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Front Row left to right: Robert Hook, Corey Iodice, Tyler Connolly, Marc Dunn, Derek Neubert  
Second Row left to right: Scoutmaster Ron Dube, Todd Neubert, Josh Smith, Ryan Kane, Barry  
Morse, Luke Dube

Third Row left to right: Jon Lavoie, George Schwenk, Steve Dunn, Jesse Knisley,  
Jared Knisley, Ass't Scoutmasters Guy Smith, Paul Knisley.

#### Troop 264

This year Mason celebrates 25 years of continuous Scouting. The troop was originally chartered in 1959, but was disbanded in 1964. Long time resident, George Schwenk, reorganized the troop in 1973. Troop 264, like all troops around the world, has offered fun, adventure, service and achievement.

The Scouting program helps foster the development of outdoor skills, leadership, self-reliance and team spirit. Scouts strive to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law, a code that helps them express their duty to God, country and self.

To put this code to practice Troop 264 has participated in weeklong summer camps, 50-mile canoe trips, wilderness and historic trail hiking and local and regional campouts. Last fall, Troop 264 received the best overall award at the Norwich University Invitational Camporee in Vermont. Some 64 troops with over 1200 Scouts attended from all the New England states, New York, Pennsylvania and Canada. The boys were proud of their achievement.

Troop 264 annually participates in the Scouting For Food project, collecting goods for distribution to the needy in this area. The Town of Mason has always been a generous supporter in this endeavor.

Troop 264 recently started in the State of New Hampshire's Adopt A Highway program. We have volunteered to clean trash from Valley Road four times a year. Troop 264 has produced five Eagle Scouts in the past 25 years. They are David Ruoff, Francis Gavin, John Dube, Ben Dube and Luke Dube.

The Scouting program is growing in Mason. Cub Scout Pack 264 was recently re-chartered. Girl Scouts have also been re-formed after a long absence.

Adult Scout leaders firmly believe in the wholesomeness of Scouting. They hope all children between the ages of seven and eighteen participate.

The Mason Boy Scouts thank the Town for honoring us with this dedication.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 1998

The Selectmen were pleased to honor Cedric Valentine on his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. We made him "Lord Mayor" and he was presented a key to the Town. Cedric is a long time resident of Mason and is loved by all who know him. Thanks Cedric for your past years of service as Selectman, Historical Society Treasurer and member of various other Town Boards.

We are distressed with the number of violations of the Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinances committed by the Town citizens. These violations include campers and trailers being used for domiciles, building construction without permits and sign violations as to size and location. Logging without an Intent to Cut form filed has also been another violation. The above mentioned violations are a burden to the Selectmen. In many instances the problems require consultations with Town Counsel. That is your tax dollars that pay for Town Counsel. Please, especially new residents, check with our office concerning your intentions, ideas and actions. Copies of the Town Ordinances are available in the office, as well as the New Hampshire RSA's. Save yourself the embarrassment of a misdemeanor and find out your information ahead of time.

The Inventory forms will be sent out in March and are due April 15<sup>th</sup> in this office. Please return your form on time and avoid a twenty-dollar penalty. We need the data for the Assessor and this office to update and clarify any changes to your property and for census purposes.

The Wolf Rockers Square Dance Club put a lot of time and effort in upgrading and refurbishing the bathrooms and laying a new kitchen floor at the Town Hall. We thank the Wolf Rockers for their work.

The American Red Cross sponsors Rural Rides. This service provides transportation for healthcare visits or to other social services and is offered to any citizen in need. Our coordinator of drivers is Peg Jewell. Please call her at 878-1355 for more information on becoming a driver or requesting a ride.

Mason is joining the rest of New Hampshire in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Old Home Days". This will take place on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We're looking forward to seeing new and former residents at this fulfilled event.

We, Selectmen, are responsible for the operation of the Town within the confines of the New Hampshire RSA's and the Town's Planning and Zoning Ordinances. We are able to keep the Town running in an efficient manner thanks to the help of our Administrative Assistant, Barbara Milkovits. Thank you Barbara!

The cry everywhere is what has happened to volunteerism, where has it gone and why do so many people want to eat up our tax dollars? The Selectmen express sincere thanks and appreciation to all the people who do volunteer and serve the Town in various capacities

Respectfully submitted,

*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 2000

### 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, resigned 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 2001

### TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term

Charlotte N. Hastings March 1999

### DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Diane M. Meehan, Appointed March 1999

### AUDITOR 1 yr term

Mary Ann Broden March 1999

### SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term

Sandra LeClair, Chairman March 2000  
Karen Chemello March 2004  
Joan Losee, Appointed March 1999

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term

Susanne Wolpert, resigned March 2001  
Lynne McCann March 2000  
Linda Lamy, Appointed March 1999

### TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term

Robert Larochele March 2000  
Wallace A. Brown March 2001  
Arthur Rafter March 1999

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term

James Losee March 1999  
Barbara Schulze March 2001  
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

Bruce Mann, Chairman	March 2001
William Downs	March 1999
Garth Fletcher, Alternate	March 1999
Dennis Meehan	March 2001
Don MacIntosh	March 2000
Constance Lacasse, Clerk	
Anne Richards, Ex-officio	

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Edward Hamel, Chairman	March 2000
Michael Davieau	March 2001
Robert Bergeron	March 2001
Ulysses Shields	March 2000
David Eaton, Alternate	March 2001
Jeanne Hamel, Clerk & Alternate	March 1999
Mary McDonald, Alternate	March 2001
Kevin Casey, Alternate	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
C. Christopher Guiry	March 2001
William Downs, Town Forester	March 1999
Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio	

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cynthia Budrewicz, Chairman	March 2000
Paula Babel	March 2000
Wallace A. Brown	March 2001
Gretchen West	March 1999

### BALLOT CLERKS

Pauline Bergeron	March 2000
Jenny Greenwood	March 1999
Teri Parker	March 2000
Florence Wilson	March 2001

### POLICE OFFICERS

Robert L. Malboeuf	Police Chief
Barry Hutchins	Full Time Corporal
John Dube	Special Police Officer
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	1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Robert A. Bergeron	Second Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden
Frederick W. Greenwood	Captain/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Rodney Stedman	1st Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Roland Theriault	Second Lieutenant
Marcel Bernier	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
Kerri Greenwood	Firefighter
Edward Hamel	Firefighter/EMT-D
Charles Lanni	Firefighter
John LeBlanc, Sr.	EMT-D
Robert L. Malboeuf	EMT-D
Donald MacIntosh	Firefighter
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-I/D
Stephen Tamulonis	Firefighter
Cindy Tibbetts	EMT-I/D

\* \* \*

Curtis M. Dunn
David P. Cook
Kenneth B. Wilson
Florence Wilson
David P. Cook
Kenneth B. Wilson
William Downs
Frederick Greenwood
Wallace Brown
Carol Fisette
Kenneth B. Wilson

ROAD AGENT
ASSISTANT ROAD AGENT
BUILDING INSPECTOR
TOWN BUILDING CUSTODIAN
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR
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 9th day of March, 1999 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
Town Clerk	3 years
Tax Collector	3 years
Treasurer	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	2 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 years

And to cast your ballots pursuant to Article 2 of this Warrant regarding having two sessions for the annual meeting.

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. Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the selectmen, for transaction of other business? (RSA 39:2-a)
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$227,500) for the purchase and equipping of a new fire truck, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0). (2/3 ballot vote required).

