

## TOWN MEETING March 9, 1999

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The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. The Clerk read the Warrant through Article 2.

Polls were declared open at 11:09 a.m. Checklist total was 693. Polls were closed at 7:09 p.m., after 258 had voted. This included 6 absentee voters.

Results of the elections were as follows:

Selectman for 3 years:	Anne Richards	231
Auditor for 1 year:		
Town Clerk for 3 years:	Charlotte N. Hastings	238
Tax Collector for 3 years:	Charlotte N. Hastings	234
Treasurer for 3 years:	Mary Ann Broden	225
Library Trustee for 3 years:	Linda Lamy	227
Library Trustee for 2 years:	Judith A. Forty	241
Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years:	Joan Losee	239
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years:	Arthur J. Rafter	240
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:		

Ballot question:

Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the Annual Meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session on a date set by the Selectmen for transaction of other business. (RSA 39:-a) Yes 128 No 110

The meeting was re-opened at 8:10 p.m.; Mrs. Schwenk reviewed the procedure that we would follow. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits. She introduced those sitting at the head table. Thanks were expressed to all who were involved with the election process.

We were asked to pause briefly in honor of 3 long time residents who had passed away recently. They were Ivan Johnson, Franklin Morrison and Deane Bassett.

Scouts Jonathan Lavoie and Ryan Kane presented the colors from Troop # 264. The town's newest eagle scout, Timothy Stockman, led us in Pledge of Allegiance. The scouts present were asked to come forward to be recognized for celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. State Representative Jeffrey C. MacGillivray brought greetings from the Legislature.

The following corrections in the Town Report were noted. Page 35 for the Library's financial Report. NOW checking account interest should read \$30.51 and that column's total \$28121.78. Page 8 for the Town Warrant, poll hours should be 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The members of the Historic District Commission were omitted. Members are Catherine Schwenk, Martin J. Milkovits, Timothy Washburn and Dorothy Millbrandt.


**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$227,500) for the purchase and equipping of a new fire truck and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-seven thousand five


hundred dollars (\$27,500) from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve fund created for this purpose. (2/3 ballot vote required)


A motion to amend Article 3 to read \$223,713.50 was made by David Cook and seconded by David Baker. The motion passed.


Mr. Wolpert questioned whether we should also amend the \$27,500 figure. It was pointed out that we could not borrow more than \$200,000 so that figure stays.


Polls opened at 8:39 PM and closed at 9:47 PM.

 **Article 3.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate Two hundred twenty-three thousand seven hundred thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$223,713.50) for the purchase and equipping of a new fire truck and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve fund created for this purpose. Vote was Yes 85 No 16


 **Article 4.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven hundred sixteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$716,250) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.


 **Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to upgrade gravel roads to paved roads, or take any other action relative thereto. This article failed to pass.

 **Article 6.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.


 **Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the future purchase of a fire truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made by David Cook and seconded by Robert Malboeuf to postpone indefinitely Article 7. This motion was passed unanimously.


 **Article 8.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the second payment of the radio frequency link for the communication system as voted for at Town Meeting, March 1998. The vote was unanimous.


 **Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building a new Police Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this Fund.


A motion was made by Robert Malboeuf and seconded by David Cook to postpone indefinitely Article 9. This motion passed unanimously.

 **Article 10.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) for the painting of the Town Office building - the Mann House. The vote was unanimous.

At this time, a question was raised as to the delay in the building of the handicap access ramp. There was a delay in removing the oil tank, due to EPA regulations.

 **Article 11.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the support of the activities of "Old Home Day of 1999" celebration in Mason, to take place on August 22, 1999.

 **Article 12.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department. The vote was unanimous.

 **Article 13.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:24 PM.

We adjourned at 10:24 PM Sine Dai

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk