

of character. New-comers to town who, perhaps, have not met her, feel her presence here, for she is part of getting to know Mason. She has a sparking sense of humor, a substantial supply of wisdom, a strong spiritual core. There's but one of her. She is Mason's own Marie.

--(some excerpts from her letters)--

*Scarborough, Western Australia
November 17, 1987*

Last week I had the opportunity to visit St. Mary's Anglican School. . . . I had a marvellous visit talking about the Mason School and life in New Hampshire. They were so excited to see pictures of snow and wondered how I liked living in an "enchanted village."

I'm planning to be in Scarborough until Dec. 30. After that I'm hoping to get to South Australia. . . . I enjoy going into the little shops, especially the green grocers where all the exotic fruits and veggies are displayed. . . . I think that with all I've consumed recently my Vitamin C count must be sky-high! But whatever it is I feel so healthy and alive -- and grateful that I have had the opportunity to work on my inner self.

*South Australia
January 16, 1988*

I crossed the Nullarbor Plains to Adelaide on New Year's Eve. Our bus driver stopped the bus (a double decker) at midnight and poured champagne for the group. Imagine ringing in the New Year under a vast sky shining with millions of stars! . . . I was overwhelmed with JOY, and the same feeling returns each time I think of it. How shall I be able to settle down again?



ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF MASON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1991

to our beloved friend
Marie A. McCaffery
we dedicate
with considerable pride
great joy and sincere gratitude
our 1991 Mason Town Report

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
for the
Year Ending December 31, 1991

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 1991

This year the Selectmen have been attending a large number of meetings other than those listed under our office hours. As the majority of your tax dollars are not directly under our control, the Selectmen made a special effort to attend as many external meetings as possible. We represented you at the Mascenic Regional District Mason withdrawal study, the Mascenic Regional District Funding Study, Mascenic Regional budget meetings, SAU Budget Hearings and Wilton Recycling Center budget hearings. We missed the Hillsborough County Budget hearings, several legislative hearings relating to retirement funds. These meetings are open to the public; if any of you are interested in such things and would like to help please let us know. The earlier that one gets involved the more likely one is to have an effect.

This is the second year in a row that we are presenting a flat budget to the town. This is a 53 week pay period year; hence some salaries may appear larger than they actually are. In all likelihood this budget represents a rollback in services. We have adjusted some salaries to be competitive with neighboring towns and to correct past imbalances. We are fortunate to have several departments that are run and staffed by volunteers.

We have been able to keep the dollar amount of the additional warrant articles to less than last year's totals. The selectmen are requesting a new computer as the old one is bursting at the seams. We were unable to install a payroll package for lack of space. Our financial data backup consumes a great number of floppies and takes a considerable length of time. Starting in 1992 we have begun to track highway maintenance work on paper forms. The Road Agent is already swimming in a sea of paper. We would like to utilize the old computer to create a database that should eventually tell us which pieces of equipment are worth keeping and which we should replace (and more importantly when). We will also be receiving a donation of a third computer which we hope to utilize in the library.

In other reports you can read about the new fire tanker and a sizeable addition to conservation land. The Selectmen encourage you to support the addition to the highway capital reserve fund. Putting money away is our compromise that convinced the Road Agent to squeeze a few more years out of our current loader. We are fortunate to have the Town's support so that we can plan ahead as opposed to continually reacting to disasters.

The school district has decided to save costs by not publishing its annual report in the town reports. We hope this is not an omen of things to come. If you wish a full set of financial records you must attend the district meeting, or contact your school board representative.

This year's report is dedicated to Marie McCaffery. Both she and her husband Ed gave many hours of service to the town. Marie was read a draft of the dedication and was enthusiastic about being "part of the history of the town." Unfortunately she did not survive long enough to see the final copy of the town report. We will miss her.

Sincerely,

Wolfgang Millbrandt
Anne Richards
Clifton Hastings

Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Mann House, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Monday through Thursday

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Telephone: 878-2070

TOWN CLERK

Office Hours: Mann House, Tuesday 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Thursday Evening, 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Telephone: 878-2070

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Last Thursday of the month

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Mann House, 7:00 P.M.
Every Tuesday
By Appointment

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Third Monday of the month

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR 2 yr term

Catherine Schwenk March 1992

TOWN CLERK 3 yr term

Charlotte N. Hastings March 1993

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Deborah Mullan, Appointed March 1993

TREASURER 3 yr term

Deborah Downey March 1993

DEPUTY TREASURER

Barbara L. Milkovits, Appointed March 1993

SELECTMEN 3 yr term

Wolfgang Millbrandt, Chairman March 1992
Clifton Hastings March 1994
Anne Richards March 1993

TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term

Charlotte N. Hastings March 1993

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Deborah Mullan, Appointed March 1993

AUDITOR 1 yr term

Patricia Greene March 1992

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term

Shirley Morley, Chairman March 1996
Constance Lacasse March 1992
Doris Polk March 1992

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term

Kathleen Chase March 1992
Bette Lewicke March 1994
Pamela Steinberg March 1993

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term

Wolfgang Millbrandt March 1994
Wallace A. Brown March 1992
David S. Morrison March 1993

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term

James Losee March 1993
Reverend Bonnie Evans March 1992
George Schwenk March 1994

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS**HEALTH OFFICER**

Doris Polk

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

Kenneth B. Wilson

BALLOT CLERKS

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Donna McGrath | March 1994 |
| Sandra LeClair | March 1992 |
| Kathryn M. Wilson | March 1993 |
| Pauline Bergeron | March 1994 |

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Irene Cook, Chairman | March 1993 |
| Robert Wilson | March 1992 |
| Michael Farrey | March 1993 |
| Robert Polk | March 1992 |
| Thomas Haggerty, resigned | March 1993 |

PLANNING BOARD

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Garth Fletcher, Chairman | March 1993 |
| Bruce Mann | March 1992 |
| Michael Goen | March 1992 |
| Robert Griffin | March 1993 |
| Anne Richards, Ex-officio | |
| Barbara Stockman, Clerk | |

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| David Nickless, Chairman | March 1994 |
| Joan Losee | March 1994 |
| Michael Davieau | March 1992 |
| Robert Bergeron | March 1992 |
| Cheryl Greenwood, Alternate | March 1994 |
| Cheryl Greenwood, Clerk | |
| Clifton Hastings, Ex-officio | |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Robert LaRochelle, Chairman | March 1994 |
| Florence Roberts | March 1993 |
| Elizabeth Fletcher | March 1993 |
| Shirley Morley | March 1994 |
| Edith Griffin | March 1994 |
| F. Paul Gavin | March 1994 |
| Gary Ellsworth | March 1994 |

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Penelope Savard | March 1994 |
| John Lewicke | March 1994 |
| Cynthia Tibbetts | March 1992 |
| Stanley Brown | March 1993 |

RECREATION COMMITTEE

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Cynthia Budrewicz, Chairman | March 1994 |
| Marydale Casey | March 1993 |
| Wallace A. Brown | March 1992 |
| Gretchen West | March 1993 |
| Richard Aiken | March 1992 |

WATER HOLE COMMITTEE

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| David Cook | March 1993 |
| Charles Fifield | March 1994 |

POLICE OFFICERS

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Robert L. Malboeuf | Chief |
| John Wagner | Lieutenant, resigned |
| Dwight Palmer | Special Police Officer, resigned |
| David Baker | Special Police Officer |
| Martin Kolb | Special Police Officer, resigned |
| Michael Farrey | Special Police Officer |
| Lawrence Duval | Special Police Officer |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Bruce W. Berry | Chief |
| David P. Cook | Assistant Fire Chief |
| C.W. Fifield | Second Assistant Fire Chief |
| Robert Bergeron | First Lieutenant |
| James Campbell | Second Lieutenant, resigned |
| Paul Moore | Second Lieutenant, resigned |
| David Baker | Captain |

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

| | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Bruce W. Berry | Warden |
| Curtis M. Dunn | Deputy Warden |
| David B. Cook | Deputy Warden |
| David Baker | Deputy Warden |
| Clifton Hastings | Deputy Warden |
| Wallace A. Brown | Deputy Warden |
| James Campbell | Deputy Warden |

ROAD AGENT

| |
|-------------------|
| Curtis M. Dunn |
| Kenneth B. Wilson |
| Florence Wilson |
| Robert Polk |
| Kenneth B. Wilson |

BUILDING INSPECTOR**TOWN BUILDING CUSTODIAN****CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR****HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT**

MASON TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at: Mason Town Hall

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to come to the polling place at the Town Hall in Mason at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1992, for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Moderator | 2 years |
| Selectman | 3 years |
| Auditor | 1 year |
| Library Trustee | 3 years |
| Trustee of Cemeteries | 3 years |
| Trustee of Trust Funds | 3 years |
| Supervisor of the Checklist | 2 years |
| Supervisor of the Checklist | 6 years |

The polls will be open continuously until 7 p.m. when they shall close.

You are hereby notified also to meet at 8 p.m. of the same day and at the same place to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.
2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, or borrowing, or otherwise, the sum of Five Hundred and Sixty One Thousand and Five Hundred and Seventy Two Dollars (\$561,572) for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto. *567 747*
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) for the purpose of building a Highway Department office building, or take any other action relative thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund or take any other action relative thereto.
6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Cemetery Land Purchase and ~~Highway Department~~ fund for the purpose of building a road to and developing the Prospect Hill Cemetery addition, or take any other action relative thereto.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. *by ballot 35 y N 66*

contains \$25K principal

8. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) from the Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson Trust Fund to complete the rebuilding of the foundation of "Tom's House" on the Mason Common, or take any other action relative thereto. By petition. ✓

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) for the purchase of an additional computer and printer, or take any other action relative thereto. ✓

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1200) for the replacement of a photocopier, or take any other action relative thereto. ✓

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to purchase an encyclopedia for the Mason Public Library, or take any other action thereto. ✓

12. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the Mascenic Regional School District in accordance with RSA 195:25, or take any other action relative thereto.

13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to adopt semi-annual collection of Property Taxes, effective 1993. *RSA 80:52A NO*

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the town by tax collector's deed. Such conveyance shall be by deed following a public auction, or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids, or the property may be retained by the town, or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require pursuant to RSA 80:80. *authority lasts 1 year*

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the Library to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by town meeting, money from the state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. ✓

16. To see if the Town will vote to designate Jackson Road as a Scenic Road under the provisions of RSA 231:157 and 158 for the purpose of protecting the scenic beauty of this road, considering that much of its frontage has been protected in its natural state through Ted Stewart's conservation easement gift to the Town, or take any other action pertaining thereto. By petition. ✓

17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of 5 acres +/- of Town owned land, described as parcel E48 on the tax map, located adjacent to the Mason Congregational Church, such parcel having been acquired by donation from James and Anna Rowse in 1976, for the purpose of erecting town offices upon; and to authorize the disposition of said property in exchange for a right of way granted to the Town to access the back town owned cemetery parcels, and any other consideration as justice may require to the Rowse family, or take any other action relative thereto. ✓

Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson Trust Fund \$25K principal est. 1987 few restrictions on funds

| APPROPRIATIONS | 1991 Budget | 1991 Actual | Variance | 1992 Budget | Change 92/91 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | | | | | |
| Selectmen | 2,925 | 2,925 | \$0 | 2,925 | 0% |
| Town Clerk | 550 | 550 | \$0 | 550 | 0% |
| Treasurer | 550 | 550 | \$0 | 550 | 0% |
| | <u>4,025</u> | <u>4,025</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>4,025</u> | <u>0%</u> |
| Fees in Lieu of Salaries | | | | | |
| Tax Collector | 7,250 | 7,724 | (\$474) | 7,250 | 0% |
| Town Clerk | 3,000 | 2,813 | \$187 | 3,000 | 0% |
| | <u>10,250</u> | <u>10,537</u> | <u>(\$287)</u> | <u>10,250</u> | <u>0%</u> |
| Administration | | | | | |
| Salaries | 15,000 | 12,469 | \$2,531 | 18,550 | 24% |
| Payroll taxes | 2,700 | 2,508 | \$192 | 1,710 | -37% |
| Health insurance | 2,100 | 2,057 | \$43 | 5,060 | 141% |
| Workers comp. | 323 | 323 | \$0 | 160 | -50% |
| Advertising | 100 | 187 | (\$87) | 100 | 0% |
| Association dues | 100 | 35 | \$65 | 50 | -50% |
| Auditor | 300 | 300 | \$0 | 300 | 0% |
| Bank service charges | 50 | 291 | (\$241) | 300 | 500% |
| Bonds | 650 | 612 | \$38 | 625 | -4% |
| Conferences | 1,500 | 655 | \$845 | 1,000 | -33% |
| Computer services | 2,500 | 2,215 | \$285 | 1,500 | -40% |
| Mileage | 400 | 333 | \$67 | 150 | -63% |
| Contingency | 250 | 256 | (\$6) | 250 | 0% |
| Postage | 850 | 935 | (\$85) | 850 | 0% |
| Registry fees | 200 | 297 | (\$97) | 250 | 25% |
| Repairs & maintenance | 300 | 65 | \$235 | 300 | 0% |
| Office supplies | 1,600 | 1,583 | \$17 | 1,200 | -25% |
| Telephone | 850 | 820 | \$30 | 850 | 0% |
| Town reports | 1,100 | 1,510 | (\$410) | 650 | -41% |
| | <u>30,873</u> | <u>27,451</u> | <u>\$3,422</u> | <u>33,855</u> | <u>10%</u> |
| Cemetery Expenses | | | | | |
| Cemetery maintenance | 1,000 | 990 | \$10 | 850 | -15% |
| Cemetery salaries | 4,500 | 4,455 | \$45 | 4,700 | 4% |
| Payroll taxes | 400 | 339 | \$61 | 360 | -10% |
| | <u>5,900</u> | <u>5,784</u> | <u>\$116</u> | <u>5,910</u> | <u>0%</u> |
| Town Building Expenses | | | | | |
| Custodian salaries | 3,800 | 3,800 | \$0 | 3,800 | 0% |
| Supplies | 150 | 83 | \$67 | 150 | 0% |
| Heat | 2,300 | 2,294 | \$6 | 2,300 | 0% |
| Electricity | 1,800 | 1,362 | \$438 | 1,500 | -17% |
| Repairs & maintenance | 2,500 | 2,183 | \$317 | 2,500 | 0% |
| | <u>10,550</u> | <u>9,722</u> | <u>\$828</u> | <u>10,250</u> | <u>-3%</u> |
| Employment/Insurance Expenses | | | | | |
| Accident insurance | 1,200 | 1,365 | (\$165) | 1,400 | 17% |
| Workers comp 1990 | 0 | 3,950 | (\$3,950) | 0 | |
| Unemployment taxes | 1,200 | 865 | \$335 | 1,000 | -17% |
| Liability insurance | 21,500 | 23,004 | (\$1,504) | 23,000 | 7% |
| | <u>23,900</u> | <u>29,184</u> | <u>(\$5,284)</u> | <u>25,400</u> | <u>6%</u> |
| Election Expenses | 500 | 501 | (\$1) | 1,000 | 100% |

| APPROPRIATIONS | 1991 Budget | 1991 Actual | Variance | 1992 Budget | Change 92/91 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Reappraisal of Property | | | | | |
| Assessing | 5,000 | 5,424 | (\$424) | 5,000 | 0% |
| Tax map update | 875 | 875 | \$0 | 875 | 0% |
| | <u>5,875</u> | <u>6,299</u> | <u>(\$424)</u> | <u>5,875</u> | <u>0%</u> |
| Planning & Zoning | | | | | |
| Salaries | 1,400 | 405 | \$995 | 1,400 | 0% |
| Payroll taxes | 110 | 36 | \$74 | 100 | -9% |
| Advertising | 500 | 212 | \$288 | 500 | 0% |
| Board of Adjustment | 400 | 0 | \$400 | 200 | -50% |
| Historic District Commission | 50 | 35 | \$15 | 50 | 0% |
| Supplies | 150 | 43 | \$107 | 75 | -50% |
| Postage | 200 | 181 | \$19 | 200 | 0% |
| Training | 100 | 101 | (\$1) | 100 | 0% |
| SW Reg. Planning/Consulting | 2,200 | 1,000 | \$1,200 | 1,500 | -32% |
| | <u>5,110</u> | <u>2,012</u> | <u>\$3,098</u> | <u>4,125</u> | <u>-19%</u> |
| Building Inspection | | | | | |
| Bldg inspector-fees | 2,700 | 560 | \$2,140 | 1,600 | -41% |
| Payroll taxes | 230 | 43 | \$187 | 150 | -35% |
| Expenses | 300 | 137 | \$163 | 200 | -33% |
| | <u>3,230</u> | <u>740</u> | <u>\$2,490</u> | <u>1,950</u> | <u>-40%</u> |
| Health | | | | | |
| Health officer | 50 | 0 | \$50 | 50 | 0% |
| Animal control | 500 | 320 | \$180 | 500 | 0% |
| Souhegan Ambulance | 5,108 | 5,108 | \$0 | 6,521 | 28% |
| Nashua Mediation | 100 | 0 | \$100 | 0 | -100% |
| | <u>5,758</u> | <u>5,428</u> | <u>\$330</u> | <u>7,071</u> | <u>23%</u> |
| Welfare | | | | | |
| Town poor | 1,500 | 0 | \$1,500 | 1,500 | 0% |
| Visiting nurse | 1,500 | 1,500 | \$0 | 1,500 | 0% |
| | <u>3,000</u> | <u>1,500</u> | <u>\$1,500</u> | <u>3,000</u> | <u>0%</u> |
| Library | | | | | |
| Library salaries | 14,032 | 14,010 | \$22 | 14,835 | 6% |
| Payroll taxes | 1,110 | 1,094 | \$16 | 1,135 | 2% |
| Dues, fees & educ | 440 | 556 | (\$116) | 555 | 26% |
| Postage | 75 | 75 | \$0 | 75 | 0% |
| Programming | 50 | 50 | \$0 | 50 | 0% |
| Supplies | 200 | 250 | (\$50) | 200 | 0% |
| Telephone | 360 | 332 | \$28 | 360 | 0% |
| Travel | 130 | 128 | \$2 | 150 | 15% |
| Books | 1,763 | 1,737 | \$26 | 1,730 | -2% |
| | <u>18,160</u> | <u>18,232</u> | <u>(\$72)</u> | <u>19,090</u> | <u>5%</u> |
| New Hampshire Municipal Asso. | 500 | 500 | \$0 | 500 | 0% |
| Wilton Recycling Center | 30,811 | 26,878 | \$3,933 | 32,027 | 4% |
| Communication Expenses | 19,030 | 19,030 | \$0 | 21,035 | 11% |
| Legal Expenses | 5,000 | 1,156 | \$3,844 | 3,000 | -40% |
| Civil Defense | 100 | 100 | \$0 | 100 | 0% |
| Conservation Commission | 1,500 | 1,500 | \$0 | 1,500 | 0% |

| APPROPRIATIONS | 1991 Budget | 1991 Actual | Variance | 1992 Budget | Change 92/91 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| Highway Town Maintenance | | | | | |
| Road agent salary | 27,435 | 27,528 | (\$93) | 30,257 | 10% |
| Asst road agent salary | 24,133 | 23,839 | \$294 | 25,336 | 5% |
| Other salaries | 20,000 | 27,519 | (\$7,519) | 24,500 | 23% |
| Overtime wages | 11,000 | 7,503 | \$3,497 | 10,000 | -9% |
| Equipment operator | 20,576 | 19,996 | \$580 | 21,562 | 5% |
| Payroll taxes | 6,900 | 8,374 | (\$1,474) | 8,550 | 24% |
| Health insurance | 10,350 | 10,769 | (\$419) | 11,125 | 7% |
| Workers comp. | 6,215 | 6,215 | \$0 | 3,108 | -50% |
| Retirement | 4,000 | 4,000 | \$0 | 4,300 | 8% |
| Consulting engineer | 350 | 20 | \$330 | 250 | -29% |
| Mileage | 1,700 | 1,653 | \$47 | 1,700 | 0% |
| Fire equipment rental | 350 | 0 | \$350 | 350 | 0% |
| Calcium chloride | 8,000 | 9,261 | (\$1,261) | 8,000 | 0% |
| Crusher | 4,000 | 5,215 | (\$1,215) | 4,000 | 0% |
| Culverts | 500 | 1,960 | (\$1,460) | 500 | 0% |
| Oil - pug mill | 5,500 | 4,247 | \$1,253 | 5,500 | 0% |
| Oil - sealing | 10,000 | 6,800 | \$3,200 | 8,000 | -20% |
| Patch | 2,000 | 904 | \$1,096 | 2,000 | 0% |
| Salt | 5,000 | 4,844 | \$156 | 3,750 | -25% |
| Tractor rental | 500 | 192 | \$308 | 250 | -50% |
| Truck rentals | 0 | 560 | (\$560) | 250 | |
| Plowing | 12,000 | 6,286 | \$5,714 | 12,000 | 0% |
| Sub-total | 180,509 | 177,686 | \$2,824 | 185,288 | 3% |
| Highway Dept. Expenses | | | | | |
| Building maintenance | 4,000 | 4,087 | (\$87) | 3,500 | -13% |
| Chains | 1,000 | 520 | \$480 | 800 | -20% |
| Chainsaw repairs | 350 | 316 | \$34 | 350 | 0% |
| Dues & education | 700 | 508 | \$192 | 550 | -21% |
| Edges for plows & graders | 800 | 797 | \$3 | 1,200 | 50% |
| Electricity | 1,100 | 1,146 | (\$46) | 1,300 | 18% |
| Equipment maintenance | 15,000 | 16,332 | (\$1,332) | 15,000 | 0% |
| Fuel | 12,000 | 11,681 | \$319 | 12,000 | 0% |
| Radios | 800 | 495 | \$305 | 600 | -25% |
| Telephone | 700 | 622 | \$78 | 800 | 14% |
| Tires | 1,500 | 2,220 | (\$720) | 1,500 | 0% |
| Safety equipment | 1,000 | 832 | \$168 | 1,000 | 0% |
| Tools | 600 | 543 | \$57 | 600 | 0% |
| Welding supplies | 400 | 218 | \$182 | 400 | 0% |
| Sub-total | 39,950 | 40,317 | (\$367) | 39,600 | -1% |
| Total Highway Expenses | 220,459 | 218,002 | \$2,457 | 224,888 | 2% |

