

30 Acres at Pratt Pond
Patt' Dolong



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

1994



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

1994

Pen Drawing by Alice Berry from the cover of the 1946 Mason Town report.
Several other items have been reprinted from the same report.

INDEX

Appointed Town Officers	6
Auditors Report	9
Balance Sheet	20
Bonds	22
Budget 1995, Town Appropriations	10
Building Inspector's Report	29
Cemetery Report	34
Conservation Commission Report	32
Elected Town Officers	5
Fire Department Report	30
First Responder Report	31
Highway Department Report	28
Historic District Commission Report	na
Home Health Care and Community Services	33
Library Report	36
Monadnock Communications Report	na
Police Department Report	26
Planning Board's Report	27
Superintendent of Schools Report	45
Selectmen's Report	3
State Election Results	43
Statement of Appropriations & Expenses	20
Summary of Valuation	22
Tax Collector's Report	24
Tax Rate	22
Town Clerk's Report	25
Town Meeting 1994	39
Town Office Hours	4
Town Warrant	8
Treasurer's Report	21
Trustee of Trust Funds Report	23
Vital Statistics	34
War Service Tax Credit	22
Wilton Recycling Center	29

SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 1994

After the unfortunate shootings of several of our compatriots and town employees in other parts of the state and several ill timed comments by one of our citizens, the selectmen donned their bullet proof vests to the great amusement of the press. The rumor that at least one of our predecessors kept a loaded revolver on the table doesn't seem so preposterous to us now.

Other than an engine failure in one of the town dump trucks, the town was temporarily free of any major budget disasters. Even the tremendous snow storms of 93-94 fizzled for the start of the 94-95 season. Road Agent Dunn managed to absorb the engine loss into his budget and again return some funds to the town coffers. He claims this was the result of a mistimed year end bookkeeping report!

The tax appeals brought by New England Power and New England Telephone against the town are still pending. Although New England Power has managed to lose a few more cases elsewhere in the state.

Mascenic inter-town agreements are unfortunately still in the forefront. After failure to pass the "50% equalized value/50% student attendance" school funding formula in '92, the repeated failure of 50/50 in '93 and the subsequent failure of 75/25 in '94; we are now faced with 100/0. It's of little consolation that these sort of flare-ups are occurring all over the state. Special thanks to Peg Ahern, Ron Dube, et al. for manning the phones for school district meetings all these years.

Greenville has moved from Monadnock Communications to Milford Area Communications largely as a result of an attempt to change the funding formula there as well. This has and will continue to have a significant budget impact in Mason.

Our Ambulance relationship with Brookline appears to be working well and we are within budget even though we have had many more calls than initially projected. The local first responders have significantly reduced the time it takes for first aid to arrive. The town has had many donations, both large and small, to defray the costs of the ambulance and fire services. This of course relieves some of the budgetary pressures that are generated by the persons writing this report. Thanks to all those who help.

Sincerely,

Wolfgang Millbrandt

Anne Richards

Clifton Hastings

TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Mann House, 11:00 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: Town Hall, 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: Town Hall, 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

Catherine Schwenk	MODERATOR 2 yr term	March 1996
Charlotte N. Hastings	TOWN CLERK 3 yr term	March 1996
Diane M. Meehan, Appointed	DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	March 1996
Amy Laurencelle, Resigned Jeanne Hamel, Appointed	TREASURER 3 yr term	March 1996 March 1995
Jeanne Hamel, Appointed	DEPUTY TREASURER	March 1996
Wolfgang Millbrandt, Chairman Anne Richards Clifton Hastings	SELECTMEN 3 yr term	March 1995 March 1996 March 1997
Charlotte N. Hastings	TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term	March 1996
Diane M. Meehan, Appointed	DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	March 1996
Patricia Greene	AUDITOR 1 yr term	March 1995
Shirley Morley, Chairman Constance Lacasse Doris Polk, Resigned	SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term	March 1996 March 1998 March 1998
Linda Martin-Berke, Appointed Bette Lewicke Deborah A. Bishop, Appointed	LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term	March 1995 March 1997 March 1995
Wolfgang Millbrandt Wallace A. Brown David S. Morrison	TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term	March 1997 March 1995 March 1996
James Losee Reverend Bonnie Evans George Schwenk	TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term	March 1996 March 1995 March 1997

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

BALLOT CLERKS

Linda LeBlanc	March 1997
Sandra LeClair	March 1996
Pauline Bergeron	March 1997
Isabelle Farrey	March 1995

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Irene Cook, Chairman	March 1996
David Evans	March 1997
Michael Farrey	March 1995
Ralph LeClair	March 1997
Ted Saunders	March 1996

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Griffin, Chairman	March 1996
Bruce Mann	March 1995
Michael Goen	March 1995
William Downs	March 1996
Garth Fletcher, Alternate	March 1996
Constance Lacasse, Clerk	
Anne Richards, Ex-officio	

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Michael Davieau, Chairman	March 1995
Robert Bergeron	March 1995
Richard Laurencelle, resigned	March 1997
Ulysses Shields	March 1997
Kevin Casey, Alternate	March 1997
Anna M. Faiello, Alternate	March 1996
Amy Laurencelle, Clerk & Alternate, resigned	March 1996
Clifton Hastings, Ex-officio	

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Lewicke, Chairman	March 1997
Penelope Savard	March 1997
Cynthia Tibbetts	March 1995
Stanley Brown	March 1996
Martin Milkovits	March 1996
Dorothy Millbrandt	March 1996
Wolfgang Millbrandt, Ex-officio	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert LaRochelle, Chairman	March 1997
Gary Ellsworth	March 1997
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 1996
Edith Griffin	March 1997
Ann Preston	March 1997
Florence Roberts	March 1996

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cynthia Budrewicz, Chairman	March 1997
Paula Babel	March 1997
Marybeth Brown	March 1995
Wallace A. Brown	March 1995
Gretchen West	March 1996

POLICE OFFICERS

Robert L. Malboeuf
Kris Thibault
David Baker
Laurence Duval
Michael Farrey
John LeBlanc

Police Chief
Full Time Patrolman
Special Police Officer
Special Police Officer
Special Police Officer
Special Police Officer

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bruce W. Berry
David P. Cook
David Baker
Robert A. Bergeron
Frederick W. Greenwood
Francis Gavin
Ann Gavin Blum
Michael Blum
John Dube
F. Paul Gavin
Patricia G. Greene
Cheryl Greenwood
Edward Hamel
Jeanne Hamel
Clifton Hastings
Charles Lanni
John LeBlanc
John LeBlanc, Jr.
Robert L. Malboeuf
Michael O'Brien
Anne Richards
Rodney Stedman
Roland Theriault
Wallace A. Brown
James Campbell
Curtis M. Dunn

Fire Chief/First Responder/Warden
First Asst. Chief/Coordinator EMT-D/Deputy Warden
Second Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden
Captain
First Lieut.
Acting Second Lieut./First Responder
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
EMT-I-D
First Responder
EMT-D
First Responder
Firefighter/Deputy Warden
Firefighter
First Responder
Firefighter/First Responder
EMTA-D
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Deputy Warden
Deputy Warden
Deputy Warden

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

John Valentine, Chairman
Eric Anderson
Curtis Dunn
Florence Roberts
William Downs, Town Forester
Clifton Hastings, Ex-officio

March 1997
March 1996
March 1997
March 1996
March 1995

Curtis M. Dunn
Bruce W. Berry
Kenneth B. Wilson
Florence Wilson
Edward Hamel
Robert Rousseau
Kenneth B. Wilson
William Downs
David Morrison
Carol Fiset
Kenneth B. Wilson
David Cook

ROAD AGENT
ASSISTANT ROAD AGENT
BUILDING INSPECTOR
TOWN BUILDING CUSTODIAN
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR
DEPUTY CIVIL DEFENSE
HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT
TOWN FORESTER
SEXTON
HEALTH OFFICER
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER
WATER HOLE COMMITTEE

MASON TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 12:00 p.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 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 1995, for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Selectman	3 year
Treasurer	1 year
Auditor	1 year
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 year
Library Trustee	1 year
Library Trustee	3 year
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 year
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 year

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 raise and appropriate by taxation or borrowing, or otherwise the sum of Six Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Seventy Eight Dollars (\$652,078) for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.
3. To see if the Town will vote authorize the selectmen to enter into a lease agreement of Forty-Three Thousand Fifty-Six Dollars (\$43,056) for the purchase of a new truck, cab, chassis, dump body, plow and plow mount; and, to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Two (\$14,352) Dollars for the first year's payment for that purpose or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended By Selectmen (3-0; requires majority vote if lease has escape clause, or 2/3 ballot vote if lease has no escape clause).
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (not required if article 3 passes, otherwise recommended 3-0).
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase of ~~the~~ self contained breathing air packs and spare bottles, or take any other action relative thereto. Ten Thousand (\$10,000) of the Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) is to come from general taxation and the balance from borrowing. Recommended by Selectmen (2 1/2 - 1/2).
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4800) for the purchase of two video cameras to be used in the police cruisers, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500) for the purchase of computer equipment and software for police use, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) for the purchase of a fifty-two volume collection of From Sea to Shining Sea, a collection of books about the states for children's reference, and fifteen volumes of Cornerstones of Freedom, children's historical reference books, in order to update the Mason Public Library's collection in Juvenile Social Studies and History, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1, the dissenting vote feels that book purchases should be handled through general appropriations).

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$1,080) from surplus, these amounts received in 1993 and 1994 from the sale of surplus Highway Department equipment to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$83.33) from surplus, these amounts received in 1994 from the sale of cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department and with monies received to be placed in the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

12. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created in 1978. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

13. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to negotiate and enter into a long term communications contract. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

14. To see if the Town will allow the selectmen, town clerk and moderator to set the polling hours such power having been taken away by a ballot vote at this years state election.

AUDITOR'S REPORT - 1993

April 26, 1994

Full determination was made of all revenues, expenditures, liabilities and fund balances, Trust funds, bank balances, and unredeemed and uncollected taxes due to the Town of Mason in the year 1993, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Patricia A. Greene

Auditor, Town of Mason

2/23/95	1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	95/94
Town Officers' Salaries										
Selectmen	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	0.0%
Town Clerk	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0.0%
Treasurer	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0.0%
Auditor	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	0.0%
Moderator			350	350	115	115	300	300	100	-66.7%
	4,325	4,325	4,675	4,675	4,440	4,440	4,625	4,625	4,425	-4.3%
Fees in Lieu of Salaries										
Tax Collector	7,250	7,724	7,250	7,940	7,250	7,788	7,250	7,806	7,250	0.0%
Town Clerk	3,000	2,873	3,000	2,870	3,000	2,846	3,000	2,999	3,000	0.0%
	10,250	10,597	10,250	10,750	10,250	10,634	10,250	10,806	10,250	0.0%
Administration										
Administrative Asst	15,000	12,469	18,550	14,304	16,275	16,142	16,758	16,731	17,160	2.4%
Payroll taxes	2,700	2,508	1,710	3,035	2,700	2,705	2,850	2,736	2,850	0.0%
Health insurance	2,100	2,057	5,060	5,138	5,500	5,487	6,030	5,965	5,966	-1.1%
Workers comp.	323	323	160	158	160	342	893	766	850	-4.8%
Advertising	100	187	100	29	100	0	75	43	65	-13.3%
Bank service charges	50	291	300	425	300	619	400	678	650	62.5%
Association dues	100	35	50	85	85	35	50	35	50	0.0%
State Dog Fees							0	508		
Bonds	650	612	625	602	625	677	650	0	500	-23.1%
Conferences	1,500	655	1,000	846	1,200	517	600	994	600	0.0%
Computer services	2,500	2,215	1,500	1,730	1,700	1,610	1,700	1,561	1,700	0.0%
Mileage	400	333	150	216	150	200	150	289	200	33.3%
Contingency	250	256	250	185	250	70	200	190	200	0.0%
Postage	850	935	850	921	900	933	900	930	1,000	11.1%
Registry fees	200	297	250	286	250	542	250	341	250	0.0%
Repairs & maintenance	300	65	300	333	300	2,620	300	180	200	-33.3%
Retirement ins										
Office supplies	1,600	1,583	1,200	1,169	1,200	1,333	1,200	1,525	1,200	0.0%
Telephone	850	820	850	739	850	636	750	682	750	0.0%
Town reports	1,100	1,510	650	621	650	526	650	624	650	0.0%
	30,573	27,151	33,566	31,463	33,960	35,781	35,216	35,580	35,699	1.4%

2/23/95	1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	95/94
Cemetery Expenses										
Cemetery maintenance	1,000	990	850	406	900	725	1,000	1,295	1,500	50.0%
Cemetery salaries	4,500	4,455	4,700	5,311	5,000	5,085	5,500	5,694	5,500	0.0%
Payroll taxes	400	339	360	406	384	389	421	424	421	0.0%
Workers comp.					0	718	810	810	930	14.8%
	5,900	5,784	5,910	6,123	6,284	6,917	7,731	8,223	8,351	8.0%
Reappraisal of Property										
Assessing	5,000	5,424	5,000	4,335	5,000	3,263	5,200	5,220	6,200	19.2%
Tax map update	875	875	875	850	800	450	500	465	485	-3.0%
	5,875	6,299	5,875	5,185	5,800	3,713	5,700	5,685	6,685	17.3%
Town Building Expenses										
Custodian salaries	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,902	3,800	3,650	3,800	3,575	3,800	0.0%
Supplies	150	83	150	131	150	46	100	27	125	25.0%
Heat	2,300	2,294	2,300	1,787	2,200	1,963	2,200	1,651	2,200	0.0%
Electricity	1,800	1,362	1,500	1,605	1,600	1,583	1,600	1,949	2,000	25.0%
Repairs & maintenance	2,500	2,183	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,630	2,500	2,152	2,500	0.0%
	10,550	9,722	10,250	9,919	10,250	10,872	10,200	9,355	10,625	4.2%
Employment/Insurance Expenses										
Misc Payroll Taxes/Works Comp		3,950		-314		0				
Accident/Health Insurance	1,200	1,365	1,400	1,436	1,452	1,398	1,968	1,932	1,968	0.0%
Unemployment taxes	1,200	865	1,000	794	1,000	894	1,000	812	700	-30.0%
Liability insurance	21,500	23,004	23,000	20,987	23,000	20,720	23,000	20,309	22,000	-4.3%
	23,900	29,184	25,400	22,897	25,452	23,013	25,968	23,053	24,688	-5.0%
Planning & Zoning										
Salaries	1,400	405	1,400	1,013	1,400	968	1,400	665	1,200	-14.3%
Payroll taxes	110	36	100	77	100	73	100	50	92	-8.0%
Advertising	500	212	500	400	500	229	400	240	300	-25.0%
Training	100	101	100	0	100	0	50	0	0	-100.0%
Board of Adjustment	400	0	200	197	200	43	50	102	50	0.0%
Historic District Commission	50	35	50	30	50	48	50	0	50	0.0%
SW Reg. Planning/Consulting	2,200	1,000	1,500	1,212	1,224	1,374	1,220	1,220	1,370	12.3%
Supplies	150	43	75	216	200	205	150	108	150	0.0%
Postage	200	181	200	297	200	150	150	116	150	0.8%
	5,110	2,012	4,125	3,442	3,974	3,069	3,570	2,503	3,362	-5.8%

2/23/95	1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	96/94
Building Inspection										
Bldg inspector-fees	2,700	560	1,600	1,123	1,600	889	1,000	1,137	1,000	0.0%
Payroll taxes	230	43	150	86	150	68	77	88	77	0.0%
Expenses	300	137	200	127	200	199	200	192	300	50.0%
	3,230	740	1,950	1,336	1,950	1,156	1,277	1,417	1,377	7.8%
Health & Welfare										
Health officer	50	0	50	0	50	0	25	0	25	0.0%
Animal control	500	320	500	490	1,400	735	500	474	2,000	300.0%
Town poor	1,500	0	1,500	1,675	2,000	1,380	2,000	1,398	2,000	0.0%
Nashua Mediation	100	0								
Visiting nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%
	3,650	1,820	3,660	3,666	4,960	3,615	4,026	3,372	6,526	37.3%
Ambulance										
Ambulance Service Fee	5,108	5,108	6,521	6,521	6,811	4,711	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%
Supplies							1,000	1,999	1,000	0.0%
Training							1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%
Workmens Comp										
	5,108	5,108	6,521	6,521	6,811	4,711	5,500	5,499	6,900	25.5%
Library										
Library salaries	14,032	14,010	14,835	14,750	14,880	14,879	15,315	15,315	15,744	2.8%
Payroll taxes	1,110	7,094	1,135	1,151	1,150	1,138	1,172	1,178	1,205	2.8%
Worker's Comp.							66	66	60	-9.1%
Dues, fees & educ	440	556	555	317	677	560	505	436	526	3.0%
Equipment maintenance			0	0	45	45	0	0	0	0
Postage	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	0.0%
Programming	50	50	50	50	50	49	125	122	125	0.0%
Matching Funds									150	
Supplies	200	250	200	200	125	124	175	174	175	0.0%
Telephone	360	332	360	364	360	325	409	370	420	2.7%
Travel	130	128	150	150	170	170	190	190	210	10.5%
Books	1,763	1,737	1,730	1,730	1,796	1,815	2,000	1,998	2,000	0.0%
	18,180	18,232	19,090	18,787	19,330	19,180	20,032	19,925	20,884	3.3%

2/23/95	1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	96/94
Parks & Recreation										
Grounds improvements/repairs	520	303	220	348	220	220	220	488	300	36.4%
Lawn supplies	430	192	430	339	300	292	300	214	300	0.0%
Mowing	300	255	600	624	600	600	600	469	600	0.0%
Recreation area expenses	240	0	240	111	240	220	240	280	300	25.0%
Stone dust	120	0	120	24	250	95	250	0	250	0.0%
Toilet facilities	125	25	125	0	125	20	75	50	125	66.7%
Trash removal	60	0	60	30	60	63	60	93	80	33.3%
Activities/Rec day	350	298	350	250	350	223	350	402	450	28.6%
Patriotic purposes	300	217	300	217	300	300	400	399	500	25.0%
Electricity	80	56								
Street lighting	800	757	800	808	800	782	860	902	926	7.7%
Town common	2,500	2,448	2,500	2,694	2,500	2,698	2,700	2,727	2,700	0.0%
Payroll taxes	200	185	200	200	200	205	207	203	207	0.0%
Worker's Comp					0	292	317	341	317	0.0%
	6,025	4,736	5,945	5,645	5,945	6,010	6,579	6,548	7,056	7.2%
Water Hole										
Water hole & dry hyd	1,000	0	1,000	995	1,000	905	1,000	304	1,000	0.0%
House & water hole #'s	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	125	25.0%
	1,100	100	1,100	1,095	1,100	1,005	1,100	404	1,125	2.3%
New Hampshire Municipal Asso.	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	0.0%
Wilton Recycling Center	30,811	28,878	32,027	32,027	35,192	35,192	32,887	30,536	30,326	-7.8%
Communication Expenses	19,030	19,030	21,035	21,035	21,168	21,166	23,787	23,785	32,594	37.0%
Legal Expenses	5,000	1,166	3,000	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	5,000	66.7%
Civil Defense	100	100	100	100	100	0	50	0	50	0.0%
Conservation Commission	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%
Election Expenses	500	501	2,575	765	500	296	800	752	689	-13.9%
Town Forestry Committee									7,500	new

The new Town Forestry line item will be totally offset by revenues. This is a bookkeeping item to allow expenditures of generated funds.

94 EMT training/supplies were split between line items and warrant article 94#6. Actual startup costs were \$8,769 supplies, \$3,120 radios, \$1,730 training, \$3,500 to Brookline.

The town received \$1850 (ambulance), \$2250 (fire) and \$100 police in donations, large and small, to offset the costs of emergency services.

2/23/95	1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1996	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	95/94
Highway Town Maintenance										
Road agent salary	27,435	27,528	30,257	30,079	31,111	31,103	31,332	31,284	32,525	3.8%
Asst road agent salary	24,133	23,839	25,336	25,265	25,557	25,557	26,322	26,296	27,117	3.0%
Equipment operator	20,576	19,986	21,562	20,413	21,754	19,921	22,415	21,834	23,096	3.0%
Other salaries	20,000	27,519	24,500	31,119	26,000	30,798	27,500	34,017	30,000	9.1%
Overtime wages	11,000	7,503	10,000	9,005	10,000	9,489	11,000	8,518	11,000	0.0%
Payroll taxes	6,900	8,374	8,560	9,057	8,800	9,020	9,071	9,263	9,470	4.4%
Health insurance	10,350	10,769	11,125	11,329	12,960	11,891	12,969	12,855	13,408	3.4%
Workers comp.	6,215	6,215	3,108	2,894	4,000	1,400	14,459	13,625	13,000	-10.1%
Retirement	4,000	4,000	4,300	4,225	4,550	4,610	4,750	4,524	4,750	0.0%
Consulting engineer	350	20	250	0	250	111	200	0	200	0.0%
Mileage	1,700	1,653	1,700	1,739	1,700	1,788	1,850	1,722	2,000	8.1%
Fire equipment rental	350	0	350	0	350	33	350	0	350	0.0%
Calcium chloride	8,000	9,261	8,000	8,558	9,000	10,300	10,000	10,264	11,000	10.0%
Crusher	4,000	5,215	4,000	3,990	4,000	2,308	4,000	0	5,000	25.0%
Culverts	500	1,960	500	(328)	1,000	180	1,000	513	1,000	0.0%
Oil - pug mill	5,500	4,247	5,500	5,786	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,360	5,500	0.0%
Oil - sealing	10,000	6,800	8,000	8,089	10,500	10,084	11,500	11,536	14,000	21.7%
Patch	2,000	904	2,000	2,286	2,000	1,984	2,000	2,078	2,000	0.0%
Salt	5,000	4,844	3,750	5,037	5,000	4,631	4,000	3,649	5,500	37.5%
Tractor rental	500	192	250	36	150	378	150	0	0	-100.0%
Truck rentals	0	560	250	400	300	40	300	0	300	0.0%
Plowing	12,000	6,286	12,000	4,606	12,000	13,398	16,000	13,729	14,000	-12.5%
	180,809	177,888	185,288	183,664	186,482	194,523	216,668	211,066	225,216	3.9%
Highway Dept. Expenses										
Building maintenance	4,000	4,087	3,500	2,144	3,000	3,735	3,000	3,306	4,000	33.3%
Chairs	1,000	520	800	563	600	782	600	198	600	0.0%
Chainsaw repairs	350	316	350	312	300	90	400	36	500	50.0%
Dues & education	700	508	550	283	550	547	600	190	500	-16.7%
Edges for plows & graders	800	797	1,200	902	1,000	1,165	1,200	1,101	1,200	0.0%
Electricity	1,100	1,146	1,300	1,317	1,500	1,630	1,800	1,764	2,050	13.9%
Equipment maintenance	15,000	16,332	15,000	17,616	16,000	18,058	15,000	22,793	17,000	13.3%
Fuel	12,000	11,681	12,000	10,117	12,000	8,854	11,000	9,736	11,000	0.0%
Radios	800	495	600	390	600	932	800	547	800	0.0%

2/23/95	1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1996	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	95/94
Highway...										
Telephone	700	622	800	677	700	705	850	877	1,000	17.6%
Tires	1,500	2,220	1,500	1,734	1,500	1,865	2,500	879	2,500	0.0%
Safety equipment	1,000	832	1,000	1,021	1,000	437	1,000	1,077	1,000	0.0%
Tools	600	543	600	818	800	886	800	1,154	800	0.0%
Wedding supplies	400	218	400	132	400	1,394	400	253	300	25.0%
Subtotal	39,960	40,317	39,600	38,044	39,960	41,081	39,960	43,910	43,360	8.6%
Total Highway Expenses	220,459	218,002	224,888	221,608	236,432	236,604	256,618	254,976	268,566	4.7%
Mr. Dunn would like to point out that '94's Workmen's Compensation refunds exceeded expenditures. This is in part due to our excellent safety record and in part due to the fact that past high rates allowed the return of considerable interest income.										
Some increases in the highway appropriations are partially offset by an increase in revenues from the state block grant.										
Police Department										
Chief's salary	28,875	31,975	32,488	32,488	32,611	32,611	33,589	33,589	34,597	3.0%
Fulltime Officer	23,500	9,204					19,240	18,903	20,680	7.5%
Officers' salaries	4,000	10,068	20,842	20,635	20,674	22,266	9,028	9,040	9,028	0.0%
Payroll taxes	1,400	1,353	2,065	2,093	2,055	2,127	1,457	1,472	1,493	2.5%
Health insurance	10,100	7,039	5,060	5,138	5,500	5,460	8,585	8,462	8,494	-1.1%
Workers comp.	2,240	2,240	1,120	1,081	1,120	758	3,525	3,525	4,000	13.5%
Retirement	3,600	2,728	3,021	1,430	1,640	1,177	2,642	1,904	2,212	-16.3%
Conventions & dues	200	107	300	120	300	150	200	240	200	0.0%
Cruiser fuel	3,000	2,179	2,500	2,182	2,500	1,754	2,000	2,261	2,350	17.5%
Cruiser maintenance	2,000	3,558	2,500	4,576	2,500	1,684	2,000	2,526	2,500	25.0%
Cruiser lease	5,950	6,429	5,950	5,916	6,900	6,893	6,900	6,893	6,900	0.0%
Office expenses	1,900	2,071	2,000	2,162	2,000	1,730	2,000	2,160	2,250	12.5%
Training	300	930	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,494	1,000	1,010	1,000	0.0%
Uniforms	2,000	2,210	3,000	3,104	1,000	1,337	1,000	1,090	1,000	0.0%
Equipment & maintenance	0	358	0	0	1,000	2,054	1,000	1,461	1,000	0.0%
Reports & permits	450	0	450	323	1,000	318	500	298	500	0.0%
	89,515	82,448	83,396	83,349	82,900	82,814	94,666	94,836	98,204	3.7%

2/23/95	1991		1992		1993		1994		1995		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	95/94
Fire Department											
Fire Chief's salary			0		1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%
Other Stipends	300	0	300	51	100	28	50	60	75	5,000	0.0%
Warden training	401	401	200	38	200	109	700	600	992	6,000	50.0%
Workers comp.	3,600	2,401	3,000	2,667	3,000	2,543	2,500	2,514	2,600	992	-14.3%
Utilities	1,000	915	1,000	834	1,000	698	800	718	800	800	0.0%
Telephone	800	595	800	392	800	901	800	786	800	800	0.0%
Radio repair	1,800	1,461	1,800	881	1,200	752	1,000	700	750	750	-25.0%
Fuel	400	313	400	380	400	239	250	246	250	250	0.0%
Code books	1,000	995	1,000	668	1,250	1,183	1,200	1,081	1,200	1,200	0.0%
Training	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,318	2,500	2,333	3,500	3,664	3,500	3,500	0.0%
Equipment & Maint	500	503	500	402	500	661	1,200	1,051	1,500	1,500	25.0%
Bld maintenance	500	523	500	544	500	269	600	623	1,100	1,100	83.3%
Officers expenses/Dues	150	192	200	176	200	190	200	190	200	200	0.0%
Insurance	3,500	3,270	4,000	3,686	4,000	4,119	4,000	4,021	4,000	4,000	0.0%
Vehicle maintenance	350	325	350	293	350	63	300	285	350	350	16.7%
Expendables							2,000	1,703	500	500	-75.0%
Hepatitis Vaccine Program											
Subtotal	16,801	14,393	16,650	13,325	17,600	15,587	26,600	25,742	25,725	25,725	-3.3%
Fire truck bond principal	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.0%
Fire truck bond interest	5,743	5,743	4,730	4,730	3,718	3,718	2,705	2,705	1,693	1,693	-37.4%
Truck engine replacement			4,250	4,250							
Total Fire Dept.	37,544	35,136	40,630	37,305	36,218	34,305	44,305	43,447	42,418	42,418	-4.3%
Interest Tax Notes	23,000	26,701	20,000	18,616	20,000	7,483	15,000	18,844	18,000	18,000	20.0%
Abatements & Refunds		7,225		1,128		2,799		4,644			
Total Appropriations	556,607	539,821	567,747	542,914	578,006	551,082	614,886	610,813	652,078	652,078	6.0%
Increase over prior year	1.02%		2.00%		1.81%		6.36%		6.05%		
Total Budget Proposed	554,904		561,572		578,006		608,886		652,078		
Total Budget Voted	561,715		567,747		578,006		614,886				

2/23/95	1991		1992		1993		1994		1995		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	95/94
Warrant Articles '91											
91#6 Fire Tanker Truck	22,150	22,138 (\$7,150 Cap Reserve)									
91#7 Hwy Radios	1,200	1,131									
91#8 Hwy Cap Reserve	2,858	2,858									
91#9 Library Capital Res	5,000	5,000									
91#13 Town Kelley Land	11,400	11,400									
91#16 Town Hall Repair	10,000	8,543									
91#20 Wilton Recycling	8,033	711									
	60,641	51,781 (\$3,491 by Taxation)									
Warrant Articles '92											
92#4 Hwy Office Building			16,000	16,000							
92#5 Hwy Capital Reserve			15,000	15,000							
92#6 Cemetery Improvement			10,000	9,951 (10,000 Cap Reserve)							
92#8 Historic Tom's House			3,000	1,806 (3,000 Worcester Fund)							
92#9 Town Computer			2,000	2,000							
92#10 Town Photocopier			1,200	1,200							
92#11 Library Encyclopedia			1,000	814							
92#19 Cemetery Transfer			200	200							
			48,400	46,971 (\$5,000 By Taxation)							
Warrant Articles '93											
93#4 Hwy Loader			75,000	75,000							
93#7 Cemetery layout			5,000	5,000 (25,000 Cap Reserve, 25,000 borrow)							
93#8 Cemetery access			1,000	1,000 (5,000 Cap Reserve)							
93#9 Library Capital			2,000	2,000 (1,000 Cap Reserve)							
93#10 Historic Tom's House			3,000	3,000 (3,000 Worcester Fund)							
93#11 Town Hall Repair			3,500	3,500							
93#12 Town Hall Repair			2,450	2,450							
93#13 Town Revaluation			13,000	13,000							
93#14 Health Gateway			418	418							
93#15 Cemetery Transfer			441	442							
			105,809	105,810 (46,809 by Taxation)							

2/23/95	1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	96/94
Warrant Articles '94										
94#5 Hwy Loader(93 borrowing)							25,000	25,000		
94#6 Ambulance							11,000	11,000		
94#7 Town Hall Furnace							7,000	6,838		
94#9 Cemetery Capital							5,000	5,000		
94#10 Library Capital							5,000	5,000		
94#12 Hwy Rate							3,000	2,992		
94#14 Town Vapors & Pump							2,500	1,820		
94#15 Sped Evaluation							2,000	0		
94#17 Cemetery/Hwy Transfer							192	192		
							60,692	67,843		
Warrant Articles '95										
95#4 Dump Truck							1/3 payment by taxation		14,352	14,352
95#5 Equip Cap Reserve							Not required if #4 passes		25,000	0
95#6 Fire Dept Air Tanks							1/2 payment by taxation		20,000	10,000
95#7 Police Video									4,800	4,800
95#8 Police Computer									1,500	1,500
95#9 Library Books									1,000	1,000
95#8 Highway Equip From Surp									1,080	1,080
95#9 Cemetery Transfer									83	83
									67,815	32,815

2/23/95	1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	96/94
SUMMARY										
Town Assessments										
Total Appropriations	556,607	539,821	567,747	542,914	578,006	551,082	614,886	610,813	652,078	6.0%
Total Warrants	60,641	51,781	48,400	46,971	105,809	105,810	60,692	60,692	32,815	-45.9%
Less Revenues	236,636	236,636	230,588	230,588	246,434	258,118	230,000	228,964	230,000	
Expenses less Revenues	380,612	354,966	385,559	369,296	437,381	398,774	445,578	442,541	454,893	2.1%
Other Assessments										
School District Assessment	992,297	992,297	954,770	954,770	929,978	929,978	1071525	1025876	1151714	7.5%
Hillsborough County	111,625	111,625	111,236	111,238	124,425	125,393	130,409	105,745	109,975	-15.7%
Total Taxation	1,484,534	1,458,888	1,451,567	1,425,304	1,491,784	1,454,145	1,647,512	1,574,102	1,716,582	4.2%
Valuation(total - exemptions)	40,289,850	40,289,850	40,885,550	40,885,550	42,619,300	42,619,300	43,598,100	44,484,550	45,463,350	2.2%
Budget Tax Rate	\$36.85	\$36.21	\$35.50	\$34.86	\$35.00	\$34.12	\$37.79	\$35.39	\$37.76	
Actual Rate		\$35.99		\$36.59		\$34.35		\$34.96		
Notes:										
The '95 school district assessment is from a proposed budget of \$8,024,076 (up 6.0%) plus \$121,000 in warrants times an estimated ADM factor .1414 (was .1388)										
Budget numbers on this page are mostly estimates, some better than others.										
Finally note that the increase of "Town budget plus warrants less revenues" of 2.1% matches the increase in valuation of 2.2%. Barring any revenue or tax appeal surprises, the town portion of your tax bill should remain the same.										
If somebody throws a cricket into the stew, please don't blame the cook.										

TOWN OF MASON
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance
For the year ended December 31, 1994

REVENUES:	1994	1993
Highway Block Grant	\$49,202	\$48,206
Shared revenue	30,807	32,939
Other state grants	515	590
Property taxes	1,547,983	1,484,644
Yield taxes	6,897	9,018
Land use change taxes	7,960	0
Motor vehicle fees	97,461	83,863
Penalties and interest	18,533	22,201
Licenses and permits	3,753	3,227
Interest income	17,095	4,110
Dog licenses	2,289	1,701
Other	24,914	52,263
Total revenues	1,807,409	1,742,762
EXPENDITURES:		
General government	106,160	117,087
Cemeteries	13,223	12,917
Public safety	166,825	126,438
Highways	283,870	286,386
Sanitation	30,536	35,192
Health & Welfare	3,372	4,033
Education	1,025,816	929,978
Culture and recreation	32,071	27,908
Debt service	36,549	26,201
County taxes	105,745	125,393
Total expenditures	1,804,167	1,691,533
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	3,242	51,229
Other financing sources:		
Interfund transfers	6,500	0
Unexpended encumbrances	255	2,260
	6,755	2,260
Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	9,997	53,489
Fund balance beginning	167,976	114,487
Fund balance ending	\$177,973	\$167,976

TOWN OF MASON
Combined Balance Sheet
At December 31, 1994

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consrv Comm	Forestry Comittee	All Funds
Cash	\$427,829	\$27,387	\$121,066	\$3,391	\$4,730	\$584,403
Debit Memo	100					\$100
Deeded property	8,387					\$8,387
Unredeemed taxes	87,929					\$87,929
Uncollected taxes	174,142					\$174,142
Total assets	\$698,387	\$27,387	\$121,066	\$3,391	\$4,730	\$854,961
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Accounts payable	\$0					\$0
Encumbrances	7,503					7,503
Payroll taxes payable	3					3
Due to schools	512,908					512,908
Total liabilities	520,414	0	0	0	0	520,414
Fund balances	177,973	27,387	121,066	3,391	4,730	329,817
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$698,387	\$27,387	\$121,066	\$3,391	\$4,730	\$850,231

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 1994	459,109
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	99,913
Tax Collector	1,571,829
Selectmen	82,902
Interest income Fleet	3,838
Interest income NHPDIP	13,258
Tax Anticipation Loans	900,000
Gifts received	4,220
Total cash available	3,135,069
Selectmen's orders paid	1,536,212
Payroll disbursements	247,289
Tax anticipation loans repaid	900,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	18,844
Gifts paid out	4,142
Bank service charges	753
Total monies paid out	2,707,240
Cash on hand, December 31, 1994	427,829

Jeanne Hamel, Treasurer

TOWN OF MASON BONDS

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

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	12,330,750
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	590,350
Conservation Restriction Assessment	1,700
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	28,837,250
Public Utilities (PSNH & NET)	2,841,100
Valuations Before Exemptions	<u>44,601,150</u>
EXEMPTIONS	
Elderly Exemptions	95,000
Solar Exemptions	<u>9,400</u>
	<u>104,400</u>
NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE	44,496,750

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT

	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	2	\$2,800
All Other Qualified Persons.....	\$100	66	\$6,600

1994 TAX RATE

Town	9.95
County	2.35
School	22.66
Total Rate	\$34.96

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

	PRINCIPAL			INTEREST			TOTAL
	Beginning Balance	Funds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Receipts (Disburseals)	Fund Balance
TRUST FUNDS							
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$4,642.17	\$524.49		\$16,229.73
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$6,038.90	\$547.19		\$17,055.45
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$21,378.66	\$166.67	\$21,545.33	\$5,483.20	\$881.26	(\$1,500.00)	\$26,409.79
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$3,476.67	\$83.33	\$3,560.00	\$4,787.57	\$266.97		\$8,613.54
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$4,425.10	\$1,101.02		\$30,526.12
Whittaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$401.27	\$383.90	(\$348.43)	\$11,244.81
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$593.79	\$426.56		\$10,986.97
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$92,162.45	\$250.00	\$92,412.45	\$26,372.00	\$4,130.39	(\$1,848.43)	\$121,066.41
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS							
Highway Capital Equipment	\$880.00	\$200.00	\$1,080.00	\$3,377.80	\$147.54		\$4,605.34
Town Reevaluation			\$0.00	\$2,194.97	\$81.44		\$2,276.41
Cemetery Land Purchase	\$3,476.00	(\$3,476.00)	\$0.00	\$2,808.87	\$142.31	(\$1,524.00)	\$1,427.18
Fire Equipment	\$12,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$195.12	\$4.99		\$200.11
Library Building			\$17,000.00	\$1,305.83	\$453.27		\$18,759.10
Police Cruiser			\$17,000.00	\$116.92	\$1.93		\$18,855.85
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$16,356.00	\$1,724.00	\$18,080.00	\$9,999.51	\$831.48	(\$1,524.00)	\$27,386.99
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$108,518.45	\$1,974.00	\$110,492.45	\$36,371.51	\$4,961.87	(\$3,372.43)	\$148,453.40

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

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Bonnie Evans

James Lasee

George Schwab

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 31, 1994

	Levies of:	
	1994	Prior
Uncollected Taxes, Jan. 1, 1994:		
Property Taxes		\$173,710.33
Land Use Change Taxes		0.00
Yield Taxes		1,624.37
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$1,547,982.70	
Land Use Change Taxes	7,960.00	
Yield Taxes	6,896.51	
Interest & fees	44.39	
Overpayments:		
Property Taxes	1,076.08	
Yield Taxes		
Interest & fees	11.77	411.71
Interest Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes	247.46	8,769.30
Costs Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes		1,451.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,564,218.91	\$185,966.71
Remitted To Treasurer During Year:		
Property Taxes	\$1,375,710.79	\$173,710.33
Land Use Change Taxes	3,485.65	0.00
Yield Taxes	5,415.27	1,495.37
Interest On Taxes	303.62	9,166.01
Costs	0.00	1,466.00
Overpayments	1,076.08	0.00
Abatements Allowed:		
Property and Land Use Taxes	3,000.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	1,214.74	129.00
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1993:		
Property Taxes	172,271.91	
Land Use Change Taxes	1,474.35	
Yield Taxes	266.50	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,564,218.91	\$185,966.71

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 31, 1994

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:		
	1993	1992	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		\$38,640.13	\$8,305.37
Taxes Sold to Town	\$99,411.64		
Interest & Costs Collected After Sale	1,776.24	3,711.82	2,248.64
Returned checks		15.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$101,187.88	\$42,366.95	\$10,554.01
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$27,899.47	\$18,356.24	\$6,480.22
Interest & Cost	1,776.24	3,711.82	2,248.64
Returned checks		15.00	
Deeded to Town	1,075.45	2,792.09	1,825.15
Unredeemed Taxes Year End	70,436.72	17,491.80	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$101,187.88	\$42,366.95	\$10,554.01

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1994	\$50
Cash received:	
Dog licenses	\$1,781
Automobile registrations	\$96,997
Title fees	\$464
Filing fees	\$4
Returned checks	\$45
State dog fees	\$508
Marriage licenses	\$114
Total cash received	\$99,913
Cash remitted to Treasurer	\$99,913
Cash on hand, December 31, 1994	\$50



Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Hastings

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT - 1994

A special thanks to the Board of Selectmen: Chairperson Wolfgang Millbrandt, Anne Richards and Clifton Hastings and to the town's Assistant, Barbara Milkovits. Your many hours and dedication can only hold the highest commendation from the people of Mason for your hard work.