YES

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by the sum of Seven hundred sixteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$716,250) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed. YES
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to upgrade gravel roads to paved roads, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2 1/2 - 1/2). NO
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. Not recommended by Selectmen (1-2). Town backho
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the future purchase of a fire truck, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0). Postponed indef.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the second payment of the radio frequency link of the communication system as voted for at Town Meeting, March 1998, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0). Y
9. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building a new Police Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5000) to be placed in this fund. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1). Postponed indef.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand dollars (\$7000) for the painting of the Town Office building – the Mann House, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0). Y
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) for the support of the activities of "Old Home Day of 1999" celebration in Mason, to take place on August 22, 1999, or take any other action relative thereto. (Petitioned Warrant Article). Y
12. 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).
13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

2/18/99	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	99/98
<b>Town Officers' Salaries</b>											
Selectmen	2,925	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	550	0.0%
Treasurer	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0.0%
Auditor	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	0.0%
Moderator	100	100	300	300	100	100	200	200	100	100	-50.0%
	<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>4,525</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
<b>Fees in Lieu of Salaries</b>											
Tax Collector	7,250	7,610	7,250	7,562	7,250	7,180	7,250	6,980	7,250	7,250	0.0%
Town Clerk	3,000	4,970	3,000	4,003	3,000	6,928	3,000	6,402	3,000	3,000	0.0%
	<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>13,382</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Administration</b>											
Administrative Ass't	17,160	17,133	17,960	17,958	18,590	18,584	19,300	19,298	20,650	20,650	7.0%
Payroll taxes	2,850	2,876	2,950	2,801	3,050	3,066	3,050	3,071	3,150	3,150	3.3%
Health insurance	5,966	5,965	6,200	6,128	6,200	6,000	5,710	5,710	6,645	6,645	16.4%
Workers comp.	850	672	850	804	850	576	850	803	850	850	0.0%
Advertising	65	0	65	29	65	82	70	91	70	70	0.0%
Bank service charges	650	807	675	641	525	622	575	195	400	400	-30.4%
Association dues	50	55	55	35	55	35	55	55	55	55	0.0%
State Dog Fees		544	0	608	0	586	0	452	0	0	0.0%
Bonds	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Conferences	600	567	600	120	600	160	600	140	800	800	33.3%
Computer services	1,700	1,595	1,700	1,681	1,700	1,832	1,700	1,810	1,800	1,800	5.9%
Mileage	200	204	200	358	250	126	250	161	225	225	-10.0%
Contingency	200	138	200	717	200	99	200	826	200	200	0.0%
Postage	1,000	1,088	1,100	1,101	1,200	1,036	1,200	1,030	1,200	1,200	0.0%
Registry fees	250	244	250	223	250	256	250	244	250	250	0.0%
Repairs & maintenance	200	151	200	514	200	754	500	170	250	250	-50.0%
Retirement ins	858	849	872	897	915	916	960	947	975	975	1.8%
Office supplies	1,200	1,330	1,300	1,758	1,350	1,299	1,550	1,827	1,500	1,500	-3.2%
Telephone	750	714	750	685	700	650	650	731	700	700	7.7%
Town reports	650	624	700	689	700	811	860	858	900	900	4.7%
	<b>35,698</b>	<b>35,557</b>	<b>36,627</b>	<b>37,747</b>	<b>37,400</b>	<b>37,480</b>	<b>38,330</b>	<b>38,414</b>	<b>40,620</b>	<b>40,620</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

2/18/99	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	99/98
<b>Cemetery Expenses</b>											
Cemetery maintenance	1,500	1,119	1,500	2,038	1,500	1,792	1,500	1,504	1,500	1,500	0.0%
Cemetery salaries	5,500	5,708	6,350	6,574	6,550	5,874	7,000	6,956	8,000	8,000	14.3%
Payroll taxes	421	436	500	503	500	542	540	533	615	615	13.9%
Workers comp.	930	909	600	595	600	509	700	630	700	700	0.0%
	<b>8,351</b>	<b>8,172</b>	<b>8,950</b>	<b>9,710</b>	<b>9,150</b>	<b>8,717</b>	<b>9,740</b>	<b>9,623</b>	<b>10,815</b>	<b>10,815</b>	<b>11.0%</b>
<b>Reappraisal of Property</b>											
Assessing	6,200	5,200	5,200	2,640	3,000	2,398	2,500	1,910	2,250	2,250	-10.0%
Tax map update	485	485	485	485	485	255	485	485	485	485	0.0%
	<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>2,395</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>-8.4%</b>
<b>Town Building Expenses</b>											
Custodian salaries	3,800	3,750	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,708	3,800	3,750	3,800	3,800	0.0%
Supplies	125	107	125	117	125	99	125	145	125	125	0.0%
Heat	2,200	1,645	2,200	2,395	2,200	2,298	2,200	2,048	2,000	2,000	-9.1%
Electricity	2,000	2,108	2,100	1,857	2,100	2,015	2,100	2,044	2,100	2,100	0.0%
Repairs & maintenance	2,500	2,905	3,000	2,316	3,000	6,073	3,500	6,101	3,500	3,500	0.0%
	<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>12,858</b>	<b>11,525</b>	<b>11,525</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>
<b>Employment/Insurance Expenses</b>											
Accident/Health Insurance	1,968	1,750	1,930	1,744	2,100	2,666	2,550	2,349	3,230	3,230	26.7%
Unemployment taxes	700	687	700	634	700	713	700	764	750	750	7.1%
Liability insurance	22,000	20,391	23,000	22,003	23,000	21,544	23,000	20,356	23,000	23,000	0.0%
	<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>23,469</b>	<b>28,980</b>	<b>28,980</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b>											
Salaries	1,200	1,165	1,200	815	1,200	1,548	900	1,300	900	900	0.0%
Payroll taxes	92	89	92	62	92	109	70	94	72	72	2.9%
Advertising	300	350	300	199	280	361	280	175	150	150	-46.4%
Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	0	0	0	-100.0%
Board of Adjustment	50	264	500	994	900	0	423	356	1,093	1,093	158.4%
Historic District Commission	50	68	50	10	50	0	10	10	300	300	2900.0%
SW Reg. Planning/Consulting	1,370	1,361	1,370	1,814	1,382	1,520	1,380	1,390	1,411	1,411	1.5%
Supplies	150	339	150	268	150	309	150	309	230	230	53.3%
Postage	150	125	150	32	150	304	150	216	150	150	0.0%
	<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>3,850</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>22.9%</b>



2/18/99	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	99/98
Building Inspection						
Bldg inspector fees	1,000	732	1,000	1,889	1,000	0.0%
Payroll taxes	77	62	77	124	130	77
Expenses	300	257	300	120	300	168
	1,377	1,051	1,377	1,933	1,377	2,187
						1,377
						0.0%
<b>Health &amp; Welfare</b>						
Health officer	25	0	25	0	25	0
Animal control	2,000	2,675	2,000	1,195	2,000	480
Town poor	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000	98
Visiting nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
	5,525	4,175	5,525	2,695	5,525	2,078
						5,525
						0.0%
<b>Ambulance</b>						
Ambulance Service Fee	3,500	3,500	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675
Supplies	1,000	970	1,000	814	1,000	1,000
Training	1,000	318	1,000	530	1,200	892
	5,500	4,788	5,675	5,019	5,875	5,875
						5,875
						0.0%
<b>Library</b>						
Library salaries	15,744	15,741	16,180	16,597	17,480	15,728
Payroll taxes	1,205	1,199	1,240	1,269	1,338	1,203
Worker's Comp.	60	60	60	60	60	56
Dues, fees & educ	620	607	620	688	820	767
Equipment maintenance	0	0	0	55	0	0
Postage	75	75	75	75	75	75
Programming	125	125	225	125	125	91
Matching Funds	150	125	150	0	0	0
Supplies	175	175	325	404	400	390
Telephone	420	400	490	1,036	1,050	1,109
Copy machine			460	0	0	0
Travel	210	210	230	230	230	146
Books	2,000	2,001	2,500	2,507	2,500	2,447
	20,784	20,717	22,485	23,059	24,078	22,010
						25,154
						4.5%