* All salaries reflect an additional pay period (53 weeks) for 1992.

| APPROPRIATIONS | 1991 Budget | 1991 Actual | Variance | 1992 Budget | Change 92/91 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| Police Department | | | | | |
| Chief's salary | 28,875 | 31,975 | (\$3,100) | 32,488 | 13% |
| Full time wages | 23,500 | 9,204 | \$14,296 | 0 | -100% |
| Officers' salaries | 4,000 | 10,068 | (\$6,068) | 20,842 | 421% |
| Payroll taxes | 1,400 | 1,353 | \$47 | 2,065 | 48% |
| Retirement | 3,600 | 2,728 | \$872 | 3,021 | -16% |
| Health insurance | 10,100 | 7,039 | \$3,061 | 5,060 | -50% |
| Workers comp. | 2,240 | 2,240 | \$0 | 1,120 | -50% |
| Conventions & dues | 200 | 107 | \$93 | 300 | 50% |
| Cruiser fuel | 3,000 | 2,179 | \$821 | 2,500 | -17% |
| Cruiser maintenance | 2,000 | 3,558 | (\$1,558) | 2,500 | 25% |
| Cruiser lease | 5,950 | 6,429 | (\$479) | 5,950 | 0% |
| Office expenses | 1,900 | 2,071 | (\$171) | 2,000 | 5% |
| Training | 300 | 930 | (\$630) | 2,100 | 600% |
| Uniforms | 2,000 | 2,210 | (\$210) | 3,000 | 50% |
| Equipment & maintenance | 0 | 358 | (\$358) | 0 | 0% |
| Reports & permits | 450 | 0 | \$450 | 450 | 0% |
| | 89,515 | 82,448 | \$7,067 | 83,396 | -7% |
| Fire Department | | | | | |
| Warden training | 300 | 0 | \$300 | 300 | 0% |
| Workers comp. | 401 | 401 | \$0 | 200 | -50% |
| Fire truck bond principal | 15,000 | 15,000 | \$0 | 15,000 | 0% |
| Fire truck bond interest | 5,743 | 5,743 | \$0 | 4,730 | -18% |
| Utilities | 3,600 | 2,401 | \$1,199 | 3,000 | -17% |
| Telephone | 1,000 | 915 | \$85 | 1,000 | 0% |
| Radio repair | 800 | 595 | \$205 | 800 | 0% |
| Fuel | 1,800 | 1,461 | \$339 | 1,800 | 0% |
| Code books | 400 | 313 | \$87 | 400 | 0% |
| Training | 1,000 | 995 | \$5 | 1,000 | 0% |
| Equipment | 2,500 | 2,500 | \$0 | 2,500 | 0% |
| Equipment maintenance | 500 | 503 | (\$3) | 500 | 0% |
| Officers expenses | 500 | 523 | (\$23) | 500 | 0% |
| Insurance | 150 | 192 | (\$42) | 200 | 33% |
| Vehicle maintenance | 3,500 | 3,270 | \$230 | 4,000 | 14% |
| Expendables | 350 | 325 | \$25 | 350 | 0% |
| | 37,544 | 35,136 | \$2,408 | 36,280 | -3% |
| Water Hole | | | | | |
| Water hole & dry | 1,000 | 0 | \$1,000 | 1,000 | 0% |
| House & water hole | 100 | 100 | \$0 | 100 | 0% |
| | 1,100 | 100 | \$1,000 | 1,100 | 0% |

* All salaries reflect an additional pay period (53 weeks) for 1992.

+ 4250 (8280 total)
Fire engine
engine
replacement

| APPROPRIATIONS | 1991 Budget | 1991 Actual | Variance | 1992 Budget | Change 92/91 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Parks & Recreation | | | | | |
| Electricity | 80 | 56 | \$24 | 0 | -100% |
| Street lighting | 800 | 757 | \$43 | 800 | 0% |
| Grounds improvements/repairs | 520 | 303 | \$217 | 220 | -58% |
| Lawn supplies | 430 | 192 | \$238 | 430 | 0% |
| Mowing | 300 | 255 | \$45 | 600 | 100% |
| Recreation area expenses | 240 | 0 | \$240 | 240 | 0% |
| Stone dust | 120 | 0 | \$120 | 120 | 0% |
| Toilet facilities | 125 | 25 | \$100 | 125 | 0% |
| Trash removal | 60 | 0 | \$60 | 60 | 0% |
| Activities/Rec day | 350 | 298 | \$52 | 350 | 0% |
| Holiday expenses (town) | 300 | 217 | \$83 | 300 | 0% |
| Town common | 2,500 | 2,448 | \$52 | 2,500 | 0% |
| Payroll taxes | 200 | 185 | \$15 | 200 | 0% |
| | <u>6,025</u> | <u>4,736</u> | <u>\$1,289</u> | <u>5,945</u> | <u>-1%</u> |
| Interest Tax Notes | 23,000 | 26,701 | (\$3,701) | 20,000 | -13% |
| Abatements & Refunds | 0 | 7,225 | (\$7,225) | | |
| Total Operating Expenses | <u>561,715</u> | <u>544,929</u> | <u>16,786</u> | <u>561,572</u> | <u>-0.03%</u> |
| Warrant Articles '91 | | | | | |
| #6 Tanker Truck | 22,150 | 22,138 | \$12 | | |
| #7 Highway Radios | 1,200 | 1,131 | \$69 | | |
| #8 Hwy Cap Reserve | 2,858 | 2,858 | \$0 | | |
| #9 Library Capital | 5,000 | 5,000 | \$0 | | |
| #13 Kelley Land | 11,400 | 11,400 | \$0 | | |
| #16 Town Hall Repair | 10,000 | 8,543 | \$1,457 | | |
| #20 Recycling Center | 8,033 | 711 | \$7,322 | | |
| | <u>60,641</u> | <u>51,781</u> | <u>\$8,860</u> | | |
| Warrant Articles '92 | | | | | |
| #4 Highway Office Building | | | | 16,000 | |
| #5 Highway Capital Reserve | | | | 15,000 | |
| #6 Cemetery Improvement | | | | 10,000 | |
| #7 Library Capital Reserve | | | | 5,000 | |
| #8 Tom's House | | | | 3,000 | |
| #9 Computer | | | | 2,000 | |
| #10 Photocopier | | | | 1,200 | |
| #11 Encyclopedia | | | | 1,000 | |
| | | | | <u>53,200</u> | |
| Total Town Expenses | <u>622,356</u> | <u>596,710</u> | <u>\$25,646</u> | <u>614,772</u> | <u>-1%</u> |
| Other Assessments | | | | | |
| School District Assessment | 992,297 | 992,297 | \$0 | | |
| Hillsborough County | 111,625 | 111,625 | \$0 | | |
| | <u>1,103,922</u> | <u>1,103,922</u> | <u>\$0</u> | | |
| Total All Expenses | <u>1,726,278</u> | <u>1,700,632</u> | <u>\$25,646</u> | | |

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Improved & Unimproved Land | 12,544,750 |
| Assessed Value of Current Use Land | 510,400 |
| Buildings (Mobile Homes Included) | 26,897,500 |
| Public Utilities | <u>455,600</u> |
| Valuation Before Exemptions | 40,408,250 |
| EXEMPTIONS | |
| Elderly Exemptions | 110,000 |
| Solar Exemption | <u>8,400</u> |
| | 118,400 |
| NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE | 40,289,850 |

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT

| | Est. Tax | Limit | No. Credits |
|--|----------|-------|-----------------|
| Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action.... | | 1,400 | 1 1,400 |
| All Other Qualified Persons | | 100 | 72 <u>7,200</u> |
| Total War Service Tax Credits | | | 8,600 |

1991 TAX RATE

| | |
|--------|--------------|
| Town | 9.55 |
| County | 2.74 |
| School | <u>23.70</u> |
| | 35.99 |

TOWN OF MASON
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance
For the year ended December 31, 1991 and 1990

| | 1991 | 1990 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES: | | |
| Highway Block Grant | \$35,697 | \$36,367 |
| Shared revenue | 34,717 | 27,919 |
| Other state grants | 485 | 2,732 |
| Property taxes | 1,439,373 | 1,466,659 |
| Yield taxes | 3,042 | 3,325 |
| Land use change taxes | 9,218 | 13,550 |
| Growth permits | 100 | 700 |
| Motor vehicle fees | 83,063 | 84,030 |
| Penalties and interest | 29,797 | 18,393 |
| Licenses and permits | 2,777 | 3,997 |
| Interest income | 9,770 | 18,057 |
| Dog licenses | 1,703 | 1,689 |
| Other | 17,617 | 5,908 |
| Total revenues | 1,667,359 | 1,683,326 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| General government | 108,613 | 104,918 |
| Cemeteries | 5,784 | 15,987 |
| Public safety | 139,703 | 141,782 |
| Highways | 221,993 | 304,516 |
| Sanitation | 27,589 | 22,697 |
| Health & Welfare | 6,928 | 11,850 |
| Education | 992,297 | 936,415 |
| Culture and recreation | 40,111 | 55,146 |
| Debt service | 47,443 | 36,486 |
| County taxes | 111,625 | 121,111 |
| Total expenditures | 1,702,086 | 1,750,908 |
| Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures | (34,727) | (67,582) |
| Other financing sources: | | |
| Interfund transfers | 8,650 | 44,358 |
| Unexpended 1989 encumbrances | | 2,674 |
| | <u>8,650</u> | <u>47,032</u> |
| Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses | (26,077) | (20,550) |
| Fund balance beginning | 83,123 | 103,673 |
| Fund balance ending | \$57,046 | \$83,123 |

