

March 13, 1984

Mason Town Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator McCaffery at 12:10 P.M. She read the Warrant through Article 1 and the polls were declared open. There are 486 names on the check list. The polls were closed at 7:06 P.M. after 278 had voted. This included 20 absentee ballots. The Meeting was adjourned for the counting of ballots.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 8:29 P.M. and announced the following results.

Selectman: Michael J. Farrey 163, F. Paul Gavin 107, Barry Knight 5
Town Clerk: Charlotte N. Hastings 271
Tax Collector: Charlotte N. Hastings 268
Supervisor of the check list: Shirley Morley 225
Moderator: Marie McCaffery 264
Treasurer: Barbara M. Polk 254

Delete Road Construction Standards; 188 yes, 63 no
Adopt Mobile Home Construction & Safety Construction: 220 yes, 54 no
Change Building Permit Fee Valuation method: 193 yes, 51 no
Adopt a Wetlands Ordinance: 221 yes, 51 no

Nominations were taken from the floor for the following vacancies:

Auditor (1 year) George Schwenk
Library Trustee (3 years) Virginia Rafter
Trustee of Cemeteries (1 year) Andrew Hooker
Trustee of Cemeteries (3 years) David Morrison
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years) William Donoghue

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

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$257,364.00 for the purpose of defraying Town charges for the ensuing year.

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

Article 4. Voted to establish the Elsie Boyle Library Trust Fund in compliance with RSA 31:19, with funds provided from private donors. The purpose of such fund will be to contribute toward a Mason Public Library in the form of a new building to be either purchased or erected within the town.

Article 5. Voted to approve and support the dedication of a portion of the recreation area on Sand Pit Road in the name of Donald A. Armington.

Article 6. Voted to amend the article as follows: Change the title from Fire Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund to Fire Truck Repair or Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and appropriate no additional funds for the year 1984 or take any other action pertaining thereto. The article was passed as amended.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,596.00 for the following items: to convert two self contained breathing apparatuses from demand type to pressure demand type, \$800.00; to purchase two tone operated pagers with chargers, \$796.00. Money to be raised in a manner to be determined by the Financial Advisory Board and the board

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,477.00 for the following items: replace four 1100X20 mud and snow tires with new tires and tubes on Engine II \$789.00; replace four 900X16 mud and snow tires with new tires and tubes on a 4-Wheel drive forestry truck, \$668. Money to be raised in a manner to be determined by the Financial Advisory Board and the Board of Selectmen.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for a new electric typewriter for the Town office.

Article 10. Voted to have the Appraisal Division of the Department of Revenue Administration of the State of New Hampshire conduct a complete revaluation starting in April or there after.

Article 11. Voted to raise \$22,950.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for the revaluation of the Town by the Appraisal Division of the Department of Revenue Administration of the State of New Hampshire. This money, \$5,000.00 to be raised by taxation, \$7,450.00 to be raised by borrowing and \$10,500.00 to be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund. This article passed by a vote of 128 yes, 1 no.

Article 12. Voted to direct the Selectmen to use the monies in the Reappraisal Reserve Fund to pay for the revaluation by the Department of Revenue Administration of the State of New Hampshire.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,575.00 for the Police Department for a Rechargeable Flashlight, a Portable Radio, and an Electric Pacer.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new dump truck, a dump body, and complete snow plow setup. The funds for this vehicle and equipment to be raised as follows: approximately \$11,500.00 Highway Capital Equipment Reserve; \$12,700.00 revenue sharing; and \$15,800.00 by borrowing. This article passed by a vote of 129 in favor and no opposing vote.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,400.00 for a new sander, the money to be raised by borrowing. This article passed by a vote of 129 in favor and no opposing vote.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for six portable radios to be used for the highway vehicles.

Article 17. Voted to raise the sum of \$3,500.00 for culvert installation on Campbell Mill Road. The vote on this was 52 yes, 48 no.

Article 18. Voted to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its 1983 appropriation, said funds to be placed in a special Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36:A:5.

