

MASON TOWN MEETING MARCH 10, 1981

The meeting was called to order by Moderator McCaffrey at 12:00 Noon. She read the Warrant through Article 1 and the polls were declared open. There are 422 names on the checklist, a record for this century. The polls were closed at 7:17 P.M., after 306 ballots were cast. The Meeting was adjourned for the counting of ballots.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 8:25 P.M. and announced the voting results:

Selectman: F. Paul Gavin 178 Henry Abbott 106
Treasurer: Barbara Polk 127 Patricia Jenney 85 Ann Leach 73
Town Clerk: Deborah Downey 147 Charlotte Hastings 113
Corrine Hall 19 David Chen 12

Tax Collector: Linda Rousseau 282

Referendum Questions:

1. Property tax exemptions for solar energy systems:
Yes-200; No-78
2. Property tax exemptions for wind powered energy systems:
Yes-198; No-79
3. Elected Board of Assessors: Yes-61; No-220
4. Temporary limit on building permits: Yes-217; No-63

Nominations taken from the floor for the following vacancies:

Auditor (1 yr.): George Schwenk

Library Trustee (3 yr.): Lilius Johnson

Trustee of Trust Funds (3 yr.): William Donoghue

The nominations were closed and the clerk was authorized to cast one ballot for the above candidates who were declared elected.

Article 2. Action postponed on this Article until after Article 15.

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$8,424.39 (Additional Highway Subsidy Funds) for the purpose of highway improvement.

Article 5. Voted to amend this article to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purchase of a new front end loader and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow \$30,000.00 upon such terms and conditions as they deem appropriate, to be repaid \$15,000.00 in 1982 and \$15,000.00 in 1983, and to issue notes of the Town therefor in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33, as amended. The amended article was passed by a two-thirds majority voice vote.

Article 6. Voted to amend this article to read: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for town hall improvements. No part of this appropriation is to be used for urea formaldehyde foam insulation." The amended article was passed by a hand vote - 52 aye, 49 nay.

Two proposed amendments to this article were defeated:

- 1) To exclude insulation of the walls in the hall as part of the proposed improvements, and to reduce the dollar amount of the appropriation to \$1,000.00.
- 2) To spend money on insulation for the town hall only if the payback period of such an expenditure is first determined to be less than 6 years.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of installing a heating system in the highway department building. Passed with a written ballot - 73 aye, 52 nay.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,885.00 for the purchase of two pagers, hose and fittings and a 4" ball valve for the Fire Department. An amendment to this article that read; "To include the formation of a study committee to be appointed by the moderator from residents and voters to survey those residents willing to volunteer information about their personal educations, backgrounds and interests for use by the Selectmen in choosing residents for future appointments" was defeated in a written ballot - 91 nay, 17 aye.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the completion of a survey of town owned land on Hurricane Hill Road.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the purpose of updating the town tax map.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of making the 1981 payment on the Highway Building Note, to be withdrawn from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 12. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of making the 1981 payment on the Fire Truck Note, to be withdrawn from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 13. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Library and Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the withdrawal of this sum for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 14. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 15. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$197,710.00 for the purpose of defraying town charges for the ensuing year. The budget was amended from the way it was presented in the following manner: 1) Town Road Maintenance was reduced from \$46,720.00 to \$41,720.00 2) General Highway Expenses were increased from \$13,425.00 to \$14,925.00.

Article 16. The Town voted to not elect the members of the Planning Board as presented in this article by petition.

Article 17. The Town voted to not petition the Representatives and Senators who represent the Town in the General Court to support the limiting of the annual increases in spending by the state or any city, town or other governmental unit of the state to five percent.

Article 18. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate with Andy's Summer Playhouse an annual rental and use agreement to be negotiated one year in advance of each summer season.

Article 19. Voted to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its 1981 appropriation, said funds to be placed in a special Conservation Commission Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5.

Article 20. Voted to ratify acceptance by the Selectmen of 8.3 acres of land situated on the south side of Abbott Hill Road gifted to the town by Isabelle T. Farrey by deed dated November 25, 1980.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 12:25 A.M.

Deborah S. Downey, Town Clerk