I want to congratulate Kris Thibault for his first full year of being with us as our full time officer. Kris graduated from the Police Academy in March of '94. Kris is a tremendous factor in the way the department is functioning; coverage has increased resulting in more visibility to deter crime. There is faster response to trouble calls and also to ambulance calls. Thanks to the town's part time officers: David Baker, Larry Duval, Mike Farrey, and John LeBlanc.

Last year was a difficult year, weather wise, with over 20 storms to contend with. Curt Dunn and his crew at the Highway Department should be commended for doing a great job keeping our roads safe to travel.

Kris, along with other Mason residents, took an EMT course in the spring, which gave them new skills in the emergency medical field for the fastest response Team in the area. The MASON FIRST RESPONDERS, which has been in effect for about a year, has proven to be very effective in the expert care for the people in Mason. Thanks to the hard work of David Cook of Mason and Wes Whittier of the Brookline Ambulance Service, who has worked many hours getting this group together, also to the help of Fire Chief Bruce Berry for his assistance with the use of the fire department radio frequency. The two police cars and the fire car are equipped with oxygen and first aid supplies to assist with emergencies.

1994! Where do I start... looking at newspaper articles from last year, the town and local area have seen some serious events. I would like to just touch on a few: February 2, 1994 11:00 AM Police Chief Robert J. Mortell of Paxton, Mass. less then twenty five miles away from Mason, shot and killed by three gunmen who had just committed burglary and were out on parole. The Town of Paxton is a small town not much bigger then Mason. The same day as his funeral a Boston Police Officer was shot and killed by someone going down a one way street. New Hampshire has not been without tragedy this year. In October, Trooper James Noyes was shot and killed in the line of duty by a man who wanted to kill himself. Trooper James Noyes lived in the Town of Madison, NH, a town much like ours. This year New England has seen many of its Police Officers cut down in the line of duty, 9 dead and at least 3 wounded. Let us pray that we will not see this happen again for a long time to come. Even with expert training and years of experience, no one is exempt from the unknown.

On the local side, let's look at the town: threats, manhunts, found body, grand thefts, illegal drug growing and it all happened here!

In December of 1994, the Police Department's statistics from Base 500 (Monadnock Communications) will not show a true figure for January through March. These statistics were lost because of a computer crash, therefore I will only have about 75% of them.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Malboeuf
Police Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT CALL ACTIVITY (March-December)

Court	13	Assist Motorist	19	Wrecker request	23
Burglary	9	Domestic	1	Suspicious Car	17
Burglar Alarm	48	Transport	0	MV Com	11
Animal not dog	14	MV listing	102	Theft	9
Found Prop.	7	JV problem	5	Prisoner	4
Need assist	0	Brawl	1	Untimely death	0
Natural death	1	Suicide	1	Arrest	1
Accident	28	Escort	6	Assault	1
Check Welfare	6	Suspicious Person	4	Lost person	5
MV Stops	144	Vandalism	28	Vacant Prop	14
Lic.Check	61	Call by Phone	450	General Broadcast	9
Shots Fired	11	Prowler	17	Obstruction in road	0
Criminal threat	0	Drug arrest	0	Misc.	19
DWI	1	Ambulance	17	Fire assist	5
MV record	61	OHRV Com	5	Stolen Auto	9
Drunk	1	See Complaint	21	Open Door/Window	0
Obscene/Harassing	0	Abandoned Vehicle	10	N.C.I.C.	3
Dog Complaint	81	Information	700	Trespassing	6
Pursuit	3	911 Trace	2	Disturbance	5
Hazard	3				

REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD for 1994

During 1994, the Planning Board received two applications for minor subdivisions, one application for a major subdivision, and one application for a site plan review. All four applications were approved and any conditions of approval met. The board also held compliance hearings for two site plans and two subdivisions granted conditional approvals in 1993; conditions were deemed to have been met for all four conditional approvals.

A portion of the bonding for the major subdivision on Merriam Hill Road approved in 1992 was released, on completion of most of the Phase I construction for the site. The remainder of the bond is being held until construction is completed and erosion problems corrected.

Amendments to the Flood Plain Ordinance were reviewed at public hearings and passed on the March ballot. These amendments were required in order for Mason to continue to participate in the Federal Emergency Management program.

The Planning Board also drafted and held public hearings on new Excavation Regulations. These regulations, required by RSA 155-E, allow the town to exercise control over commercial earth removal operations in such areas as erosion control and reclamation. Additional public hearings on these regulations will be held in 1995.

Some preliminary work was done toward updating the Master Plan. Upcoming changes in state law made it premature to update the Master Plan during the past year. However, we are expecting to be doing significant work on the Master Plan in 1995.

MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT - 1994

Our winter of 1993-1994 was a back to back record winter to the 1992-1993 season. Plowing budget had to be increased some. And our cost of labor for sanding, plowing and repairs to equipment was increased due to the severe winter. Again we had to adjust some of our programs to offset the winter cost. We cut back some on our gravel road "graveling" amounts and cut out our crushing program for this year. Hopefully we can increase these programs in 1995.

We did continue on our regular road maintenance, such as patching paved roads, grading gravel roads several times. We even graded some of the heavier volume roads after the heavy rains during Christmas time, which I hope will help keep these roads smoother during the winter. Our gravel road stabilizer was continued this year and helps to keep our gravel roads in better condition.

We started in 1993 using chip sealing on our paved road sealing program. We did two miles of chip sealing this year and so far are very happy with the results.

Three culverts were replaced in areas where we had problems with broken or worn out pipes. Many culverts were cleaned and several that were plugged or partially filled up had to be flushed out. Continued work needs to be done on our culverts and water passes.

Our new loader was delivered in April. We had several problems at first; these have been fixed and all seems to be running fine. Bruce Berry and technical people from the dealership have improved the hydraulic set up on this machine. This has allowed us to mount and dismount the attachments easier and gives a better performance of the machine.

Our office building has been improved and we will be continuing to work on it as time and money allow.

Fifty percent of our road sides were mowed this year. I hope to mow fifty percent each year; so that we will have the road sides mowed completely at least every two years.

Many thanks to members of the Highway Department for their long hours of dedication to the road system. I would like to thank other departments and citizens who have helped us this year. We also want to thank people and organizations from outside our town who have helped us this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis M. Dunn
Road Agent

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been twenty-six (26) Building Permits issued during 1994. They were issued for the following: (and the total valuation is also listed.)

6 Permanent Dwellings	392,367
7 Additions to Homes	60,296
2 Porch or Deck Attached to Home	12,378
1 Garage Attached to Home	9,447
2 Barns	40,346
1 Finish Attic	18,479
1 Shed	2,585
4 Additions to Business	115,079
2 Septic Repair	11,000
	<u>\$661,977</u>

Of the (6) Permanent Dwellings, (2) are renewals of Permits not started. Of the (7) Additions to Homes, (1) is a renewal of a Permit not started. There have been six (6) Oil Burner Permits issued.

The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being upgraded. It would be more beneficial if all residents would use their correct numbers. I hold Office Hours at the Mann House on Tuesday evenings by appointment. Please call 878-2894 for your appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth B. Wilson
Building Inspector

REPORT of the WILTON RECYCLING CENTER

In 1994, the markets for all recyclable material increased, in particular, the paper and plastics markets. The paper markets are finally paying due to legislation mandating a minimum post consumer content in all paper use by the government and the opening of new deinking plants in the northeast. Hopefully, because of international markets coming on line, the price for used paper will remain the same and demand increase. Demand for used plastics also has shown an increase, due to new technologies that have made recycled plastic usage cheaper than using the virgin product. As these new technologies arrive, the possibility of recycling all plastics will materialize. In the meantime, we will try to recycle as many plastics as the market dictates.

To all the citizens of the communities that participate here at the Wilton Recycling Center, we would like to thank you for a job well done in 1994 and will try in 1995 to make the center as user friendly as possible. You made it work!

Respectfully submitted,
A. Carl Wetherbee
Supervisor

MASON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This past year has been a year of growth and change. Last year at Town Meeting a request to replace the fire car was defeated. While responding to an EMS call in June, the car's worn engine gave out. Several town residents saw a vital need to replace this piece of equipment. A fund was put together and a 1988 LTD was purchased. I would like to thank those Mason residents, who wished to remain anonymous, for their support. Good financial support of your fire department is an investment which keeps money in residents' pockets. This shows up in two ways: (1) If a \$100,000 home is destroyed by fire, and is replaced by a \$25,000 mobile home, this will cause a \$75,000 loss to the tax base. We will make up the financial difference of that loss in tax revenue. (2) Many residents shop around for the best return on their insurance dollar. I get contacted several times each year by insurance companies requesting information about our equipment e.g. how much water on wheels, nearest dry hydrant, and our level of training. Favorable answers can create lower premiums to you, the homeowner. If we are given the tools to do our job the way it needs to be done, then we can give something back to each taxpayer. At last Town Meeting, you voted to change the way emergency medical care is provided to residents. A First Responder squad was added to your fire department, and coordinator David Cook and crew have done a fine job at keeping quality EMS care in Mason.

Our department sponsored Explorer Post has graduated three members to the fire department. Any young person, between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one, who is interested in joining should contact Explorer Captain Chris Greenwood for information.

