



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF

**MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

For The Year Ending December 31

**1997**

Photograph-Courtesy of Mason Historical Society

We are not sure of the date this picture was taken. It is interesting to see the corner of the school, the road not much more than a wagon road, the house at the end of the Church driveway, and the Church in the background. The large house on the left belonged to the Rhoades family and burned down probably near the early 1940's. Curt Dunn can remember his Uncle Harold (Miller) and other men up on the roof of the nearby Town Hall wetting it down, as it was very near the burning building. Charles Crathern (long time Town Clerk) later built a house for his daughter on the same spot, now owned by Ivan and Lil Johnson.  
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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 1997

The year 1997, as with previous years, was quiet with business as usual. The Selectmen made a great effort to meet the needs of the town and the citizens at the lowest cost possible, without jeopardizing services.

The tax dollars are divided with 25% spent for the town, 67% spent for the school and 8% for the County. The tax rate did drop a little due to the effort of the Financial Advisory Committee, Department heads and the Board of Selectmen. The school portion of taxes was reduced from the previous year due to a decrease in the number of pupils from 198.1 to 193.9 and a "default" budget increase voted by ballot.

Volunteerism is at a low ebb. In order to keep the taxes down and services up to the present level, we need citizens to volunteer their time and talents, or be willing to work for a small stipend. Anyone interested, may contact Barbara in the Selectmen's Office.

We were deeply saddened by ex-Selectman Cliff Hastings' passing. We will always remember him as a very dedicated Selectman. Thank you Cliff.

The Selectmen have continued to attend various meetings and training sessions in an effort to keep updated in regulations and procedures which pertain to the operation of the town and selectmen's office.

The Selectmen appointed Fire Chief David Cook as Emergency Management Director. The Fire Department is well equipped to handle major disasters as was demonstrated during the Blizzard of December 1996. The Fire Station was utilized as a shelter and an incident command center for four days. Our belief is that the Town needs only one incident command center. The Fire Station is fully equipped with radios and emergency equipment. We expect this move to save tax dollars. Thank you Dave for wearing another hat. The Selectmen extend thanks to Edward Hamel for his time of service as the Emergency Management Director.

The Selectmen wish to express sincere appreciation to all who served on various boards or committees for small stipends and those who served as volunteers. To the heads of departments: Police, Fire and Highway, we thank you for taking such good care of the town. Our Administrative Assistant, Barbara Milkovits has kept us on our feet for another year. She has kept things running smoothly, making the Selectmen's job easier. Thank you, Barbara.

Sincerely,

*Anne Richards*

*Kenneth Greene*

*Wolfgang Millbrandt*

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

Telephone: 878-2070

### PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.  
Last Wednesday 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

### WILTON RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Hours: Tuesday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Thursday 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.



## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

### MODERATOR 2 yr term

Catherine Schwenk March 1998

### TOWN CLERK 3 yr term

Charlotte N. Hastings March 1999

### DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Diane M. Meehan, Appointed March 1999

### TREASURER 3 yr term

Jeanne Hamel March 1999

### DEPUTY TREASURER

Maria Eaton, Appointed March 1999

### SELECTMEN 3 yr term

Anne Richards, Chairman March 1999  
Kenneth Greene March 2000  
Wolfgang Millbrandt March 1998

### TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term

Charlotte N. Hastings March 1999

### DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Diane M. Meehan, Appointed March 1999

### AUDITOR 1 yr term

David Evans, Appointed March 1998

### SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term

Constance Lacasse, Chairman, resigned March 2000  
Linda Goss March 1998  
Linda LeBlanc March 2002  
Sandra LeCLair, Appointed March 1998

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term

Susanne Wolpert, Appointed March 1998  
Lynne McCann March 2000  
Mary Calderan March 1999

### TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term

Robert Larochele March 2000  
Wallace A. Brown March 1998  
Arthur Rafter March 1999

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term

James Losee March 1999  
Reverend Bonnie Evans, resigned March 1998  
Barbara Schulze, appointed March 1998  
George Schwenk March 2000

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

### FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Irene Cook, Chairman | March 1999 |
| David Profit         | March 1999 |
| Robert Larochelle    | March 1999 |
| Gretchen West        | March 2000 |

### PLANNING BOARD

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Robert Griffin, Chairman, resigned | March 1999 |
| Bruce Mann, Chairman               | March 1998 |
| William Downs                      | March 1999 |
| Garth Fletcher, Alternate          | March 1999 |
| Dennis Meehan                      | March 1998 |
| Don MacIntosh                      | March 2000 |
| Constance Lacasse, Clerk           |            |
| Anne Richards, Ex-officio          |            |

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Robert Bergeron                 | March 1998 |
| Michael Davieau                 | March 1998 |
| David Eaton, Alternate          | March 1998 |
| Jeanne Hamel, Clerk & Alternate | March 1999 |
| Ulysses Shields                 | March 2000 |
| Edward Hamel                    | March 2000 |
| Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio      |            |

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Robert Larochelle, Chairman | March 2000 |
| Elizabeth Fletcher          | March 1999 |
| Edith Griffin               | March 2000 |
| Charles Lanni               | March 2000 |
| Florence Roberts            | March 1999 |

### FORESTRY COMMITTEE

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Curtis Dunn, Chairman        | March 2000 |
| Eric Anderson                | March 1999 |
| Florence Roberts             | March 1999 |
| William Downs, Town Forester | March 1998 |
| Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio   |            |

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Cynthia Budrewicz, Chairman | March 2000 |
| Paula Babel                 | March 2000 |
| Wallace A. Brown            | March 1998 |
| Gretchen West               | March 1999 |

### BALLOT CLERKS

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Pauline Bergeron         | March 2000 |
| Sandra LeClair, resigned | March 1999 |
| Teri Parker              | March 2000 |
| Florence Wilson          | March 1998 |

## POLICE OFFICERS

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Robert L. Malboeuf    | Police Chief           |
| Vint Boggis, resigned | Full Time Sergeant     |
| John Dube             | Patrolman              |
| Michael Farrey        | Special Police Officer |
| John LeBlanc, Sr.     | Special Police Officer |

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| David P. Cook          | Fire Chief/EMT/Warden                         |
| Cheryl Greenwood       | EMT-D/EMS Coordinator                         |
| David Baker            | First Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden               |
| Robert A. Bergeron     | Second Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden              |
| Frederick W. Greenwood | Captain/Deputy Warden                         |
| Rodney Stedman         | First Lieutenant/Deputy Warden                |
| Roland Theriault       | Second Lieutenant                             |
| Marcel Bernier         | Firefighter                                   |
| Michael Blum           | Firefighter                                   |
| Wallace A. Brown       | Firefighter/Deputy Warden/Waterhole Committee |
| John Dube              | Firefighter/EMT-D                             |
| Curtis M. Dunn         | Deputy Warden                                 |
| Francis Gavin          | Firefighter                                   |
| Patricia G. Greene     | EMT-I-D                                       |
| Christopher Greenwood  | Firefighter                                   |
| Edward Hamel           | Firefighter, EMT-D                            |
| Charles Lanni          | Firefighter                                   |
| John LeBlanc, Sr.      | EMT-D   |
| Robert L. Malboeuf     | EMT-D   |
| Bernard O'Grady        | Firefighter                                   |
| Philip Phalon, Jr.     | Firefighter, First Responder                  |
| Anne Richards          | Firefighter                                   |
| Donna Richardson       | Firefighter/EMT-D                             |
| Mark Richardson        | Firefighter                                   |
| Stuart Sherman         | Firefighter/EMT-D                             |
| Stephen Tamulonis      | Firefighter                                   |
| Cindy Tibbetts         | EMT-D   |

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|---------------------|
| Curtis M. Dunn      |
| David P. Cook       |
| Kenneth B. Wilson   |
| Florence Wilson     |
| Edward Hamel        |
| Jeanne Hamel        |
| Kenneth B. Wilson   |
| William Downs       |
| Frederick Greenwood |
| Wallace Brown       |
| Carol Fiset         |
| Kenneth B. Wilson   |

|                         |
|-------------------------|
| ROAD AGENT              |
| ASSISTANT ROAD AGENT    |
| BUILDING INSPECTOR      |
| TOWN BUILDING CUSTODIAN |
| CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR  |
| DEPUTY CIVIL DEFENSE    |
| HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT   |
| TOWN FORESTER           |
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER  |
| SEXTON                  |
| HEALTH OFFICER          |
| DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER   |

## MASON TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at: Mason Town Hall

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

You are hereby notified to come to the polling place at the Town Hall in Mason at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1998, for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

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

The polls will be open continuously until 7 p.m. when they shall close. You are hereby notified also to meet at 8 p.m. of the same day and at the same place to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or borrowing, or otherwise the sum of Seven hundred ten thousand three hundred ninety-four dollars (\$710,394) which represents the operating budget. Said Sum is exclusive of all Special Articles addressed.
3. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and affirm the authority of the Selectmen to enter into that lease agreement for the purposes of leasing a 1997 GMC vehicle for the Police Department. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to upgrade the higher volume gravel roads to paved roads, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2 1/2 - 1/2).
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty thousand dollars, over a three year period, for the purchase, set up and installation of the radio frequency link for the communication system. For the first year, Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of the Thirty thousand dollars is to come from general taxation, the remainder of the balance, Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), for the second and third years, is to come from borrowing, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0 or 0-3 if Article 7 passes).
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) for the purchase of a pickup truck for the Highway Department, 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 Thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) to be added to the Forestry Committee Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 1997 Fund balance of a portion of the amounts received from the settlement of the timber trespass on Town Lot F-41 for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the future purchase of a fire truck, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8500) for the construction of a handicap access ramp and porch to the Mann House and removal of the library elevator to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2 3/4 - 1/4).
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand dollars (\$7000) for the purchase of a new snowplow for the Highway Department's dump truck, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand fifty dollars (\$5050) for the purchase of two new air packs and ten new face pieces, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars (\$2000) to replace the highway radar for car # 2 of the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars (\$2000) for the purchase of computer equipment and software for the Town Office, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand one hundred dollars (\$1100) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 1997 Fund balance of a portion of the amounts received from the sale of surplus Highway Department Equipment for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of the hydraulic rescue tool from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association (to be dedicated to the memory of Clifton Hastings), or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
17. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Cemetery Land Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created in 1989 as the Cemetery Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund. 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).
18. 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, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

| 2/20/98                  | 1994          | 1994          | 1995          | 1995          | 1996          | 1996          | 1997          | 1997          | 1998          | Change      |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| APPROPRIATIONS           | Budget        | Actual        | Budget        | Actual        | Budget        | Actual        | Budget        | Actual        | Budget        | 98/97       |
| 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                | 300           | 300           | 100           | 100           | 300           | 300           | 100           | 100           | 200           | 100.0%      |
|                          | <b>4,625</b>  | <b>4,625</b>  | <b>4,425</b>  | <b>4,425</b>  | <b>4,625</b>  | <b>4,625</b>  | <b>4,425</b>  | <b>4,425</b>  | <b>4,525</b>  | <b>2.3%</b> |
| Fees in Lieu of Salaries |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |             |
| Tax Collector            | 7,250         | 7,806         | 7,250         | 7,610         | 7,250         | 7,562         | 7,250         | 7,180         | 7,250         | 0.0%        |
| Town Clerk               | 3,000         | 2,999         | 3,000         | 4,870         | 3,000         | 4,003         | 3,000         | 6,828         | 3,000         | 0.0%        |
|                          | <b>10,250</b> | <b>10,805</b> | <b>10,250</b> | <b>12,480</b> | <b>10,250</b> | <b>11,565</b> | <b>10,250</b> | <b>14,008</b> | <b>10,250</b> | <b>0.0%</b> |
| Administration           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |             |
| Administrative Asst      | 16,758        | 16,731        | 17,160        | 17,133        | 17,960        | 17,958        | 18,590        | 18,584        | 19,300        | 3.8%        |
| Payroll taxes            | 2,850         | 2,736         | 2,850         | 2,876         | 2,950         | 2,801         | 3,050         | 3,066         | 3,050         | 0.0%        |
| Health insurance         | 6,030         | 5,965         | 5,966         | 5,965         | 6,200         | 6,128         | 6,200         | 6,000         | 5,710         | -7.9%       |
| Workers comp.            | 893           | 766           | 850           | 672           | 850           | 804           | 850           | 576           | 850           | 0.0%        |
| Advertising              | 75            | 43            | 65            | 0             | 65            | 29            | 65            | 82            | 70            | 7.7%        |
| Bank service charges     | 400           | 678           | 650           | 807           | 675           | 641           | 525           | 622           | 575           | 9.5%        |
| Association dues         | 50            | 35            | 50            | 55            | 55            | 35            | 55            | 35            | 55            | 0.0%        |
| State Dog Fees           | 0             | 508           | 0             | 544           | 0             | 608           | 0             | 586           | 0             |             |
| Bonds                    | 650           | 0             | 500           | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             |             |
| Conferences              | 600           | 994           | 600           | 567           | 600           | 120           | 600           | 160           | 600           | 0.0%        |
| Computer services        | 1,700         | 1,561         | 1,700         | 1,595         | 1,700         | 1,681         | 1,700         | 1,832         | 1,700         | 0.0%        |
| Mileage                  | 150           | 269           | 200           | 204           | 200           | 358           | 250           | 128           | 250           | 0.0%        |
| Contingency              | 200           | 190           | 200           | 138           | 200           | 717           | 200           | 99            | 200           | 0.0%        |
| Postage                  | 900           | 930           | 1,000         | 1,088         | 1,100         | 1,101         | 1,200         | 1,036         | 1,200         | 0.0%        |
| Registry fees            | 250           | 341           | 250           | 244           | 250           | 223           | 250           | 256           | 250           | 0.0%        |
| Repairs & maintenance    | 300           | 180           | 200           | 151           | 200           | 514           | 200           | 754           | 500           | 150.0%      |
| Retirement Ins           | 810           | 824           | 858           | 849           | 872           | 897           | 915           | 916           | 960           | 4.9%        |
| Office supplies          | 1,200         | 1,525         | 1,200         | 1,330         | 1,300         | 1,758         | 1,350         | 1,299         | 1,550         | 14.8%       |
| Telephone                | 750           | 682           | 750           | 714           | 750           | 685           | 700           | 650           | 650           | -7.1%       |
| Town reports             | 650           | 624           | 650           | 624           | 700           | 689           | 700           | 811           | 860           | 22.9%       |
|                          | <b>35,216</b> | <b>35,580</b> | <b>35,698</b> | <b>35,557</b> | <b>36,627</b> | <b>37,747</b> | <b>37,400</b> | <b>37,490</b> | <b>38,330</b> | <b>2.5%</b> |

| 2/20/98                       | 1994          | 1994          | 1995          | 1995          | 1996          | 1996          | 1997          | 1997          | 1998          | Change        |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| APPROPRIATIONS                | Budget        | Actual        | Budget        | Actual        | Budget        | Actual        | Budget        | Actual        | Budget        | 98/97         |
| Cemetery Expenses             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Cemetery maintenance          | 1,000         | 1,295         | 1,500         | 1,119         | 1,500         | 2,038         | 1,500         | 1,792         | 1,500         | 0.0%          |
| Cemetery salaries             | 5,500         | 5,694         | 5,500         | 5,708         | 6,350         | 6,574         | 6,500         | 5,874         | 7,000         | 6.9%          |
| Payroll taxes                 | 421           | 424           | 421           | 436           | 500           | 503           | 500           | 542           | 540           | 8.0%          |
| Workers comp.                 | 810           | 810           | 930           | 909           | 600           | 595           | 600           | 509           | 700           | 16.7%         |
|                               | <b>7,731</b>  | <b>8,223</b>  | <b>8,351</b>  | <b>8,172</b>  | <b>8,950</b>  | <b>9,710</b>  | <b>9,190</b>  | <b>8,717</b>  | <b>9,740</b>  | <b>6.4%</b>   |
| Reappraisal of Property       |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Assessing                     | 5,200         | 5,220         | 6,200         | 5,200         | 5,200         | 2,640         | 3,000         | 2,398         | 2,500         | -16.7%        |
| Tax map update                | 500           | 465           | 485           | 485           | 485           | 485           | 485           | 255           | 485           | 0.0%          |
|                               | <b>5,700</b>  | <b>5,685</b>  | <b>6,685</b>  | <b>5,685</b>  | <b>5,685</b>  | <b>3,125</b>  | <b>3,485</b>  | <b>2,653</b>  | <b>2,985</b>  | <b>-14.3%</b> |
| Town Building Expenses        |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Custodian salaries            | 3,800         | 3,575         | 3,800         | 3,750         | 3,800         | 3,800         | 3,800         | 3,708         | 3,800         | 0.0%          |
| Supplies                      | 100           | 27            | 125           | 107           | 125           | 117           | 125           | 99            | 125           | 0.0%          |
| Heat                          | 2,200         | 1,651         | 2,200         | 1,645         | 2,200         | 2,395         | 2,200         | 2,298         | 2,200         | 0.0%          |
| Electricity                   | 1,600         | 1,949         | 2,000         | 2,108         | 2,100         | 1,857         | 2,100         | 2,015         | 2,100         | 0.0%          |
| Repairs & maintenance         | 2,500         | 2,152         | 2,500         | 2,905         | 3,000         | 2,316         | 3,000         | 6,073         | 3,500         | 16.7%         |
|                               | <b>10,200</b> | <b>9,355</b>  | <b>10,625</b> | <b>10,516</b> | <b>11,225</b> | <b>10,485</b> | <b>11,225</b> | <b>14,192</b> | <b>11,725</b> | <b>4.5%</b>   |
| Employment/Insurance Expenses |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Accident/Health Insurance     | 1,968         | 1,932         | 1,968         | 1,750         | 1,930         | 1,744         | 2,100         | 2,666         | 2,550         | 21.4%         |
| Unemployment taxes            | 1,000         | 812           | 700           | 667           | 700           | 634           | 700           | 713           | 700           | 0.0%          |
| Liability insurance           | 23,000        | 20,309        | 22,000        | 20,391        | 23,000        | 22,003        | 23,000        | 21,544        | 23,000        | 0.0%          |
|                               | <b>25,968</b> | <b>23,053</b> | <b>24,668</b> | <b>22,808</b> | <b>25,630</b> | <b>24,381</b> | <b>25,800</b> | <b>24,923</b> | <b>26,250</b> | <b>1.7%</b>   |
| Planning & Zoning             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Salaries                      | 1,400         | 665           | 1,200         | 1,165         | 1,200         | 815           | 1,200         | 1,548         | 900           | -25.0%        |
| Payroll taxes                 | 100           | 50            | 92            | 89            | 92            | 62            | 92            | 109           | 70            | -23.9%        |
| Advertising                   | 400           | 240           | 300           | 350           | 300           | 199           | 280           | 367           | 280           | 0.0%          |
| Training                      | 50            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 130           |               |
| Board of Adjustment           | 50            | 102           | 50            | 264           | 500           | 994           | 900           | 0             | 423           | -53.0%        |
| Historic District Commission  | 50            | 0             | 50            | 68            | 50            | 10            | 50            | 0             | 10            | -80.0%        |
| SW Reg Planning/Consulting    | 1,220         | 1,220         | 1,370         | 1,361         | 1,370         | 1,814         | 1,382         | 1,520         | 1,390         | 0.6%          |
| Supplies                      | 150           | 108           | 150           | 339           | 150           | 268           | 150           | 309           | 150           | 0.0%          |
| Postage                       | 150           | 118           | 150           | 125           | 150           | 32            | 150           | 304           | 150           | 0.0%          |
|                               | <b>3,670</b>  | <b>2,503</b>  | <b>3,362</b>  | <b>3,762</b>  | <b>3,812</b>  | <b>4,194</b>  | <b>4,204</b>  | <b>4,149</b>  | <b>3,503</b>  | <b>-16.7%</b> |

| 2/20/98               | 1994   |        | 1995   |        | 1996   |        | 1997   |        | 1998   |        | Change  |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| APPROPRIATIONS        | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Budget | 98/97   |
| Building Inspection   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |
| Bldg inspector-fees   | 1,000  | 1,137  | 1,000  | 732    | 1,000  | 832    | 1,000  | 1,691  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 0.0%    |
| Payroll taxes         | 77     | 88     | 77     | 62     | 77     | 64     | 77     | 124    | 77     | 77     | 0.0%    |
| Expenses              | 200    | 192    | 300    | 257    | 300    | 352    | 300    | 120    | 300    | 300    | 0.0%    |
|                       | 1,277  | 1,417  | 1,377  | 1,051  | 1,377  | 1,248  | 1,377  | 1,935  | 1,377  | 1,377  | 0.0%    |
| Health & Welfare      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |
| Health officer        | 25     | 0      | 25     | 0      | 25     | 0      | 25     | 0      | 25     | 25     | 0.0%    |
| Animal control        | 500    | 474    | 2,000  | 2,675  | 2,000  | 2,077  | 2,000  | 1,195  | 2,000  | 2,000  | 0.0%    |
| Town poor             | 2,000  | 1,398  | 2,000  | 0      | 2,000  | 585    | 2,000  | 0      | 2,000  | 2,000  | 0.0%    |
| Visiting nurse        | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 0.0%    |
|                       | 4,025  | 3,372  | 5,525  | 4,175  | 5,525  | 4,182  | 5,525  | 2,695  | 5,525  | 5,525  | 0.0%    |
| Ambulance             |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |
| Ambulance Service Fee | 3,500  | 3,500  | 3,500  | 3,500  | 3,675  | 3,675  | 3,675  | 3,675  | 3,675  | 3,675  | 0.0%    |
| Supplies              | 1,000  | 1,999  | 1,000  | 970    | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 814    | 1,000  | 1,000  | 0.0%    |
| Training              | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 378    | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,200  | 530    | 1,200  | 1,200  | 0.0%    |
|                       | 5,500  | 5,499  | 5,500  | 4,788  | 5,675  | 5,675  | 5,875  | 5,019  | 5,875  | 5,875  | 0.0%    |
| Library               |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |
| Library salaries      | 15,315 | 15,315 | 15,744 | 15,741 | 16,180 | 16,180 | 16,535 | 16,597 | 17,480 | 17,480 | 5.7%    |
| Payroll taxes         | 1,172  | 1,178  | 1,205  | 1,199  | 1,240  | 1,238  | 1,265  | 1,269  | 1,338  | 1,338  | 5.8%    |
| Worker's Comp.        | 66     | 66     | 60     | 60     | 60     | 60     | 60     | 60     | 60     | 60     | 0.0%    |
| Dues, fees & educ     | 505    | 436    | 620    | 607    | 620    | 536    | 720    | 688    | 820    | 820    | 13.9%   |
| Equipment maintenance | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 67     | 0      | 0      | -100.0% |
| Postage               | 75     | 75     | 75     | 75     | 75     | 75     | 75     | 75     | 75     | 75     | 0.0%    |
| Programming           | 125    | 122    | 125    | 125    | 225    | 225    | 125    | 125    | 125    | 125    | 0.0%    |
| Matching Funds        |        |        | 150    | 125    | 150    | 150    | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0.0%    |
| Supplies              | 175    | 174    | 175    | 175    | 325    | 325    | 400    | 404    | 400    | 400    | 0.0%    |
| Telephone             | 409    | 370    | 420    | 400    | 420    | 480    | 1,050  | 1,036  | 1,050  | 1,050  | 0.0%    |
| Copy-machine          |        |        |        |        | 460    | 460    | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0.0%    |
| Travel                | 190    | 190    | 210    | 210    | 230    | 215    | 230    | 230    | 230    | 230    | 0.0%    |
| Books                 | 2,000  | 1,998  | 2,000  | 2,001  | 2,500  | 2,507  | 2,500  | 2,507  | 2,500  | 2,500  | 0.0%    |
|                       | 20,032 | 19,925 | 20,784 | 20,717 | 22,485 | 22,001 | 23,015 | 23,059 | 24,078 | 24,078 | 4.6%    |

| 2/20/98   | 1994   |        | 1995   |        | 1996   |        | 1997   |        | 1998   |        | Change |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| APPROPRIATIONS  | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Budget | 98/97  |
| Parks & Recreation  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Grounds improvements/repairs  | 220    | 468    | 300    | 519    | 300    | 150    | 300    | 90     | 300    | 300    | 0.0%   |
| Lawn supplies   | 300    | 214    | 300    | 139    | 300    | 0      | 250    | 110    | 250    | 250    | 0.0%   |
| Mowing  | 600    | 469    | 600    | 302    | 600    | 330    | 600    | 315    | 600    | 600    | 0.0%   |
| Recreation area expenses  | 240    | 280    | 300    | 16     | 300    | 223    | 325    | 28     | 325    | 325    | 0.0%   |
| Stone dust  | 250    | 0      | 250    | 225    | 250    | 0      | 200    | 0      | 200    | 200    | 0.0%   |
| Toilet facilities   | 75     | 50     | 125    | 30     | 125    | 80     | 125    | 90     | 125    | 125    | 0.0%   |
| Trash removal   | 60     | 93     | 80     | 89     | 90     | 60     | 90     | 60     | 90     | 90     | 0.0%   |
| Activities/Rec day  | 350    | 402    | 450    | 378    | 450    | 554    | 600    | 353    | 600    | 600    | 0.0%   |
| Patrotic purposes   | 400    | 399    | 500    | 498    | 600    | 551    | 500    | 500    | 600    | 600    | 20.0%  |
| Electricity   |        |        | 60     | 62     | 60     | 62     | 85     | 50     | 85     | 85     | 0.0%   |
| Street lighting   | 860    | 902    | 926    | 951    | 960    | 984    | 1,000  | 1,002  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 0.0%   |
| Town common   | 2,700  | 2,727  | 2,700  | 2,727  | 2,850  | 2,939  | 3,850  | 3,792  | 3,850  | 3,850  | 0.0%   |
| Payroll taxes   | 207    | 203    | 207    | 183    | 220    | 207    | 300    | 236    | 300    | 300    | 0.0%   |
| Worker's Comp   | 317    | 341    | 317    | 300    | 317    | 277    | 400    | 300    | 400    | 400    | 0.0%   |
|   | 6,579  | 6,548  | 7,055  | 6,356  | 7,422  | 6,427  | 8,625  | 6,924  | 8,725  | 8,725  | 1.2%   |
| Water Hole  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Water hole & dry hyd  | 1,000  | 304    | 1,000  | 800    | 1,000  | 0      | 1,000  | 0      | 1,000  | 1,000  | 0.0%   |
| House & water hole #'s  | 100    | 100    | 125    | 125    | 125    | 125    | 385    | 325    | 182    | 182    | -52.7% |
|   | 1,100  | 404    | 1,125  | 925    | 1,125  | 125    | 1,386  | 325    | 1,182  | 1,182  | -14.7% |
| New Hampshire Municipal Asso.                                       | 500    | 500    | 500    | 500    | 500    | 500    | 500    | 500    | 500    | 500    | 0.0%   |
| Wilton Recycling Center   | 32,887 | 30,536 | 31,089 | 31,089 | 29,040 | 29,040 | 39,063 | 31,803 | 27,429 | 27,429 | -29.8% |
| Communication Expenses  | 23,787 | 23,785 | 32,594 | 32,594 | 41,594 | 38,990 | 19,500 | 19,415 | 19,500 | 19,500 | 0.0%   |
| Legal Expenses  | 5,000  | 0      | 5,000  | 5,739  | 5,000  | 7,053  | 5,000  | 2,928  | 3,500  | 3,500  | -30.0% |
| Civil Defense   | 50     | 0      | 50     | 11     | 100    | 100    | 100    | 184    | 100    | 100    | 0.0%   |
| Conservation Commission   | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 6,328  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 0.0%   |
| Election Expenses   | 800    | 732    | 689    | 413    | 2,200  | 1,352  | 500    | 504    | 800    | 800    | 60.0%  |
| Town Forestry Committee   |        |        | 7,500  | 7,697  | 750    | 1,337  | 750    | 532    | 750    | 750    | 0.0%   |
|   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| *Conservation overexpenditure was paid out of the Conservation Fund |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |



| 2/20/96                                   | 1994    | 1994    | 1995    | 1995    | 1996    | 1996    | 1997    | 1997    | 1998    | Change |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| APPROPRIATIONS                            | Budget  | Actual  | Budget  | Actual  | Budget  | Actual  | Budget  | Actual  | Budget  | 98/97  |
| Highway Town Maintenance                  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |
| Road agent salary                         | 31,332  | 31,284  | 32,525  | 32,490  | 33,643  | 33,480  | 35,550  | 35,267  | 36,350  | 2.3%   |
| Asst road agent salary                    | 26,322  | 26,296  | 27,117  | 27,107  | 27,930  | 24,404  | 28,778  | 28,778  | 29,866  | 3.8%   |
| Equipment operator                        | 22,415  | 21,834  | 23,096  | 22,367  | 23,788  | 23,695  | 24,521  | 22,065  | 25,266  | 3.0%   |
| Other salaries                            | 27,500  | 34,017  | 30,000  | 33,698  | 32,000  | 34,170  | 34,640  | 42,381  | 39,140  | 13.0%  |
| Overtime wages                            | 11,000  | 8,578   | 11,000  | 11,883  | 13,500  | 15,946  | 11,500  | 10,648  | 11,800  | 2.6%   |
| Payroll taxes                             | 9,071   | 9,263   | 9,470   | 9,895   | 9,860   | 10,192  | 10,350  | 10,778  | 10,898  | 5.3%   |
| Health insurance                          | 12,969  | 12,855  | 13,408  | 12,856  | 14,534  | 10,941  | 12,800  | 11,067  | 12,020  | -6.1%  |
| Alcohol and drug testing                  |         |         |         |         | 400     | 270     | 400     | 230     | 350     | -12.5% |
| Workers comp.                             | 14,459  | 13,825  | 13,000  | 10,066  | 13,370  | 13,164  | 16,750  | 13,345  | 17,125  | 2.2%   |
| Retirement                                | 4,750   | 4,524   | 4,750   | 4,636   | 4,800   | 5,062   | 4,300   | 4,185   | 5,140   | 19.5%  |
| Consulting engineer                       | 200     | 0       | 200     | 0       | 200     | 0       | 250     | 0       | 250     | 0.0%   |
| Mileage                                   | 1,850   | 1,722   | 2,000   | 2,033   | 2,000   | 2,191   | 2,500   | 1,962   | 2,500   | 0.0%   |
| Fire equipment rental                     | 350     | 0       | 350     | 65      | 350     | 364     | 500     | 117     | 500     | 0.0%   |
| Calcium chloride                          | 10,000  | 10,264  | 11,000  | 11,067  | 11,500  | 11,395  | 12,500  | 12,473  | 12,500  | 0.0%   |
| Crusher                                   | 4,000   | 0       | 5,000   | 5,153   | 5,000   | 5,100   | 5,000   | 5,370   | 5,000   | 0.0%   |
| Culverts                                  | 1,000   | 513     | 1,000   | 0       | 1,000   | 868     | 2,000   | 2,846   | 1,500   | -25.0% |
| Oil - pug mill                            | 5,500   | 5,360   | 5,500   | 5,500   | 7,000   | 7,001   | 7,000   | 8,008   | 9,000   | 28.6%  |
| Oil - sealing                             | 11,500  | 11,536  | 14,000  | 16,277  | 13,500  | 10,772  | 15,500  | 15,620  | 17,000  | 9.7%   |
| Patch                                     | 2,000   | 2,078   | 2,000   | 2,244   | 2,500   | 2,240   | 2,500   | 3,027   | 2,000   | -20.0% |
| Salt                                      | 4,000   | 3,649   | 5,500   | 5,332   | 5,000   | 4,520   | 4,000   | 4,216   | 4,500   | 12.5%  |
| Tractor rental                            | 150     | 0       | 84      | 84      | 100     | 84      | 100     | 23      | 100     | 0.0%   |
| Truck rentals                             | 300     | 0       | 300     | 450     | 200     | 0       | 200     | 0       | 200     | 0.0%   |
| Plowing                                   | 16,000  | 13,729  | 11,000  | 8,025   | 14,000  | 15,210  | 13,000  | 9,633   | 13,000  | 0.0%   |
| Expenditures against insurance settlement |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 1,829   |         |        |
| Signs & Rewards                           | 216,668 | 211,066 | 222,216 | 221,226 | 236,185 | 231,069 | 245,139 | 244,451 | 257,005 | 4.8%   |
| Highway Dept. Expenses                    |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |
| Building maintenance                      | 3,000   | 3,306   | 4,000   | 3,371   | 3,000   | 4,341   | 3,000   | 2,482   | 3,000   | 0.0%   |
| Chains                                    | 600     | 198     | 600     | 534     | 600     | 581     | 600     | 590     | 500     | -16.7% |
| Chainsaw repairs                          | 400     | 36      | 600     | 567     | 600     | 35      | 400     | 555     | 300     | -25.0% |
| Dues, education and misc                  | 600     | 190     | 500     | 752     | 600     | 851     | 800     | 708     | 800     | 0.0%   |
| Edges for plows & graders                 | 1,200   | 1,101   | 1,200   | 1,295   | 1,500   | 1,721   | 1,500   | 1,840   | 1,800   | 20.0%  |

| 2/20/96                   | 1994    | 1994    | 1995    | 1995    | 1996    | 1996    | 1997    | 1997    | 1998    | Change  |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| APPROPRIATIONS            | Budget  | Actual  | Budget  | Actual  | Budget  | Actual  | Budget  | Actual  | Budget  | 98/97   |
| Highway...                |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Electricity               | 1,800   | 1,764   | 2,050   | 2,003   | 2,200   | 2,060   | 2,300   | 2,217   | 2,300   | 0.0%    |
| Equipment maintenance     | 15,000  | 22,793  | 17,000  | 17,469  | 18,000  | 21,509  | 18,000  | 17,969  | 16,000  | -11.1%  |
| Fuel                      | 11,000  | 9,736   | 11,000  | 10,750  | 11,000  | 11,599  | 11,000  | 10,962  | 11,000  | 0.0%    |
| Radios                    | 800     | 547     | 800     | 733     | 1,000   | 1,039   | 1,000   | 744     | 1,500   | 50.0%   |
| Telephone                 | 850     | 877     | 1,000   | 930     | 1,000   | 969     | 1,000   | 1,025   | 1,000   | 0.0%    |
| Tires                     | 2,500   | 879     | 2,500   | 2,905   | 2,000   | 1,668   | 2,000   | 2,616   | 2,500   | 25.0%   |
| Safety equipment          | 1,000   | 1,077   | 1,000   | 1,174   | 1,200   | 1,602   | 1,200   | 1,353   | 1,200   | 0.0%    |
| Tools                     | 800     | 1,154   | 800     | 876     | 800     | 1,001   | 800     | 780     | 1,000   | 25.0%   |
| Welding supplies          | 400     | 253     | 300     | 309     | 400     | 584     | 400     | 360     | 500     | 25.0%   |
| Subtotal                  | 39,950  | 43,910  | 43,350  | 43,668  | 43,900  | 49,560  | 44,000  | 44,252  | 43,400  | -1.4%   |
| Total Highway Expenses    | 256,618 | 254,976 | 265,566 | 264,894 | 280,085 | 280,649 | 289,139 | 288,703 | 300,405 | 3.9%    |
| Police Department         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Chief's salary            | 33,589  | 33,589  | 34,597  | 34,597  | 35,635  | 35,634  | 36,703  | 36,703  | 38,725  | 5.5%    |
| Fulltime Officer          | 19,240  | 18,903  | 20,680  | 18,980  | 26,600  | 26,600  | 29,600  | 27,724  | 27,000  | -8.8%   |
| Third Officer             |         |         |         |         |         |         | 14,200  | 12,416  | 0       | -100.0% |
| Officers & other salaries | 9,028   | 9,040   | 9,028   | 11,129  | 12,900  | 16,809  | 14,400  | 17,095  | 23,000  | 59.7%   |
| Payroll taxes             | 1,457   | 1,472   | 1,493   | 1,779   | 1,890   | 2,222   | 2,300   | 2,486   | 2,720   | 18.3%   |
| Health insurance          | 8,585   | 8,462   | 8,494   | 8,688   | 12,770  | 12,924  | 14,970  | 12,103  | 11,685  | -21.9%  |
| Workers comp.             | 3,525   | 3,525   | 4,000   | 3,797   | 3,150   | 3,102   | 3,880   | 3,799   | 3,500   | -9.8%   |
| Retirement                | 2,642   | 1,904   | 2,212   | 1,562   | 2,490   | 1,832   | 3,000   | 2,605   | 3,200   | 6.7%    |
| Conventions & dues        | 200     | 240     | 200     | 150     | 200     | 175     | 200     | 300     | 300     | 50.0%   |
| Cruiser fuel              | 2,000   | 2,261   | 2,350   | 2,452   | 2,500   | 2,571   | 2,500   | 2,836   | 3,000   | 20.0%   |
| Cruiser maintenance       | 2,000   | 2,526   | 2,500   | 3,375   | 2,500   | 4,166   | 3,000   | 4,511   | 3,000   | 0.0%    |
| Cruiser lease             | 6,900   | 6,893   | 6,900   | 7,090   | 9,240   | 9,240   | 9,240   | 8,939   | 8,520   | -7.8%   |
| Office expenses           | 2,000   | 2,160   | 2,250   | 2,807   | 2,750   | 3,240   | 3,000   | 2,830   | 3,000   | 0.0%    |
| Training                  | 1,000   | 1,010   | 1,000   | 543     | 2,000   | 1,841   | 2,000   | 940     | 2,000   | 0.0%    |
| Uniforms                  | 1,000   | 1,090   | 1,000   | 1,049   | 1,000   | 1,506   | 1,500   | 1,520   | 1,500   | 0.0%    |
| Equipment & maintenance   | 1,000   | 1,461   | 1,000   | 1,579   | 1,000   | 1,070   | 2,000   | 1,906   | 2,500   | 25.0%   |
| Reports & permits         | 500     | 298     | 500     | 484     | 500     | 198     | 500     | 277     | 500     | 0.0%    |
|                           | 94,666  | 94,838  | 96,204  | 100,059 | 117,125 | 123,130 | 142,993 | 138,990 | 134,150 | -6.2%   |

| 2/20/98                      | 1994           | 1994           | 1995           | 1995           | 1996           | 1996           | 1997           | 1997           | 1998           | Change       |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| APPROPRIATIONS               | Budget         | Actual         | Budget         | Actual         | Budget         | Actual         | Budget         | Actual         | Budget         | 98/97        |
| Fire Department              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |              |
| Fire Chief's salary          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 0.0%         |
| Other Stipends               | 6,000          | 6,000          | 5,750          | 5,690          | 5,750          | 5,750          | 5,750          | 5,750          | 5,750          | 0.0%         |
| Warden training              | 50             | 60             | 75             | 0              | 75             | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0.0%         |
| Workers comp.                | 700            | 600            | 990            | 840            | 990            | 802            | 990            | 809            | 990            | 0.0%         |
| Utilities                    | 2,500          | 2,574          | 2,600          | 2,279          | 2,800          | 2,370          | 2,800          | 2,588          | 3,000          | 7.1%         |
| Telephone                    | 800            | 718            | 800            | 703            | 800            | 633            | 800            | 653            | 800            | 0.0%         |
| Radio repair                 | 800            | 786            | 800            | 808            | 800            | 785            | 1,000          | 998            | 1,000          | 0.0%         |
| Fuel                         | 1,000          | 700            | 750            | 586            | 750            | 690            | 750            | 1,029          | 750            | 0.0%         |
| Code books                   | 250            | 246            | 250            | 103            | 150            | 20             | 150            | 163            | 200            | 33.3%        |
| Training                     | 1,200          | 1,081          | 1,200          | 1,075          | 1,200          | 1,752          | 1,400          | 1,385          | 1,400          | 0.0%         |
| Equipment & Maint            | 3,500          | 3,864          | 3,500          | 3,194          | 3,500          | 3,484          | 3,500          | 3,541          | 4,000          | 14.3%        |
| Bld maintenance              | 1,200          | 1,051          | 1,500          | 1,473          | 1,750          | 2,615          | 2,000          | 2,210          | 2,000          | 0.0%         |
| Officers expenses/Dues       | 600            | 623            | 1,100          | 1,185          | 1,400          | 1,360          | 1,400          | 1,346          | 1,400          | 0.0%         |
| Insurance                    | 200            | 190            | 200            | 202            | 200            | 221            | 250            | 239            | 250            | 0.0%         |
| Vehicle maintenance          | 4,000          | 4,021          | 4,000          | 4,026          | 4,000          | 3,906          | 4,000          | 4,066          | 4,000          | 0.0%         |
| Expendables                  | 300            | 285            | 350            | 320            | 350            | 371            | 350            | 283            | 350            | 0.0%         |
| Hepatitis Vaccine Program    | 2,000          | 1,703          | 500            | 54             | 275            | 112            | 275            | 350            | 300            | 9.1%         |
| <b>Subtotal</b>              | <b>26,600</b>  | <b>25,742</b>  | <b>25,865</b>  | <b>24,038</b>  | <b>26,371</b>  | <b>26,390</b>  | <b>26,915</b>  | <b>26,909</b>  | <b>27,680</b>  | <b>2.9%</b>  |
| Fire truck bond principal    | 15,000         | 15,000         | 15,000         | 15,000         | 10,000         | 10,000         | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0.0%         |
| Fire truck bond interest     | 2,705          | 2,705          | 1,693          | 1,693          | 680            | 680            | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0.0%         |
| Truck engine replacement     |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |              |
| <b>Total Fire Dept.</b>      | <b>44,305</b>  | <b>43,447</b>  | <b>42,658</b>  | <b>40,731</b>  | <b>36,970</b>  | <b>37,051</b>  | <b>26,915</b>  | <b>26,909</b>  | <b>27,680</b>  | <b>2.9%</b>  |
| Interest Tax Notes           | 15,000         | 18,844         | 18,000         | 27,592         | 40,000         | 37,000         | 40,000         | 38,267         | 40,000         | 0.0%         |
| Adjustments & Refunds        |                | 4,644          |                | 23,898         |                | 1,225          |                | 138,883        |                |              |
| <b>Total Appropriations</b>  | <b>614,886</b> | <b>610,873</b> | <b>648,681</b> | <b>670,436</b> | <b>705,277</b> | <b>704,397</b> | <b>717,791</b> | <b>645,463</b> | <b>710,394</b> | <b>-1.0%</b> |
| Increase over prior year     | 6.38%          |                | 5.50%          |                | 8.72%          |                | 1.76%          |                | -1.02%         |              |
| <b>Total Budget Proposed</b> | <b>608,886</b> |                | <b>652,078</b> |                | <b>701,467</b> |                | <b>717,701</b> |                | <b>710,394</b> |              |
| <b>Total Budget Voted</b>    | <b>614,886</b> |                | <b>648,681</b> |                | <b>705,277</b> |                |                |                |                |              |

| 2/20/98                          | 1994          | 1994          | 1995          | 1995          | 1996          | 1996          | 1997   | 1997   | 1998   | Change |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| APPROPRIATIONS                   | Budget        | Actual        | Budget        | Actual        | Budget        | Actual        | Budget | Actual | Budget | 98/97  |
| Warrant Articles '94             |               |               |               |               |               |               |        |        |        |        |
| 94#5 Hwy Loader(83 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 Rake                   | 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           |               |               |               |               |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Warrant Articles '95</b>      | <b>60,892</b> | <b>57,843</b> |               |               |               |               |        |        |        |        |
| 95#4 Dump Truck                  |               |               | 14,352        | 27,775        |               |               |        |        |        |        |
| 95#6 Fire Dept Air Tanks         |               |               | 20,000        | 19,900        |               |               |        |        |        |        |
| 95#7 Police Video                |               |               | 4,800         | 4,779         |               |               |        |        |        |        |
| 95#8 Police Computer             |               |               | 1,500         | 1,500         |               |               |        |        |        |        |
| 95#9 Library Books               |               |               | 1,000         | 1,000         |               |               |        |        |        |        |
| 95#8 Highway Equip From Surp     |               |               | 1,080         |               |               |               |        |        |        |        |
| 95#9 Cemetery Transfer           |               |               | 83            |               |               |               |        |        |        |        |
|                                  |               |               | <b>42,815</b> | <b>54,954</b> |               |               |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Warrant Articles '96</b>      |               |               |               |               |               |               |        |        |        |        |
| 96#3 Dump Truck, 2nd payment     |               |               |               |               | 14,352        | 14,352        |        |        |        |        |
| 96#5 Fire packs, 2nd payment     |               |               |               |               | 9,900         | 9,900         |        |        |        |        |
| 96#6 Fire overhead doors         |               |               |               |               | 8,000         | 7,037         |        |        |        |        |
| 96#7 Defibrillator               |               |               |               |               | 6,950         | 6,935         |        |        |        |        |
| 96#8 Highway Equip From Surp     |               |               |               |               | 1,926         |               |        |        |        |        |
| 96#10 Sander Body                |               |               |               |               | 6,000         | 6,000         |        |        |        |        |
| 96#11 Cemetery Lot Markers       |               |               |               |               | 5,000         | 4,999         |        |        |        |        |
| 96#12 Library Computer           |               |               |               |               | 3,500         | 3,498         |        |        |        |        |
| 96#13 Lawn tractor mower         |               |               |               |               | 2,600         | 2,600         |        |        |        |        |
| 96#14 Police printer combination |               |               |               |               | 1,000         | 999           |        |        |        |        |
| 96#15 Cemetery lot sales         |               |               |               |               | 150           |               |        |        |        |        |
|                                  |               |               |               |               | <b>59,378</b> | <b>46,414</b> |        |        |        |        |

| 2/20/98                            | 1994   | 1994   | 1995   | 1995   | 1996   | 1996   | 1997                 | 1997   | 1998    | Change |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| APPROPRIATIONS                     | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget               | Actual | Budget  | 98/97  |
| Warrant Articles '97               |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        |         |        |
| 97#6 Dump Truck, 3rd payment       |        |        |        |        | 14,352 | 929    |                      |        |         |        |
| 97#7 Fire Equip Capital Reserve    |        |        |        |        | 15,000 | 15,000 |                      |        |         |        |
| 97#8 Highway Capital Reserve       |        |        |        |        | 10,000 | 10,000 |                      |        |         |        |
| 97#10 Cemetery Cap Res Withdraw    |        |        |        |        | 3,000  | 3,000  |                      |        |         |        |
| 97#11 Polic+A351e Radios           |        |        |        |        | 2,000  | 2,000  |                      |        |         |        |
| 97#12 Police Radar                 |        |        |        |        | 2,000  | 2,000  |                      |        |         |        |
| 97#13 Fire Equip Cap Res Transfer  |        |        |        |        | 1,700  | 1,700  |                      |        |         |        |
| 97#14 Fire Equip Cap Res Withdraw  |        |        |        |        | 0      | 0      |                      |        |         |        |
| 97#15 Cemetery Cap Res Transfer    |        |        |        |        | 75     | 75     |                      |        |         |        |
| Warrant Articles '98               |        |        |        |        | 48,127 | 34,704 |                      |        |         |        |
| 98#4 Highway Improvement           |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 50,000  |        |
| 98#5 Communications Tower          |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 10,000  |        |
| 98#6 Highway Capital Reserve       |        |        |        |        |        |        | Plus borrow \$20,000 |        | 20,000  |        |
| 98#7 Highway Pickup Truck          |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 17,000  |        |
| 98#8 Transfer to Forestry Fund     |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 13,000  |        |
| 98#9 Fire Truck Capital Reserve    |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 12,500  |        |
| 98#10 Mann House Ramp              |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 8,500   |        |
| 98#11 Highway Plow                 |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 7,000   |        |
| 98#12 Fire Dept Airpacks and Masks |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 5,050   |        |
| 98#13 Police Radar                 |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 2,000   |        |
| 98#14 Office Computer Equipment    |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 2,000   |        |
| 98#15 Transfer to Highway Cap      |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 1,100   |        |
|                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |                      |        | 148,150 |        |

| 2/20/98  | 1994       | 1994       | 1995       | 1995       | 1996       | 1996       | 1997       | 1997       | 1998      | Change |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| APPROPRIATIONS   | Budget     | Actual     | Budget     | Actual     | Budget     | Actual     | Budget     | Actual     | Budget    | 98/97  |
| SUMMARY  |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |        |
| Town Assessments   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |        |
| Total Appropriations   | 614,886    | 610,813    | 648,681    | 670,436    | 705,277    | 704,397    | 717,701    | 845,463    | 710,394   | -1.0%  |
| Total Warrants   | 60,692     | 60,692     | 42,815     | 42,815     | 59,378     | 59,378     | 48,127     | 34,704     | 148,150   | 207.8% |
| Less Revenues  | 230,000    | 228,964    | 230,000    | 270,710    | 250,000    | 321,234    | 260,000    | 402,563    | 294,604   | 13.3%  |
| Expenses less Revenues   | 445,576    | 442,541    | 461,496    | 442,541    | 514,555    | 442,541    | 505,828    | 477,604    | 563,940   | 11.5%  |
| Other Assessments  |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |        |
| School District Assessment   | 1071525    | 1025916    | 1151714    | 1179563    | 1151714    | 1141658    | 1198741    | 1128555    | 1,226,286 | 2.3%   |
| Hillsborough County  | 130,409    | 105,745    | 109,975    | 117,508    | 117,508    | 122,428    | 122,428    | 121,092    | 128,154   | 4.7%   |
| Total Taxation   | 1,647,512  | 1,574,102  | 1,723,185  | 1,679,612  | 1,783,877  | 1,706,627  | 1,727,251  | 1,918,380  |           | 5.0%   |
| Valuation(total - exemptions)  | 43,598,100 | 44,484,550 | 45,463,350 | 44,484,550 | 44,284,000 | 43,579,450 | 43,579,450 | 43,579,450 |           | 0.0%   |
| Budget Tax Rate  | \$37.79    | \$35.39    | \$37.90    | \$37.76    | \$40.28    | \$39.16    | \$41.92    | \$39.63    | \$44.02   |        |
| Actual Rate  |            | \$34.96    |            | \$37.91    |            | \$38.45    |            | \$37.61    |           |        |
| School district assessment is an estimate based on all articles passing, and payments made across two fiscal years (only half the increase applied to the current year). |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |        |