Article 19. Voted to amend the article as follows: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$42,000.00 for the Boston and Maine Railroad project. The Selectmen are directed to apply for, accept and expend Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant funds or other federal or state funds which may be available for this project, to reduce the cost to the Town. This appropriation shall be contingent upon the award to the Town of a 50% matching grant from the land and

Water Conservation Fund or other federal or state funds. The Town's share will be raised by taxation (\$2,000.00), borrowing (\$10,000.00) with the remainder from the Conservation Fund (\$6,500.00), plus donated labor, material and equipment worth \$2,500.00, and to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend their funds. The article passed by a vote of 129 in favor and no opposing vote.

Article 20. Voted to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend \$1,000.00 from the Conservation Fund for the purpose of appraising the Boston and Maine Railroad land and for other expenses related to this purchase. An appraisal is necessary to qualify the Town to apply for a Land and Conservation Fund grant.

Article 21. Voted to empower the Selectmen to join the Southern New Hampshire Communication System that will involve some or all of the following towns: Amherst, Lyneborough, Mont Vernon, New Ipswich, Brookline, Hillsborough, Windsor, Deering, Washington, Greenville, Mason and Temple, if the Selectmen feel it is in the best interest of the Town in consultation with the Fire and Police Chiefs.

Article 22. Voted to amend the article as follows: To see if the Town will establish a retirement program for full-time employees not presently in a retirement program and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,872.00 for said purpose. The article passed.

Article 23. Voted to direct the Selectmen to take the necessary action to quickly solve the problem of air, water and ground pollution associated with the pig farm on Churchill Road.

Article 24. Voted to table this article until more information can be made available.

Article 25. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,908.69 to establish the Cemetery Maintenance Fund in compliance with RSA 31:19a. Such funds will be provided from the purchase of cemetery lots from private individuals, and shall be used for the general maintenance and improvement of cemetery properties owned by the Town.

Article 26. Voted for the Town of Mason to call upon the Governor and Executive Council, its State Representatives, and State Senator to promptly convene a Special Session of the Legislature for the sole purpose of preventing the imposition of high cost increases in electric rates resulting from the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant on the citizens, businesses, schools, and agencies in the Town of Mason and to direct the Selectmen to promptly notify our above listed officials of the Town's desire.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 11:10 P.M.

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Moderator McCaffery at 7:04 P.M. She read the Varrant Article.. There were 73 registered voters present.

Article 1. The Town voted to accept the gift of \$130,000 from New England Products Co., Inc. of Littleton, Mass. for the sole purpose of purchasing the Captain Mann House, for Library, Town Office and Historical Society use.

Article 2. The Town voted to empower the Selectmen to purchase the Captain Mann property at the negotiated price of \$130,000, the title to said property having been properly searched and certified by Town Counsel. All debts, liens, taxes and mortgages to be paid in full by the sellers at the time of passing papers.

Article 3. The Town voted to empower the Library and Town Office Building Committee to use all monies in the Library and Town Office Building Fund on the date of this meeting, and including any monies received while repairs and renovations are in progress, for the purpose of said repairs and renovations.

Article 4. The Town voted to empower The Library Trustees to use the monies in the Library Furnishing Fund and the Elsie Boyle Trust Fund for the purpose for which they were originally intended.

Article 5. The Twon voted to permit The Historical Society to use, rent free, the large second floor bedroom for displaying Mason Historical effects.

A motion was made, seconded and we adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Feb. 28, 1984

Meeting was called to order by Moderator McCaffery and the polls were declared open at 10:00 A.M.

Checklist total: 474, Republicans 190, Democrats 80, undeclared 204
Total votes cast: Republican 84 (12 absentee), Democrats 96
(5 absentee).

President: Ronald Reagan 74, Gary Hart 43, Walter Mondale 22, John Glen 14.

For Delegate to the Constitutional Convention

District 16: Barbara Fried 26, Betty Hall 31, Catherine Schwenk 128
District 17: (Floterial) Thomas I. Arnold III 34, Clyde S. Eaton 62, George Halbedel 43, Matthew M. Traffic 20.

Voting details on file with the Secretary of State.

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk