

## TOWN MEETING March 10, 1998

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The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. The Clerk read the Warrant through Article I.

Polls were declared open at 10:05 a.m. Checklist total was 732. Polls were closed at 7:11 p.m., after 250 had voted. This included 7 absentee ballots.

Results of the elections were as follows:

Moderator for 2 years:	Catherine Schwenk	226
Selectman for 3 years:	Wolfgang Millbrandt	147
Write Ins:	Stuart Sherman	81
Auditor for 1 year:	Mary Ann Broden	220
Supervisor of the Checklist for 2 years:	Sandra L. LeClair	237
Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years:	Karen Chemello	224
Library Trustee for 3 years:	Susanne Wolpert	231
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years:		
Write Ins:	Wallace A. Brown	18
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:	M. Barbara Schulze	225

The meeting was re-opened at 8:05 p.m.; Mrs. Schwenk reviewed the procedure we would follow. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits. She introduced those sitting at the head table. Thanks were expressed to all whom were involved with the election process.

Scouts Jesse Knisley and Stephen Dunn presented the colors from Troop # 264. They led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Representative Jeffrey C. MacGillivray brought greetings from the Legislature.

Officer John Dube presented Police Chief Robert Malboeuf with a commendation for injuries received during a call in the line of duty.

The following corrections in the Town Report were noted. The office of Moderator for 2 years had been left out, page 18. Under Warrant Articles '98, second line should read "Radio Frequency Link" instead of "Communications Tower", Article 4.

A motion was made and seconded to forward Article 16.

**Article 16.** The Town voted to accept the donation of the hydraulic rescue tool from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association and dedicated it to the memory of Clifton W. Hastings. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 2.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation or borrowing, or otherwise the sum of Seven hundred ten thousand three hundred ninety-four dollars (\$710,394) which represents the operating budget. Said Sum is exclusive of all Special Articles addressed.

The vote was unanimous.

**Article 3.** The Town voted to ratify and affirm the authority of the Selectmen to enter into that lease agreement for the purposes of leasing a 1997 GMC vehicle for the Police Department.

The vote was unanimous.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to upgrade the higher volume gravel roads to paved roads, or take any other action relative thereto.

Much discussion ensued on this particular article. Quite a few residents stated that they wanted to keep their dirt roads. They expressed fear of more speeders using their roads as a short cut.

**Article 4.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to upgrade the higher volume gravel roads to paved roads. This passed by a hand vote 45 yes, 36 no.

**Article 5.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty thousand dollars, over a three year period, for the purchase, set up and installation of the radio frequency link for the communication system. For the first year, Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is to come from general taxation, the remainder of the balance, Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), for the second and third years, is to come from borrowing, or take any other action relative thereto. This required a two thirds vote by ballot. Vote was 74 yes, 7 no.

A motion was made and seconded to forward Articles 7 and 11.

**Article 7.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) for the purchase of a pickup truck for the Highway Department. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 11.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7000) for the purchase of a new snowplow for the Highway Department's dump truck. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Cook to withdraw Article 6.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) to be added to the Forestry Committee Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 1997 fund balance of a portion of the amounts received from the settlement of the timber trespass on Town Lot F-41 for this purpose. This article failed to pass by a hand vote 36 no, 33 yes.

**Article 9.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be added to the Fire Equipment capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the future purchase of a fire truck. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 10.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8500) for the construction of a handicap access ramp and porch to the Mann House and removal of the elevator in the Library to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 12.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand fifty dollars (\$5050) for the purchase of two new air packs and ten new face pieces.

**Article 13.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars (\$2000) to replace the highway radar for car # 2 of the Police Department.

**Article 14.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars for the purchase of a new computer for the Town Office.

**Article 15.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand one hundred dollars (\$1100) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 1997 fund balance of a portion of the amounts received from the sale of surplus Highway Department equipment for this purpose. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 17.** The Town voted to discontinue the Cemetery Land Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created in 1989 as the Cemetery Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Schwenk expressed thanks to our former Supervisors of the Checklist: Constance Lacasse, Linda Goss, and Linda LeBlanc.

**Article 18.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:29 p.m.

We adjourned at 10:29 p.m. Sine Dai  
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk