

The Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 12:06 P.M. There were 532 on the check list. The polls were closed at 7:00 P.M. after 185 had voted. This included 3 absentee ballots. The meeting was then adjourned for the counting of votes.

The results of the elections are as follows:

Selectman: Robert McManus 155

Town Treasurer: write in: Arthur Rafter 35, Corinne Hall 10

Town Clerk: Charlotte Hastings 182

Tax Collector: Charlotte Hastings 179

Auditor: write ins: George Schwenk 18, Deborah Downey 4

Library Trustee: Carol Fisetta 158

Trustee of cemeteries (3 years) David Morrison 179

Trustee of cemeteries (1 year) Write ins: Wolfgang Millbrandt 4

Trustee of trust funds: William Donoghue 179

School Board member (2 years) Donald Engelbert 56, Susan Rantamaki 112

School Moderator: Catherine 149

School ballot question: Are you in favor of changing the term of the moderator from one year to three years, beginning with the term of the moderator to be elected at next year's regular school district meeting?

Yes 106, no 56

The moderator reopened the meeting.

Brownie Marissa Steinberg and Junior Girl Scout Melissa Bolles presented the colors and lead us in the salute to the flag.

Rev. William J. Donoghue offered up a prayer.

Mr. George Schwenk presented the Town with a plaque from the Daniel Webster Council of Boy Scouts in appreciation of our hosting the Klondike Derby.

A motion was made and seconded that the voting on Article 12 be split into two votes: one adopting the provisions of RSA 72:1c and one voting to abolish the Residence Tax. This motion was approved.

Ballot one: Are you in favor of adopting the provisions of RSA 72:1c which authorizes any town or city to elect not to assess, levy, and collect a resident tax?

Yes 81, no 8, 89 voted

Ballot two: Shall the town abolish the assessment, levying and collection of the residence tax?

Yes 69, no 28, blanks 2, 89 voted.

Because of our voting to abolish the Resident Tax, the following expenditures in general government were reduced.

Fees in Lieu of Salaries reduced from \$13,000 to \$12,500

Office expenses were reduced from \$18,457 to \$18,407

Article 2. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, or borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

A discussion was held on the line items of the budget.

A motion was made and seconded to add \$250 to line item #3 for election and registration costs.

A motion was made to take \$100 from the previous motion and add it to Town Office salaries for the moderator. This motion was passed in the affirmative.

A motion was made and seconded to still add \$250 to line item #3. This motion was defeated.

After a lengthy discussion and reconsideration, the Town voted not to add \$100 to Town Office salaries for the moderator.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$374,596 for the purpose of defraying Town Charges for the ensuing year.

Article 4. A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 4 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000, to be used for road repairs, such sum representing a portion of the Town's 12½% under FEMA, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue long term notes in accordance with Chapter 33. This article passed by a vote of 81 in favor and 3 opposed by ballot.

Article 5. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to expend Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fund and state emergency funds paid to the Town for any and all highway expenses in compliance with state and federal law.

Article 6. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to transfer FEMA and state funds in the amount of \$26,000 to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund, and authorized the Selectmen to expend such amount from said fund.

Article 7. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation, the sum of \$1,000 to purchase two new radios for the Highway Department.

Article 8. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation, the sum of \$7,800 to purchase a new sander for the Highway Department.

Article 9. The Town voted to raise and appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Fund, the sum of \$3,579 towards the purchase of a JCB backhoe for the Highway Department.

Article 10. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation, the sum of \$13,295 towards the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department. This added to the \$3,579 makes a total of \$16,874.

Article 11. After a lengthy discussion, and two motions on the changing of the wording, the town voted to instruct the Town's representatives to the General Court to take all necessary measures to insure that no radioactive waste from any Nuclear Power Plant shall be stored or disposed of within this Town of Mason unless and until the proposed site of the proposed storage or disposal has been approved by the voters of the Town at the annual Town Meeting by written ballot.

Article 13. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation, a sum not to exceed \$5,400, said sum to be presented to highway department employees as a bonus for their dedication and hard work beyond the call of duty in the aftermath of the flood, to be presented as follows: Curtis M. Dunn \$2,000; Bruce Berry \$1,800; Arthur Rafter \$1,600. This article passed by a vote of 56 in favor and 27 opposed by ballot.

Article 14. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation, the sum of \$1,395 to purchase a copy machine.

Article 15. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation, the sum of \$500 to purchase a typewriter for the Mason Public Library.

Article 16. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation, the sum of \$700 to purchase an encyclopedia for the Mason Public Library.

Article 17. After a long discussion, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,575 to purchase a new vehicle for the Police Department, said sum to be raised as follows: \$6,000 to be taken from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised by taxation.

A motion to reconsider this article was defeated.

Article 18. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200 to purchase two self-breathing apparatuses for the Fire Department.

Article 19. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 to purchase 6 new tone pagers for the Fire Department.

Article 20. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650 to purchase a new channel radio and scanner for the Fire Department.

Article 21. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000, said sum to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 22. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to transfer any balance remaining after the FEMA period ends, to the Highway Capital Equipment Fund.

The Moderator installed the following newly elected officials:
Robert McManus, Charlotte Hastings, George Schwenk, David Morrison, Wolfgang Millbrandt and William Donoghue.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.
The Moderator dissolved the meeting at 11:35 P.M.

Charlotte N. Hastings , Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 1987

Moderator opened with the reading of the notice of the Meeting.

the Town Clerk read the Warrant and the polls were then declared open at 10:01 A.M.

There were 564 voters listed on the check list. 190 voted, including 2 absentee. The polls were closed at 7:03 P.M.

Vote on Article XVII - "Growth Management Ordinance"
Yes 123, No 67

The Selectmen had asked that a survey be taken in regards to voting hours. The results are as follows:

Are you in favor of opening the polls earlier in the morning?

Yes 55, No 53

Later at night? Yes 81, No 39

Prefer no change? 69

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Charlotte N. Hastings
Town Clerk