825.00	\$39,650.00
15-Feb-11				\$4,225.00	\$4,225.00	
15-Aug-11	175,000	30,000	4.00%	\$4,225.00	\$34,225.00	\$38,450.00
15-Feb-12				\$3,625.00	\$3,625.00	
15-Aug-12	145,000	30,000	5.00%	\$3,625.00	\$33,625.00	\$37,250.00
15-Feb-13				\$2,875.00	\$2,875.00	
15-Aug-13	115,000	30,000	5.00%	\$2,875.00	\$32,875.00	\$35,750.00
15-Feb-14				\$2,125.00	\$2,125.00	
15-Aug-14	85,000	30,000	5.00%	\$2,125.00	\$32,125.00	\$34,250.00
15-Feb-15				\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	
15-Aug-15	55,000	30,000	5.00%	\$1,375.00	\$31,375.00	\$32,750.00
15-Feb-16				\$625.00	\$625.00	
15-Aug-16	25,000	25,000	5.00%	\$625.00	\$25,625.00	\$26,250.00
Totals		\$292,000		\$78,122.22	\$370,122.22	\$370,122.22

Highway Loader - Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
1-May-08	\$161,000	\$23,000	4.00%	\$6,332.67	\$29,332.67	\$29,332.67
1-May-09	138,000	23,000	4.00%	\$5,520.00	\$28,520.00	\$28,520.00
1-May-10	115,000	23,000	4.00%	\$4,600.00	\$27,600.00	\$27,600.00
1-May-11	92,000	23,000	4.00%	\$3,680.00	\$26,680.00	\$26,680.00
1-May-12	69,000	23,000	4.00%	\$2,760.00	\$25,760.00	\$25,760.00
1-May-13	45,000	23,000	4.00%	\$1,840.00	\$24,840.00	\$24,840.00
1-May-14	23,000	23,000	4.00%	\$920.00	\$23,920.00	\$23,920.00
Totals		\$161,000		\$25,652.67	\$186,652.67	\$186,652.67

CC Land Purchase - Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
7-Jul-09	\$80,000.00	\$6,875.91	5.50%	\$3,642.22	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-10	\$73,124.09	\$6,496.31	5.50%	\$4,021.82	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-11	\$66,627.78	\$6,853.60	5.50%	\$3,664.53	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-12	\$59,774.18	\$7,230.55	5.50%	\$3,287.58	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-13	\$52,543.63	\$7,628.23	5.50%	\$2,889.90	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-14	\$44,915.40	\$8,047.78	5.50%	\$2,470.35	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-15	\$36,867.62	\$8,490.41	5.50%	\$2,027.72	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-16	\$28,377.21	\$8,957.38	5.50%	\$1,560.75	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-17	\$19,419.83	\$9,450.04	5.50%	\$1,068.09	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-18	\$9,969.79	\$9,969.79	5.50%	\$548.34	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
Totals		\$80,000.00		\$25,181.30	\$105,181.30	\$105,181.30

2009 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Cruiser

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-May-09	\$27,995.00					
15-May-10	\$27,995.00	\$8,995.64	3.69%	\$1,033.02	\$10,028.66	\$10,028.66
15-May-11	\$18,999.36	\$9,327.58	3.69%	\$701.08	\$10,028.66	\$10,028.66
15-May-12	\$9,671.78	\$9,671.78	3.69%	\$356.88	\$10,028.66	\$10,028.66
Totals		\$27,995.00		\$2,090.98	\$30,085.98	\$30,085.98

2011 Ford Expedition Police Cruiser

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
8-Jul-11	\$27,105.00	\$9,522.83	5.50%	\$0.00	\$9,522.83	\$9,522.83
8-Jul-12	\$17,582.17	\$8,555.81	5.50%	\$967.02	\$9,522.83	\$9,522.83
8-Jul-13	\$9,026.36	\$9,026.36	5.50%	\$496.47	\$9,522.83	\$9,522.83
Totals		\$27,105.00		\$1,463.49	\$28,568.49	\$28,568.49
					Final Pay	\$1.00

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	\$51,305,000.00
Assessed Value of Current Use & Conservation Restriction	\$691,751.00
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	\$107,069,400.00
Public Utilities (PSNH)	\$1,760,100.00
Valuations Before Exemptions	<u>\$160,826,251.00</u>

EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	\$714,000.00
Solar Exemptions	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
	<u>\$732,000.00</u>

NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE	<u>\$160,094,251.00</u>
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NET VALUE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE (LESS UTILITIES)	\$158,334,151.00
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WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT

	Limit	No.	Credits
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action.....	\$2,000	2	\$4,000
All Other Qualified Persons.....	\$500	65	\$32,500

2012 TAX RATE

Town	\$7.82
County	\$1.15
State Education	\$2.38
School	<u>\$13.40</u>
Total Rate	<u>\$24.75</u>

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST			TOTAL		
	Beginning Balance	Fnds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Receipts (Disbursals)	Ending Balance	Fund Balance
TRUST FUNDS								
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$16,740.86	\$101.59		\$16,842.45	\$27,905.52
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$15,383.21	\$56.21		\$15,439.42	\$25,908.78
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$27,812.00		\$27,812.00	\$333.74	\$15.44		\$349.18	\$28,161.18
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$5,326.54		\$5,326.54	\$3,364.96	\$11.56		\$3,376.52	\$8,703.06
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$28,310.95	\$173.80		\$28,484.75	\$53,484.75
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$668.41	\$316.09		\$984.50	\$11,792.57
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$8,459.05	\$22.79		\$8,481.84	\$18,448.46
Steinberg/Budrewicz Recreation	\$223.00		\$223.00	\$124.43	\$0.22		\$124.65	\$347.65
Recreation-Playground	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$5.54	\$0.31		\$5.85	\$205.14
K-9 Fund	\$10,225.00	\$11,100.00					\$0.00	\$10,461.22
		(\$1,214.19)	\$20,110.81	\$261.48	\$25.49		\$286.97	\$20,397.78
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$111,093.66	\$9,885.81	\$120,979.47	\$73,652.63	\$723.50	\$0.00	\$74,376.13	\$195,355.60
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS								
Highway Capital Equipment	\$3,420.95	\$3,468.00	\$2,388.95	\$730.07	\$2.18		\$732.25	\$3,121.20
		(\$4,500.00)		\$3,251.68	\$3.31		\$3,254.99	\$3,254.99
Fire Equipment					\$2.12		\$2.12	\$10,002.12
Fire Station		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$47.32		\$21,024.28	\$63,024.28
Library Building	\$42,000.00		\$42,000.00	\$20,976.96	\$31.55		\$31.55	\$18,031.55
Police Cruiser	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$18,000.00					\$5,000.00
Highway Garage	\$1,569.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,197.88	\$5.42		\$2,203.30	\$3,772.10
Highway Construction	\$55,989.95	\$22,968.00	\$78,957.95	\$27,156.59	\$91.90	\$0.00	\$27,248.49	\$106,206.24
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$167,083.61	\$32,853.81	\$199,937.42	\$100,809.22	\$815.40	\$0.00	\$101,624.62	\$301,562.04
TOTAL ALL FUNDS								

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Charles Pierce

George Schwenk

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report

It has been a pleasure to serve the residents of Mason this past year. Although it was a little scary taking over and saying goodbye to outgoing Town Clerk Sue Wagoner, I'm confident the transition went well. Newly appointed Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Suzanne Kelly has done an outstanding job learning her responsibilities and attending as many training sessions as were available last year. It was a heavy training year for the both of us. The year saw four elections, one of which was the general (presidential) election held in a new polling place at the Mason Elementary School.

We would like to thank the Highway Department for the fresh coat of paint and the new bookshelves in our office. We were in dire need of more shelf space and the paint really perked things up. One big change to our office was the need to comply with state regulations concerning workplace violence. Most of you have noticed that we now have the top door locked and closed, and we permit only one customer at a time into the office. The state has also requested that we ask everyone to present their drivers' license for all transactions, even if we obviously know you.

In October we were awarded, through the Moose Plate Conservation Grant Program, \$6,436 (out of the \$9,277 requested) to preserve several of our oldest town record books dated 1835-1868 and 1869-1914. The third book we had included in the grant (1915-1962) will also be done using the \$2,000 in our Records Preservation budget (line item 6007-06). These books are beautifully preserved on the original paper in air-proof mylar sleeves so they can be handled and looked through with no damage to them. Please feel free to ask to see them while you're in our office. I would like to thank Suzanne for her hard work putting this grant together and submitting it on time.

In 2012 we licensed 430 dogs and registered 2,604 vehicles. The 2013 rabies clinic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 13, with Dr. Jill Patronagio of Hollis. We will send reminders out to all dog owners in the spring and, as usual, as long as we have your up-to-date rabies information, you can license your dog(s) by mail. Please call our office at 878-3768 if you have any questions.

In June tax bills were made available online to the public via our Avitar software vendor. Although you cannot yet pay online, you can view your payments, history and print your bills. Escrow companies and anyone else needing tax info have indicated how helpful this has been. Please go to www.nhtaxkiosk.com, click on Mason and search for your property.

Thank you all for your patience and support in 2012. If you have suggestions or ideas on what you would like to see in our office, please let us know. We look forward to continuing to help you with all your municipal needs.

Town Clerk Debra A. Morrison

Deputy Suzanne Kelly

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 2012	\$50
Cash received:	
Dog Licenses	2,092
State dog fees	940
Civil Forfeiture	425
Late Penalty	90
Mail-In Fees	521
Automobile registrations	223,083
Title fees	668
Returned checks	90
Vital fees	875
Municipal agent fees	5,405
Total cash received	234,239
Cash remitted to Treasurer	234,189
Cash on hand, December 31, 2012	\$50

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2012**DEBITS**

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2012	2011	2010	2009+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$ 266,151.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	\$ 5,606.88	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Years' Credits Balance**		\$ 0.00			
This Year's New Credits		(\$ 12,361.79)			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 3,933,370.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 17,729.14	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

FOR DRA USE ONLY**OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS**

Property Taxes	#3110				
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Credits Refunded		\$ 12,334.71	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 1,383.06	\$ 20,270.65	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 3,966,855.12	\$ 292,028.99	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's taxes pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

**The amount is already included in the warrant and therefore in line #3110 as a positive amount for this year's levy.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2012**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2012	2011	2010	2009+
Property Taxes	\$ 3,665,162.69	\$ 141,608.13	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 17,729.14	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 1,383.06	\$ 20,270.65	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 130,150.21	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	\$ 0.00			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$ 1,323.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 266,883.85	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance*	(\$ 27.08)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 3,966,855.12	\$ 292,028.99	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

(Be sure to indicate a positive amount in the Property Taxes actually remitted to the treasurer.)

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2012

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2012	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2011	2010	2009+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 96,304.48	\$ 14,805.67
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 144,439.82	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,143.64	\$ 12,320.05	\$ 2,998.62
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 146,583.46	\$ 108,624.53	\$ 17,804.29

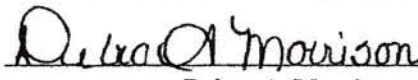
CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2012	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2011	2010	2009+
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 20,279.05	\$ 57,969.24	\$ 13,635.05
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,143.64	\$ 12,320.05	\$ 2,998.62
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 124,160.77	\$ 38,335.24	\$ 1,170.62
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		\$ 0.00	\$ 146,583.46	\$ 108,624.53	\$ 17,804.29

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? yes

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'S SIGNATURE


 Debra A. Morrison
DATE 1/17/13

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 2012 the Mason Highway Department continued to build on programs started in 2011. We paved sections of Starch Mill Road, Old County Road, Depot Road, Brookline Road and Abbott Hill Road. On Brookline Road we did a complete reclaim; grinding the road, re-grading and adding crushed gravel as needed prior to paving. By rebuilding the road this way we were able to reshape the roadway so it would shed water, increasing its service life.

Drainage projects were also a high priority for the department. We completely replaced 15 culverts this year and extended 6 other culverts.

Calcium was applied to the gravel roads as a solid rather than a liquid. Using this method has proven successful as the calcium is more concentrated on the surface controlling the dust on the top of the roadway and using less calcium.

This year we were able to rent a sweeper that was operated by a highway department employee. All paved roads were swept as well as all town parking lots. The material collected was removed as fill to the pit.

Members of the Department were able to repair and renovate the town clerk's office as well as the office of the Selectmen's Executive Assistant. The restrooms were renovated at the town hall, by the same crew. I would like to thank the Wolf Rockers for their generous financial contribution to that project.

The patching of pot holes, grading of gravel roads replacing of signs and roadside ditching have been ongoing throughout the year.

I would like to thank all members of the department for their commitment to better roads in Mason and to the people of Mason for their support and encouragement. Respectfully submitted,

Fred Greenwood
Road Agent

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 2012 the Police Department was finally able to reach full staffing with the hiring of three part-time officers. Officers Kevin Maxwell, John Dube and Christopher Follomon joined the Police Department and are proving to be assets to the Town of Mason.

This year proved to be an eventful year for the Police Department with an increase in crimes involving violence against persons and felony level offenses.

Officers responded to calls such as armed, barricaded subjects, residential burglaries, assaults and thefts.

We continue to see a steady increase in the number of felony level drug offenses (heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, prescription drugs and large amounts of marijuana) that we are dealing with. Although we do have a drug use by local residents, I attribute the majority of this problem to transient traffic through Mason to and from neighboring towns.

Officers are strongly encouraged to spend time in our school making themselves visible to all adults and especially the children. I personally spend much of my time in the school during their different lunch breaks, sitting and talking with the kids about anything from getting along with others to what video games are now cool. My goal with this is, to make sure that the children know who their Police Department is and that they can approach us at any time that they may need to. We are able to achieve this through a close and positive working relationship with the staff at the Mason Elementary School.

Thank you for your support in our goal to keep Mason a safe community through pro-active enforcement and working with the members of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Police Chief Barry G. Hutchins

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

First I would like to thank Bob Bergeron for his 40 years of service to the Mason Fire Department.

Cindy Tibbetts also decided to step down as a First Responder after 25 years of service. Thank you both.

We are always looking for new members to maintain our staffing level. If interested contact any member of the department for further information or stop by to visit.

One of our members completed Firefighter Level 1 and 2 this year and we have two members currently in Level 1 which is the state required basic firefighting course.

We are working to replace our outdated bunker gear with new safer gear.

My thanks to all the dedicated men and women of the Fire Department and to their families for their continued support.

Fire Calls 2012

Smoke in building	3	Brush fire	2
Motor vehicle accident	16	Lightning strike	1

Carbon monoxide	1
Mutual aid given	24
Illegal burn	3
Alarm activation	5

Total Calls: 61

Tree on wires	2
Propane	2
Smoke investigation	2

Total hours for calls: 1068
Total hours for training: 1089

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Baker Fire Chief

FIRST RESPONDERS REPORT

We responded to a variety of calls in 2012. There is always a need for new people. If interested, contact a First Responder or myself for further information on training and responding to calls.

I would like to thank the members of the Brookline Ambulance Service and their Director, Wes Whittier, for their continued excellent service to the Town of Mason.

I especially would like to thank the Mason First Responders for responding to calls all hours of the day or night and to their families for allowing them to give their time for calls and training.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Baker Fire Chief

EMS Calls 2012

Motor vehicle crash	16	Diabetic	2
Child birth	1	Back pain	1
Fall	5	Stroke	3
Seizure	7	Weakness	2
Cardiac	3	Fainting	5
Shooting	2	Difficulty breathing	6
Untimely death	2	Choking	2
Behavioral	2	Abdominal pain	3
Overdose	1	Assault	1
Headache	1	Unresponsive	1
Burns	1		

Total Calls 67

HOME HEALTHCARE, Hospice & COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason
January 1, 2012- December 31, 2012

In 2012, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. Services included 41 nursing visits and 30 physical therapy visits, 6 occupational

therapy visits The cost of service provided with all sources of funding is \$12,215.00. The following services are available to Mason residents to assist residents to recover at home or to continue to live independently at home:

- Visiting Nurse
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Pathology
- Personal Care
- Customized Care –homemakers and respite care
- Geriatric Care Management
- Hospice care for patients and bereavement support for family members – in the home, in nursing home and assisted living facilities.

HCS also offers health promotion services:

- Maternal and child health services for income eligible families
- “Nurse Is In” clinics check blood pressure and answer questions for everyone
- Foot Care clinics

HCS welcomes inquiries at 532-8353 or 1-800-541-4145 or visit www.HCSServices.org. Our outreach program is available to talk with seniors and families about home care options at no charge. Thank you for your support of home care services.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board continues to review and coordinate updates to regulations with help from the NRPC.

There were no subdivision or lot line adjustment hearings during 2012.

Respectfully,

Chairman Pam Lassen

REPORT OF NRPC ACTIVITIES

Regional Plan – The NRPC began the three-year process of updating the comprehensive regional plan for the Nashua Region, as required by state law. Much of 2012 was spent getting the word out about the plan and gathering input. In addition to meeting with municipal officials from each NRPC town, staff attended numerous public events and collected approximately 1,000 survey responses from people around the region. In Mason, we gathered public input at Mason Old Home Days. The top three things that people stated were best about Mason were: (1) rural character, (2) natural setting, and (3) small-town feel. The top three things that people stated could make Mason better were: (1) improved roads, (2) controlling development, and (3) recreational fields.

Please read the entire report on the town website at: www.masonnh.us

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Income from land use change tax	\$6,500
Income from rental.....	\$5,400
Misc. income.....	\$1,590
2012 Budget	\$2,000
Interest.....	\$58
Expenses.....	\$14,903
Funds on hand Conservation General Fund 12/31/12.....	\$9,772
Railroad Trail Maintenance Fund 12/31/12.....	\$232
Land Protection Fund 12/31/12	\$20,604
Stewardship Fund 12/31/12.....	\$10,525
Rental Fund– 135 Old Ashby Road 12/31/12	\$11,644
Total All Funds 12/31/12.....	\$52,777

Welcomed Rob Doyle of Townsend Rd. as a full member of the Commission. Rob's knowledge, enthusiasm, and intense dislike of invasive plants should serve us well.

Presented four public information seminars as part of the Florence Roberts Memorial Series, including presentations on chestnuts, animal tracking (with Jon Sargent), and energy-efficient home weatherization.

Thanks to the inestimable generosity of George and Cathy Schwenk, began the process of accepting on behalf of the town a gift from Mason Quarry LLC of lots E-26 and E-27, locally known as the Mason quarry, to be forever preserved by conservation easement. The centrally located parcel sits amid existing conservation lands, and offers important wildlife habitat, rare plants, unique landscapes, and important historical artifacts, as well as being an inseparable part of Mason's history. The Selectmen have voted to accept the gift. The CC is working through the legal details with the help of Ian McSweeney of the Russell Foundation (a non-profit conservation assistance organization) and Brian Hotz of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. As is often the case, the legal wheels spin slowly, but we intend to complete this work early in 2013.

Continued efforts to deal with invasive plants. State-provided prison labor was unavailable this year because of state budget cuts, but Mason volunteers filled in to help keep invasives under control. We started an experimental project at Black Brook Bridge to control Japanese knotweed by covering infected areas with black plastic sheets to "cook" the pesty plant in the ground. If successful, we hope to use this technique elsewhere in town to control invasives without poisonous herbicides. Also experimenting with *Gallerucilla* beetles to control purple loosestrife (this particular beetle eats nothing but the invasive non-native loosestrife).

With the help of Bill Downs, arranged a timber harvest to address concerns about the view from Greenville Rd. that's being overgrown. Cutting will take place within a one-year window. The CC marked numerous large and scenic trees to be preserved, and flagged a no-cut buffer along both sides of the major trail through

the area to preserve trail aesthetics. The rest of the area will be clear cut and allowed to regrow naturally; yielding excellent wildlife habitat as well as keeping the view clear for many years to come.

Handled miscellaneous yearly monitoring and maintenance requirements on conservation lands, including

- Removed hurricane-downed trees and branches from the railroad trail and various other trails with the much-appreciated volunteer help of the Winter Wanderers and M.A.N.E.
- Continued working with PSNH to establish a revised agreement for the power-line right-of-way on conservation land off Wilton Rd. Only remaining issue is agreeing on a dollar value for the relevant easement.
- Monitored conservation land and easements for William Doonan (Starch Mill Road), Fifield Tree Farm (Black Brook Road), Ted Stewart (Jackson Road), and Spaulding Brook property (Mitchell Hill Road).
- Dealt with beaver-produced trail head blockage on Potter land off Merriam Hill Rd.
- Filed complaint with NH DES to restore damaged wetlands on Valley Rd; restoration completed.

Applied for and received grants to help fund repairs to the Jackson Rd. railroad trestle bridge. Received guarantees of volunteer labor from M.A.N.E. and Winter Wanderers to partly match the grant, other matching to come from CC funds.

Because the bridge is now classified as a state-recognized historic structure, the replacement bridge will be made of wood to mimic the historic form. Look for this work to be completed in the summer of 2013.

With Mason PD, held two drug take-back programs as part of ongoing efforts to preserve and protect Mason's groundwater. Together the two events yielded over 20 pounds of unwanted medications that otherwise probably would have been flushed down Mason's toilets.

Nearly completed work on Mason's Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). Held a public event in Town Hall to present results to the town and gather comments. Final NRI publication is awaiting completion of the Mason quarry land deal because we want to include this important conservation land in the report. Using data from our NRI, identified several town-owned parcels worthy of conservation. Will work with Selectmen to protect these lands either through transfer to CC control for properties to be retained or through easements on properties to be sold.

Worked with police on concerns of rowdy after-hours behavior at Greenville Rd. overlook. Will be considering various ways to address the issue, including limits on hours of public access.

Respectfully submitted,

Conservation Commission

MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

The Forestry Committee has been waiting for an upturn in the economy, to maximize the yield from any selective cutting projects. An advantageous price for both fire wood and logs for dimensional lumber is the goal. There are several parcels under consideration for selective cuts.

There have been several large private timber harvests around town and, although, right after the harvest the land appears to have been changed considerably. Watch for changes this year. Sprouts from harvested stumps will be evident within the first year, insuring the beginning of a regenerative cycle and a plentiful crop of browse and cover for wildlife. In subsequent years the emergence of brambles, birch, laurel, and maples will be evident. As the forest stand matures pine and oak will be the prominent species. Nature will tweak the stand breaking limbs and uprooting whole trees as well as influencing growth patterns by uneven lighting. As you go about your daily routine take a moment to observe the changes. During the colonial days the seasonal rhythms were a major force in day to day life. As the times change let's not lose connection with the past. Mason gives us the opportunity to be a little closer to nature's laboratory. Besides, how many folks can say they saw a moose or bear on the way to work or school?

Respectfully submitted,
Mason Forestry Committee

MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Fax (603) 878-6146

Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9A-4P, 6-8P
Thursday 9A-4P Saturday 1-4P

library@masonnh.us

The Mason Public Library remains a vital resource to the community. The MPL offers a wide selection of new and classic books for all ages as well as a variety of magazines, audio books, and movies. We have access to the vast collection of books and lendable media from the State of New Hampshire Library System through the Inter Library Loan program. DSL Internet access is available to the public via our community access computer. The library continues to offer a variety of programming such as Storytime, Noon Book Club, the Summer Reading Program, and the traditional Holiday Greening. We remain the primary library support to the Mason Elementary School by providing weekly class visitation by all classes.

This year we started to offer "Overdrive", the State of New Hampshire's system for downloadable e-books and audio books for your computer, Nook, Kindle, or other supported device. We are pleased to provide access to a wide range of

online journals and research material through Ebsco. The Library staff would love to provide you with your personal access codes and demonstrations on their use.

We are grateful for the efforts of dedicated employees, volunteers, and trustees. Mostly, we appreciate the patronage and support of you, the tax payers and residents of Mason.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Trustees, Elena Kolbenson, Lynn McCann, Christine Weiss

Library Financial Report 2012

Receipts	Town Budget	Checking Acct.
Town Appropriations	\$49,433.00	
Donations		\$175.00
Fundraising		\$153.00
Whitaker-Locke Trust Fund Interest		\$0.00
Fees & Fines		\$122.55
Checking Account Interest		\$8.14
TOTAL	\$49,433.00	\$458.69
Expenditures		
Salaries	\$38,075.72	
Payroll tax	\$2,624.05	
Workers' Comp.	\$50.00	
Retirement	\$1,179.78	
Continuing Educ.	\$0.00	
Travel	\$406.24	
Telephone	\$702.45	
Technology	\$454.28	
Postage	\$60.79	
Supplies & Equipment	\$472.91	\$2,050.28
Dues & Fees	\$595.00	
Programming	\$298.89	\$183.60
Books	\$3,154.07	\$417.65
TOTAL	\$48,074.18	\$2,651.53
Return to Town General Fund (appr. not used)	\$1,358.82	
Checking Account-People's United Bank		
Beginning balance 01/01/2012		\$10,638.07
Ending balance 12/31/2012		\$8,445.23
		\$2,192.84

Investment & CD Accounts as of 12/31/12	
Wellington Shields Investment	n/a
Pam Steinberg Memorial Fund/People's Bank CD	\$1,255.65
" Friends" Building CD	\$626.14
E.O. Jones Library Fund	\$8,752.62
TOTAL	\$10,634.41

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been thirty (35) Building Permits issued during 2012. They were issued for the following and the total valuation is also listed:

1	Permanent Dwellings	\$146,577
3	House Additions	103,486
3	Barns	29,164
4	Sheds	30,025
1	Finish Room over Garage	17,151
1	Remodel House	44,871
1	Garage	10,617
1	PD Emerg. Equip.	1,000
1	Town Antenna	19,500
1	Town Gazebo	5,000
2	Electric Services	6,000
7	Generator Hook-ups	21,000
2	Septic Repairs	6,000
4	Decks	18,424
1	Electric for Hot Tub	3,000
1	Update House Elec.	3,000
1	Gas Piping to Wall Heater	3,000
	TOTAL	\$467,815

Of the four sheds, one was a renewal permit. There have been 7 permits for Oil Burner and/or Gas Burner, with or without storage equipment. A permit is required for installing and operating oil and gas burning equipment, that includes replacement burners and/or storage tanks.

Some residents do not understand when a Building Permit is required. Please refer to the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance, Article VII. I will be happy to help with any questions.

The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being updated and new numbers issued. It would be beneficial if all residents would use their correct house numbers and post the numbers using three-inch high reflective numbers, facing both directions.

Permanent boundary markers have to be checked on lots without an existing dwelling, before a Building Permit can be issued. If the lot has been created by a subdivision, every iron pin, drilled hole and granite bound that is shown on the plat must be checked. This was approved at the March 2004 Town Meeting. In addition to the Building Inspection duties, I, also, at the Selectmen's request, act in the capacity as Code Enforcement Officer and following up on zoning issues.

I would like to thank my Deputy, Eric Anderson who has filled in for me as needed during the year.

I hold office hours at the Mann House on Tuesday evenings by appointment only. Please call 878-2894 for your appointment or questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Building Inspector Kenneth B. Wilson

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

This past year was pretty normal for the cemeteries. It was very dry so we didn't do as much mowing. Tropical Storm Sandy and a Nor'easter rolled through in early November, but only a few branches were on the ground.

Residents of Mason interested in purchasing cemetery lots at Prospect Hill Cemetery may contact Wallace A. Brown, Sexton, at 878-1481.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Trustees

Wallace A. Brown, Jeannine Phalon, Robert Larochelle

Resident DEATHS for the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Feb. 17	Fedor Olszanskyj	Mason, NH
March 12	Virginia Rafter	Milford, NH
May 9	Gary Schaefer, Jr.	Mason, NH
June 8	Robert Chopel.	Milford, NH
June 15	Shirley Morley	Milford, NH
June 20	Nancy Sperry	Mason, NH
July 30	M. Barbara Schulze	Fitchburg, MA
Aug. 21	Lorraine Blais	Mason, NH
Sept. 29	Arthur Aster	Nashua, NH
Oct. 9	Paul Chasseur	Mason, NH

BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON

for the year ending December 31, 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
July 2	Neima L. Johnson

TOWN of MASON RESIDENT MARRIAGES

for the year ending December 31, 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Feb. 18	William G. Fritz Carol J. Iodice	Mason, NH Mason, NH
June 23	David A. DeVincentis Cheyenne M. Antrim	Mason, NH Mason, NH
July 3	Robert J. Olson Hilary A. Hutchinson	Mason, NH Mason, NH
July 22	Karl D. Mann Karen McDonough	Mason, NH Mason, NH
Aug. 4	Dan J. Ardito Martha R. Burdick	Mason, NH Mason, NH
Sept. 14	Timothy L. Shumaker Laura L. Stockman	Wilton, NH Mason, NH
Sept. 22	Kenneth C. Spacht Courtney B. Bergeron	Mason, NH New Ipswich, NH

BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON

for the year ending December 31, 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
June 6	Maksim Robert Ziemiecki	Peterborough, NH	Robert & Melissa Ziemiecki

BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON

for the year ending December 31, 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Jan.12	Blake Jeffrey Thibodeau	Nashua, NH	Jeffrey Thibodeau Melissa Thibodeau
March 9	Alvia Faith Keenan	Nashua, NH	Benjamin Keenan Mollie Schooley
June 29	Emma Lin DeFranco	Nashua, NH	Frank DeFranco Denise DeFranco
June 29	Levi Roland DeFranco	Nashua, NH	Frank DeFranco Denise DeFranco
Sept. 4	Willa Rose Bullington	Nashua, NH	Danielle Bullington

Sept. 6	Logan Nikolas Archambault	Nashua, NH	Nathan Archambault Jennifer Archambault
Oct. 1	Hanna Marie Greenwood	Nashua, NH	Christopher Greenwood Christine Greenwood
Dec. 22	Isaac Mathias Sawyer	Nashua, NH	Tyson Sawyer Emilie Phillips
Dec. 25	Jameson Francis Thibeault	Nashua, NH	Dana Thibeault Stephanie Thompson

**ADOPTIONS in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2012**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Feb. 2	Wyatt Tae-hyeok Pepin	Seoul, Korea	Paul Pepin Rebecca Pepin

**TOWN ELECTION MARCH 13, 2012
at the Mason Town Hall, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Road**

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, declared the polls open at 11:04 am.

The total number of voters on the checklist was 928. There were 8 walk-in new voters and 32 absentee voters. A total of 440 residents voted:

In the morning the Moderator installed Wallace Brown as Deputy Supervisor of the Checklist. The ballot clerks were Pauline Bergeron, Florence Wilson, Lauren Mann and Kenneth Greene. In the afternoon the Moderator installed William Weiss as Deputy Supervisor of the Checklist. The following ballot counters had previously taken the oath of office: Robert Doyle, James DeMarco, Nancy (Anne) Richards, Garth Fletcher, Patricia Cross, George Schwenk, Douglas Whitbeck, Linda Cotter-Cranston, Rebecca Partridge, John Diefenbach, Bill Weiss, Chris Guiry, Robert Peter (Pete) McGinnity, Kathy Wile, Dotsie Millbrandt and Wolfgang Millbrandt. The Moderator installed the following ballot counters: Nancy DeMarco, Mary McDonald, and Lee Ann Currier.

The Town Election Results are as follows:

Moderator

Catherine Schwenk 352

Selectmen

Charles Moser 236

John Lewicke 174

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Debra Morrison 306

Martin Milkovits 116

Treasurer

Patricia Letourneau 221

Kerri Griffith 150

Cemetery Trustee

Robert Larochelle 360

Library Trustee

Lynn McCann 364

Supervisor of the Checklist

Wallace Brown 362

Trust Fund Trustee

Charles Pierce 346

Article 2 (SB2)

Yes 236 No 199 (261 needed to pass)

Article 3 (increasing Selectmen to 5)

Yes 212 No 210

The Mason School District Election Results are as follows:

School Board

Jeannine Phalon 168

Theresa Williams 138

Donald Hodges Jr. 100

Jeannine Phalon 140

Article 2 (Accept Reports)

Yes 360 No 41

Treasurer

Article 3 (Proposed Budget)

Susan Schulman 179

Yes 348 No 65

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, declared the polls closed at 7:06 pm. Ballot counting ended at 9:16 pm.

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 17, 2012

at the Mason Elementary School, 13 Darling Hill Road

At 9:00 am the Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, came to the microphone and requested that non-voters 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, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table: Selectmen Anne (Nancy) Richards, Robert Peter (Pete) McGinnity and Dr. Christopher Guiry; Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk and Debra Morrison, Town Clerk Elect.

The Moderator acknowledged that preparation for this meeting is a coordinated effort of many individuals. It includes school district building staff, Richard Griffith, supervisors of the checklist, Town Clerk Susan Wagoner and Select Board Assistant, Barbara Milkovits.

The Moderator reviewed the procedures for voters: Voters wishing to speak should use the microphones and address any questions to the Moderator; 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.

The Moderator announced the results of the Town elections and the School District. Total votes cast were 440 out of a total of 928. She declared the winning candidates elected to their respective office, except the School Board (recount pending).

Moderator for 2 years: Catherine Schwenk 352

Selectmen for 3 years: John Lewicke 174

Charles Moser 236

Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years: Martin Milkovits 116

Debra Morrison 306

Treasurer for 3 year: Kerri Griffith 150

Patricia Letourneau 221

Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Robert Larochelle 360

Library Trustee for 3 years: Lynn McCann 364

Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years: Wallace Brown 362

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: Charles Pierce 346

The following articles were voted on at the polls on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

The results of **Article 2** – To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the TOWN on the second Tuesday of MARCH or whenever as required by RSA 40:13. By petition. (By ballot, requires 3/5 vote)

Yes 236 No 199 261 Needed to pass. Article 2 fails

The results of **Article 3** – To see if the Town is in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members pursuant to RSA 41:8-b. By petition. A recount is pending. Yes 212 No 210

Mason School District Results:

District Treasurer 2 Years – Jeannine Phlaon 168

Susan Schulman 179

School Board Member 3 Years – Donald Hodges 100

Jeannine Phalon 140

Theresa Williams 138

A recount is pending for the School Board.

The results of **Article 2** – Shall the Mason School District accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen as printed in the Annual Mason School District Report. Yes 360 No 41 Article 2 carries

The results of **Article 3** – Shall the Mason School District 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 Hundred Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Three Dollars (\$2,981,373.00), Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Seventy Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$3,076,296.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Mason School District 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. The School Board recommends this warrant article. Yes 348 No 65 Article 3 carries

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, called the Town Meeting to order at 9:03 AM. There were 129 voters and 1 non-voter present. The colors were presented by the following members of the Mason Boy Scout Troop 264: Ian Alton, Max McDonald, Cole Vocell and Kaleb Kearney and Webelos Mike McGuire and Mason McDonald. The colors were posted and the Moderator thanked Mike McGuire, Scoutmaster. It was a distinct pleasure by the Moderator to present Katie Lannin who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Katie is an 11th grade student who has achieved either honor or high honor status all quarters of her high school career. She was inducted into the National Honor Society at the earliest possible opportunity. She is a valued member of "We the People," an advanced placement government team who won first place in the statewide competition. The team will be traveling to Washington DC for the National competitions.

The Moderator read the following tribute to retiring Selectman, Dr. C. Christopher Guiry. Twelve years ago Dr. C. Christopher Guiry joined the Mason Select Board.

Later he joined Wolfgang Millbrandt as Mason representatives to the Mascenic Regional School Board. During this period the towns of New Ipswich and Greenville wanted to amend the school district funding formula. (We cannot forget those meetings.) Mason fought the change and was ultimately unsuccessful. However, a school bond was paid off giving Mason a “window of opportunity” to withdraw from the Mascenic Regional School District. Dr. Guiry, a retired Colonel, was the appropriate person to “lead the charge.” The Moderator appointed a withdrawal committee and the Town responded by a positive vote to set up our own School District and build an addition to the school to accommodate the 5th grade. The other problem addressed by Dr. Guiry and the Board was the “road situation.” Residents of Hurricane Hill Road and those who live on our other dirt roads know full well the conditions or lack thereof. Improvements and teamwork from many residents and the Highway Department are resolving the road issues. These two issues were the major topics during his term of office. Today we offer our thanks to Dr. Guiry for his service and leadership to the Town. A special thank you to his wife, Colleen, who also gave generously of her time to the Town. Selectman Robert Peter (Pete) McGinnity expressed his appreciation to Dr. Guiry for his service and personal mentoring. The Select Board presented Dr. Guiry with a plaque of appreciation.

The Moderator read the following tribute to outgoing Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Susan Wagoner. Susan Wagoner became Town Clerk and Tax Collector in 2005. She brought to the office the necessary skills to enable us to become fully computerized. Vehicle registrations and license plates could be picked up here rather than in Milford. She secured several substantial grants to conserve our oldest vital records and documents. She initiated a biannual tax payment plan and a system where we could pay by credit card. We voted to combine the offices of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Rabies clinics were continued for our dogs. She initiated a system of town wide computer notices of meetings and events. She established a budget for the Town Clerk office. She is one of the founders of the free monthly dinners. She welcomed our visits to her office in a friendly, cheerful manner. She leaves for Arkansas on Tuesday. Let us send her off with a round of applause for all she has done for us. Sue, it's been a pleasure, thank you.

The Moderator recognized Chief Barry Hutchins who presented a special award. Chief Barry Hutchins presented to Nathan O'Brien, a Mason Eagle Scout, a special award for his 2011 Eagle Scout project. He raised over \$2,000 for materials and spent more than 2,000 hours as community service designing and building the canine search boxes for the Mason Police Department canine program.

There was no objection to waiving the reading of the warrant. On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry, duly seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers as printed in the Annual Town Report.

Article 4: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million six hundred forty thousand, seven hundred thirty-one dollars (\$1,640,731.00) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.

Suzanne Kelly proposed an amendment and it was seconded by Charles Moser that stated: Strike out the sum of \$1,000.00 on line 6001-18 and insert the sum of \$5,000.00 into line 6001-03, so the total sum shall be \$25,600.00.

The Town Clerk spoke to this motion explaining that the line item 6001-18 was no longer valid as a separate payment for performing the State portion of motor vehicle registration duties as Municipal Agent. These fees were not included in the line 6001-03, the Town Clerk salary. The intent of the motion was to move a flat fee for performing these duties into the Town Clerk salary line. Selectmen Robert Peter (Pete) McGinnity brought up the RSA detailing compensation for Town Clerks as it relates to the State Municipal Agent program. The RSA states that Town Clerks now may not receive salary and fees as Municipal Agents. It is an either/or situation. The Town Clerk then explained that the State did not say the Clerk should not be paid for performing those duties, just the manner in which the Clerk should be paid. The Motion carries to amend by striking out the sum of \$1,000.00 on line 6001-18 and insert the sum of \$5,000.00 into line 6001-03, so the total sum shall be \$25,600.00.

Harvey Jodoin proposed an amendment and it was seconded by Shawn Jodoin that stated: Re: line item 6005-03 Health and Dental to read: As of September 1st, 2012, any full-time employee of the Town of Mason who reaches the age of sixty-five (65) must apply for Medicare. The Town of Mason will only be responsible for paying Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D). There was discussion as to the legality of requiring a person who reaches a specific age to apply for Medicare. After further discussion Anne Richards moved the question which carries. The amendment fails.

Mr. Jodoin then presented a request for a ballot count on the question. However, the Moderator ruled that it was too late. The request should have had been made prior to the voice vote as per RSA 40:4-a.

Harvey Jodoin proposed an amendment and it was seconded by Shawn Jodoin that stated: To see if the Town of Mason will vote to amend the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for the Town of Mason, Article VIII additional policies, forms and guidelines for retirement. To read: Any employee receiving benefits that have retired from the Town of Mason with twenty (20) years of consecutive full-time employment prior to April 1, 2012 will continue to receive the Town of Mason dental benefits with medical benefits ending at the age of sixty-five (65). Full-time employees retiring after April 1, 2012 will not receive medical or dental benefits. After some discussion it was determined that this amendment was not germane to the budget article because it was discussing personnel policies and procedures. The Moderator ruled that this amendment was out of order and she put the question to the voters (shall the ruling of the Moderator be sustained). The Moderator explained that if one voted "yes," one was agreeing with the Moderator's ruling that the amendment is out of order. If one voted "no," one was agreeing with Mr. Jodoin. The ruling of the Moderator carries.

Patricia Letourneau proposed an amendment and it was seconded by Timothy Kelly that read: I move to double the line item of 6002-01 from \$550.00 to \$1,100.00. She spoke to the issue of the Treasurer assuming more responsibility over the last two years and felt that it warranted the increase. The outgoing Treasurer, Suzanne Kelly, also confirmed the changes. Anne Richards moved the previous question which carries. The amendment fails.

Jeffrey Babel proposed an amendment and it was seconded by Alan Wolfe that read: to reduce the line item 6012-20 (Police Chief Salary) by \$10,000.00 to \$68,000.00. The Selectmen and Chief Hutchins spoke to this issue explaining that they combined other paid duties performed by the Chief into this salary as well as the changes in the job functions. Discussion continued until Robert Bergeron moved the question. The motion carries and debate was stopped. The Babel amendment fails.

After all the above discussions and amendments, Article 4 carries as amended to the sum of \$1,644,731.00.

Article 5: Robert Peter (Pete) McGinnity moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to purchase a truck for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Fred Greenwood, Road Agent, spoke to this article. Since many of the Town trucks are in marginal condition at best, he has proposed this article as a plan to start putting money in reserve to be available to replace equipment in an orderly manner. This will help allay a request for a large amount all at once in the future. Article 5 carries.

Article 6: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000.00) to purchase a stainless steel sander for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Anne Richards moved to amend Article 6 by striking out the sum of twenty-eight thousand (\$28,000.00) and inserting the sum of twenty thousand five hundred (\$20,500.00). The amendment carries. Article 6, as amended, carries unanimously.

Article 7: Dr. Guiry moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Nineteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$19,500.00) for the erection of a communications tower on town property, four thousand six hundred eighty-three dollars (\$4,683.00) to come from the 2011 unreserved fund balance (sum represents the sale of the 2006 Police Cruiser) with the balance of fourteen thousand eight hundred seventeen dollars (\$14,817.00) to come from taxation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief Baker displayed a blown up photograph of the existing wooden poles which have been destroyed by Pileated Woodpeckers. Chief Hutchins and Fire Chief David Baker both spoke to this motion. Currently there are sections of Town that are out of emergency communication range. The proposed tower would be a 150' metal, guyed tower on the current location of 960 Townsend Road. A Mason resident, Matthias Strelow, whose business is erecting towers, will be in charge of building it.