I would like to thank Road Agent Curtis Dunn for allowing me a flexible work schedule, so I am able to get in both my forty hours in highway work and also give me the time needed to meet the demands for fire and EMS services.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce W. Berry

Fire Chief

BREAKDOWN OF 1994 MASON RESPONDER CALLS

Abdominal Pain	4	Assault	1
Back Injury	2	Bee Sting	2
Burn	1	Cardiac	14
Cardiac Arrest	1	Diabetic Reaction	1
Fall	6	Fire Standby	1
Home Illness	1	Home Transfer	1
Hospital Transfer	1	Life Line Call	1
Vehicle Accident	7	Mutual Aid Received	3
Respiratory	2	Sledding Accident	1
Snowmobile Accident	1	Stroke	1
Unresponsive	1		

Total Calls: 53

MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDERS

The year 1994 saw major changes in emergency medical services in Mason. The Mason First Responders was formed as a branch of the Mason Fire Department under the supervision of the Brookline Ambulance Director. This is a group of people who respond to medical calls in the Town of Mason. Some of these people are also fire fighters. All members are required to become Emergency Medical Technicians (E.M.T.), and hold a New Hampshire Ambulance Attendant's license. This requires approximately 130 hours of training initially, then 20 plus hours of continuing education yearly. The First Responders treat and prepare the patient for transport with the medical equipment each carries to the scene. The Mason Police cruisers, the Mason Fire car, and the Mason Fire Trucks all carry oxygen and additional medical equipment.

Transportation of the patient is handled by the Brookline Ambulance through a mutual aid contract. The Brookline Ambulance has a full-time day crew of two and coverage around the clock by volunteer attendants. We also have mutual aid agreements with all the surrounding ambulances in the event that the Brookline Ambulance is out on a call or multiple ambulances are needed. There is no cost to the patient for this service. However, some of our mutual aid ambulances which bill for their services in their own town, are required by federal law to send a bill if they respond to a call in Mason. If anyone receives a bill, please call the Mason First Responder Coordinator.

The Brookline Ambulance Director has arranged for Advanced Life Support to be available through a Paramedic Intercept Program. The Paramedics respond to meet the ambulance, or to the scene if needed, from Fitchburg or Townsend, the Wilton/Milford area, and the Nashua/Hollis area.

Through generous donations we have been able to purchase some medical extrication equipment to be carried on the fire truck. We also were able to purchase E.M.S. coats for the First Responders to identify and protect them while on a call.

I would like to thank each First Responder for their time, dedication, and help to make this a successful, highly trained and motivated organization.

I would like to thank the townspeople, the Selectmen, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief for their help and support.

Last, but by no means least, I would like to thank the Brookline Ambulance Director, Wes Whittier, for his guidance, supervision, and wisdom in assisting with the formation of the Mason Fire Department First Responders.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Cook

First Responder Coordinator

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission has become concerned about the potential for groundwater pollution from leaking underground fuel storage tanks in Mason. In the spring, we learned that there may be an abandoned underground tank in the center of town. This past fall, we learned several wells have been contaminated by leaking gasoline from the former station at the Route 31 intersection. The fuel company is supposed to pay for cleaning this up.

The Conservation Commission is concerned that this incident may be the tip of an "iceberg" of buried fuel tanks. During the fuel crisis of the 1970's, many homeowners were encouraged to install large underground tanks for heating oil. These tanks are now aging and rusting away. After a tank is 15 years old, the likelihood of leaks increases greatly. Some homeowners could risk the loss of their wells and septic systems.

If a home's underground fuel tank does leak, the State of New Hampshire can assist in the clean-up through a fund established under RSA-146-E. This fund has \$500,000 put into it annually through fuel taxes. Cleaning up one underground fuel leak that stays on-site can cost \$30-40,000. If the leaking fuel travels off-site, the cost can get to a million dollars, according to Lyn Woodard of the NH Department of Environmental Services.

If the leak gets into bedrock, it can travel quite fast and far. So in Mason, where bedrock is prevalent, there's a good possibility that a leak could get off-site as it did at Route 31. The tank owner is liable for all clean-up. The state fund for home tanks is spent on a first come, first serve basis, and is limited to half a million dollars annually. A higher clean-up cost than that is not covered.

It would make sense to remove a tank before it leaks. RSA 146-E funds are only for clean-up, not for prevention. The Conservation Commission has checked on underground tank removal costs, which apparently range from \$1,500 to \$2,000 depending on the tank's size and the ease of removal, if no leaks have occurred. The Commission would like to encourage any homeowners with aging underground fuel tanks to consider removing them. We have discussed whether a fund for this purpose should be set up, since it would be a long term benefit to the town to have this risk of contaminated water supplies removed.

During 1994, the Commission also learned more about forestry, thanks to forester Bill Downs, and to the Hillsborough County Conservation District, which hosted a workshop on timber harvesting laws. Commission member Florence Roberts serves on the recently formed town Forest Committee.

At the town's Spaulding Brook Conservation Land, the Commission marked out the boundary between the Mitchell Hill portion of the property and the quarry land. We also flagged a trail route to connect the Mitchell Hill trail made by the Scouts.

We have continued to strengthen the locks at the gates on the Railroad Trail. Many thanks to the Wilton-Lyndeborough Winter Wanderers Snowmobile Club, the police, and other town staff for their help in managing the Railroad Trail.

A recent change in the state Wetlands Law requires the Conservation Commission to review minimum impact wetlands permit applications (less than 3,000 square feet of fill, culverts and road access). This is to expedite the process. If the Commission agrees that a project is minimum impact, the state has to issue a permit within 30 days. The Commission would be glad to advise anyone who has questions about wetlands or the Wetlands Permit process.

Respectfully submitted, Conservation Commission

HOME HEALTH CARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason
January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994
Annual Report

In 1994, Home Health Care and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. The following information represents a projection of Home Health Care and Community Services' activities in your community in 1994. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1994 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

SERVICE REPORT

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Services Provided</u>
Nursing	72 Visits
Physical Therapy	0 Visits
Speech Pathology	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	0 Visits
Homemaker	304 Hours
Hours Home Health Aide	6 Visits
Medical Social Work	4 Visits
Child Health Program	2 Visits
Children Outreach	1 Visit
Nutritionist	2 Visits
Total Unduplicated Residents Served:	10

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 1994 with all funding sources is projected to be \$11,397.83.

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 1995, we recommend an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to continue home care services at the current level.

Thank you for your consideration.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

When the winter snows finally melted away late last spring, the cemetery clean up crew was ready. Broken tree branches and the last stubborn leaves were picked up and hauled away. Lime and fertilizer were applied to the active cemeteries.

Mowing activities went fairly well, except for the occasional discovery of a yellow jacket's nest and some minor malfunctions. Our rider mower is a 125 International Cub Cadet manufactured in the early 1970's, which in "lawn mower years" means it qualifies for medicare! We will probably need to replace it with a newer machine in the near future.

Autumn came, the leaves fell and some actually blew away. The rest were herded up and hauled away by the raking crews. A new metal gate was constructed by Channing Mould to replace the crumbling wooden one at Pole Hill Cemetery. We are quite happy with the design and function of the gate and have commissioned Chan to make a similar one for the new cemetery addition on Old Ashby Road. We hope to have it installed by early summer.

We got a late start getting back to work on the cemetery but we did manage to finish picking up the stones from the harrowing and raking process. Larger stones left from clearing the lot were arranged with the backhoe to build a retaining wall on the lowest corner. Pressure treated lumber was purchased to construct a fence along the east property line. Over 500 concrete boundary markers have been made to designate lot corners. When the layout plans are finalized, we will begin to gravel the roads and install these markers.

Respectfully submitted,

David Morrison

Wolfgang Millbrandt

Wallace Broom

Cemetery Trustees



DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON

for the year ending December 31, 1994

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
Dec. 31, 1993	Gertrude B. Breen	Pepperell, MA	Prospect Hill
Feb. 3	Margaret B. Stone	Mason Hillcrest	Proctorsville, VT
Mar. 19	Russell A. Greene	Mason	Prospect Hill
Apr. 12	Mary H. Fiagg	Fitchburg, MA	Prospect Hill
Apr. 19	Rudolf H. Johnson	Mason	Prospect Hill
Apr. 28	Alma J. Tibbetts	Mason	Prospect Hill
June 16	Patricia S. Devito	Mason	Cremated
Sept. 21	Michael D. Devito	Mason	Cremated
Dec. 5	Isabelle T. Farrey	Mason	Brookside Stow, MA
Dec. 1	Beatrice L. Blood	Agaqam, MA	Prospect Hill

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 1994

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Married by</u>
June 11	Stephen C. Dunn Sheila P. Bergeron	Mason Mason	Bonnie C. Evans Clergy
June 19	Steven L. Zakon Elizabeth J. Anderson	Mason Mason	Scott G. Morrow Clergy
Oct. 8	Andrew B. Robinson Kimberlyann Lamothe	West Roxbury, MA West Roxbury, MA	Bonnie C. Evans Clergy



BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 1994

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Jan. 3	Nolan Emmet Shields	Monadnock Peterborough	Margaret M. Holland Ulysses E. Shields
Jan. 10	Colin Timothy Pellerin	Memorial Nashua	Nancy J. Waldron James A. Pellerin
Jan. 26	Emery Robert Doucet	Memorial Nashua	Mary P. Nason Paul R. Doucet
Mar. 12	Austin Michael Blum	Memorial Nashua	Ann H. Gavin Michael W. Blum
Apr. 22	Laura Ann Waters	Memorial Nashua	Frances E. Gessken Bradley M. Waters
Apr. 23	Jacob Charles Crory	St. Joseph Nashua	Jean F. Mueller James A. Crory
May 4	Brittany Christine Place	Memorial Nashua	Carolyn L. McCarthy Mark D. Place
May 14	Shea Georgia Brown	Home birth Mason	Marybeth E. Hallinan Stanley S. Brown
May 27	Benjamin James Noonan	Parkland Medical Derry	Darlene L. Back Joseph T. Noonan
Aug. 22	Faith Rita Farrell	St. Joseph Nashua	Catherine E. Gurskis Kirk J. Farrell
Aug. 30	Felicity Nicole Bosk	St. Joseph Nashua	Kathleen D. Hourihan Eric J. Bosk
Sept. 12	Hannah Marie Aster	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Lisa M. Brown Arthur D. Aster
Nov. 13	Michael Alexander Martin	Monadnock Peterborough	Lisa A. Doncaster Peter A. B. Martin



MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library building project continued to develop in 1994 with a series of informational meetings for the public. We are grateful to former trustees, Marydale Casey and Cheryl Davieau, and Bob and Edie Griffin for their efforts on behalf of this project. Our computer is now connected to a statewide library network that allows us to access information about the availability of books at other libraries and to request them through Interlibrary Loan for our patrons. In some cases, books are available within only four days. We are pleased that the statewide system allows us to provide access to the Internet, the much acclaimed "information superhighway." Our thanks are due to Bernie LeBlanc for constructing a computer workstation that makes efficient use of our small space.