**TOWN OF MASON**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance**  
For the year ended December 31, 1997

| REVENUES:   | 1997             | 1996             | 1995             |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Highway Block Grant   | \$57,472         | \$53,282         | \$53,540         |
| Shared revenue  | 29,331           | 30,268           | 30,521           |
| Other state grants  | 707              | 714              | 449              |
| Property taxes  | 1,645,964        | 1,702,429        | 1,672,530        |
| Yield taxes   | 47,317           | 41,570           | 24,046           |
| Land use change taxes   | 5,528            | 2,000            | 1,780            |
| Motor vehicle fees  | 119,770          | 113,957          | 100,676          |
| Penalties and interest  | 15,890           | 24,473           | 19,835           |
| Licenses and permits  | 4,247            | 2,391            | 2,787            |
| Interest income   | 44,650           | 39,787           | 35,027           |
| Dog licenses  | 2,476            | 2,299            | 2,447            |
| Rooms & Meals Tax   | 13,517           | 10,040           | 16,873           |
| Forestry Commission   | 0                | 1,255            | 4,920            |
| Other   | 51,239           | 36,071           | 33,702           |
| <b>Total revenues</b>   | <b>2,038,108</b> | <b>2,060,536</b> | <b>1,999,133</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>  |                  |                  |                  |
| General government  | 245,659          | 108,485          | 127,782          |
| Cemeteries  | 11,717           | 17,309           | 8,172            |
| Public safety   | 213,477          | 196,746          | 188,647          |
| Highways  | 300,635          | 301,001          | 292,669          |
| Sanitation  | 31,803           | 29,040           | 31,089           |
| Health & Welfare  | 2,695            | 16,773           | 4,175            |
| Education   | 1,128,555        | 1,141,658        | 1,119,563        |
| Culture and recreation  | 35,840           | 33,779           | 36,321           |
| Debt service  | 38,267           | 47,680           | 44,285           |
| County taxes  | 121,092          | 122,428          | 117,508          |
| <b>Total expenditures</b>   | <b>2,129,740</b> | <b>2,014,899</b> | <b>1,970,211</b> |
| Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures  | (91,632)         | 45,637           | 28,922           |
| <b>Other financing sources:</b>   |                  |                  |                  |
| Interfund transfers   | 6,200            | 12,500           | 1,620            |
| Unexpended encumbrances   | 0                | 0                | 0                |
|   | 6,200            | 12,500           | 1,620            |
| Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses | (85,432)         | 58,137           | 30,542           |
| <b>Fund balance beginning</b>   | <b>266,652</b>   | <b>208,515</b>   | <b>177,973</b>   |
| <b>Fund balance ending</b>  | <b>\$181,220</b> | <b>\$266,652</b> | <b>\$208,515</b> |

**TOWN OF MASON**  
**Combined Balance Sheet**  
At December 31, 1997

| ASSETS                               | General Fund     | Capital Reserves | Trust Funds      | Consrv Comm     | Forestry Comittee | All Funds          |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cash                                 | \$574,691        | \$52,357         | \$129,764        | \$29,233        | \$47,051          | \$833,096          |
| Debit Memo                           | 0                |                  |                  |                 |                   | \$0                |
| Deeded property                      | 22,378           |                  |                  |                 |                   | \$22,378           |
| Unredeemed taxes                     | 38,453           |                  |                  |                 |                   | \$38,453           |
| Uncollected taxes                    | 112,555          |                  |                  |                 |                   | \$112,555          |
| <b>Total assets</b>                  | <b>\$748,077</b> | <b>\$52,357</b>  | <b>\$129,764</b> | <b>\$29,233</b> | <b>\$47,051</b>   | <b>\$1,006,482</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b> |                  |                  |                  |                 |                   |                    |
| Escrow funds                         | \$2,575          |                  |                  |                 |                   | \$2,575            |
| Encumbrances                         | 600              |                  |                  |                 |                   | 600                |
| Payroll taxes payable                | 634              |                  |                  |                 |                   | 634                |
| Due to schools                       | 563,048          |                  |                  |                 |                   | 563,048            |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>             | <b>566,857</b>   | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>          | <b>566,857</b>     |
| <b>Fund balances</b>                 | <b>181,220</b>   | <b>52,357</b>    | <b>129,764</b>   | <b>29,233</b>   | <b>47,051</b>     | <b>439,625</b>     |
| Total liabilities and fund balances  | \$748,077        | \$52,357         | \$129,764        | \$29,233        | \$47,051          | \$1,006,482        |

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Cash on hand, January 1, 1997     | 513,978          |
| Cash receipts:                    |                  |
| Town Clerk                        | 122,797          |
| Tax Collector                     | 1,754,799        |
| Selectmen                         | 201,118          |
| Interest income Fleet             | 991              |
| Interest income NHPDIP            | 43,659           |
| Tax Anticipation Loans            | 1,000,000        |
| Interest CD                       | 0                |
| <b>Total cash available</b>       | <b>3,637,342</b> |
| Selectmen's orders paid           | 1,716,253        |
| Payroll disbursements             | 307,358          |
| Tax anticipation loans repaid     | 1,000,000        |
| Interest on tax anticipation loan | 38,267           |
| Bank service charges              | 773              |
| <b>Total monies paid out</b>      | <b>3,062,651</b> |
| Cash on hand, December 31, 1997   | <b>574,691</b>   |

*Jeanne Hamel, Treasurer*

## TOWN OF MASON BONDS

The Town of Mason has no outstanding Bonds

## SUMMARY OF VALUATION

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Improved & Unimproved Land         | 11,785,200 |
| Assessed Value of Current Use Land | 572,954    |
| Consevation Restriction Assessment | 1,700      |
| Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)  | 30,371,050 |
| Public Utilities (PSNH)            | 1,300,000  |
| Valuations Before Exemptions       | 44,030,904 |

### EXEMPTIONS

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Elderly Exemptions | 90,000 |
| Solar Exemptions   | 9,400  |
|                    | 99,400 |

### NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE

43,931,504

### WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT

| Totally and permanently disables veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action..... | Limit   | No. | Credits |
|---|---------|-----|---------|
|   | \$1,400 | 2   | \$2,800 |
| All Other Qualified Persons.....  | \$100   | 59  | \$5,900 |

### 1997 TAX RATE

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Town              | 9.57           |
| County            | 2.73           |
| School            | 25.31          |
| <b>Total Rate</b> | <b>\$37.61</b> |

## REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

|                                   | PRINCIPAL           |  | INTEREST           |  | TOTAL Fund Balance  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------|
|                                   | Beginning Balance   | Fnds Created (Expended) Ending Balance | Beginning Balance  | Interest Earned (Disburseals) Ending Balance |                     |
| <b>TRUST FUNDS</b>                |                     |  |                    |  |                     |
| Boynton School                    | \$11,063.07         | \$11,063.07                            | \$6,981.20         | \$984.24                                     | \$7,965.44          |
| Stearns School                    | \$10,469.36         | \$10,469.36                            | \$8,492.74         | \$1,038.16                                   | \$9,530.90          |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care           | \$21,995.33         | \$21,995.33                            | \$4,908.76         | \$1,520.97                                   | \$4,929.73          |
| Cemetery Land Improvement         | \$3,785.00          | (\$1,366.79)                           | \$947.54           | \$230.06                                     | \$1,177.60          |
| Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson    | \$25,000.00         | \$25,000.00                            | \$8,992.39         | \$1,873.11                                   | \$10,865.50         |
| Whitaker-Locke Library            | \$10,808.07         | \$10,808.07                            | \$724.55           | \$624.08                                     | \$676.92            |
| Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth | \$9,966.62          | \$9,966.62                             | \$2,259.84         | \$637.89                                     | \$2,897.73          |
| <b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>          | <b>\$93,087.45</b>  | <b>(\$1,366.79)</b>                    | <b>\$33,307.02</b> | <b>\$6,908.51</b>                            | <b>(\$2,171.71)</b> |
|                                   |                     |  |                    |  | <b>\$38,043.82</b>  |
| <b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>      |                     |  |                    |  |                     |
| Highway Capital Equipment         |                     |  | \$956.10           | \$68.82                                      | \$1,024.92          |
| Town Reevaluation                 | \$11,100.00         | \$11,100.00                            | \$2,504.76         | \$135.91                                     | \$2,640.67          |
| Cemetery Land Improvement*        |                     |  | \$1,597.99         | \$35.22                                      | (\$1,633.21)        |
| Fire Equipment                    | \$1,700.00          | \$13,300.00                            | \$217.24           | \$54.55                                      | \$0.00              |
| Library Building                  | \$17,000.00         | \$17,000.00                            | \$4,089.49         | \$1,230.21                                   | \$271.79            |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b> | <b>\$18,700.00</b>  | <b>\$24,400.00</b>                     | <b>\$9,365.58</b>  | <b>\$1,524.71</b>                            | <b>(\$1,633.21)</b> |
|                                   |                     |  |                    |  | <b>\$9,257.08</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>            | <b>\$111,787.45</b> | <b>\$23,033.21</b>                     | <b>\$42,672.60</b> | <b>\$8,433.22</b>                            | <b>(\$3,804.92)</b> |
|                                   |                     |  |                    |  | <b>\$47,300.90</b>  |
|                                   |                     |  |                    |  | <b>\$182,121.56</b> |

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

*M. Barbara Schutze*

*James Lovee*

*George Schwent*

In accordance with Warrant Article 9 the Cemetery Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund was changed to the Cemetery Land Improvement Capital Reserve Fund at the Annual Meeting of the Town of Mason on March 11, 1997

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS  
For the year ended December 31, 1997

|   | Levies of:<br>1997    | Prior               |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Uncollected Taxes, Jan. 1, 1997:</b>           |                       |                     |
| Property Taxes                                    |                       | \$159,522.52        |
| Land Use Change Taxes                             |                       |                     |
| Yield Taxes                                       |                       | 1,888.79            |
| <b>Taxes Committed to Collector:</b>              |                       |                     |
| Property Taxes                                    | \$1,645,963.92        |                     |
| Land Use Change Taxes                             | 5,527.50              |                     |
| Yield Taxes                                       | 47,317.04             |                     |
| Interest & fees                                   | 197.31                | 956.06              |
| <b>Overpayments:</b>                              |                       |                     |
| Property Taxes                                    | 312.17                |                     |
| Yield Taxes                                       |                       |                     |
| Interest & fees                                   | 34.63                 | 39.27               |
| <b>Interest Collected On<br/>Delinquent Taxes</b> | 274.31                | 5,320.50            |
| <b>Costs Collected On<br/>Delinquent Taxes</b>    |                       |                     |
| <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>                               | <b>\$1,699,626.88</b> | <b>\$167,727.14</b> |
| <b>Remitted To Treasurer During Year:</b>         |                       |                     |
| Property Taxes                                    | \$1,536,537.65        | \$125,781.87        |
| Land Use Change Taxes                             | 5,300.00              |                     |
| Yield Taxes                                       | 44,416.52             | 1,888.79            |
| Interest On Taxes                                 | 471.62                | 5,568.56            |
| Costs   |                       | 708.00              |
| Overpayments                                      | 346.80                | 39.27               |
| <b>Abatements Allowed:</b>                        |                       |                     |
| Property and Land Use Taxes                       |                       | 33,740.65           |
| Yield Taxes                                       |                       |                     |
| <b>Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1997:</b>          |                       |                     |
| Property Taxes                                    | 109,426.27            |                     |
| Land Use Change Taxes                             | 227.50                |                     |
| Yield Taxes                                       | 2,900.52              |                     |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>                              | <b>\$1,699,626.88</b> | <b>\$167,727.14</b> |

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS  
For the year ended December 31, 1997

|   | Tax Sale on Account of Levies of: |                    |                    |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|   | 1996                              | 1995               | Prior              |
| Balance of Unredeemed Taxes                     |                                   | \$62,244.29        | \$76,936.78        |
| Taxes Sold to Town                              | \$34,675.19                       |                    |                    |
| Interest & Costs Collected After<br>Overpayment | 1,615.26                          | 1,158.17           | 6,418.43           |
| <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>                             | <b>\$36,290.45</b>                | <b>\$63,402.46</b> | <b>\$83,355.21</b> |
| <b>Remittances to Treasurer:</b>                |                                   |                    |                    |
| Redemptions                                     | \$15,027.88                       | \$8,711.52         | \$16,947.52        |
| Interest & Cost                                 | 1,615.26                          | 1,158.17           | 6,418.43           |
| Overpayment                                     |                                   |                    | 0.00               |
| Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes                  |                                   | 35,598.06          | 59,118.69          |
| <b>Deeded to Town</b>                           |                                   |                    |                    |
| <b>Unredeemed Taxes Year End</b>                | 19,647.31                         | 17,934.71          | 870.57             |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>                            | <b>\$36,290.45</b>                | <b>\$63,402.46</b> | <b>\$83,355.21</b> |

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Cash on hand January 1, 1997</b>    | \$50             |
| <b>Cash received:</b>                  |                  |
| Dog licenses                           | \$1,902          |
| Automobile registrations               | \$116,939        |
| Title fees                             | \$388            |
| Filing fees                            | \$1              |
| Returned checks                        | \$100            |
| State dog fees                         | \$574            |
| Marriage licenses                      | \$418            |
| Overpay                                | \$33             |
| Municipal agent fees                   | \$2,442          |
| <b>Total cash received</b>             | <b>\$122,797</b> |
| <b>Cash remitted to Treasurer</b>      | \$122,797        |
| <b>Cash on hand, December 31, 1997</b> | \$50             |

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlotte Hastings*

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

## MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

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The winter of 1997 was a winter that had many small storms that used a lot of sand, salt and extra hours by our part time labor force. We also had a heavy wet snow storm on March 31st and April 1st that caused more tree damage to add to the tree damage of December, 1996. This left a lot of clean up work in the spring.

By having a very wet spring, we had a hard time trying to keep our gravel roads graded. We finally got our gravel roads under control, after putting gravel road stabilizer on the high volume roads.

We patched all our paved roads to keep them from breaking up. In the summer, we ditched, removed stones, shimmed, and sealed with chip seal parts of Brookline and Old County Roads (approximately 2.1 miles). We will have three years left before we have all our paved roads chip sealed.

We replaced and repaired several culverts in the fall. And we checked and cleaned many culverts during the year.

This Fall we met with the State Highway Municipal Planning and made additions and corrections on our town roads, Class V and VI. This will make our town highway maps updated.

In November we crushed approximately 3500 yards of gravel in our town pit. We hauled out approximately 2170 yards of crushed gravel during the crushing season. In 1997, we put 2807 yards of gravel on our gravel roads.

We sent several people to seminars during the year to educate them in safety on our highways and other techniques in road building such as: drainage, maintenance of paved roads and maintenance of equipment.

In January of 1997, David Cook went to a Highway Incident Command School. David Cook came back to the Highway Department and gave nine hours of training to six highway employees and several other town officials. This will give us more people to help out in a large snowstorm, hurricane or flood. Five employees attended a program given by PSNH for Mason Fire Department, in electrical emergencies. All employees have to be alert during snowstorms, floods, heavy winds, and hurricanes, for downed wires and trees in wires. We are always promoting safety for our employees and others around us.

I am very proud to say our department did not have a single workers compensation claim in 1997. This is in 12,356 hours worked by our department.

I would like to thank other departments for their help during the year. We say thank you to all individuals who have helped out in the past year. Most of all, thank you to all our employees who have at times worked long hours to keep our roads passable and safe.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Curtis M. Dunn*  
Road Agent

## UPGRADING of HIGHER VOLUME GRAVEL ROADS to PAVED ROADS (A PLAN!)

1998 Wilton Road  
1999 Part of Campbell Mill Road  
2000 Marcel Road  
2001 Part of Hurricane Hill Road  
2002 Part of Starch Mill Road and Part of Abbott Hill Road  
2003 Part of Campbell Mill Road  
2004 Part of Hurricane Hill Road  
2005 Part of Abbott Hill Road  
2006 Part of Campbell Mill Road and Part of Hurricane Hill Road  
2007 Nutting Hill Road from the Greenville line to the intersection of Batchelder Road

## MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Good Bye and God bless you, Cliff! You are missed. I'm not trying to sound like a broken record, but it's time to say thank you to the Selectmen: Chairman Anne Richards, Wolfgang Millbrandt, and newly elected Ken Greene, also to Barbara Milkovits, the Town's Assistant, who keeps the Town running.

As always it is a pleasure to work with the Town Departments. As I stated last year, we only have one goal and that is to do our best for the people of Mason. Thank you, Curt Dunn, for your advice through the years. Your help is always greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Fire Chief David Cook and EMS Coordinator Cheryl Greenwood who make our jobs easier because of their understanding of our needs.

### 1997 Highlights

Broken ribs, not a good start to the year. Good news though, I'm OK after about nine weeks of rehab.

January, the Department received a call from a town resident who was threatened by Justin Poster to harm them. With this information, the home was put under surveillance by our Department, New Ipswich Police and units from State Police Troop B. The surveillance was maintained until notification came that Mr. Poster had been shot while resisting an arrest in Concord.

March, a theft at Parker's Maple Barn. Money was stolen from the owner's car. This resulted in hundreds of hours of investigations, arrests made, court dates done, people sent to jail and a large portion of the money recovered.

April, let's not forget the April Fool's snowstorm! Another great clean-up job done by Curt and his crew.

September, the Department responded immediately to the Ashby Police Department radio request to be on the look out for burglary suspects from their town. Within minutes of the

request, the burglars were apprehended and arrested in Mason. The four adults and one juvenile were held at gun point until back up from the Ashby Police and New Ipswich Police arrived. The suspects were transported to Hillsborough County jail.

Immediately after the burglary incident, the New Ipswich Police Department called for back up. They had a man in the woods with a 12 gauge shotgun, who threatened to kill any one in sight. After a struggle, the suspect was arrested. The gun was found in the area the next day.

November, Det. Sgt. Vint Boggis left Mason and returned to Greenville. Good Luck Vint.

December has come with news concerning John Dube. He will not be serving the Town as a full time officer, but will continue on a part time basis.

This year we had over 800 calls for service requiring paperwork, and countless other calls not requiring paperwork. We also had more than 7,140 transactions through Hillsborough County Dispatch.

THANK YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF MASON FOR YOUR SUPPORT, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Robert L. Malboeuf*  
Police Chief

## AUDITOR'S REPORT - 1996

I have audited all Town departments budgeted or assigned financial responsibilities in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and their financial statements reflect an accurate assessment of the Town's financial position.

Respectfully submitted,  
*David Lloyd Evans*  
Town Auditor

## REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

This has been a very busy year for the Planning Board. During 1997, the Planning Board, under Bob Griffin's Chairmanship, continued to work updating the Master Plan. Sign Ordinance Hearings were held and new ordinances were written and accepted at Town Meeting in March 1997.

Issues at Merriam Hill Road subdivision, with erosion being a concern, were addressed several times this spring. There is bond money still being held to address any problems that the Board may want to see corrected.

In conjunction with issues raised over road conditions, the Planning Board invited the Board of Selectmen, Road Agent Curtis Dunn and Building Inspector Ken Wilson to an informational hearing for a discussion to address these issues. This was continued until new maps are available for the Road Agent.

Five home owners applied for Lot Line Adjustments. Two were "Voluntary Adjustments", no hearings necessary. One was approved and one was rescinded by the applicant. The fifth one was conditionally approved.

One Site Plan Review request resulted in a joint hearing with the BOA, Police Chief Malboeuf, and the Fire Department. Input from abutters and neighbors' concerns were addressed and an amicable solution was worked out. The second site plan review request was by an abutter to a private airstrip under construction on Old Ashby Road. This was continued to January 1998.

There were nine Informational Hearings with Minor and Major subdivisions in question held over the course of 1997. Two, required members to physically walk the bounds and others, to verify granite boundary markers being installed.

There were three Minor Subdivisions Hearings conducted and accepted as complete. Major Subdivision continued to 1998.

The Board lost two very dedicated members this year. Mike Goen resigned for personal reasons. Mike was an active member for many years and brought much knowledge to the meetings. He will be missed. Bob Griffin, Chairman, resigned after many years when he moved to Hollis. Bob brought a gentle dignity to the table. His dedication to the Town of Mason, knowledge and expertise in so many matters will be greatly missed by all members. Both members deserve many thanks. Two new members were appointed and accepted, Don MacIntosh and Dennis Meehan. Bruce Mann was elected as Chairman to complete the year.

End of the year discussion was to change the Planning Board meeting place and dates. The regular meetings will be held in the Mann House and will now be the last Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mason Planning Board*



## MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I have to start the report this year with a sad note. In May firefighter Clifton Hastings passed away. He was a member of the department for over thirty years. Cliff was also a Forest Fire Warden for the State of New Hampshire.

Cliff was active in all parts of the department. He was in charge of the Sparks Club, which has continued to support the Association financially for as many years as Cliff was with us. Cliff was the primary radio operator at the fire station during emergency calls. He was active at the Auctions, Chicken BBQ's, Roast Beef Dinners, Ham & Bean Suppers and assorted other fund raisers. Cliff will be deeply missed by all of us.

This year, the number of automobile accidents that the department responded to, was again high. This appears to be a trend that started last year and looks like it is likely to continue. To help us handle the more serious of these accidents, the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association is raising money to buy a hydraulic rescue tool for the department. We hope to have this tool in service this year.

The department members continued to take outside training in handling hazardous materials emergencies. The department members have also trained in rescue, electrical emergencies, and to assist at medical calls.

While doing regular maintenance on the fire apparatus this year, we found that the pump on our tanker needed to be rebuilt. A fire pump specialist did this, and we expect to get many more years of service from it.

This year the department members were again able to make a lot of the minor repairs to the fire apparatus. The members of the department, saving money for the department, also did some of the maintenance to the equipment and apparatus. Thanks to everyone who made this possible. One of the repairs that was made this year, was to temporarily patch the water tank on our 1972 Ford/Farrer Engine, which started leaking this summer. We are hopeful that this repair will last until we can replace this truck. We will be writing specifications for a new truck this year, which we hope to propose to the town at next year's town meeting.

I would like to thank the officers and personnel for their dedication and help over the past year. Also thanks to Road Agent Curt Dunn and the Highway Department, "Chief Bob" and the Police Department, the Mason Selectmen and Barbara Milkovits for their constant guidance and help. Lastly, I need to thank the families of the entire Emergency Service Personnel for their continued support, without which we could not continue to operate.

Respectfully submitted,  
*David P. Cook*  
Fire Chief

## MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDERS

The year 1997 proved to be a busy one for the First Responders. We finished the year with a total of 67 calls, a 45% increase over last year. We'll be adding another First Responder to our ranks for '98, firefighter Flip Phalon. With the addition of Flip, our members will total 12. Motor

vehicle accidents topped the list this year. These usually involve more than one patient needing assistance and are typically people from out-of-town. (Perhaps our naturally occurring speed bumps sneak up on them.) With the combined efforts of the Fire and Police Departments, we have been able to assist those in need of care, quickly and safely. Many thanks to the members of both departments.

Our hope is to provide the townspeople of Mason with quality service in a timely manner. Monthly training with the Brookline Ambulance Service continues. With Mason calls making up 29% of Brookline's ambulance calls this year, it is important that we practice working together to help things go as smoothly as possible. A big thank-you to Wes Whittier for keeping track of the paper trails, answering questions, and providing training; a never-ending job for sure.

I would like to thank the First Responders for their tireless efforts this year. Their care and compassion reflect in the faces of the patients they treat. Their hours of training and responding to emergency calls does not go unnoticed. THANKS!

May 1998 be a safe and healthy year for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Cheryl Greenwood*  
First Responder Coordinator

## TRAINING

Training in-house 1020 man-hours  
(3) members completed Career level training  
(2) members completed Career level II training

## 1997 FIRE CALLS

|                     |   |                        |    |                  |        |
|---------------------|---|------------------------|----|------------------|--------|
| Assist Police       | 1 | Mutual Aid received    | 7  | Mutual Aid given | 9      |
| Ambulance Assist    | 4 | Brush Fires            | 3  | Auto Accidents   | 16     |
| Smoke Investigation | 2 | Chimney Fires          | 4  | Wires Down       | 2      |
| Fire Alarm          | 1 | CO Detector Activation | 1  | Car Fire         | 2      |
| Appliance Fire      | 2 | Total Calls            | 47 | Total Man Hours  | 952.25 |

## AMBULANCE CALLS

|                         |    |                 |   |                    |    |
|-------------------------|----|-----------------|---|--------------------|----|
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 12 | Short of Breath | 1 | Falls              | 7  |
| Puncture                | 1  | Chest Pain      | 7 | Heart Palpitations | 1  |
| Difficulty Breathing    | 5  | Knee Pain       | 1 | Overdose           | 4  |
| Horse Accident          | 1  | Bleeding        | 3 | Contusion          | 1  |
| Weakness                | 3  | Dizziness       | 1 | Transfer           | 3  |
| Painful Breathing       | 1  | Lacerations     | 2 | Stomach Pain       | 1  |
| Back Pain               | 2  | Unresponsive    | 1 | Leg Injury         | 2  |
| Fracture                | 1  | Seizures        | 2 | Asthma             | 1  |
| Canceled by Police      | 2  | Fire Standby    | 1 | Total calls:       | 67 |

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission was successful in our application for a National Recreational Trails Fund grant to improve the Mason Railroad Trail. With the advice of Curt Dunn and the Highway Department, we prepared a plan to stabilize the trail, which is flooding and eroding in many places. This will involve brush-cutting, grading and adding culverts. This is a nearly \$20,000 project, of which half will be reimbursed by the state, the remainder will come out of Conservation Commission funds.

Work has begun on this project. Help is needed with brush-cutting so the Highway Department can get their equipment in to do the job. Part of the grant is based on volunteer aid with brush-cutting--all trail users are encouraged to help! The stretch of Railroad Trail south of Depot Road to the state line is especially in need. Trail improvements cannot be made unless the brush is cut first.

The Commission completed the Cliff Hastings Nature Trail this past fall, named in honor of our Selectman who founded the Conservation Commission and did so much for the town over the years. The trail includes a marsh boardwalk and is on Merriam Hill Road Conservation land near the town center. Many thanks to Guy Smith, Charlie Lanni and the Larochelle and Fletcher families for their work in building the boardwalk. A guide booklet for the trail has been prepared. The Commission plans to install the sign and hold a dedication for the Cliff Hastings Nature Trail this coming spring.

The Commission participated in the Nashua River Watershed Association's Stream Team water sampling program. Most of Mason lies in the Nashua River watershed. Our brooks feed into the Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers, which are both tributaries of the Nashua River. Walker Brook, one of the headwaters of the Squannacook River, was sampled monthly from May through October. It tested clean except in August, when Bacteria counts were very high after a storm brought runoff into the brook. The source of this bacteria is likely to be in Mason, because the Greenville sampling site where Walker Brook flows into Mason, was only slightly over the limit for bacteria in August. Sampling sites will be designed next season to try and locate the potential source of this bacteria.

The Commission has not made much progress on the Water Resource Management and Protection Plan this year. Most of our time was spent on the trail projects, as well as on wetlands questions. We hope to do more on the Water Resource Plan this coming year. Planners at the Southwest Regional Planning Commission have told us that Mason is qualified to be a groundwater protection area, because everywhere in town people depend on the groundwater as a basic water source. It is extremely unlikely that water from anywhere else is going to be piped into our homes, so it's up to us to protect our water!

Respectfully submitted,

*Conservation Commission*

## HOME HEALTH CARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason  
January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997  
Annual Report

In 1997, 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 1997. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1997 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

### SERVICE REPORT

| <u>Services Offered</u>              | <u>Services Provided</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Nursing                              | 111 Visits               |
| Physical Therapy                     | 0 Visits                 |
| Speech Pathology                     | 0 Visits                 |
| Occupational Therapy                 | 2 Visits                 |
| Homemaker                            | 0 Hours                  |
| Home Health Aide                     | 161 Visits               |
| Medical Social Work                  | 0 Visits                 |
| Child Health Program                 | 0 Visits                 |
| Children Outreach                    | 0 Visits                 |
| Nutritionist                         | 0 Visits                 |
| Total Unduplicated Residents Served: | 40                       |

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 1997 with all funding sources is projected to be \$15,706.32.

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 1998, we recommend an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to continue home care services at the current level.

Thank you for your consideration.

## MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

This was a spirited year for the Mason Public Library. We've continued to develop new resources such as the public access computer while also developing our collections of books, magazines, and audio-visual materials for the cultural and informational enrichment of our community.

We regret the resignation of two valuable trustees, Bette Lewicke and Linda Martin-Berke who certainly contributed to the library and its programs. Their efforts will not be forgotten. We were fortunate to recruit two enthusiastic replacements: Sue Wolpert, our former library aide, and Lynn (Costello) McCann, a new resident.

The Poetry Contest in its fourth year yielded the publication "Seasons" with art work done by Linda Martin-Berke. There were 28 entries this year. The winning title "Ruth" by Christine Hague of Weare, NH was read at the Strawberry Festival in June.

Preschool Storytimes were offered for several weeks in the spring and fall. Thanks to the library aide, Denise Ginzler, for all her stories, songs and crafts. The MPL was selected by Book Nooks & Krannies in Amherst to benefit from a promotional event which featured Arthur the Aardvark. As a result, the children's collection received 31 new additions.

We had another successful Book and Bake Sale in June due to volunteer efforts of Betty Chapman, our trustees, staff, and the donors of used books and baked goods.

The summer reading program, "Take us to your Readers" was kicked off by entertainer Judy Pancoast's "Kid Pop!" program. Thanks to Diana LeBlanc and Pam Steinberg for applying to the NHSL and the Arts Council for the grant that helped to provide for this wonderful program. Ten summer program participants created a video entitled "War or Peace?", involving a murder mystery at an alien peace conference. The program ended with an evening of stargazing and stories at the ball field. (Thanks to those involved!) Forty two children participated in the reading program and received certificates and book credits at The Toadstool Bookshop in Milford.

For adults the library offered another tutorial on Internet searching. A dozen people gained experience with the assistance of Lisa Malboeuf. This winter Ben Morse returned for an evening of traditional Christmas caroling. This holiday season the library welcomed more than fifty people to the Mann house for a family program of stories, songs, and crafts.

Currently, the Library Trustees and staff are working very hard to write a technology plan to be eligible for discounts and funding to support the development of our computer systems, FAX, and web page. We are also working on the library's general policies that are due to be updated.

A flurry of activity ended the year with the much needed repair of the roof leaks and repair of the water damaged walls and ceiling. Thank you to the Town for their help with the arrangements for this job.

Finally, we want to applaud the loyalty and generosity of our volunteers throughout the year including Betty Chapman, Pam Steinberg, Mary Broden, Peter McCann, Karen Johnson, and Jonathan Mann.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary Calderan*  
*Lynn McCann*  
*Sue Wolpert*  
 Library Trustees

## MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1997

January 1, 1997 Account balance 1902.43

**Receipts:**  
 Town Budget 23,058.78  
 Gifts for books, magazines, software, and programming 150.00  
 Fundraising -poetry contest, book/bake sales, refunds, etc. 551.80  
 Investment interest (Whitaker-Locke and Technology funds) 1,234.31  
 Fees, fines and lost books 62.00  
 Program grants 50.00  
 NOW checking account interest (Jan-Dec) 33.17  
**25,140.06**

**Expenditures:**  
 Salaries 16,596.85  
 Payroll tax 1,269.48  
 Workers Comp 60.00  
 Dues & fees 687.70  
 Postage 75.00  
 Programming 620.99  
 Supplies 426.09  
 Telephone 1,036.44  
 Travel 230.00  
 Technology 73.97  
 Books 2,914.89  
 Equipment maintenance 67.00  
**24,058.41**

Returned to Town General Fund (43.78)  
**December 31, 1997 Account balance 3,067.63**

### OPERATIONS STATISTICS

|                               | <u>Catalogued books</u> | <u>Pbk. Books</u> | <u>Audio</u> | <u>Video</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Added to collection           | 487                     | 117               | 12           | 54           |
| Lost and withdrawn            | 249                     | 89                | 1            | 3            |
| Total collection              | 9084                    | 1,240             | 186          | 337          |
| Added by donation             | 257                     | 117               | 12           | 54           |
| Added by purchase             | 230                     | 0                 | 0            | 0            |
| Total registered borrowers    | 598                     |                   |              |              |
| Library programs              | 28                      |                   |              |              |
| Program participants          | 378                     |                   |              |              |
| Items borrowed from library   | 8,890                   |                   |              |              |
| <b>Interlibrary loans:</b>    |                         |                   |              |              |
| Borrowed from other libraries | 149                     |                   |              |              |
| Lent to other libraries       | 66                      |                   |              |              |

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been twenty-five (25) Building Permits issued during 1997. They were issued for the following: (and the total valuation is also listed):

|   |                                |                |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 7 | Permanent Dwelling             | 654,928        |
| 6 | Additions to Home              | 129,984        |
| 3 | Porch Additions to Home        | 15,050         |
| 1 | Deck Addition to Home          | 10,877         |
| 1 | Deck & Gazebo Addition to Home | 6,045          |
| 1 | Renovation of Existing Home    | 8,000          |
| 1 | Finish Cellar of Home          | 10,054         |
| 3 | Barns                          | 24,098         |
| 1 | Garage                         | 4,341          |
| 1 | Septic Repair                  | 3,000          |
|   |                                | <u>866,377</u> |

Of the seven permanent dwellings, one was a renewal permit.

There have been four Oil Burner Permits issued. A permit is required for installing and operating oil burning equipment which includes replacement oil burners and/or oil tanks. The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being upgraded. This year I will have to visit more homes to verify residences. It would be more beneficial if all residents would use their correct house numbers and have them on their mail boxes or posted in full view.

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 MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

This past year the Town's forester assisted the Selectmen in cleaning up and resolving a timber trespass issue on lot F-41. An abutter to the Town's lot L-27 is planning selective thinning and the Mason Forest Committee had the opportunity to investigate considering including Lot-27 as part of this thinning project. This was being considered because lot L-27 is currently land locked and the abutters' thinning project would allow access. After discussions with the Town forester, Bill Downs, the committee decided to leave Town lot L-27 out of the upcoming thinning. This decision was based on the present condition of the areas' existing forest and the forester's recommendation that the lot should be left alone to serve as a wildlife habitat area. In the coming year, we hope to continue working with everyone to oversee the activities among our Towns' forests.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mason Forestry Committee*

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The year 1997 was a year of accomplishment for the cemeteries. Along with mowing, raking, and fertilizing, we had to cut many dead branches from trees that appear to be dying in Prospect Cemetery. These trees may have to be cut in the near future.

In the new section of Prospect Cemetery, we finished the gravel road, graded all the grass areas and seeded them. We set bounds for 50 lots, which can now be sold as needed.

In Pleasant View Cemetery, we installed a new iron gate. This gate was designed and created by Channing B. Mould, a Mechanical Engineer who works at Fletcher's Quarry here in Mason. He also made the new gate for Tarbell or Pole Hill Cemetery on Brookline Road and will be creating another gate for Pratt Annex Cemetery on Russell Road in 1998. We are indeed fortunate to have Mr. Mould create these additions to our town.

In 1998 we plan to place more bounds in Prospect Cemetery and do some additional grading and seeding after the spring run-off. We will have additional spring clean-up this year because the early snow covered some of our leaves.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Wallace Brown*  
*Arthur Rafter*  
*Robert Larochelle*  
 Cemetery Trustees



## DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON

for the year ending December 31, 1997

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Name</u>         | <u>Residence</u> | <u>Cemetery</u>     |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Nov. 24, 1996 | Lillian L. Morley   | Mason            | Prospect Hill       |
| Dec. 6, 1996  | Harold F. Elliott   | Tucson, AZ       | Prospect Hill       |
| Jan. 4        | Virginia P. Godin   | Fitchburg, MA    | Prospect Hill       |
| Feb. 19       | Harry L. Morley     | Mason            | Prospect Hill       |
| Mar. 19       | Guy Porter Washburn | Mason            | Cremated            |
| May 21        | Clifton W. Hastings | Mason            | Prospect Hill       |
| July 9        | Jeremy R. Brundige  | New Ipswich      | Prospect Hill       |
| July 23       | Carl E. Witty       | Gainesville, FL  | Prospect Hill       |
| July 28       | Agnes Devens        | Milford          | Prospect Hill       |
| Aug. 14       | Blanche Harris      | Pepperell, MA    | Prospect Hill       |
| Oct. 14       | Doris E. Ready      | Fitchburg, MA    | Calvary Waltham, MA |
| Dec. 12       | Virginia M. Currier | Mason            | Cremated            |
| Dec. 23       | Paul C. Gillis, Jr. | Mason            | Cremated            |

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON**  
for the year ending December 31, 1997

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u>                                 | <u>Residence</u>       | <u>Married by</u>                             |
|-------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Mar. 29     | Peter J. McCann<br>Lynn M. Costello         | Mason                  | Charlotte N. Hastings<br>Justice of the Peace |
| May 23      | Theodore E. Stewart<br>Hazel L. Marshall    | Mason<br>Knoxville, TN | Andrew Cryans<br>Clergy                       |
| July 26     | Richard A. Addonizio<br>Lynda L. Davey      | Mason                  | Dorothy M. Morgan<br>Justice of the Peace     |
| Aug. 23     | Stephen G. Reinhart<br>Linda A. Faatz       | Erie, PA<br>Mason      | Benjamin Thompson Jr.<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Sept. 6     | William I. Marco, Jr<br>Laura L. Bonney     | Mason                  | Carl W. Chandler<br>Justice of the Peace      |
| Sept. 27    | Andrew E. Dunn<br>Karen Jarrell             | Mason                  | Peter Stevens<br>Clergy                       |
| Oct. 12     | Charles W. Bowman III<br>Janet R. Pelletier | Mason                  | Bernard F. Robida<br>Justice of the Peace     |
| Nov. 8      | Jerry L. Anderson<br>Jessica C. Bennett     | Centerville, MA        | Barbara L. Milkovits<br>Justice of the Peace  |



**BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON**  
for the year ending December 31, 1997

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u>          | <u>Hospital</u>                | <u>Parents</u>                                 |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| May 12      | Rhys A. Schueren     | Southern NH Regional<br>Nashua | Robin Fae Adams<br>Harry T. Schueren III       |
| May 18      | Sydney R. Wheeler    | St. Joseph Nashua              | Nancy J. Curran<br>Brian M. Wheeler            |
| July 4      | William Patterson    | Elliot Hospital Manchester     | Kimberly E. Fitzgerald<br>Richard G. Patterson |
| July 26     | Regan S. Benoit      | St. Joseph Nashua              | Donna M. Willey<br>Brian D. Benoit             |
| Aug. 30     | Luke R. Nadeau       | Southern NH Regional<br>Nashua | Melanie B. Bosse<br>Mark R. Nadeau             |
| Oct. 29     | Joshua A. LaLancette | Southern NH Regional<br>Nashua | Cheryl A. Kimball<br>Robert J. LaLancette      |
| Oct. 31     | Ava L. Jones         | St. Joseph, Nashua             | Carol A. Cormier<br>Donald G. Jones, Jr.       |



**TOWN MEETING March 11, 1997**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. The reading of the Warrant through Article 3 was waived.

Polls were declared open at 12:04 pm. Checklist total was 729. Polls were closed at 7:09 p.m., after 108 had voted. There was one absentee ballot.

Results of the elections were as follows:

|                                     |                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|
| Selectman for 3 years:              | Kenneth Greene      | 101 |
| Auditor for 1 year:                 |                     |     |
| Library Trustee for 3 years:        | Lynn Costello       | 98  |
| Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years:  | Robert B. Larochele | 95  |
| Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: | George G. Schwenk   | 104 |

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mason Ordinance, Appendix A, paragraph 2 by replacing "and any revisions thereafter" with "as reissued with an effective date of December 1, 1992, and any revisions there after", or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2. This was voted at the polls. 90 yes, 10 no.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to replace the current Article IV, section O of the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance:

O. Property owners of enterprises in Mason shall be allowed two advertising signs on the premises, such signs not to total over fifteen square feet in area, one or more signs pertaining to the lease, sale or use of a lot or building on which placed; and directional signs, provided that said signs (1) do not exceed two square feet in areas, and (2) do not exceed one sign in any two mile length of road, not including those to indicate changes in direction. No sign shall be neon, animated or flashing.

with the following:

O. Advertising signs in Mason, with the exceptions of directional signs described in paragraph O.1.b. below, must be on the property on which the enterprises being advertised is located. Such signs shall conform to the following provisions:

1. Signs in the GRAF district (as defined in Article V) in Mason are subject to these stipulations:
  - a. Signs in Mason must conform to the following classes:
    1. Class 1: A single free standing sign is allowed. The total are of the sign board shall not exceed fifteen square feet in area; both sides of the sign may be used. The top of the sign board shall not exceed twelve feet in height.
    2. Class 2: Signs affixed to the building housing the enterprise are allowed. The total area of the sign or signs shall not exceed fifteen square feet in aggregate area. None of these signs shall be attached to or protrude above the roof.
    3. Class 3: In addition, a single temporary sign is allowed, only for purposes of indicating that the premises is for sale or lease. This sign may be either free standing in which case it must conform to the provisions in paragraph O.1.a.1; or affixed to the building, in which case it must conform to the provisions in paragraph O.1.a.2.

b. In addition, directional signs may be placed on property other than that on which the enterprise is located but only with the consent of the owner of the property. These signs shall not be in the town or state right-of-way. Each sign is restricted to no more than one and one half square feet in area. For a given enterprise, no more than one sign shall be placed within any two mile section of road; with the exception that if directional signs are required at more than one corner within a two mile section of road, such additional signs shall be allowed. No enterprise shall have more than twelve directional signs within the Town of Mason.

c. No sign shall be neon, animated or flashing.

d. No sign or lighting for a business shall be positioned in such a manner that it impedes the vision or line of sight of drives in or on public ways, nor cause glare or direct lighting on any adjacent property.

2. Signs in the VR district (as defined in Article V) in Mason shall comply with the requirements listed in O.1. and further shall be limited to fifteen square feet in aggregate area, not including a temporary sign as defined in paragraph o.1.b.
3. Signs in the Historic District (as defined in Article V in Mason shall comply with the requirements listed in O.1., shall be limited to fifteen square feet in aggregate area, not including a temporary sign as defined in paragraph o.1.b., and must be approved by the Historic District Commission.
4. Existing signs on enterprises in Mason at the time of this amendment are exempt from the amended provisions. However, if an existing sign is changed or removed, any replacement must conform to the amended provisions.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. This was voted on at the polls. 81 yes, 24 no.

The meeting was re-opened at 8:00 pm. Mrs. Schwenk reviewed the procedure we would follow. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits. Mrs. Schwenk introduced those sitting at the head table. She expressed thanks to all involved with the election process.

The colors were presented by Scouts Nathan Archambault and Jesse Knisley from Troop # 264. They led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. State Representative Jeffrey C. MacGillivray brought greetings from the Legislature.

Reference was made to the fact that the Town Reports were not available as required by RSA 40:4. A motion was made, seconded and passed to continue with the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the reading of the Warrant.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax based on an assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$26,400 and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000.

A motion was made by John Lewicke and seconded by Bette Lewicke to insert after "\$26,400" and own net assets not including domicile". This motion passed.

**Article 4.** The Town voted to modify the elderly exemptions from the property tax in the Town of Mason based on an assessed value; for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition the tax payer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400, or if married a combined net income of not more than \$26,400; and own net assets not including domicile in excess of \$35,000.

**Article 5.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate by taxation or borrowing, or otherwise the sum of Seven Hundred Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred one Dollars (\$717,701) for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing.

The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Schwenk had reviewed the line items. Questions were raised about the copier leased by the Library. It seemed to have been inoperable most of the time. The copier is to be returned. The telephone expenses were noted. The increase is due to the Internet now available to residents. Concern was shown about the almost \$10,000 increase in the recycling center. The Police budget was questioned about the gradual increases over the years. The Town has grown of course, thus more police activity. Also, the need of a third full time Police Officer was discussed.

**Article 6.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,352 for the third payment of the lease for the Highway Department's dump truck as voted for at Town Meeting, March 1995.

The vote was unanimous.

**Article 7.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The vote was unanimous.

**Article 8.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The vote was unanimous.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of an existing Cemetery Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mrs. Schwenk mentioned that it would need a 2/3's vote. A motion was made by James Losee and seconded by George Schwenk to strike "Trust Fund" after Cemetery Land Improvement and substitute "Capital Reserve Fund". The motion passed.

Article 9. The Town voted to change the purpose of an existing Cemetery Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund to the Cemetery Land Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

The vote was unanimous.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000) from the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund for the purpose of installing lot markers and continuing work in the new cemetery, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made by James Losee and seconded by George Schwenk to change the words "Trust Fund" to Capital Reserve Fund" after the words Cemetery Land Improvement and add the words " or lesser amount available" after the words "Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000)". This motion passed.

Article 10. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000) or lesser amounts available from the Cemetery Land Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of installing lot markers and continuing work in the new cemetery. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 11.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) for the purchase of portable radios for the Police Department.

**Article 12.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) to replace the highway radar for the Police Department.

**Article 13.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1700) from surplus. These amounts received in 1996 from the sale of surplus Fire Department equipment to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 14.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1700) from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing fire equipment.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75) from surplus, these amounts received in 1996 from the sale of cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made by George Schwenk and seconded by James Losee to change "Land Improvement Fund" to "Land Improvement Trust Fund". This motion carried.

Article 15. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 from surplus. These amounts received in 1996 from the sale of cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund.

The vote was unanimous.

**Article 16.** The Town voted to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d to authorize the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of such personal property. Such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote of town meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

**Article 17.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department.

**Article 18.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment and vehicles from the Fire Department.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:56 p.m.

We adjourned at 9:56 p.m. Sine Dai  
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town clerk

## REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGE

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid the quick response from the local Fire Department.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS  
Forest Ranger Reported Fires  
Number of Fires Statewide 726  
Number of Fires Hillsborough County 145

Respectfully submitted,

*Bryan Nowel, Forest Ranger*

*David P. Cook, Forest fire Warden*

## 1797 History Highlights

Jan. 3, Miss Betsy Mann, daughter of Benjamin Mann was married to Samuel Wilson, who returned from Troy. The Rev. Ebenezer Hill performed the ceremony.

March, Town Meeting brought forth the following officers for the year:  
Benjamin Mann - Moderator Joseph Barrett- Town Clerk - Treasurer - Selectman  
Representative Major James Wood - Selectman Captain Benjamin Barrett - Selectman

July 12, Death of Rebecca H. Hill, wife of Rev. Ebenezer Hill, The Little Minister of Mason.

Nov. The Selectmen ordered the treasurer to pay S.M. 25 cents in full for killing a crow. The town by a vote allowing the same, a bill for articles furnished for building a School House, by Timothy Dakin, a merchant in the town, the following prices appear of this date. Board nails, 2s per M Shingle nails 2s 4d per M Double tens 6s for 500 Pair of door hinges 4s 6d A bushel of lime 2s 6d.

The first horse drawn vehicle in town was a specially made chaise for Rev. Ebenezer Hill.

Births - from Nov. 1796 to Nov. 1797 - 41

Marriages for the year - 8

Deaths for the year 15 - over 70 - 1

1790 Census state population figure of 922

This information was taken from the Mason Bicentennial Book by Elizabeth O. Jones as well as the History of Mason book by John B. Hill.