TOWN OF MASON
Combined Balance Sheet
At December 31, 1991

| | General Fund | Capital Reserves | Trust Funds | Conservation Commission | All Funds |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash | \$188,752 | \$45,961 | \$107,750 | \$4,135 | \$346,598 |
| Deeded property | 187 | | | | 187 |
| Unredeemed taxes | 95,388 | | | | 95,388 |
| Uncollected taxes | 251,598 | | | | 251,598 |
| Total assets | \$535,925 | \$45,961 | \$107,750 | \$4,135 | \$693,771 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$12,057 | | | | \$12,057 |
| Encumbrances | 12,930 | | | | 12,930 |
| Due to schools | 453,892 | | | | 453,892 |
| Total liabilities | 478,879 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 478,879 |
| Fund balances | 57,046 | 45,961 | 107,750 | 4,135 | 214,892 |
| Total liabilities and fund balances | \$535,925 | \$45,961 | \$107,750 | \$4,135 | \$693,771 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Cash on hand, January 1, 1991 | \$1,229,904.05 |
| Cash receipts: Town Clerk | 84,870.50 |
| Tax Collector | 1,200,908.36 |
| Selectmen | 115,475.63 |
| Interest income | 9,770.30 |
| Tax Anticipation Loans | 775,000.00 |
| Total cash available | 3,415,928.84 |
| Selectmen's orders paid | 1,425,185.40 |
| Tax anticipation loans repaid | 1,775,000.00 |
| Interest on tax anticipation loan | 26,700.73 |
| Bank service charges | 290.47 |
| Total monies paid out | 3,227,176.60 |
| Cash on hand, December 31, 1991 | \$188,752.24 |

Debby Downey, Treasurer

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
For the year ended December 31, 1991**

| | Levies of: 1991 | Prior |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Uncollected Taxes, Jan. 1, 1991: | | |
| Property Taxes | | \$277,522.97 |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | 7,189.69 |
| Yield Taxes | | 37.65 |
| Interest & fees | | 271.38 |
| Taxes Committed to Collector: | | |
| Property Taxes | \$1,436,998.76 | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 9,218.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 3,041.53 | |
| Interest | 265.90 | |
| Added Taxes: | | |
| Property Taxes | 2,374.31 | |
| Overpayments: | | |
| Property Taxes | 71.98 | |
| Interest | 102.97 | |
| Interest Collected On | | |
| Delinquent Taxes | 433.24 | 12,288.21 |
| Costs Collected On | | |
| Delinquent Taxes | | 1,335.00 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$1,452,506.69 | \$298,644.90 |
| Remitted To Treasurer During Year: | | |
| Property Taxes | \$1,190,776.63 | \$276,899.86 |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 6,216.11 | 7,189.69 |
| Yield Taxes | 3,041.53 | 37.65 |
| Interest On Taxes | 699.14 | 12,520.16 |
| Costs | | 1,335.00 |
| Overpayments | 174.95 | 19.43 |
| Filing Fee | | 20.00 |
| Abatements Allowed: | | |
| Property Taxes | | 623.11 |
| Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1991: | | |
| Property Taxes | 248,596.44 | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3,001.89 | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$1,452,506.69 | \$298,644.90 |

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
For the year ended December 31, 1991**

| | Tax Sale on Account of Levies of: | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 1990 | 1989 | Prior |
| Balance of Unredeemed Taxes | | \$52,713.80 | \$16,372.20 |
| Taxes Sold to Town | \$93,530.51 | | |
| Interest Collected After Sale | 1,701.72 | 5,326.49 | 3,911.73 |
| Redemption Costs | 305.00 | 282.00 | 194.17 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$95,537.23 | \$58,322.29 | \$20,478.10 |
| Remittances to Treasurer: | | | |
| Redemptions | \$27,367.82 | \$23,488.34 | \$16,185.68 |
| Interest | 1,701.72 | 5,326.49 | 3,911.73 |
| Costs | 305.00 | 282.00 | 194.17 |
| Deeded to Town | | | 186.52 |
| Unredeemed Taxes End of Year | 66,162.69 | 29,225.46 | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$95,537.23 | \$58,322.29 | \$20,478.10 |

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1991 | \$50.00 |
| Cash received: | |
| Dog licenses | 1,702.50 |
| Automobile registrations | 82,657.00 |
| Title fees | 406.00 |
| Filing fees | 4.00 |
| Returned check fees | 75.00 |
| Recovered 1990 bad check | 26.00 |
| Total cash received | 84,870.50 |
| Cash remitted to Treasurer | 84,870.50 |
| Cash on hand, December 31, 1991 | \$50.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Hastings
Town Clerk and Tax Collector

**REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991**

| | PRINCIPAL BALANCE | | FUNDS CREATED | | BALANCE END | | INCOME | | BALANCE END | | TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| | BEGINNING OF YEAR | OF YEAR | (EXPENDED) | OF YEAR | BEGINNING OF YEAR | OF YEAR | EARNED | EXPENDED | BEGINNING OF YEAR | OF YEAR | TOTAL FUND BALANCE 12/31/91 |
| TRUST FUNDS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BOYNTON SCHOOL | \$11,063.07 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$11,063.07 | \$3,584.32 | \$1,060.07 | \$1,138.00 | \$3,506.39 | \$14,569.46 | | |
| STEARNS SCHOOL | 10,469.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,469.36 | 4,674.53 | 1,121.30 | 0.00 | 5,795.83 | 16,265.19 | | |
| CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE | 19,712.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 20,312.00 | 5,917.70 | 1,854.93 | 1,500.00 | 6,272.63 | 26,584.63 | | |
| CEMETERY LAND IMPROVEMENT | 2,843.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,843.33 | 3,742.00 | 459.26 | 0.00 | 4,201.26 | 6,844.59 | | |
| ELLEN AUGUSTA WORCESTER WILSON | 25,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 25,000.00 | 4,737.57 | 2,017.43 | 0.00 | 6,755.00 | 31,755.00 | | |
| WHITAKER - LOCKE LIBRARY | 10,808.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,808.07 | 979.03 | 870.08 | 926.19 | 922.92 | 11,730.99 | | |
| TOTAL TRUST FUNDS | \$79,695.83 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$80,295.83 | \$23,635.15 | \$7,383.07 | \$3,564.19 | \$27,454.03 | \$107,749.86 | | |
| CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HIGHWAY CAPITAL EQUIPMENT | \$2,044.83 | \$2,857.91 | \$4,902.74 | \$6,767.05 | \$6,767.05 | \$648.56 | \$0.00 | \$7,415.61 | \$12,318.35 | | |
| TOWN REEVALUATION | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,873.16 | 141.16 | 0.00 | 2,014.32 | 2,014.32 | | |
| CEMETERY LAND PURCHASE | 19,476.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 19,476.00 | 0.00 | 1,505.54 | 0.00 | 1,505.54 | 20,981.54 | | |
| FIRE EQUIPMENT | 40.33 | (40.33) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7,015.69 | 276.27 | 7,109.67 | 182.29 | 182.29 | | |
| LIBRARY BUILDING | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 41.59 | 312.74 | 0.00 | 354.33 | 10,354.33 | | |
| POLICE CRUISER | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 104.53 | 5.73 | 0.00 | 110.26 | 110.26 | | |
| TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS | \$26,561.16 | \$7,817.58 | \$4,376.74 | \$15,802.02 | \$15,802.02 | \$2,890.00 | \$7,109.67 | \$11,582.35 | \$45,961.09 | | |
| TOTAL ALL FUNDS | \$106,256.99 | \$8,417.58 | \$114,674.57 | \$39,437.17 | \$10,273.07 | \$10,673.86 | \$39,036.38 | \$153,710.95 | | | |

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

Bonnie Evans
George Schwenk
James Losee
Trustees

TOWN OF MASON BONDS

| Period | Date | Pricpal Outstanding | Muni Bond Principal | Coupon | Interest | Total Debt Service | Fiscal Debt Service |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 15-Jan-90 | | | 6.75% | 3396.26 | 3396.26 | |
| 2 | 15-Jul-90 | 100000 | 15000 | 6.75% | 3377.50 | 18377.50 | 21773.76 |
| 3 | 15-Jan-91 | | | 6.75% | 2871.25 | 2871.25 | |
| 4 | 15-Jul-91 | 85000 | 15000 | 6.75% | 2871.25 | 17871.25 | 20742.50 |
| 5 | 15-Jan-92 | | | 6.75% | 2365.00 | 2365.00 | |
| 6 | 15-Jul-92 | 70000 | 15000 | 6.75% | 2365.00 | 17365.00 | 19730.00 |
| 7 | 15-Jan-93 | | | 6.75% | 1858.75 | 1858.75 | |
| 8 | 15-Jul-93 | 55000 | 15000 | 6.75% | 1858.75 | 16858.75 | 18717.50 |
| 9 | 15-Jan-94 | | | 6.75% | 1352.50 | 1352.50 | |
| 10 | 15-Jul-94 | 40000 | 15000 | 6.75% | 1352.50 | 16352.50 | 17705.00 |
| 11 | 15-Jan-95 | | | 6.75% | 846.25 | 846.25 | |
| 12 | 15-Jul-95 | 25000 | 15000 | 6.75% | 846.25 | 15846.25 | 16692.50 |
| 13 | 15-Jan-96 | | | 6.75% | 340.00 | 340.00 | |
| 14 | 15-Jul-96 | 10000 | 10000 | 6.80% | 340.00 | 10340.00 | 10680.00 |
| Totals | | | 100000 | | 26041.26 | 126041.26 | |

AUDITORS REPORT - 1990

June 27, 1991

As you are aware, the delay in the submission of this report is due to the fact that I was only elected in March of 1991.

I have audited each department and found the records to be clear and concise; Town Officers knowledgeable and helpful and records readily available.

One area I wish to bring to your attention, is the fact that I could not verify signatures on individual checks as payroll is done by an outside service. When auditing in 1991, I will contact them will in advance so I may have access to our payroll checks.

Patricia A. Greene
Auditor, Town of Mason

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I would like to start my report this year by reversing it a little. I would like to first say a special THANKS to the Board of Selectmen: Wolfgang Millbrandt, Chairman, Anne Richards and Clifton Hastings, also Barbara Milkovits the Selectmen's secretary. With their help and patience we have been able to get through difficult changes.

A special thanks goes to the part time officers for doing a great job in helping out after the leaving of Officer Wagner, who returned to New Ipswich. I would like to wish both him and Officer Dwight Palmer, who also resigned recently, the best of luck.

