

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 12:04 P.M.. She read the school warrant and the Town Clerk read the town warrant through article 1. There were 541 on the check list. The polls were closed at 7:03 P.M. after 208 had voted. This included one absentee ballot.

The results of the election are as follows:

Moderator: Catherine Schwenk 113, David Ahern 88
 Selectman : Clifton W. Hastings 184
 Treasurer: Corinne R. Hall 180
 Supervisor of the check list (4 years) Alma J. Tibbetts 191
 Supervisor of the check list (6 years) Write ins: Sarah Fortin 33
 Auditor: Write ins: George Schwenk 15
 Library Trustee: Jeanne B. Demanche 113, David Ahern 83
 Trustee of Cemeteries: Write ins: Wolfgang Millbrandt 6
 Trustee of Trust Funds: Write ins: Virginia Abbott 19
 School Board Member: Arthur C. Godjikian, Jr. 195
 Moderator: Catherine Schwenk 168, Write ins: David Ahern 15

The meeting was reopened at 8:10 P.M. The moderator stated that the safety code capacity of the Town Hall was 120. Chief Berry had firemen placed at all emergency exits as an extra precaution.

Rev. William J. Donoghue gave the invocation. Scouts Andrew Chase and Steven Chase presented the colors and lead us in the salute to the flag.

State Senator Barbara Pressly extended greetings to our voters.

Rev. Donoghue gave a tribute to outgoing Selectman Henry Abbott. Included in his comments were remarks pertaining to John Adams, a selectman from earlier days of our country. Selectman Phillips gave tribute to the Mason Volunteer Fire Department, which had just completed 25 years of service to our community. It was announced that the Mason Historic District Commission had received funding from the Yankee Intern Program for a Historic Architectural Survey of the District.

A memo had been passed out to voters from the Financial Advisory Board with comments on the 1988 budget. This also included a comparison of appropriations made to the different departments over the last six years.

Article 2. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, or borrowing, or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$271,276 for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take and action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the Library budget by reducing the total of line item #49 from \$13,921 to \$13,461. This motion carried.

At this time a motion was made and seconded to recess this meeting until such a time and place that will safely accomodate all interested voters. Several residents spoke on the problem of the crowded Town Hall for said meetings. Input was given by the present and former Fire Chiefs as to the possible danger of over taxing the facility. A motion made to add a date to the motion was denied. After much discussion, the motion to recess was voted down.

Discussion was held on the line items. A question was raised concerning the budget figure presented. In the past, a larger amount was always voted on. The present board and advisors had chosen to present the smaller figure in Article 3.

A motion from the floor to cut each line item by 10% was defeated.

A motion to cut several line items by a total of \$14,311 was defeated.

Discussion was held on which amount should be voted on.

A motion to reduce the amount needed from \$446,339 to \$411,021 was lost.

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$445,839 for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto. This motion carried.

Article 3. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$445,839 for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing. This includes the reduction in the Library budget and an additional \$40 which will be adjusted at a later date.

A motion to advance Article 13 to follow Article passed.

Article 13. I move that the Town vote to prohibit the taking of wild game by use of any firearm other than, shotgun (loaded with a single shot) muzzleloader or bow and arrow in the Town of Mason.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the article as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the taking of wild deer by use of any firearm other than shotgun (loaded

with a single ball, or loose buckshot) muzzle loading rifle or bow and arrow in the Town of Mason. The motion to amend the article was defeated.

A heated discussion followed: Voters gave permission to have a letter read from Ellen Rice, Executive Director of the N.H. Wildlife Federation pertaining to this subject. A secret ballot was requested in accordance with RSA 40:4A.

Article 13. This article was defeated by a vote of 34 yes, 142 no.

Article 4. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to the Conservation Fund as authorized by RSA 36-A:5 and authorized the Selectmen to accept private donations of land, interest in land, or money to be deposited into the Conservation Fund for the purposes of contributing to the local matching portion required for acquiring conservation land or interest in land and other costs associated therewith for permanent conservation use under the N.H. Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) RSA 221-A, and authorized the Selectmen to apply for and accept the state matching funds under the LCIP for the purposes of acquisition of the fee or lessor interest in conservation land. Said appropriated or donated funds and state matching funds may be expended by majority vote of the Conservation Commission.

Article 5. The Town voted to adopt the provisions of RSA 80:58-86 for a real estate tax lien procedure effective April 1, 1988. The vote by ballot was 86 yes, 45 no.

A motion to recess the meeting at 11:30 P.M. and to reconvene on Sat. March 12th at 10:00 A.M. was defeated. A standing vote was taken. 31 yes, 80 no.

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation, or borrowing, or otherwise, the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. This article was defeated.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, or otherwise, the sum of \$3,000 to waterproof the basement of the Mann House (Town Office Building). This article was defeated.

Article 8. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by Taxation the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. A secret ballot was held in accordance to RSA 40:4A. Results: 76 yes, 47 no.

A motion was made and seconded to recess to meet at a time agreeable to officials. An amendment to meet at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday the 12th was lost. A Standing vote was taken on the original motion. 51 yes, 55 no.

Article 9. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$1,000 to purchase one portable radio for the fire department.

Article 10. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by

taxation the sum of \$1,000 to purchase new fire hose for the Fire Department.

Article 11. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$2,000 to test underground fuel tanks relative to complying with state regulations of such tanks.

Article 12. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$1,192 to obtain recertification of the Fire Department's self contained breathing apparatus.

Article 14. The Town voted to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and directed the Board of Selectmen to complete the eligibility application.

Article 15. The Town voted to adopt the resolution as printed in Article 15 of the Warrant, pertaining to the National Flood Insurance Program.

Article 16. The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$2,400 for fence repairs and replacement in the Town's Cemeteries.

Article 17. This article was amended to read as follows: I move that the Town vote to establish a Cemetery Land Purchase and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund under Chapter 35 of the RSA's. This amended article passed.

Article 18. This article was amended to read as follows: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Cemetery Land Purchase and Improvement Reserve Fund. This article was defeated by a standing vote. First vote was 40 yes, 39 no. A question was raised as to the vote and a second count was done, with results as follows: 38 yes, 40 no.

A motion to reconsider Article 16 was withdrawn.

Article 19. The Town voted to establish a Library Building Capital Reserve Fund under Chapter 35 of the RSA's. In a standing vote, the results were 46 yes, 29 no.

Article 20. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund. This article was defeated.

Article 21. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$4,500 to purchase a computer and appropriate software for the Town Offices (mann House). This article was defeated.

Article 22. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to expend Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) funds and state emergency funds paid to the Town for any and all highway expenses in compliance with state and federal laws.

Article 23. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from FEMA funds to the Highway

Capital Reserve Fund.

At this time, the Moderator thanked all election workers, the Selectmen, Chief Berry, Chief Hartley, and those who took part in the opening ceremonies.

Article 24. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and grant a Cable TV franchise under Chapter 53-C of the RSA's.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 A.M.. It carried.

The moderator swore in the following officers: Wolfgang Millbrandt. Clifton Hastings, George Schwenk, Jeanne Demanche. The clerk swore in the moderator.

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

Presidential Primary Feb. 16, 1988

Meeting called to order by the Moderator who opened the polls at 10:00 A.M.
Checklist total 562. 307 voted, which included 199 Republicans and 108 Democrats. The polls were closed at 7:01 P.M.

Results were as follows:

Republican: Bush 86, Dole 55, Kemp 22, Dupont 15
Robertson 11
Democrat: Dukakis 38, Jackson 21, Gephardt 18,
Simon 17

Complete information is on file with the Secretary of State's office.

Charlotte N. Hastings