

Town of Mason  
New Hampshire  
Warrant  
2018

To 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 of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday March 13, 2018

Time: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Location: Mason Town Hall, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd Mason NH

Details: Part 2 of Town Meeting on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Mason Elementary School

**Article 01: Electing Officials**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

Yes       No

**Article 02: 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.

Yes       No

**Article 03: Operating Budget**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Six Hundred Eighty Four Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty One Dollars (\$1,684,631) 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.

Yes       No

**Article 04: 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.

Yes       No

**Article 05: 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.

Yes       No

**Article 06: 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.

Yes       No

**Article 07: Purchase of Police cruiser**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a police cruiser with the funding as follows: Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000) plus any interest from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, and the balance of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) to come from general taxation, or take any other action relative thereto. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Yes       No

**Article 08: Establish a Police Detail Revolving Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Detail Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of providing for the payment of payroll and overhead for police special details, and purchase of police vehicles. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. Further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the named agents. (Majority ballot vote). Recommended by Selectmen.

Yes       No

**Article 09: 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 second phase of upgrading the communication system for the Fire Department. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Yes       No

**Article 10: Fire Station Building**

To see if the Town will vote to change the intent and wording of the pre-existing "Fire Station Building Addition Fund" from addition to a remodel of the current fire station and its out buildings. This is a change in wording only and will not cost the taxpayers any money. (2/3 vote required) Recommended by Selectmen.

Yes       No

**Article 11: Establish Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a fire engine, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund, with this amount to come from taxation; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority Vote Required.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Yes       No

**Article 12: Town Hall Roof**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500) for the purpose of replacing the roof on the Town Hall. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Yes       No

**Article 13: Highway Department Radio Replacement**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$22,640) for the purpose of upgrading the existing Highway Department radio system. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Yes       No

**Article 14: Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000) to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Yes       No

**Article 15: Highway Department Sander Unit**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of purchasing a small sander unit. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Yes       No

**Article 16: Expansion of Veteran's Tax Credit**

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500 the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. Recommended by Selectmen.

Yes       No

**Article 17: Forestry Committee Cut and Recreation Trails**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the following purposes: Survey of Town owned Lot G-61 to establish bounds for selective cut, for the creation and maintenance of recreation trails on Town lands, and to authorize withdrawal of said sum from the Forestry Committee Trust Fund previously established, or to take any other action relative thereto This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Yes       No

**Article 18: To adopt a Wind Powered Exemption**

Shall the Town of Mason vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:65 through RSA 72:68 inclusive, which provide for a property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with small wind energy systems (wind energy systems limited to under 100kW in total system size), intended for use at the immediate site, or by approved group net metering. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under this statute. (Majority vote required.) Brought by petition.

Yes       No

**Article 19: To adopt a wood-fired heating system exemption**

Shall the Town of Mason vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:69 through RSA 72:72 inclusive, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with central wood-fired heating systems (wood stoves and fireplaces are not included). Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required.) Brought by petition.

Yes       No

**Given under our hands, February 13, 2018**

We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2018, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Mann House, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk

Printed Name	Position	Signature
Louise Lavoie	Selectman	LOUISE LAVOIE
Bernard J O'Grady	Selectman	B. J. O'Grady
Charles V. Moore	Selectman	Chas. Moore