Thanks to Robert Polk for taking care of the building fund which has helped the Police Department replace outdated equipment and acquire much needed equipment without additional cost to the town. Thanks to the other departments that make this town a great place to live in, the Fire Department and Highway Department and their dedicated members, especially Chief Berry and Curt Dunn. And also, thanks to the citizens of Mason for all their support.

Despite the loss of Officer Wagner, the Selectmen and myself along with the help of my part time officers were able to come up with a very workable solution. We hired a part time officer with a number of years experience and a secretary to help with the paper work. The new officer is Lawrence Duval of Greenville, N.H. and the secretary is Kay Duval, who has done police department secretarial work for a number of years.

Getting to the Police information, we have responded to about 1,027 more recorded calls this year than last. There has also been more time spent on investigations due to the serious nature of some of the calls (domestics, stolen vehicles, juvenile problems, drunk driving arrests). These calls require more time spent in investigating, preparing reports and presenting cases in court. Of the 2,408 calls, about 1,000 of them required some sort of report to be done.

I am very glad to say that I am working on my third year in the Town of Mason as your Police Chief. And I can say that I am looking forward to many, many more years here.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY - 1991

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Court | 25 | N.C.I.C. Check | 8 | Arrest Log | 8 |
| Untimely Death | 1 | DWI | 5 | Larceny-Theft | 11 |
| Assist Motorist | 24 | Shots Fired | 8 | Accident | 37 |
| Meet A Party | 6 | Ambulance | 11 | Call By Phone | 178 |
| Wrecker | 20 | Dog Complaint | 52 | Escort | 3 |
| Found Property | 4 | Fire | 4 | General Broadcast | 1 |
| Burglary | 24 | Information | 836 | Assault | 2 |
| Juvenile Problem | 4 | MV Record Check | 39 | Repossession | 1 |
| Domestic | 11 | Unwanted Subject | 5 | Check Welfare | 1 |
| Disturbance | 4 | Suspicious Car | 37 | Suspicious Person | 10 |
| Stolen Automobile | 6 | Burglar Alarm | 65 | Lost Property | 4 |
| Mutual Aid | 35 | Transporting Subject | 5 | Request | 407 |
| See Complainant | 47 | Motor Vehicle Complaint | 5 | License Check | 10 |
| Animal Complaint | | Criminal Mischief- | | Obscene-Harassing | |
| Other than Dog | 13 | Vandalism | 24 | Phone Calls | 2 |
| Call Back Request | 183 | Motor Vehicle Stop | 117 | Open Door or Window | 1 |
| Vacant Property Report | 6 | Abandoned Vehicle | 13 | MV Listing | 85 |

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Robert L. Malboeuf
Mason Police Department

MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

I feel that 1991 was a very productive year in our town road maintenance and improvement programs.

We did a lot of work on our paved road restoration program. This was done on Brookline Road and Greenville Road, completing both these roads. This means that we ditched these roads and removed some of the worst stones and bumps. We also shimmed some of the worst rough and out of shaped areas with our pug mill mix; approximately 625 yards on Brookline Road and 375 yards on Greenville Road. This has helped strengthen and reshape these roads. These roads were patched and sealed, approximately .5 mile on Greenville Road from Valentine's corner to Greenville line and Brookline Road from Depot Road to Lanza's residence, approximately 2.4 miles.

All paved roads were checked and patched during the summer with approximately 85 yards of pug mill mix.

In spring of 1991, we had a gravel crusher in our gravel pit and we crushed about 3700 yards of material. Approximately 1800 yards of gravel were put on our gravel roads during the crushing period. An additional 800 yards were put in stockpile and another 1100 yards were made to make pug mill mix in the future. Total amount of gravel put on our gravel roads was 2200 yards of crushed and 565 yards of screened gravel this year.

We graded our gravel roads several times depending on the amount of travel on the roads or due to washed areas of the roads from heavy rain storms. We applied about 13,000 gallons of gravel road stabilizer on our gravel roads. The stabilizer controls dust and reduces the loss of fines, making the gravel pack better.

We had a lot of tree damage from Hurricane Bob and some drainage problems, that we attended to.

Many other general maintenance areas were worked on during the year, such as: cutting brush, cleaning culverts and water passes, repairing signs, etc.

The Highway Department would like to thank all departments and citizens who have helped us this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis M. Dunn
Road Agent

REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD for 1991

This year has been a quiet one compared to years past. During 1991 the Planning Board handled one Site Plan Review, two Lot Line Adjustments, one revocation of a subdivision (road bond had expired), one Minor Subdivision (town conservation land), and one Major Subdivision (4 lots).

The Town, following the recommendation of the Planning Board, repealed Growth Management. The Legislature provided Growth Management only as a short-term measure and required annual review. Our review in 1990 showed that growth management was no longer needed since growth had decreased to a level that our community could handle.

Garth Fletcher, Chairman

MASON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

With the support we received from you, the townspeople, we were able to refurbish the tanker after the spring brush fire season had passed. The work was done by Valley Fire Apparatus in Bradford N.H. Although we knew the cost of the project would exceed the warrant article amount, the department made up the difference with money set aside over the past few years for the tanker project.

Later on in the fall, some much needed work was done on our older pumper (1973 Ford). Our plan is to spend small amounts of money each year, on such things as rust repair. This type of maintenance program should keep the truck in good use, for ten or twelve more years.

This year, two second lieutenants resigned because of other commitments and interests, leaving a void in the leadership ranks. Officers of the department are appointed pending results of a written exam and an oral review board. One of these positions should be filled by March 1992.

This year we saw an increase in mutual aid calls, however, in past years Mason has had considerable help from its neighbors. Fire departments in New Hampshire must rely on one another for assistance.

Rules, regulations, and budget cut-backs make it tougher to get the job done. On the State level, both the Fire Marshall's Office and the Division of Forestry have made cuts, putting more of the financial burden on the town. Federal regulations which carry no funding to implement, now require creativity. We strive to find middle ground, protecting our firefighters, our families, our friends, and our town.

This is your fire department, get involved.

Respectfully,

Bruce W. Berry
Fire Chief

MONADNOCK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Our first priorities after assuming ownership of Monadnock Communications, Inc. in June of 1988, was to upgrade the communications equipment, retrain personnel to provide quality and professional service, and enhance relations with both the public and individual departments we serve. In the last four years, we have made remarkable strides in all of these areas

In 1992, we are looking forward to providing the residents of Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich and Temple with even more service. By the time this town report is in your hands, the new 9-1-1 service should be available to residents in the 878 telephone exchange. Additionally, we will have installed a TDD (telecommunications device for the deaf) to our phone system to provide services to the hearing-impaired.

We will continue to strive to bring the residents and departments of the four towns the best possible emergency communications service, while keeping costs at minimum. Please feel free to contact us with any comments or concerns you might have.

Sincerely,

R. Scott Quilty
Janet M. Quilty

REPORT of the BUILDING INSPECTOR for 1991

There have been twenty-four (24) Building Permits issued during 1991. They were issued for the following. And the total valuation is also listed.

| | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| 3 | Permanent Dwellings | 192,971 |
| 4 | Additions to Homes | 48,919 |
| 4 | Finishing Attic, Basement | 15,408 |
| 3 | Porch Attached to Homes | 13,449 |
| 1 | Deck Attached to Home | 1,914 |
| 2 | Addition to Out-Building | 5,554 |
| 2 | Barn | 30,036 |
| 2 | Pole Barn | 7,373 |
| 1 | Garage | 4,598 |
| 2 | Septic Repair | 6,000 |
| | | <u>326,222</u> |

Of the (3) Permanent Dwellings, one was issued as a renewal of a permit not started.

I issued (5) Oil Burner Permits for the Fire Chief.

The house and waterhole numbering system is continually being upgraded. It would be more beneficial if all residents would use their correct house numbers.

I hold office hours at the Mann House on Tuesday evenings by appointment. Please call 878-2894 for your appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Wilson
Building Inspector

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT

The Mason Historical District Commission has had a relatively quiet year. With four new members: John Lewicke, President; Cindy Tibbetts, Secretary; Stanley Brown, Penny Savard and a fifth member joining us shortly, we have spent our time reviewing procedures and the laws on Historical Districts.

The Commission has changed their regular meeting dates to the last Tuesday of the following months: March, September and January. These take place at the Mann House at 8:00 pm. Meetings will also be held when any requests are received by the Commission.

The Commission has also erected a signpost in the center of town. The two signs already, on the post, were approved by the Commission on June 25, 1991. The placement of a sign needs to be approved by the Commission and must also comply with the Mason Planning Ordinance of 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Tibbetts
Secretary

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission met regularly on the second Wednesday of each month, at 8:00 p.m. in the Mann House, and made occasional site visits as required. Owing to the economic slowdown, we reviewed only a few wetlands permit applications; we advised one potential buyer regarding drainage problems on a lot he was interested in.

Throughout the year we monitored recreational use of the railroad trail and maintenance needs such as brush clearing and erosion control, and invested considerable time and energy in trying to work out a permanent affordable solution to the problems associated with the old granite box-culvert under the railroad embankment near Russell Road. We are working with a representative of the Hillsborough County Conservation District, a Soils Conservation Service engineer and the abutters to address the erosion and water flowage issues.

We are considering gating some sections of the railroad trail for safety reasons and to alleviate erosion problems in sensitive areas. We had hoped that we would not have to do this, but unwise use and illegal dumping are causing degradation of the trail.

We are happy to report that in December, the town completed the acquisition of the Spaulding Brook Conservation Land, 163.3 acres of forested hillsides extending from Starch Mill Road to Mitchell Hill Road, with a 15-acre pond on Spaulding Brook. The New Hampshire Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) granted the town \$146,000 toward the purchase price of \$150,000, with \$4,000 coming from the Commission's conservation fund. This project began in 1990, when Town Meeting voted to proceed with an application for an LCIP grant. Our heartfelt thanks go to Ted Stewart and to Kenneth and Frances Doonan, whose donated conservation easements made this acquisition possible. The value of their easement gifts enabled the town to achieve the local match needed to qualify for the state grant.

A conservation easement is an agreement by a landowner never to develop an area of land; uses such as timbering and agriculture are allowed. Mr. Stewart's conservation easement covers 71.8 acres near the railroad trestle and runs for half a mile along both sides of scenic Jackson Road. The Doonans' easement covers 12.5 acres next to the town's Spaulding Brook land, protecting the shoreline of Spaulding Brook Pond. As people enjoy outdoor recreation on the town's beautiful Spaulding Brook property, we'll continue to be grateful to Ted Stewart and the Doonans, whose generous gifts of conservation easements made it all possible!

The Commission plans to hold a public meeting this spring to discuss management of this fine piece of land. All will be welcome to bring ideas as to how the land could be managed to achieve the best balance of conservation and recreational uses.

HOME HEALTH CARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason
January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1991
Annual Report

In 1991, Home Health Care and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. The following information represents a projection of Home Health Care Community Services' activities in your community in 1991. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1991 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

| <u>SERVICES OFFERED</u> | <u>SERVICES PROVIDED</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Nursing | 26 Visits |
| Physical Therapy | 0 Visits |
| Speech Pathology | 0 Visits |
| Occupational Therapy | 0 Visits |
| Homemaker | 0 Visits |
| Home Health Aide | 0 Visits |
| Medical Social Worker | 0 Visits |
| Nutritionist | 0 Visits |

Total Unduplicated Residents Served: 4

In addition to the above listed activities, regularly scheduled blood pressure clinics, child health clinics, and telephone consultations were made available to your residents throughout the year. Town funding, in part, supported these additional services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 1991 with all funding sources is projected to be \$1,950.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 1992, we recommend an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to continue home care services at the current level.

REPORT of the CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Aside from the roar of the lawnmowers and the buzz of the weedwhackers, 1991 was a fairly quiet one in the Mason Cemeteries. There was a little stir when hurricane "Bob" breezed through town and dumped a few heavy branches on the ornamental steel fence at Prospect Hill. After the branches were removed, the fence was meticulously repaired to its original condition by Channing Mould. Mr. Mould also did a fine job repairing the gate to this cemetery a few years ago.

The lime and fertilization program is beginning to show results. Corners of the cemeteries that have been brown for years are beginning to show a little more green and have a little more growth. We plan to continue this program.

Construction of the access road to the new cemetery lot (behind Prospect Hill) was begun late Spring. If we pass the Warrant Article, we plan to finish roughing in the road. When the lot is cleared, we will have it stumped and graded. This should make it easy to maintain with two or three yearly mowings. We will continue to improve the access road through the summer with roadside ditching materials and stones for a retaining wall.

Next year we will lay out some roads and probably will be ready to sell cemetery lots.

Respectfully submitted,

David Morrison
Wolfgang Millbrandt
Wallace Brown
Cemetery Trustees

DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 1991

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Residence</u> | <u>Cemetery</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Feb. 3 | Howard J. Miller | Fitchburg, Ma | Prospect Hill |
| Mar. 18 | Gerald R. Cady | Mason | Woodlawn, Nashua |
| Apr. 10 | Mark Dale Preston | Mason | Prospect Hill |
| June 20 | Walter Ferreniea | St. Cloud, Fl | Prospect Hill |
| Aug. 15 | Walter H. Ammon Sr. | Mason | Prospect Hill |
| Aug. 24 | Ann M. Graham | Mason | Prospect Hill |
| Nov. 18 | James Albert Wessells Jr. | Mason | Prospect Hill |
| Nov. 26 | Florence W. Barnes | Fitchburg, Ma | Prospect Hill |

BIRTHS in the TOWN OF MASON for the year ending December 31, 1991

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Hospital</u> | <u>Parents</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Jan. 1 | Eli Samuel Willson | Monadnock Peterborough | Janet Ruth Lindsay John Thomas Willson |
| Jan. 7 | Lauren Anna Fedorka | Memorial Nashua | Katherine Mareta Hodson Dennis Michael Fedorka |
| Jan. 25 | Rachel Elizabeth Aster | Memorial Nashua | Lisa Marie Brown Arthur David Aster |
| Mar. 19 | Kelley Grace Goss | Monadnock Peterborough | Linda Jane Van Bree Bruce Vernon Goss |
| Apr. 8 | Joseph Walter Lamy | Memorial Nashua | Linda Nancy Chabot Walter Edward Lamy |
| Apr. 15 | Martin Eugene Schank | Memorial Nashua | Janet Laura Crow Mark Alan Schank |
| Sep. 15 | Robert Timothy Paro, Jr. | St. Joseph Nashua | Rita Renee Gagnon Robert Timothy Paro |
| Sep. 25 | Benjamin Ryan Keenan | St. Joseph Nashua | Debra Jean LaPalme Kevin Millidge Keenan |
| Oct. 20 | Dylan James Brown | Home birth | Marybeth Edythe Hallinan Stanley Samuel Brown |
| Oct. 30 | Robert Charles Johansen | St. Joseph Nashua | Mary Ellen Ganem John Maurice Johansen |
| Dec. 3 | Ross Anthony Pepin | Memorial Nashua | Diana Lynn Varney Robert Anthony Pepin |
| Dec. 12 | Joseph Waldron Pellerin | St. Joseph Nashua | Nancy Jean Waldron James Allan Pellerin |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN OF MASON for the year ending December 31, 1991

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Residence</u> | <u>Married by</u> |
|-------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Aug. 24 | William Oliver Lord Denise Michelle Fortier | Mason, N.H. Mason, N.H. | Bonnie C. Evans Clergy |
| Sept. 1 | Daren Anthony Decoteau Cathleen Anne Mirabito | Mason, N.H. Mason, N.H. | Leo G. Gagnon Clergy |
| Oct. 6 | Timothy B. Hastings Cathleen Anne Straitiff | Fitchburg, Ma. Fitchburg, Ma. | Charlotte N. Hastings Justice of the Peace |
| Oct. 12 | Lee Hartley Siegman Michele Patricia McNenny | Mason, N.H. Mason, N.H. | James W. Christensen Clergy |

THE SOUHEGAN VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.
Annual Report 1991

The Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service, Inc. continues to provide efficient, professional, and quality service to the communities of Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich and Temple. This service is only possible due to our well-trained Driver/Attendants, all of whom are volunteers. Many of these volunteers are nationally registered Emergency Medical Technicians-Ambulance, and have also undergone advanced training to become EMT-Intermediates (which includes the administering of IV's and Advanced Life Support Techniques).

In order to provide continuous service, at least three attendants are scheduled to be on call every night from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Each attendant is scheduled approximately seven times a month, as well as answering calls during the day whenever possible. Daytime continues to be a very difficult period to cover, so there is a great need for volunteers who are able to spare some of their daytime for the service. Any resident of the four towns represented is encouraged to contact any Driver/Attendant or member of the Board of Directors if they would like to be part of our great organization.

The Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service, Inc. continues to operate at no cost to the individual requiring emergency service. We have worked very hard to keep our cost down and be able to provide top notch service and care. Your very generous donations have helped us to do just that. Many of the essentials we need to operate efficiently have come from your generosity.

We are not lacking in dedication and spirit from the many volunteers who respond to approximately 300 calls each year in our 100 sq. mile coverage area, doing so without any compensation. Our greatest need for many years has been a building in which we could house our ambulances and provide space for meetings and the ever on-going training.

With your generosity, the help of the local construction community, and especially the commitment by the students of the Mascenic Building Program, the construction of our new facility is now underway. This Ambulance Bay will be completed by the end of the school year and we look forward to inviting everyone to an open-house to see our beautiful building, constructed without the need of any tax money from the four towns we serve. All of us at SVAS would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the residents of our area for your on-going support of this project. Without your help, the construction of our new building could not have been accomplished.

**THE SOUHEGAN VALLEY
AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.**

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1991

OPERATING FUND

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance: January 1, 1991 | | \$13,630.72 |
| Receipts: | | |
| | Greenville | \$10,687.05 |
| | Mason | 5,108.40 |
| | New Ipswich | 18,285.30 |
| | <u>Temple</u> | <u>5,395.50</u> |
| | Total | 39,476.25 |
| Total | | 53,106.97 |
| Expenditures: | | |
| | Vehicles Gas | 2,070.92 |
| | Repairs | 1,788.50 |
| | Ambulance Supplies | 3,081.38 |
| | Communications Repairs | 1,196.87 |
| | Radios | 800.00 |
| | Insurance | 11,504.00 |
| | Office Services | 2,347.50 |
| | Office Expenses | 1,126.90 |
| | Telephone | 1,513.23 |
| | Training | 5,058.66 |
| | Miscellaneous Expenses | <u>309.60</u> |
| Total | | 30,797.56 |
| Subtotal | | 22,309.41 |
| Transferred to Capital Reserve | | 8,500.00 |
| Balance: December 31, 1991 | | \$13,809.41 |
| CAPITAL RESERVE | | |
| Balance: December 31, 1991 | | \$60,530.83 |

MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Mason Public Library added 363 cataloged items to its collection. Several were gifts of new or used books from various patrons. The library thanks them for their generosity.

Although circulation of materials was down this year, mainly because of an unusually slow summer, inter-library loans (that is, borrowing from and lending to other libraries) increased significantly. Also, 45 new patrons were registered, which is quite an increase.

A pamphlet describing services provided by the Mason Public Library was developed and made available early in the year. A listening center was established in a corner of the adult area so that patrons may listen to sound recordings from the library or from home. There is now a rotating collection of books-on-tape to make those commuting hours more enjoyable.

The library held a multitude of preschool storytimes and the annual summer reading program, designated "Some Enchanted Reading", developed by the New Hampshire Library Association. The Toadstool Bookshop in Milford donated five dollar gift certificates to the participants. The library also participated in the Mason Elementary School Halloween festivities and the town's Christmas Greening of Mason. The Mason Junior Girl Scout Troop did a great job decorating the library for the Christmas season.

The last Town Meeting brought to the trustees' attention the community's desire for more information about the library's plans for development. A Library Long-Range Planning Group has been formed, and will be defining the library's goals for the next several years.

Respectfully submitted,

The Mason Public Library
Board of Trustees

Pamela Steinberg
Kathleen D. Chase
Bette Lewicke

MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 1991

| | | |
|---|---------------------|--------|
| January 1, 1991 Account balance | \$ | 646.54 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Town appropriation | \$ 17,050.00 | |
| Gifts | 106.12 | |
| Fines, lost book fees, and sales of used books | 94.13 | |
| State funding | 0.00 | |
| Whitaker-Locke Trust income | 926.19 | |
| Fund raising | 0.00 | |
| NOW account interest income | 54.11 | |
| Florence Ward bequest | 200.00 | |
| | <u>\$ 18,430.55</u> | |

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Expenditures: | | |
| Salaries | \$ 14,009.75 | |
| Dues and fees | 216.00 | |
| Continuing education | 340.00 | |
| Postage | 75.00 | |
| Programming | 50.57 | |
| Supplies | 249.71 | |
| Telephone | 332.12 | |
| Travel | 127.80 | |
| Books | 2,626.87 | |
| Gifts(Books) | 97.55 | |
| NOW account service charge | 15.00 | |
| | <u>\$ 18,140.37</u> | |

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------|
| December 31, 1991 Account balance | \$ | 869.83 |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------|

| | <u>Cataloged books</u> | <u>PB books</u> | <u>AV materials</u> |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Added to collection: | 363 | 156 | 14 |
| Lost or withdrawn: | 178 | 172 | 2 |
| Total collection: | 7,692 | 1,414 | 183 |
| Total registered borrowers: | 461 | | |
| Number of library programs: | 24 | | |
| Participants in programs: | 196 | | |
| Number of materials borrowed: | 7,301 | | |
| Materials borrowed from other libraries: | 220 | | |
| Materials lent to other libraries: | 32 | | |

TOWN MEETING MARCH 12, 1991

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. She read the Warrant through Article #3. The polls were declared open at 12:02. There were 673 on the checklist. Polls were closed at 7:02 after 218 had voted. This included 3 absentee ballots.

Results were as follows:

Selectman for 3 years: Clifton W. Hastings 199
Treasurer for 2 years: Deborah Downey 210
Auditor for 1 year: Elisabeth Scanlon 53, Patricia A. Greene 135
Supervisor of the checklist for 1 year: Doris M. Polk
Library Trustee for 3 years: Bette Lewicke 192
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Wolfgang Millbrandt 200
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: George G. Schwenk 204
School Board member for 3 years: Arthur Godjikian 170
Write ins: Frank Cadwell 42
School Moderator for 3 years: Catherine Schwenk 198

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following provision with regard to the procedures for changing party affiliations: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 654:34-a permitting applications for changes in party affiliations to be made with the Town Clerk". (By petition, by ballot)

By ballot during voting hours: Yes 181, No 16

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance, as follows: "Delete Article XVII, Growth Management Ordinance, in its entirety, or take any other action relative thereto.

By ballot during voting hours: Yes 116, No 92

The Meeting was reopened at 8:02. Mrs. Schwenk went over the rules and procedure for the meeting. Note was made of minor errors in the Town Report.

Mrs. Schwenk presented a podium to the Town. It was one she had bought and then Mr. James Rowse added a top section and a light. Mr. Rowse had also made a ballot box for the Town's use.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the gift of Catherine Schwenk of a podium with a light and a ballot box from James Rowse. Mrs. Schwenk presented Mr. Rowse with a golden apple in appreciation of his work.

Selectman Anne Richards presented a plant to Mrs. Helen Craig in appreciation of her several years of service as Secretary to the Selectmen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher reported that the Town had received a grant of \$150,000 from the N.H. Land Conservation Investment Program. This will allow us to buy 163 acres from the Fletcher Liquidating Trust. This was made possible through easements given by Mr. Theodore Stewart and Mr. Kenneth Doonan. The land will be owned by the Town, to be used for conservation and other uses. Money had been voted in last year for surveying and appraising purposes.

Scout Jeremy Castonguay presented the colors. Mrs. Deborah Downey gave the invocation, after which Mrs. Schwenk led us in the salute to the flag.

The reading of the Warrant Articles was waived.

Permission was given to Pat Johannesen and Charles Kelley to speak on articles pertaining to them.

Article 4. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, or borrowing, or otherwise, the sum of \$554,904 for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.

The line items of the budget were reviewed. Note was made of an increase in the amount due the Wilton Recycling Center. Mrs. Johannesen reviewed the budget of the center and answered questions pertaining to it. Comments were made on the use of the center. A show of hands pointed out that about half of the voters present used the center.

The town voted to change the amount due the Wilton Recycling Center from \$24,00 to \$30,811.

Article 5. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$561,715 for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing. This included an increase of \$6811 in the cost of the Recycling Center.

The Town voted to advance Article 20 before Article 6.

Article 20. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,033.46 for the purchase of trailers, bucket/grapple, glass crusher, and roof for the Wilton Recycling Center, and authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants from the Governor's Recycling Grant Program in the amount of \$4,016.73 for the above mentioned equipment. This was by ballot vote. Yes 121, No 42.

Article 6. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,150 for the purchase of a used tanker truck for the fire department, and to authorize the withdrawal of 47,150 from the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund created for this purpose. This was by ballot vote. Yes 93, No 71.

Article 7. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to purchase radios for the Highway Department.

Article 8. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,857.91 to be added to the Highway Reserve Fund, and authorized the use/transfer of this same amount from the general fund balance.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,00 to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, and we voted to postpone Article 9 until our March 26th session. It will be item No 1 at that time.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,500 for the purchase of a work area desk for the Town Library, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$2,500 from the Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson Trust Fund to make this purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10. This article was defeated by hand vote. Yes 65, No 76.

Article 11. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the amount of \$375 to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund.

Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of Town owned property known as the Judith Pomerleau property (J-29) which was deeded to the Town in 1990, for consideration of Taxes, fees, penalties, and other associated costs, as justice may require.

Article 13. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,400 to purchase +9 acres of land from Mr. Charles E. Kelley (B-3) and authorized the Selectmen to dispose of this property at a price not less than the purchase price.

Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to accept the gift of a parcel of land, lot G6-1 of +1.605 acres, donated by Sandra Gray in memory of George Shaeffer, to be used to expand cemetery space.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to charge a fee of \$25.00 for all applications for tax abatements, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made seconded and passed to amend Article 15 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to charge a fee of \$25.00 for all applications for tax abatements. This fee would be returned, if the abatement has legitimate claim, if the taxes were indeed wrong.

This amendment was passed by hand vote. Yes 86, No 50.

Article 15. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to charge a fee of \$25.00 for all applications for tax abatements. This fee would be returned, if the abatement had legitimate claim, if the taxes were indeed wrong.

Article 16. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to make repairs to the Town hall building.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to change the intent of the Trust Fund set up by Article 15 at the 1986 Town Meeting from renovation of the stable located on the Benjamin Mann property to equipment for the Police Department and improvement of the present facility used by the Police Department.

Discussion was held as to the intent of the original Trust Fund. It was suggested that all donors to said fund be notified of the change, and to get permission from them to make this change.

Article 17. A motion was made seconded and passed to postpone this article until we reconvene on the 26th. It will be the 2nd item.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for the purchase of two radios for the Police Department, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the monies to make this purchase from the Police Equipment Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18. A motion was made, seconded and passed to postpone this article until we reconvene on the 26th. It will be the 3rd item.

Article 19. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to apply for matching funds from the State's Hazard Mitigation Funds, to match \$10,000 in funds appropriated at the 1990 Town Meeting, in the amount of \$10,000, and authorized the Selectmen to expend these funds for the repair and improvement of a section of the railroad bed.

This session of the Town Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 P.M.

We reconvened at 7:30 P.M. on March 26th for the continuation of the Town Meeting.

Moderator Catherine Schwenk called the meeting to order. Rev. Bonnie C. Evans gave the invocation, after which, Mrs. Schwenk led us in the salute to the flag.

Mrs. Schwenk thanked Mr. Ivan Johnson for the use of his sound equipment. She then made note of the fire exits, and reviewed rules and procedure for the meeting. Special mention was made of the fact that generally we do not reconsider articles once we start in on the next article.

Permission was given to Mr. Greg Hanselman to speak during the meeting.

Article 9 was read through and questions were answered pertaining to future plans for the library. During this time, Mr. Norman Ayvazian asked to speak. He made a few comments and requested that a limit be put on spending to help the retired tax payers.

Article 9. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund. This was by ballot vote. Yes 86, No 56.

A motion was made by Mr. Alfred Broadbent and seconded by Mr. Norman Ayvazian to reconsider Articles 6, 7, 13, and 19.

Mrs. Schwenk then asked, "Shall the ruling of the chair be sustained?" The Town voted to sustain the ruling of the chair, so no reconsideration was possible.

Article 17 was read and Mr. David Baker reported that they had sent letters to the 16 who had given money to the trust fund that had been set up at the 1986 Town Meeting. The 12 replies gave permission for the suggested change. He had spoken to the Municipal Association and they felt it proper to bring this article before the Town.

Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to change the intent of the Trust Fund set up by Article 15 at the 1986 Town meeting from renovations of the stable located on the Benjamin Mann property to equipment for the Police Department and improvement of the present facility used by the Police Department.

Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to indefinitely postpone this article, since it was not necessary to precede with it.

Questions were then asked about the money. Mr. Baker said it was for equipment for the Police Department, and would not effect the Tax Rate. There were no negative comments in regards to this action.

Article 21 was read and a discussion held. Mr. Kurt Lynn gave a media presentation showing some of the differences in the three Towns general outlook on education and on a comparison of data from other districts. Many had input on this subject.

Article 21. The Town voted to direct the Mascenic Regional School Board to conduct a study of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of the Mason School District from the Mascenic Regional district, in accordance with RSA 195:25.

This was by ballot vote. Yes 112, No 29

The following were sworn in at this time: Clifton W. Hastings, Deborah S. Downey, Patricia A. Greene, Doris M. Polk, Bette Lewicke, Wolfgang Millbrandt and George G. Schwenk.

Mr. Michael Bromberg gave a report on the status of the Cable con-

tract. Hopefully, work will start within a year. He explained the different programs being offered.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to conduct a study of the feasibility and suitability of implementing tax abatements of no more than \$1,000 per student to families who have students who pay tuition out of district for primary or secondary education, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to indefinitely postpone this article.

We adjourned at 9:44 P.M. Sine Dai

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AUG. 20, 1991

The Moderator opened the meeting, and requested that voters check in with the Supervisors. Non-voters were asked to identify themselves.

The Location of the fire exits were pointed out. Appreciation was expressed to the Fire Department for supplying lighting for this meeting, due to Hurricane Bob. Thanks were given to Ken and Sally Wilson for setting up the chairs.

The Moderator announced that the Special Town Meeting was not properly called due to an oversight. She conferred with the Secretary of State and attorney Bernie Waugh of the N.H. Municipal Association. Att. Waugh advised that any vote would not be legally valid and recommended that the special meeting be called to order and be immediately adjourned. The Selectmen concurred with this recommendation.

Mrs. Schwenk stated that she had discussed the following possibilities with the interested parties. Should the voters want to remain and discuss the school withdrawal issue after the adjournment, they may do so. Please be advised that this would be an informal discussion and that she is prepared to chair the meeting. If requested, a ballot vote can be taken. Voters were asked for comments before calling the Special Town Meeting to order.

Kurt Lynn encouraged us to proceed with an informal meeting so that we could make a decision. John Lewicke asked that we consider other alternatives that could be presented at the school meeting in March. A motion was made, seconded, and we voted to discuss the withdrawal issue after the adjourned Town Meeting.

Moderator Schwenk opened the Special Town meeting. Reading of the Warrant was waived. The motion was made, seconded and we voted to adjourn at 7:59 P.M.

Mrs. Schwenk then proceeded to chair the discussion. Town Clerk Charlotte Hastings offered to take notes. Note was made and permission granted for current students or recent graduates to make comments on this subject.

Kurt Lynn brought us up to date on the results of the Mason School Study committee. Copies of the 29 page report had been delivered to local residents. Many questions and concerns were expressed by those present. He was asked to explain the figures they presented. Many disagreed with their findings. What was the 50/50 included? Some felt that the report misled them in regards to the study requested at the school meeting. Mr. Godjikian explained that the school board felt that the RSA's forced them to proceed with the Mason withdrawal study before doing the 50/50 study. Could the three towns be assessed by the same outfit? Why were the 50/50 meetings held at odd times? Discussed penalties. What representation would we have in other districts?

Kurt Lynn expressed his views on the quality of education at Mas-

cenic. These comments were very negative. He stated that withdrawal will never be cheaper than now. He felt that a vote should be taken before the upcoming 50/50 meeting on the 22nd.

Three young people spoke. Both Susanne Milkovits and Nikki Smith, recent graduates, spoke with pride about the changes in the school and with the present administration. They expressed a very positive feeling in regards to the caring of the teachers. They felt students would be lost if they were to be in a different school system. Steve Wolpert moved to Mason a year ago and is very pleased with what he is offered at Mascenic. His father later confirmed this and said that after visiting the school, choose to live in this district.

Mr. Arthur Godjikian, Chairman of the School Board, asked to reply to Mr. Lynn's negative comments. He was surprised that no reference had been made to the updated buildings. They are much better than some of the schools that had been checked out. He defended the blend of young teachers and the more experienced ones. He regretted that our salaries are not as high as other districts, and added that he is proud of our teachers and staff.

A motion to move the question was passed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to vote on the withdrawal. This was to be done by a ballot vote.

The Moderator declared the polls open at 9:25 P.M. and they were closed at 9:38 P.M.

A motion was made by John Lewicke and seconded by Stanley Brown. The motion read. "It is the sense of this meeting that: if Mason can withdraw from the Mascenic School District without substantial financial impact to any of the Towns in the district, the Town would do so"

A short discussion was held. A motion was made, seconded and passed to table the motion until the results of the vote was announced.

"Should Mason Withdraw from the Mascenic Regional School District?"

120 voted. 36 yes, 83 no, 1 defective ballot.

Mr. Lewicke's motion was reread. Motion failed to pass.

Chair closed the meeting at 9:51 P.M.

Charlotte N. Hastings
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SEPT. 17, 1991

PUBLIC HEARING RE:CABLE TV

Moderator Catherine Schwenk called the meeting to order, Voters were asked if they had checked in with the Supervisors. Non-voters were asked to identify themselves, and to sign in. Fire exits were noted and the Moderator reviewed the rules we would follow.

It was announced that a set time for the Hearing is scheduled in accordance with RSA 53-C-3a to consider the non-exclusive franchise to Nashoba Cable within the Town of Mason. At that time, a motion will be made to continue the business of the Town Meeting after the hearing.

The Town Meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M. Permission was given to William Schuler and Catherine Shinney to speak on the matter regarding Nashoba Cable.

Thanks were expressed to Ken and Sally Wilson for setting up the hall, to the Supervisors and to the Town Clerk, who will take notes during the hearing.

A motion was made and seconded: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and grant a Cable TV franchise under NH RSA 53-C, or take any other action relative thereto".

Thanks were given to Michael Bromberg for his four years of work on the Cable proposition.

A motion was made, seconded to vote on the article at this time. The polls were open at 7:38 P.M. and closed, at 7:40 P.M.

Mr. Bromberg recapped the events of the past four years and commented on possible problems in certain areas of Town.

Mr. William Schuler described the options available to the subscribers. The basic package of 40 channels would be \$14.95 per month, an economy package is available for \$8.00. This would cover just the 13 broadcast channels. Premium options are offered at additional costs. There would be a charge for each additional TV connected to Cable. Installation would be free.

Attention was brought to the fact that Blueberry Lane, Greenville Rd, Pratt Pond Rd, Nutting Hill Rd and Abbott Hill Rd would not be included in this contract.

Discussion was held with residents of Greenville Rd, as to the availability of the Cable, as there are several houses in a small area. Mr. Schuler plans to look into this further.

Quite a few concerns were shared. It was stated that FCC does not regulate Cable fees at this time. The rates would remain the same for

two years, but people are wondering about future increases. The standard Cable contract is for 15 years.

Care would be shown when it is necessary to trim trees, especially in the Historic area of Town. Several free outlets will be installed in the center of Town. Why wasn't the Fire House included? What was the financial backing for the Cable Co? What N.H. Channels? Just 9 and 11. What is available for the school?

Concern was expressed because 2 way access is not offered to Mason at this time. Would we be included when the Boston games are blacked out? Not sure of that.

The Moderator reviewed the regulations. No questions came up.

No deposit would be required. All homes would be given boxes at the time of installation. Great concern was expressed in regard to future educational opportunities. Are we limited in the negotiated services? Subscribers would be free to cancel at any time.

The company has agents who will call at every home in Town. People were leary of them calling in the evening. The company feels evening hours would be best, as so many work. Selectmen were reluctant in having evening hours for soliciting.

Can we order by mail? They say no, as the agents need to be able to estimate the problems in the actual installations. Proper ID would be required, but people are hesitant, because of pressure selling.

It was suggested that we look into the TV Guide to note which Channels would be included in the different packages.

A motion was made, seconded, and we voted to adjourn the hearing at 9:05 P.M.

The Town Meeting was reconvened at 9:06 P.M. The vote on the article was announced.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and grant a Cable TV franchise under NH RSA 53-C, or take any other action relative thereto".

26 voted: 23 yes, 3 no. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Charlotte N. Hastings
Town Clerk

STATE BIENNIAL PRIMARY SEPT. 11, 1990

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. She read an update of election laws and the polls were declared open at 10:01 A.M.

Checklist total 599. Republican 280, Democrat 200, undeclared 200, Libertarian 1, 115 voted, which included 82 Republicans (2 absentee) and 33 Democrats (2 absentee).

Governor: Judd Gregg 62, Robert A. Bonser 17, Paul Blacketer 3, J. Joseph Grandmaison 11, Robert F. Preston 16.

United States Senator: "Tom" Christo 25, Theo de Winter 8, "Bob" Smith 43, Ewing "E.J." Smith 1, James W. Donchess 12, John A. Durkin 10, John Rauth 8.

Representative to Congress: "Chuck" Douglas 69, Dick Swett 19.

Executive Councilor: Bernard A. Streeter, Jr. 62 Nancy Richards-Stower 22.

State Senator: Thomas P. Magee 53, Barbara B. Pressley 25

Representative: (Write in) Webster Bridges 23, Betty B. Hall 23

Floterial District: Jeffrey C. MacGillivray 45, (Write in) Greg Hanselman 16, (Republican), (Write in) Greg Hanselman 19 (Democrat)

Voting details are on file with the Secretary of State's office. At the end of voting, we had 289 Republicans, 130 Democrats, undeclared 180. Turnout was 19.2% Polls were declared closed at 7:05 P.M.

STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTION NOV. 6, 1990

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk and the polls were declared open at 10:05 A.M.

Check list total 601. Republican 279, Democrat 121, undeclared 201. 362 voted, which included 12 absentees. Turnout was 60%.

Governor: Gregg 232, Grandmaison 108, Luce 12

U.S. Senator: Smith 228, Durkin 106, Elsnau 14

Congressman: Douglas 201, Swett 141

State Council: Streeter 194, Richards-Stower 135

State Senate: Magee 141, Presley 189

Rep. District 16: Bridges 168, Hall 184

Rep. Floterial: MacGillivray 148, Hanselamn 172

Details of County Officers are on file with the Secretary of State.

Vote on the Constitutional Amendment: Yes 273, No 53.

Charlotte N. Hastings

Town Clerk

These reports were left out of the 1990 Town Report in error.

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MASON'S OWN MARIE

She was born Marie A. Burke on June 11, 1933, at Queens, Long Island, New York, the oldest of three sisters. Following her elementary and high school education she graduated from Hunter College, and not long after that met a brilliant young scientist named Edward L. McCaffery. They were married and lived for a while in Philadelphia. Then Ed, with a Ph.D. in the field of polymer chemistry, became a professor at Lowell Technological Institute, so they moved to Lowell. Four children were born to them: Edward, Marianne, Eileen, and Jean. In 1967, when Jean was still an infant, Ed and Marie determined to have their children grow up in a rural environment among trees and fields, birds and wildflowers, brooks and ponds and hills. They bought the old Russell place on Russell Road here in Mason and made it their home. Ed became a dynamic citizen of our town -- a Volunteer Fireman, President of the Historical Society, Chairman of the Planning Board -- all the while commuting to Lowell to teach. But alas! In teaching the principles of radiation to his beloved graduate students Ed contracted the cancer caused by radiation. He died soon after the beginning of the year 1970, leaving Marie to raise their four lively and unusually capable children.

At first she felt overwhelmed by such a challenge. Could she do it -- all by herself? Soon she decided: of course she could! She had a college degree: why not teach? In the fall of 1970 she began teaching third grade at the Greenville Elementary School where she continued until 1977 when she came to teach second-graders in our Mason Elementary School.

By this time she had become such an active, respected, and enthusiastic citizen that when a Moderator of our Town Meeting moved away in November of 1976, Marie was appointed to take his place, thus becoming the first woman Town Moderator in the State of New Hampshire. There were some doubts and misgivings the first time she stood up on the platform, gavel in hand, at the Annual Town Meeting in March of 1977. But at adjournment time there was a storm of applause. Marie had managed to guide the controversial articles of the Warrant through treacherous straights and channels by means of her humor, her sense of fairness, and her genuine love and respect for her fellow-townpeople.

"It isn't all that difficult," she remarked at the time. "They may just be more polite with a woman standing before them."

She was elected then, and re-elected without opposition for the next ten years, and Town Meetings, instead of being dreaded, became pleasant experiences, truly enjoyable events.

During 1984-85 she devoted herself to the Antioch/New England Program in Keene and earned her master's degree.

Her teaching is inspired, creative, motivating, unique. "You teach what you are," she has often said. Her love of children and her perceptive understanding of their inmost needs has resulted in lifelong gratitude. All who have once been her pupils cherish what they learned from her. There is not a child in Mason today who does not love Mrs. McCaffery. Nor are there any parents who do not thoroughly appreciate her sensitive nurturing of their children's minds.

In 1987-88, taking her sabbatical year, she traveled to Australia. Having always bestowed so generously upon others the gifts of her time, her strength, and the enthusiasm of her spirit, she now had the opportunity of becoming more deeply acquainted with herself. She came home full of wonder and joy. Incomparable experiences in fellowship and a renewal of her spirit and her belief in the beauties of this world endowed her with even greater gifts to give and many marvels to share.

She is light, laughter, and love, together with very real, very human, very down-to-earth traits