

Town of Mason Election, March 8, 2016
Mason Town Hall, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd., Mason, NH

Moderator Catherine Schwenk declared the polls open at 11:08 am. The total number of voters on the checklist was 1,022. There were three (3) newly registered voters and 17 absentee voters. A total of 238 residents voted, representing a 23 percent turnout. There were 400 town and 300 school ballots printed.

The Moderator installed Constance LaCasse as ballot clerk.

During the 2015 legislative session the legislature made changes to the “Voter ID Law” (RSA 659:13).

What Type of ID Will I Need to Vote?

- Driver’s license issued by any state or federal government
- Non-driver ID card issued by NH DMV or motor vehicle agency of another state
- Photo ID card for “voting identification only” issued by NH DMV (RSA 260:21)
- United States armed services identification card
- United States passport or passcard
- NH student ID card
- A photo ID not mentioned above, but determined to be legitimate by the moderator, supervisors of the checklist, or clerk of a town, ward or city. If any person authorized to challenge a voter does so under this provision, the voter shall be required to fill out a challenged voter affidavit before obtaining a ballot.
- Verification of the voter’s identity by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or clerk of a town, ward or city (not a ballot clerk). If any person authorized to challenge a voter does so under this provision, the voter shall be required to fill out a challenged voter affidavit before obtaining a ballot.

An acceptable photo ID must have an expiration date or date of issuance. The ID will remain valid five years beyond the expiration date unless the voter is 65 or older in which case an acceptable photo ID may be used without regard to expiration date. The name on the ID shall substantially conform to the name on the checklist.

Acceptable Student Photo ID Cards Must Be Issued By:

- A college, university, or career school approved or licensed to operate in New Hampshire
- A public high school in New Hampshire
- A non-public high school in New Hampshire accredited by a private school accrediting agency that is recognized by the NH Department of Education
- Dartmouth College
- A college or university operated by the university system of New Hampshire or the community college system of New Hampshire

Beginning in 2014 all colleges or universities operated by the university system or community college system of New Hampshire must include the date of issuance on the student ID card. Student ID cards without a date of issuance will be accepted until September 1, 2018. Each August the Commissioner of the Department of Education will provide to the Secretary of State a list of all approved, licensed, and accredited schools from which a student ID is acceptable.

In accordance with information received from David Scanlon, Deputy Secretary of State, “Observers may view and photograph the election results but shall not handle any election materials.”

Ballot clerks included Pauline Bergeron, Constance LaCasse and Lauren Mann.

Ballot counters included Linda Cotter-Cranston, Ron Dube, Elizabeth and Garth Fletcher, Gerard LaCasse, Wolfgang Millbrandt, and Gwen and Douglas Whitbeck (town ballots). Louise Lavoie, Dorothy Millbrandt, Dave Morrison, Charles Moser, George Schwenk and Kathy Wile counted school district ballots. Dorothy Mitchell and Mary McDonald were the reconcilers.

The results of the Town Election on Article 1 are as follows:

Moderator

Catherine Schwenk 207

Selectman

Bernard O’Grady 145

Joanne Birman 84

Supervisor of the Checklist

Dorothy Millbrandt 210

Library Trustee

Christine Weiss 200

Trustee of Cemeteries

Kenneth Spacht 211

Trustee of Trust Funds (3 yr)

George Schwenk 216

Trustee of Trust Funds (2 yr)

Dorothy Minior 210

Results of **Article 2** — Shall the Town amend the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance of 1967 to add Article XXII, Aquifer and Wellhead Protection Overlay District Ordinance. Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes 154 No 78 Article 2 carries

Results of **Article 3** — Shall the Town amend the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance of 1967 to: Add Article XXIII, Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.

Amend Article IV, Section O, Paragraph 1.c from “No sign shall be neon, animated, or flashing.”

To “No sign shall be neon, animated, or flashing. All illumination of signs shall conform to the requirements of Article XXIII, Outdoor Lighting Ordinance. ”

Amend Article IV, Section O, Paragraph 1.d from “No sign or lighting for a business shall be positioned in such a manner that it impedes the vision or line of sight of drivers in or on public ways, nor cause glare or

direct lighting on any adjacent property.” To “No sign for a business shall be positioned in such a manner that it impedes the line of sight of drivers in or on public ways.” Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes 174 No 62 Article 3 carries

Results of **Article 4** — Shall the Town amend the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance of 1967 Article XIV, Section A, by adding:

31 Commercial Use the buying and selling of goods and services in retail businesses, wholesale buying and selling, and financial establishments.

32 Industrial Use the manufacture, fabrication, processing, reduction or destruction of any article, substance or commodity, or any other treatment thereof in such a manner as to change the form, character or appearance thereof, and including storage elevators, truck storage yards, warehouses, wholesale storage and other similar types of enterprise. Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes 152 No 79 Article 4 carries

The Mason School District Election results are as follows:

School Board Member (3 yr)

Dr. Christopher Guiry 178

Write-in Bradley Gilbert 13

School Board Member (2 yr)

Jennifer Schongar 205

School District Treasurer

Susan Schulman 208

Results of **Article 2** — Shall the Mason School District accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen as printed in the Annual Mason School District Report.

Yes 201 No 25 Article 2 carries

Results of **Article 3** — Shall The Mason School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling Three Million One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two Dollars (\$3,117,682.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Thirty Dollars (\$3,118,030.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Mason School District, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles. (The School Board recommends this article.)

Yes 203 No 29 Article 3 carries

Results of **Article 4** — Shall The Mason School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established Educating Educationally

Disabled Children Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010), with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2016, unreserved fund balance available for transfer on June 30? No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this warrant article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 179 No 54 Article 4 carries

Moderator Catherine Schwenk declared the polls closed at 7:08 pm. Ballot counting began at 7:15 pm and concluded at 8:30 pm. Results of this election were announced at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Morrison
Town Clerk