Our librarian, Diana LeBlanc, continues to offer Story Hour programs for preschoolers. This year, she has been aided in her efforts by Sue Wolpert, library aide, and Mary Calderan. Kim Smith, in conjunction with the Mason Elementary School Club, has been instrumental in getting Family Movie Nights going again, to the enjoyment of all. We engaged older children in library activities through the "Mystery Club," which prepared and offered a detective story performance for the public. The close of our summer programming was celebrated with a program called "In Your Backyard," presented by storyteller Becky Graber. We are grateful for the efforts of Pam Steinberg in applying for program funds from the New Hampshire State Library and the Arts Council.

The Trustees undertook several fundraising projects that raised \$800 this year. Donna Lanni and Pam Steinberg helped us sell American Lung Association of New Hampshire Funpasses. With much help from Sue Wolpert and Diana LeBlanc, we held our annual Bake Sale and a Used Book Sale in June. One exciting development was a Poetry Contest, organized by Linda Martin-Berke and Diana LeBlanc. Many high-quality entries were received and printed in the book, "Musings". The three top winners, Kay Hinckley, "Twig" Jones, and Bonnie Evans, were acknowledged at a memorable ceremony held in conjunction with the Congregational Church's Strawberry Festival. Deb Bishop and Linda Martin Berke organized a new offering, an evening of family fun and entertainment through a musical program offered by Marybeth Brown and Miriam Fischer, and storytelling by Linda Aranda.

We would like to make special note of our gratitude to Pam Steinberg for her continuing support of the library through her volunteer efforts. We are grateful to her and all who have donated materials and their efforts to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Lewicke

Linda Martin-Berke

Deborah Bishop

Library Trustees



MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1994

January 1, 1994 Account Balance \$1358.37

Receipts:

Town Appropriation	\$20,032.00
Gifts for Book Purchases	241.33
Fund-raising	1,269.51
Whitaker-Locke Trust Fund Interest	348.43
Fines, Lost Book Fees	61.90
Program Grants and Donations	225.00
NOW Account Interest	21.15
	<u>\$22,199.32</u>

Expenditures:

Salaries	\$15,314.95
Payroll Tax	1,178.34
Workers' Comp-Lib	66.00
Dues and Fees	511.00
Postage	75.00
Programming	445.74
Supplies	565.31
Telephone	369.94
Travel	190.00
Continuing Education	75.00
Library Materials:	
Books	1,993.17
Periodicals	420.72
Gifts(Books)	252.25
Building and Furnishing	500.00
Computer Expenses	252.25
Banking Expenses	20.60
	<u>\$22,230.27</u>

Returned to Town General Fund: \$107.43

December 31, 1994 Account Balance \$1,219.99

OPERATIONS STATISTICS

	<u>Catalogued books</u>	<u>Pbk Books</u>	<u>A-V</u>
Added to collection	363	213	43
Lost or withdrawn	189	332	2
Total collection	8,553	1,515	322
Added by donation	172		
Added by purchase	191		
Total registered borrowers	533		
Number of library programs	31		
Program participants	489		
Number of items borrowed from Library	8,268		
Items borrowed from other libraries	164		
Items lent to other libraries	10		

TOWN MEETING - MARCH 8, 1994

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

Polls were declared open at 12:12 P.M. Checklist total was 651. Polls were closed at 7:08 P.M. after 122 had voted. There were no absentee ballots.

Results were as follows:

Selectman for 3 years:	Clifton W. Hastings	111
Moderator for 2 years:	Catherine Schwenk	116
Treasurer for 2 years:(Write in)	Amy L. Laurencelle	2
Auditor for 1 year:	Patricia A. Greene	110
Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years:	Constance E. Lacasse	110
Library Trustee for 3 years:	Bette Lewicke	105
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years:	Wolfgang Millbrandt	111
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:	George G. Schwenk	114

School Board results:

School Board member for 3 years:	Paul Gavin	91
Moderator for 1 year:	Catherine Schwenk	108

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance, Appendix A, as follows:

a. in item 1, "Definition of Terms", insert the following definition following "100-year flood" and before "Regulatory floodway".

"Recreational vehicle" means a vehicle which (a) built on a single chassis; (b) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection; (c) designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck; and (d) designed not for use as a permanent dwelling but as a temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

b. in item V111, paragraph 2, insert the following as paragraph (d), reordering the subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

Recreational vehicles placed on sites within zones A1-A30 shall either (i) be on the site for fewer than 120 consecutive days; (ii) be fully licensed and be ready for highway use; or (iii) meet all the standards of Section 60.3,(b)(1) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations and the elevation and anchoring requirements for "Manufactured Homes" in Paragraph (c)(6) of Section 60.3

or take any other action relative thereto.

These amendments are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) if Mason is to continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The vote on this amendment was 86 yes and 27 no.

TOWN MEETING. The Meeting was reopened at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Schwenk reviewed the procedure we would follow. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits. Thanks were given the Wilsons, the Johnsons and the election officials.

Note was made in the expiration date of Constance Lacasse in the Town report. Her term as supervisor expired in 1994.

Announcement was made of the upcoming Rabies Clinic on the 10th.

Thanks were expressed to Elizabeth Orton Jones "Twig" for the tribute to Debby Downey in our annual report. The meeting was dedicated to Debby. Thanks were also given to Road Agent Curt Dunn and his staff for the endless hours of plowing this winter.

Recognition was given to new voter Steven Wolpert, new citizen and first time voter, Malcolm Jewell and Cedric Valentine for his 30th consecutive time voting in Town elections. There were 102 registered voters present.

Colors were presented by Andrea Iodice, flag carrier, and color guards Katie Sullivan and Amy Georges. They are members of the Mason Free Spirit 4H club. Invocation was given by the Rev. Bonnie C. Evans and John Dube, Mason's newest Eagle Scout, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the Warrant was waived.

ARTICLE 3. The Town voted to accept the provisions of RSA 33:7 providing that any town as at annual meeting may adopt an article authoring indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to issue tax anticipation notes.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or borrowing, or otherwise, the sum of Six Hundred Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$608,886) for the operation and expenses for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mrs. Schwenk proceeded to review the line items of the budget.

Ann Gavin Blum made a motion and it was seconded, to reduce the \$300 salary of the Moderator to \$100. The motion failed to pass.

Kevin McCabe made a motion and it was seconded to remove the previous question in order to stop debate on the budget. The motion failed to pass.

Shirley Morley questioned the election expenses. At a previous Town Meeting, pay was voted in for the Supervisors, but was not followed through. No motion was made to increase this line item.

Ann Gavin Blum made a motion and it was seconded, to establish a new line item of \$6,000 for fireman (Firefighter) stipend. Discussion followed as to the pros and cons of this motion. The motion to establish a new line item of \$6,000 for a stipend for the firefighters passed on a voice vote.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$614,886 for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing. This included an increase in the Fire Department Budget of \$6,000, which is for a stipend for the firefighters.

ARTICLE 5. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the balance owed on the Loader voted for at Town Meeting, March 1993.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) for the support of the Mason First Responders and to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate a long term contract for ambulance service.

David Cook reviewed the expenses involved in setting up our first responders. Many voters expressed their satisfaction in regards to the first responders and the Brookline Ambulance Service. It was pointed out that Souhegan Ambulance Service will still respond as Mutual Aid.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for the support of the Mason First Responders and authorized the Selectmen to negotiate a long term contract for ambulance service.

ARTICLE 7. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purchase and installation of a new propane furnace for the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for replacing the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (S.C.B.A.) air packs, at the 1995 Town Meeting. This article failed to pass.

ARTICLE 9. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw up to \$5,000 from the Cemetery Land Purchase Fund for the purpose of laying out gravel roads and for mapping out new lots and seeding.

ARTICLE 10. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund. This was by standing vote. 52 yes, 42 no.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to replace the Chief's Fire Car with a later model used car, or take any other action relative thereto. This article failed to pass.

ARTICLE 12. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to purchase a front mount rake and frame mount for the Highway Department's 4X4 truck.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the continued restoration of "Tom's House" on the Mason Common, or take any other action relative thereto. This article failed to pass.

Mr. Gary Elsworth made a motion and it was seconded, to restrict reconsideration on Article 3 through Article 13. This motion passed.

ARTICLE 14. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purchase of a new pump for town gas pumps and to implement a gasoline vapor recovery program as required by Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

ARTICLE 15. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the evaluation of the Special Education Program of SAU 63 and/or the Mascenic Regional School District.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) for the purchase of new polling booths, or take any other action relative thereto. This article failed to pass.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-One Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$191.67) from surplus, such amounts received in 1993 from the sale of cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. George Schwenk made a motion and it was seconded, to amend after "Cemetery Land Improvement Fund (striking the comma,) and to add "; and the sum of Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$880) from surplus, such amounts received in 1993 from the sale of surplus equipment, to the Highway Capital Equipment Fund.". This motion passed.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$191.67 from surplus, such amounts received in 1993 from the sale of cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund; and the sum of \$880 from surplus, such amounts received in 1993 from the sale of surplus equipment, to the Highway Equipment Fund.

ARTICLE 18. The Town voted to accept as a gift from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department, the Fire Station, located at 101 Depot Road, and all equipment directly related to fire fighting activity.

ARTICLE 19. The Town voted to adopt RSA 154:1.b which defines the Fire Department as a Municipal Department organized as follows: A Fire Chief appointed by the local governing body with firefighters appointed by the local governing body upon recommendation of the Fire Chief.

ARTICLE 20. The Town voted to adopt the provisions of RSA 154:5 which states as follows: The chief fireward, engineer or fire chief in any town, village district, precinct, city or area which has adopted the provisions of this section shall be appointed for an indefinite period of time or for a definite term, as determined by the legislative body, and the tenure of office shall depend on good conduct and efficiency. The chief fireward, engineer or fire chief shall be technically qualified by training or experience and shall have ability to command firefighters and hold their respect and confidence. The chief fireward, engineer or fire chief may be removed for just cause and after hearing with reasonable notice in writing of the charges against that person. Such term for appointment of the chief fireward, engineer or fire chief shall be a three year term.

ARTICLE 21. The Town voted to accept RSA 154:1-b for the formation of a Firefighter Association for the benefit of the Mason Fire Department.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other government unit or a private source which becomes available during the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. John Lewicke made a motion and it was seconded, to add "if said money is not contingent upon nor requires any other expenditure by the town". This motion failed to pass.

Article 22 passed as originally presented.

ARTICLE 23. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department and with monies received to be placed in the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 24. The Town voted to authorize the Selectman indefinitely until rescinded, 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 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.

ARTICLE 25. The Town voted to accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal to other government unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 26. The Town voted to establish a municipal forest under the provisions of RSA 31:110 and place all unencumbered Town lands under the jurisdiction of a Town Forestry Committee and to establish a Forest Maintenance Fund with proceeds and expenses of said forest to be placed in said fund and allowed to accumulate.

We adjourned at 11:55 P.M. Sine Dai

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

STATE Biennial Primary September 13, 1994

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk, and the polls were declared open at 10:01 A.M. Reference was made to the new election laws. Checklist total: 654, which included 271 Republicans, 136 Democrats, 235 Undeclared and 12 Libertarians.

Polls were closed at 7:06 P.M. after 135 had voted. There were 3 absentee ballots. Checklist totals: 662, which included 303 Republicans, 143 Democrats, 12 Libertarians, 204 Undeclared.

Results are as follows:

	<u>Republican</u>		<u>Democrat</u>		<u>Libertarian</u>	
Governor:	Cordatos	4	King	24	Winter	8
	Gard	2			Blevens	0
	Merrill	77			Warburton	0
	Bramante	9				
Representative Congress	Bassett	8	Swett	25	Blevens	0
	deWinter	13			Lewicke	7
	Elias	3				
	Fisteag	1				
	Goretsky	0				
	Haas	2				
	Hammond	24				
	Sawtelle	1				
	Scott	19				
	Bass	19				
Executive Councilor	Streeter	75	Regli	23		
State Senate	Gagnon	38	Baldizar	28		
	Hogan	12				
	Stawasz	38				

	<u>Republican</u>		<u>Democrat</u>		<u>Libertarian</u>
State Rep. District 20	Arnold	65	Hall	29	
State Rep. District 21	MacGillivray	76	Scott	21	
Sheriff	Morse	64	Diamond	18	
	Durette	13			

The rest of the county officers are on file with the Secretary of State's office.

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

STATE General Election November 8, 1994

Moderator Catherine Schwenk reviewed the new voting procedures. Polls were declared open at 10:01 A.M. Polls were closed at 7:10 P.M. after 362 had voted. This included 16 absentee voters. Checklist total was 678. We had 14 that registered during the day, a 53.5 per cent turnout.

Results were as follows:

Governor	Merrill	246
	King	89
	Winter	23
Representative to Congress	Bass	204
	Swett	130
	Lewicke	21
	Spitzfaden	4
Executive Councilor	Streeter	220
	Regli	82
	Multer	33
State Senator	Stawasz	208
	Baldizar	144
State Rep. District 20	Arnold	196
	Hall	174
State Rep. District 21	MacGillivray	205
	Scott	149

County officers results are on record at the Secretary of State's Office.

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Mason:

I respectfully submit my twenty-fourth annual report as your Superintendent of School.

OUTLOOK FOR EDUCATION

The State Board of Education with the leadership of the new Commissioner of Education has carefully drawn up a new plan for state aid, and suggested a largely increased legislative appropriation to make it effective. The Interim Commission authorized by the 1945 Legislature has made an exhaustive study of public education in New Hampshire and their report further emphasizes the need of largely increased state aid to the local school districts.

The state aid plan in use since 1919, providing for elementary schools only, was based on a very complicated formula which was difficult to apply and unsatisfactory in its administration. Furthermore the legislative appropriation was seldom sufficient to cover the requirements of the law.

The proposed plan, which would give state aid for support of high school as well as elementary is embodied in bill now under consideration in the Legislature. It sets up a simple formula allowing a fixed sum of money for each pupil attending school in any given school district. Two kinds of state aid are proposed; first, an **Equalization Fund** to supply any district with the money it needs for support of high and elementary schools beyond the amount of a local tax of \$6.00 on each \$1,000 of equalized valuation; second a **General Fund** to supply to every school district in the state a certain sum of money for each child attending school.

These funds must be provided by the legislative appropriations; in the case such appropriation is not sufficient, provision is made to supply the **Equalization aid** first and to distribute the remainder as **General aid** proportionally.

The reason for the proposed new plan and its justification are to be found in a comparison of New Hampshire with the other states of the Union. New Hampshire is the fourth lowest state in the percentage of state aid furnished to local school units, providing only 7% of the local costs of elementary schools as compared with a national average of 35%. New Hampshire is the only state not now providing state aid for high school costs.

Education is universally recognized as a responsibility which the state cannot escape by throwing the entire burden of costs upon local real estate taxation,--a burden so unequal that it amounted to a tax ranging all the way from \$3.75 per \$1,000 in one town to \$32.41 in another town in the school year 1944-45.

A citizenry made up of people enlightened through universal education is the only sure guarantee for the protection of the American democratic principle of the dignity and worth of the individual, and is as necessary as adequate military defense. The Nation's economic security depends more upon acquired knowledge and skill than upon natural resources. Democracy is constantly threatened by hostile alien political, economic and social theories that can be defeated only by vigilant, constant efforts comparable to those that won the war, in which every individual has a responsibility and a contribution to make.

In such a citizenry no less than a complete high school education for every mentally competent child is sufficient. No less than the very best teaching will assure such a degree of intelligence. The most competent persons who have the understanding and skill to discover and intelligently stimulate and develop the talents of children. The practitioner of no other profession needs more highly specialized knowledge, more technical precision and artistic skill, than the teacher.

Against this conception of the ideal as a background, let us look at the present condition: more than a third of the nation's 900,000 teachers have quit teaching entirely since 1939; 60,000 vacancies have not been filled at all and 109,000 persons lacking the full qualifications for teaching certificates have been employed on emergency permits. Nearly 500 such persons are now teaching in New Hampshire.

The end of the war brought no relief, and there will be no relief until persons of high native ability can be attracted to the teacher training institutions in much greater numbers, and there receive a full four year training. Such persons will not be keen to invest four years in this training unless they can expect rewards, in terms of money and satisfactions, that are comparable to those in other occupations requiring a like amount of training.

SALARIES

Last year I reported that a survey of current salaries of elementary teachers in New Hampshire showed that in towns with less than 600 in population, sixteen were paying less than \$1200 and eleven were paying from \$1400 to \$1500. A like survey this year shows only four towns paying less than \$1200. \$1400 to \$1500 is the minimum salary in twenty-seven towns, and the maximum salary in thirty-two towns. Nine towns are paying from \$1600 to \$1800. The five towns in this group in our Union are paying from \$1200 to \$1650.

Towns whose population ranges from 600 to 1000 are paying elementary teachers from \$1200 to \$2100, except that six pay less than \$1200.

Towns whose population ranges from 1000 to 1500 pay from \$1200 to \$2000 with none less than \$1200.

Towns whose population ranges from 1500 to 2500 pay from \$1350 to \$2340 with none less than \$1300.

The survey shows that there was a definite upward trend of salaries from the last year to this, and that this moment many New Hampshire towns are granted further increases for the current year ranging from \$200 to \$400.

BUDGET

The budget presented for the school year 1947-48 is based upon a supposition that a teacher will be available to continue a school in Mason for the first six grades and that the seventh and eighth grades will continue going to Greenville, however, it is extremely doubtful if a competent teacher will be available. This creates a situation which should be considered very carefully by the voters at the March meeting and in this connection it is estimated that there would be a probable saving of around \$675 in total costs if all the pupils were carried to Greenville.

The items in the budget presented are based on present costs and estimated increased costs for next year. The teacher's salaries situation is such that it would not be wise to allow less than \$1500 for the regular teacher plus \$200 for the music teacher. Textbooks have cost \$86.00 so far this year and as many more will be needed at a higher price for next year. Janitor's service is estimated at this year's cost of \$120.00. Minor repairs including proper maintenance of toilet facilities will probably cost \$100. Transportation is costing \$1600 this year and would presumably cost the same amount next year. As nearly as we can estimate there will be seven pupils goint to Greenville in elementary grades and tuition will cost \$252. Also as nearly as we can estimate there will be five pupils attending Townsend High School at a cost of \$575. Expense of administration is estimated at \$90. Last year's figure of \$140 included teacher retirement assessment which is now placed in a seperate item called, "Fixed Charges" and will amount to \$8.75.

The estimated income of the district consists of the dog tax of \$80 and income from Trust Funds of \$600, approximately the same amounts as received last year. We anticipate a balance of \$200 at the close of the school year. The assessment required to balance the budget will be \$4176.75, however, if it is thought best to close the school and send all the elementary school pupils to Greenville an assessment of \$3500 will be sufficient.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

Medical inspection was done by Dr. Karr and Mrs. Gilbert in December and they report as follows:

Number of pupils examined	19
Number of defects found:	
Teeth	7
Tonsils	2
Glands	2
Pediculosis	4

Vision and hearing tests were made last May revealing two cases of defective vision and no cases of defective hearing.

Toxoid booster shots for prevention of Diphtheria were given to eighteen pupils in December.

Respectfully Submitted,

VERNON S. AMES

January 28, 1947

Superintendent of Schools

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1946

Census: Boys, 9; Girls 12. Total 21.

Grades	Enrollment by Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Center	3	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	10
Elsewhere:									
	Townsend High School				10				
	Milford High School				1				
	Greenville Public School				1				
	Sacred Heart Parochial				6				
School	Average				Attendance		%		Total Tardiness
	Membership	Average	Attendance	% of	Attendance	Attendance	Per Pupil		
Center	10.97	10.36	94.44	4	.40				

(back to 1994--remaining statistics deleted for space reasons, although one Murdock Dunn is listed on the "One Term Roll of Perfect Attendance")