

## TOWN MEETING MARCH 10, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. We were asked to pause briefly to remember Marie McCaffery, a former moderator and local school teacher.

The Town Clerk read the Warrant through Article 1. The polls were declared open at 11:05AM. There were 638 on the check list. Polls were closed at 7:05PM after 186 had voted. This included 2 absentee ballots.

Results were as follows:

Selectman for 3 years:	Wolfgang Millbrandt	159
Moderator for two years:	Catherine Schwenk	174
Auditor for 1 year:	Patricia A. Greene	169
Supervisor of the Checklist 2 years:	Constance LaCasse	160
Supervisor of the Checklist 6 years:	Doris M. Polk	175
Library Trustee for 3 years:	Marydale Casey	169
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years:	Wallace A. Brown	179
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:	Bonnie C. Evans	171
School Board member for 3 years:	Rachel Petersen	91
Write in:	Lauren Mann	81

The Meeting was reopened at 8:00PM. 128 voters and 4 non-voters were present. Mrs. Schwenk reviewed the procedure we would follow. She made note of the Fire exits and expressed thanks to Ken and Sally Wilson for their work in setting up for the election.

Colors were presented by Girl Scout Troops #5 and #2154. Those taking part were Amy Bergeron, Melissa Bolles, Laura LeBlanc and Meghan Brunet. Rev. Bonnie C. Evans led us in prayer and the Girl Scouts led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Senator Barbara Pressley was introduced and she brought a brief message. The reading of the Warrant was waived.

Article 2. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the 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, the sum of Five Hundred and Sixty One Thousand and Seventy Two Dollars (\$561,572) for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded and passed to strike out the word "and" in the figure amounts.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, or borrowing, or otherwise, the sum of Five Hundred Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$561,572) for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Moderator then reviewed the line items.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to give the Moderator \$350. In the past, the Moderator had not been paid.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to increase the election expenses by \$1,575. This included \$600 in general expenses and \$975 to pay the Supervisors. In the past, they had not been paid. This was by hand vote: 60 yes, 41 no.

Highway salaries were reviewed and explanations made in reference to said increases.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, to increase the Fire Department Vehicle maintenance by \$4,250. This was needed due to the failure of the engine in Engine 2.

Article 3. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$567,747 for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing. This included an increase of \$350 in Town salaries, an increase of \$1,575 in election expenses and an increase of \$4,250 in Fire Department Vehicle maintenance.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to advance Article 17 before Article 4.

Article 17. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of 5 acres +/- of Town owned land, described as parcel E48 on the tax map, located adjacent to the Mason Congregational Church, such parcel having been acquired by donation from James and Anna Rowse in 1976, for the purpose of erecting Town offices upon; and authorized the disposition of said property in exchange for a right-of-way granted to the Town to access the back Town owned cemetery parcels, and any other consideration as justice may require to the Rowse family.

Article 4. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 for the purpose of building a Highway Department office building.

Article 5. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Cemetery Land Purchase and Improvement fund for the purpose of building a road to and developing Prospect Hill Cemetery addition, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to strike out the words "and improvement."

Article 6. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw up to \$10,000 from the Cemetery Land Purchase Fund for the purpose of building a road to, and developing the Prospect Hill Cemetery addition.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

The article failed to pass. This was by ballot vote. Polls were opened at 9:20PM and closed at 9:29PM. 101 voted: 35 yes, 66 no.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to advance Articles 11 and 15, so that the articles concerning the Library may be considered together.

Article 11. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to purchase an encyclopedia for the Mason Public Library.

**Article 15.** The Town voted to authorize the Trustees of the Library to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, State, Federal, or other government unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year, pursuant to RSA 202A:4-c.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) from the Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson Trust Fund to complete the rebuilding of the foundation on "Tom's House" on the Mason Common, or take any other action relative thereto. By petition.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read "that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000." The amendment failed to pass.

**Article 8.** The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw the amount of \$3,000 from the Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson Trust Fund to complete the rebuilding of the foundation of "Tom's House" on the Mason Common.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for the purchase of an additional computer and printer, or take any other action relative thereto

A motion was made and seconded to read "\$3,500". This motion failed to pass.

**Article 9.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purchase of an additional computer and printer.

**Article 10.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for the replacement of a photocopier.

**Article 12.** To see if the town will vote to withdraw from the Mascenic Regional School District in accordance with RSA 195:25, or take any other action relative thereto.

A long discussion was held in regards to the outcome of the recent School District Meeting. Concern was shared about this situation.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to "substitute another main motion" for Article 12.

**Article 12.** The Town voted that "We, the townspeople of Mason, affirm that we support the Mascenic Regional School District and we resolve to work with the townspeople of New Ipswich and Greenville in developing a funding formula for the School District that is fair and equitable to all three towns; and we hereby direct the Selectmen to communicate this resolution to the Selectmen of New Ipswich and Greenville, the School Board and the townspeople of the Mascenic School District."

**Article 13.** To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to adopt semi-annual collection of taxes, effective 1993 pursuant to RSA 80:52a.

This article failed to pass.

**Article 14.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by tax collector's deed. Such conveyance shall be by deed following a public auction, or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids, or the property may be retained by the Town, or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require pursuant to RSA 80:80.

**Article 16.** The Town voted to designate Jackson Road as a Scenic Road under the provisions of RSA 231:157 and 158 for the purpose of protecting the scenic beauty of this road,

considering that much of its frontage had been protected in its natural state through Ted Stewart's conservation easement gift to the town.

Mr. Stewart then asked us to express our thanks to the Conservation Commission and especially to Liz Fletcher for work done on said easement.

Article 18. The Town voted to except the principal and all accumulated income of the Hildreth trust of the Martha L. Jones Trust Fund, to be held in trust by the trustees of the Mason Trust Fund, for the purpose of the relief, assistance, interest, welfare and benefits of infants, or sick persons or other needy and worthy person.

Article 19. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) from surplus, such amounts received in 1991 from the sale of cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund.

We adjourned at 11:35PM. Sine Dai.  
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY FEBRUARY 18, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Swenk. Instructions were reviewed, especially in regards to the Libertarian voter. Polls were declared open at 10:05AM. Checklist total was 630, which included 275 Republicans, 112 Democrats, no Libertarians and 243 undeclared. 417 voted. 247 Republicans (6 absentee), 148 Democrats (1 absentee) and 22 Libertarians. The turnout was 66%.

President Republican Race:	Patrick Buchanan	95
	George Bush	118
Vice President:	"Herb" Clark	7
	William G. Hare	44
Write in:	Daniel Quayle	18
President Democrat Race:	Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr.	15
	"Bill" Clinton	24
	"Tom" Harkin	13
	"Bob" Kerry	15
	Paul E. Tsongas	64
Vice President:	Endicott Peabody	45
	Susan K.Y. Shargal	14
President Libertarian:	Andre Marrou	21

Complete information is on file at the Secretary of State's Office.

At the end of voting, the breakdown was as follows: 314 Republicans, 174 Democrats, 22 Libertarians and 120 undeclared. Polls were closed at 7:12PM

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk.