

MASON TOWN MEETING MARCH 11, 1980

Polls declared open by Selectman Gillette in absence of Moderator McCaffery at 2:02 p.m. Voting started - 417 on voting list.

Polls declared closed 7:11 p.m. Votes counted - 206 votes cast - ? absentee votes.

Meeting called to order at 8:10 by Moderator McCaffery. Warrant read including 17 articles. Prayer was offered. Voting results given.

Selectman - 3 yrs. - Fred Dow 114 - Robert Marshall 89

Moderator - 2 yrs. - Marie McCaffery 199

Checklist Supervisor - 6 yrs. - Shirley Morley 176

Article 1. Nominations from the floor -

Auditor - George Schwenk

Library Trustee - Anna Rowse

Cemetery Trustee - Frank Newell

Trust Funds Trustee - Deborah Downey

All nominees were elected by voice vote.

Article 2. Action postponed until after Article 17 by voice vote.

Article 3. Selectmen and Treasurer were authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate \$150.00 to increase salary to Town Clerk.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate \$150.00 to increase salary of Town Treasurer.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,734.00 for new Plymouth Volare V8 police cruiser. \$2,100.00 from Capital Reserve Fund, \$3,634.00 by taxation. Equipment to be transferred to new cruiser. Est. life 3 yrs.

Article 7. Moved and passed to raise and appropriate \$2,775.00 to insulate Highway Department Building with 2" fire resistant lifelong spray.

Article 8. Moved and passed to raise and appropriate \$1,474.00 to purchase radio for forestry fire department truck and two additional pagers, \$315.00 each, for alerting system.

Article 9. Voted to survey town owned land at cost of \$1,200. 8 pieces.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,725.00 for necessary library repairs.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,960.00 to complete and finish town recreation center on Sand Pit Rd. Will complete grading and finish.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for Library Town Office Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,750.00 for 1980 payment of Baldwin Lot Note to be withdrawn from Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for 1980 payment on Highway Department Building Note authorizing payment from Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$8,489.17 (Additional Highway Subsidy Funds) for highway improvement.

Article 17. Voted authorizing Conservation Commission to retain unexpended portion of 1980 appropriation to be placed in special Conservation Fund.

Before Article 2 is taken up, Moderator granted 10 minute recess for coffee and doughnuts at 10:15 when meeting was called to order.

Article 2. Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$179,365.00 necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year. Highway department expenses created the most discussions. Others were: Police - \$12,500.00 covered Chief's Salary including 9% increase. Planning and Zoning - Master Plan map chiefly - 100 copies to be available for sale. Legal Expenses - Cases against Town and Police Chief still pending. Communications Service - a per capita tax. Dump - Greenville closed. Wilton group building. Have joined. Highways - Repeated and direct questioning from many taxpayers established that there had been no saving in cost from a "snowless" winter to be applied against next year. A contingency fund of \$4,000.00, the last item in the budget, not included under the division of highways and bridges expense had been set aside restricted only for highway department use on winter roads. An amendment calling for a contingency fund to be \$1,000.00 for winter roads, \$2,000.00 summer roads was defeated. The original motion calling for \$179,365.00, an increase of \$3,517.00 over last year's town budget, was voted affirmatively.

Motion to adjourn passed at 11:11 p.m.

CHARLES F. H. CRATHERN, Town Clerk