

**Town of Mason
New Hampshire
Warrant
2017**

The inhabitants of the town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows. The polls will be open 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at Mason Town Hall, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd, Mason NH, for the election of Town Officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant:

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| Selectman | 3 years |
| Library Trustee | 2 years |
| Library Trustee | 3 years |
| Trustee of Cemeteries | 3 years |
| Trustee of Trust Funds | 3 years |

The polls will be open continuously until 7:00 PM when they shall close. You are hereby notified also to meet at Mason Elementary School at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 18, 2017, to act upon remaining articles of this Warrant.

Article 1: Electing Officials

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

Article 2: Highway Building Bond

To raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$363,000) to build, equip, and furnish a new highway garage and office for the Town of Mason and to authorize the issuance of not more than Three Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$363,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, sell, negotiate and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (2/3 ballot vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 3: Accept Reports

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen as printed in the Mason Annual Report.

Article 4: Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$1,612,790) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 5: Police Cruiser Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 6: 250th Celebration

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 7: Paved Road Maintenance

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of repair and maintenance of the Town's paved roads, or take any other action relative thereto. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 8: Purchase Air Packs for Fire Department

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Six Dollars (\$17,976) for the purpose of Purchasing 4 Scott X3 Airpacks for the Fire Department. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 9: Upgrading Communication System for Fire Department

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000) for the purpose of the first phase of upgrading the communication system for the Fire Department. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 10: Discontinue K-9 Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the K-9 Program Expendable Trust Fund created in 2008, Warrant Article 15. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. This article shall be null, void and without effect unless and until the voters approve all three of the following Warrant Articles: Article 11 establishing and funding the Mason Police Equitable Sharing Expendable Trust; Article 12 establishing and funding the Mason Police Supplemental Expendable Trust, and; Article 13 returning certain funds to the National Association of Chiefs of Police. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 11: Establish Mason Police Equitable Sharing Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Mason Police Equitable Sharing Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of supporting discretionary expenditures of the Mason Police Department consistent with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand Twenty Five Dollars and Forty Seven Cents (\$10,025.47) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the unassigned fund balance; further to name the Board of Selectmen and the Police Chief as co-agents to expend from said fund. This article shall be null, void and without effect unless and until the voters approve Warrant Article 10 discontinuing the K-9 Program Expendable Trust. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 12: Establish Police Supplemental Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Mason Police Supplemental Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of supporting discretionary expenditures to benefit the Mason Police Department outside of the Department's regular operating budget and to raise and appropriate Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-nine

Dollars (\$11,739) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the unassigned fund balance; further to name the Board of Selectmen and the Police Chief as co-agents to expend from said fund. This article shall be null, void and without effect unless and until the voters approve Warrant Article 10 discontinuing the K-9 Program Expendable Trust. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 13: Return unused funds to National Association of Chiefs of Police

To see if the town will to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars and Eighty One Cents (\$1,580.81) to be paid to the National Association of Chiefs of Police, with this amount to come from the unassigned fund balance, said payment being a return of unused funds donated to the former Mason K-9 program. This article shall be null, void and without effect unless and until the voters approve Warrant Article 10 discontinuing the K-9 Program Expendable Trust. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Given under our hands, February 14, 2017

We certify and attest that on or before February 27, 2017, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Mann House and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.

| Printed Name | Position | Signature |
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| <u>LOUISE M LAVOIE</u> | <u>Selectman</u> | <u>Louise M Lavoie</u> |
| <u>Bernard J O'brady</u> | <u>Selectman</u> | <u>Bernard J O'brady</u> |
| <u>Charles V. Moser</u> | <u>Selectman</u> | <u>Ch.V. Moser</u> |