

ADJOURNED MASON TOWN MEETING APRIL 5, 2006

The Moderator reviewed the meeting procedures, indicated the fire and emergency exits, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table.

The Adjourned Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:30 PM.

There were 68 voters and 2 non voters present.

There was no objection to waiving the reading of the minutes.

The Moderator announced the information about the town reports voted at the town meeting.

The number of town reports printed 350

The number of reports picked up prior to Town meeting 300

The number of households with registered voters 460 approximate

The cost of mailing a report to each household \$3 plus \$.87 postage

There were a number of informational issues discussed:

1. Selectman Dr. Christopher Guiry mentioned the MTBE gas additive found at the Highway Department site and asked Highway Agent, David Cook, to address the meeting. David told the meeting that, since the MTBE levels exceeded DES standards, the DES requested a level 2 site investigation. The state has funds to cover such investigations – one fund will cover the entire expense if the contamination is NOT due to a leakage from underground tanks; the other fund has a \$5000 deductible if it is determined that the contamination is due to a leaking tank. The town has chosen Stonehill Environmental out of Portsmouth to do the testing. The results should be back no later than June 24.
2. Selectman Dr. Christopher Guiry requested any resident who might be interested in serving on a committee to study the feasibility of a Mason kindergarten to see one of the Selectmen after the meeting.
3. Selectmen Mark Richardson spoke of the withdrawal from the Mascenic School District. There was discussion from the floor as to the status of the withdrawal and options. Questions about starting a Charter school was discussed. It was noted that per the RSA, the town would have to call an emergency special town meeting in order to address this issue. It was VOTED for the Selectmen to pursue the special meeting to continue the withdrawal process.
4. Selectman Dr. Christopher Guiry regarding the development in the town - the Master Plan along with the financial document, Capital Investment Plan (CIP), has been presented to the Selectmen. These plans detail a growth permit plan for the town.
5. Selectman Dr. Christopher Guiry introduced the new school board member from Mason, Wolfgang Millbrandt. Wolfgang discussed a new robotics program for the elementary grades. It is similar to the upper grades' Destination Imagination program. This new program will be for grades 1-4 and supported by the staff. Parents can volunteer, but teachers will be the primary staff. Wolfgang suggested it be held at the Mason Elementary School.

The meeting was adjourned sine dai at 7:55 PM

Susan J. Wagoner

Town Clerk