Steve Hoffman of the Broadband Committee spoke to the advantage of having the tower, such as leasing out space on the tower to add wireless support to the community, similar to the AT&T tower in the church steeple. After continued discussion Anne Richards moved the question which carries. Article 7 carries.

Article 8: On motion of Robert Peter (Pete) McGinnity, duly seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for road improvements, said sum is to come from the unreserved 2011 fund

balance (amount is from unexpended chip seal project of last year), or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9: On motion of Anne Richards, duly seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500.00) for the following purposes: survey of town owned lot G-61 to establish bounds for selective lot, RR Trail maintenance, tree planting and other future projects, and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10: Dr. Guiry moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Fire Station addition and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen and Fire Chief as agents to expend from this fund.

Fire Chief David Baker spoke to this issue. The fire station currently is cramped for space. The Chief's plan was to put some money aside to apply toward the expansion. His current estimate for the addition is approximately fifty eight thousand dollars (\$58,000.00). Article 10 carries.

Article 11: Robert Peter (Pete) McGinnity moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Highway Barn/Garage and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen and Road Agent as agents to expend from this fund.

Fred Greenwood, Road Agent, said that this motion is also meant to start putting some money aside to accomplish this task rather than request the full amount all at once. Article 11 carries.

Article 12: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. Chief Hutchins explained that this was just adding to the fund which was established at last Town meeting. Article 12 carries.

Article 13: On motion of Dr. Guiry, duly seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand four hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$3,468.00) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established and to authorize the transfer from the December 31, 2011 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2011 sale of highway scrap equipment for this purpose.

Article 14: On motion of Robert Peter (Pete) McGinnity, duly seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund, previously established and to authorize the transfer from the December 31, 2011 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2011 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose.

Article 15: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize 100% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with

RSA 36-A:5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2012, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by future vote of the town meeting. Recommended by the Conservation Commission. By Petition. (Majority vote required.)

Many members of the Conservation Commission spoke to this issue and explained their handout detailing Conservation in Mason. Dr. Guiry spoke: "In the beginning" and explained the difference between "Land Use Tax," also known as "Current Use Easements" and Conservation land; the former being taxable land at a lower rate and the latter being tax free as it is Town owned. Mike Bromberg moved the question which carries. Article 15 carries.

Barbara DeVore then spoke to the assembly regarding the Drug Take Back program being run by the Mason Conservation Commission and the Mason Police Department. The take-back will be on April 28 at the Police Department from 10 to noon.

The Moderator then acknowledged David Morrison of Greenville Road for his 38 years of service to the Town in the Highway Department. During this time period Mr. Morrison served twice as Acting Road Agent. Mr. Morrison was given a standing ovation.

On motion of Garth Fletcher, and seconded by many voices, the meeting was adjourned Sine Dai at 12:12 pm.

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

NH Presidential Primary Election January 10, 2012

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, declared the polls open at 8:00 am.

The total number of voters on the checklist was 916. There were 17 walk-in new voters and 20 absentee voters. 189 Undeclared voters voted Republican and 13 Undeclared voters voted Democrat. A total of 444 residents voted: 392 Republicans and 52 Democrats.

The ballot clerks were Pauline Bergeron, Florence Wilson, Lauren Mann and Kenneth Greene. The following ballot counters had previously taken the oath of office: Charles Moser, Robert Doyle, James DeMarco, Nancy Richards, Florence Wilson, Pauline Bergeron, Garth Fletcher, Patricia Cross, George Schwenk, Douglas Whitbeck, Linda Cotter-Cranston, Chris Guiry, Pete McGinnity, Dotsie Millbrandt and Wolfgang Millbrandt.

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

Republican:

President

Michelle Bachmann 1
Newt Gingrich 35
Jon Huntsman 62
Gary Johnson 2
Fred Karger 1
Ron Paul 112
Rick Perry 8
Mitt Romney 133
Rick Santorum 38

Democratic:

President

Ed Cowen 2
Craig Freis 1
John Haywood 1
Barack Obama 39

The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:05 pm. Ballot counting ended at 8:30 pm.

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

State Primary Election

Held at the Mason Town Hall, September 11, 2012

Moderator Catherine Schwenk declared the polls open at 11:06 am. There were 940 voters on the checklist. A total of 216 residents voted: 142 Republicans and 74 Democrats. This represents a 23 percent turnout, one of the lowest turnouts of Mason voters. There were 2 newly registered voters and 6 absentee ballots cast. 43 Undeclared voters voted Republican and 40 Undeclared voters voted Democrat.

The Moderator expressed an enthusiastic thank you to the Wolf Rockers Square Dancing Group for providing, at no cost to the town, the newly renovated handicapped bathroom facility at the Mason Town Hall. Thanks to Wally Brown for setting up the polls for this election.

In accordance with information received at the 2012 State Primary from David Scanlon, Deputy Secretary of State, observers may view and photograph the election results but shall not handle any election materials.

The 2012 NH Voter ID Law 659:13-14 and C (the 2012 NH Voter ID Law Primary Election) – Chapter 284 is in effect. For this State Primary Election you will be asked to provide one of the following forms of photo ID:

- A driver's license issued by any state, even if expired
- An ID issued by the NH DMV under RSA 260:21
- A United States Passport, even if expired
- Any other valid photo ID card issued by federal, state, county or municipal government
- A valid student ID card
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the Supervisors of the Checklist, the Moderator or the Town Clerk
- Verification of the person's identity by the Moderator, a Supervisor of the Checklist or the Town Clerk

The ballot clerks were Pauline Bergeron, Florence Wilson, Lauren Mann and Kenneth Greene. The Moderator installed the following ballot counters: Tabitha Davies and Gwen Whitbeck. The following ballot counters had previously taken the oath of office: Charles Moser, James DeMarco, Nancy Richards, Florence Wilson, Pauline Bergeron, Patricia Cross, George Schwenk, Linda Cotter-Cranston, Pete McGinnity, Mary McDonald, Dotsie Millbrandt and Wolfgang Millbrandt.

The New Hampshire State Primary Election Results are as follows:

Republican:

Governor

Robert M. Tarr 1121

Ovide Lamontagne 173

Kevin H. Smith 159

Representative in Congress

Charles Bass 101

Gerard Beloin 117

Will Dean 114

Democratic:

Governor

Jackie Cilley 26

Maggie Hassan 33

Bill P. Kennedy 10

Representative in Congress

Ann M. Kuster 66

Executive Councilor

Debora B. Pignatelli 66

Mirosław Dziedzic 117

Dennis Lamare 19

Executive Councilor

David K. Wheeler 123

State Senator

Jim Luther 118

State Representatives

Valerie A. Ogden 193

Jack B. Flanagan 183

Robert M. Walsh 20

Sheriff

Frank W. Szabo 136

James A. Hardy 187

County Attorney

Dennis Hogan 117

County Treasurer

David G. Fredette 114

Register of Deeds

Pamela D. Coughlin 723

Mary Ann Crowell 140

Register of Probate

Joseph K. Levasseur 115

County Commissioner

Carol H. Holden 64

Chris Christensen 58

The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:11 pm. Ballot counting ended at 10:27 pm. *Debra A. Morrison, Town Clerk*

State Senator

Peggy Gilmour 67

State Representatives

Brian Rater 40

Melanie Levesque 59

Sheriff

Bill Barry 57

County Attorney

Patricia M. LaFrance 35

County Treasurer

Shannon Bernier 58

Register of Deeds

Louise Wright 57

Register of Probate

Graham V. Smith 58

County Commissioner

Susan Ladner 57

State General (Presidential) Election

Held at the Mason Elementary School, November 6, 2012

Moderator Catherine Schwenk declared the polls open at 7:03 am. There were 959 voters on the checklist. A total of 848 residents voted representing an 88 percent turnout. There were 67 absentee ballots cast and 60 newly registered voters.

The Moderator expressed her appreciation to Rick Griffith and Wally Brown for setting up the new facilities for this election in the Mason Elementary School multipurpose room.

In accordance with information received at the 2012 State Primary Election from David Scanlon, Deputy Secretary of State, "Observers may view and photograph the election results but shall not handle any election materials."

At 11:35 am, the Moderator reported that 281 people had voted, 15 of which were newly registered. At 2:25 pm 432 had voted with a total of 26 newly registered voters. Absentee ballots were opened by the Moderator at 1 pm in accordance with RSA 659:49. Nancy Richards served as proxy Moderator. The ballot clerks were Pauline Bergeron, Florence Wilson, Dorothy Minior, Lauren Mann, Kenneth Greene and Charles Moser.

The 2012 NH Voter ID Law 659:13-14 and C (2012 NH Voter ID Law Primary Election) – Chapter 284 was in effect. Voters were asked to provide one of the following forms of photo ID:

- A driver's license issued by any state, even if expired
- An ID issued by the NH DMV under RSA 260:21
- A United States Passport, even if expired
- Any other valid photo ID card issued by federal, state, county or municipal government
- A valid student ID card
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the Supervisors of the Checklist, the Moderator or the Town Clerk
- Verification of the person's identity by the Moderator, a Supervisor of the Checklist or the Town Clerk

Voters who did not have any of the above ID were requested to check in at the voter ID table and sign a Challenged Voter Affidavit. There were no affidavits, but there were 7 instances of voters needing to be identified. The table was staffed by Peter McGinnity.

The following ballot counters have taken the oath of office: Pauline Bergeron, Linda Cotter-Cranston, Matt Cross, Trish Cross, Garth Fletcher, Liz Fletcher, Ken Greene, Tim Kelly, Lauren Mann, Mary McDonald, Pam McGinnity, Peter McGinnity, Dotsie Millbrandt, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Dorothy Minior, Dee Mitchell, Tom Mitchell, David Morrison, Charles Moser, Caroline Place, Nancy Richards, George Schwenk, Martha Simmons, Bill Weiss, Christine Weiss, Gwen Whitbeck and Sally Wilson.

The New Hampshire General (Presidential) Election Results are as follows:

President

Romney/Ryan 476
Obama/Biden 331
Johnson/Gray 24

Governor

Ovide Lamontagne 1 439
Maggie Hassan 343
John Babiarz 137

Representatives in Congress

Charles Bass 455
Ann Kuster 11 318
Hardy Macia 136

Executive Councilor

David K. Wheeler 460
Debora Pignatelli 314

State Senator

Jim Luther 453
Peggy Gilmour 344

State Representatives

Valerie A. Ogden 1 439
Jack B. Flanagan 387
Brian Rater 232
Melanie Levesque 296
Betty Hall 110

Sheriff

James Hardy 455
Bill Barry 309

County Attorney

Dennis Hogan 455
Patricia LaFrance 297

County Treasurer

David Fredette 460
Shannon Bernier 283

Register of Deeds

Pamela Coughlin 464
Louise Wright 275

Register of Probate

Joseph Levasseur 459
Graham Smith 282

County Commissioner

Carol Holden 427
Chris Christensen 256
James Parker 166

Question 1. Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 5-b a new article to read as follows: [Art.] 5-c [Income Tax Prohibited.] Notwithstanding any general or special provision of this constitution, the general court shall not have the power or authority to impose and levy any assessment, rate or tax upon income earned by any natural person; however, nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit any tax in effect on January 1, 2012, or adjustment to the rate of such a tax." Yes 466 No 302

Question 2. "Are you in favor of amending article 73-a of the second of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 73-a [Supreme Court, Administration.] The chief justice of the Supreme Court shall be the administrative head of all the courts. The chief justice shall, with the concurrence of a majority of the Supreme Court justices, make rules governing the administration of all courts in the state and the practice and procedure to be followed in all such courts. The rules so promulgated shall have the force and effect of law. The legislature shall have a concurrent power to regulate the same matters by statute. In the event of a conflict between a statute and a court rule, the statute, if not otherwise contrary to this constitution, shall prevail over the rule." Yes 376 No 378

Question 3. "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?" Yes 259 No 488

There were one Republican and three Democratic observers at the polls who were there from 6:15 am to 11 pm. The Moderator declared the polls closed at 8:03 pm. Ballot counting ended at 10:53 pm.

Debra A. Morrison, Town Clerk

PLODZIK AND SANDERSON 2011 AUDIT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major general fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mason as of and for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.*

Plodzick & Sanderson Professional Associates

*Please note the entire 2011 Audit is available for review at the Selectmen's Office.



A MORNING IN MASON IN THE 1880'S

by Reaney Fifield

About 6 o'clock on a cold, Monday morning, I woke up. There was frost on my window and I could see my breath when I breathed. Outside, the sun was just beginning to rise from behind a snow-covered mountain.

I was snug and warm in my feather bed and had no intention of getting out. I always dreaded the shock of when you first get out of a nice, warm bed into the freezing room in the morning. I had four layers of blankets and two thick patchwork quilts which my older sister, Elizabeth, and I had made. They were the only barrier between me and winter (for my room was almost as cold as the outside.)

In my small, upstairs room is a bed, a bureau for my clothes with two candles on top, a cedar chest and two straight-back wooden chairs. There is no wall paper. Wide, wooden planks make the floor and walls. Also on the bureau are two corn husk dolls and a cloth ball. The dolls I made by binding corn husks together with cord and tying bits of colored yarn on for decoration. The ball is simply made with a piece of cloth sewn together and stuffed with other scraps of cloth. This can be used for indoor games for it is soft and won't break anything.

I heard my father stirring in his room down the hall. He always gets up at six to feed the animals and milk the cows before breakfast. We have three cows, Bessy, Margret and Joe. They give us most of our milk. We also have nine hens and a cock, two hogs and one fairly old horse which we call "Old Pete". Old Pete has served us faithfully by pulling sleighs in winter and carts in the summer. He even pulls the plow in spring when we start to plant.

My mother also gets up at six. She has to kindle the fire in the kitchen to get the house warm. In the summer, my father and my brother Bill, age 16, chop wood and get a supply for the stove and fireplace. There is a wood-box near the stove. It is Bill's job to keep it full. Besides the wood-stove in the kitchen there is a fireplace in the sitting room which also has to be kept going.