2/18/99	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	99/98
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>						
Grounds improvements/repairs	300	519	300	90	300	130
Lawn supplies	300	139	300	110	250	0
Mowing	600	302	600	315	600	360
Recreation area expenses	300	16	300	26	325	0
Stone dust	250	225	250	0	200	0
Toilet facilities	125	30	125	90	125	465
Trash removal	80	89	90	60	90	30
Activities/Rec day	450	378	450	353	600	625
Patriotic purposes	500	498	600	500	600	231
Electricity			60	85	85	75
Street lighting	926	951	960	1,002	1,000	960
Town common	2,700	2,727	2,850	3,792	3,850	4,014
Payroll taxes	207	183	220	236	300	304
Worker's Comp	317	300	317	300	400	399
	7,055	6,356	7,422	6,924	8,725	7,593
						8,581
						-1.7%
<b>Water Hole</b>						
Water hole & dry hyd	1,000	800	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
House & water hole #'s	125	125	125	385	182	180
	1,125	925	1,125	325	1,182	1,180
						675
						-42.9%
<b>New Hampshire Municipal Asso.</b>						
Wilton Recycling Center	31,089	31,089	29,040	31,803	27,429	30,190
Communication Expenses	32,594	32,594	41,594	19,500	20,642	19,500
Legal Expenses	5,000	5,739	5,000	2,928	3,500	2,254
Civil Defense	50	11	100	184	100	0
Conservation Commission	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,228	1,500	15,661
Election Expenses	689	413	2,200	504	800	938
Town Forestry Committee	7,500	7,997	750	532	750	60
						750
						750
						0.0%
*Conservation overexpenditure was paid out of the Conservation Fund						

2/18/99 APPROPRIATIONS	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999		Change 99/98
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Highway Town Maintenance											
Road agent salary	32,525	32,490	33,643	33,480	35,550	35,267	36,350	33,388	37,880	37,880	4.2%
Asst road agent salary	27,117	27,107	27,930	24,404	28,778	28,778	29,866	27,784	30,846	30,846	3.3%
Equipment operator	23,096	22,367	23,798	23,695	24,821	22,065	25,266	20,743	26,016	26,016	3.0%
Other salaries	30,000	33,698	32,000	34,170	34,640	42,381	39,140	48,300	41,550	41,550	6.2%
Overtime wages	11,000	11,883	13,500	15,946	11,500	10,648	11,800	7,781	12,300	12,300	4.2%
Payroll taxes	9,470	9,895	9,860	10,192	10,350	10,778	10,898	10,636	11,370	11,370	4.3%
Health insurance	13,408	12,856	14,534	10,941	12,800	11,067	12,020	11,937	13,500	13,500	12.3%
Alcohol and drug testing			400	270	400	230	350	215	350	350	0.0%
Workers comp.	13,000	10,066	13,370	13,164	16,750	13,345	17,125	12,517	15,400	15,400	-10.1%
Retirement	4,750	4,636	4,800	5,062	4,300	4,185	5,140	4,943	5,300	5,300	3.1%
Consulting engineer	200	0	200	0	250	0	250	0	300	300	20.0%
Mileage	2,000	2,033	2,000	2,191	2,500	1,962	2,500	1,959	2,100	2,100	-16.0%
Fire equipment rental	350	65	350	364	500	177	500	104	500	500	0.0%
Calcium chloride	11,000	11,067	11,500	11,395	12,500	12,473	12,500	12,668	11,000	11,000	-12.0%
Crusher	5,000	5,153	5,000	5,100	5,000	5,370	5,000	6,053	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Culverts	1,000	0	1,000	868	2,000	2,846	1,500	-186	1,000	1,000	-33.3%
Oil - pug mill	5,500	5,500	7,000	7,001	7,000	8,068	9,000	10,095	9,000	9,000	0.0%
Oil - sealing	14,000	16,277	13,500	10,772	15,500	15,620	17,000	17,540	17,000	17,000	0.0%
Patch	2,000	2,244	2,500	2,240	2,500	3,027	2,000	2,849	3,000	3,000	50.0%
Salt	5,500	5,332	5,000	4,520	4,000	4,216	4,500	7,509	4,500	4,500	0.0%
Tractor rental	0	84	100	84	100	23	100	105	300	300	200.0%
Truck rentals	300	450	200	0	200	0	200	0	100	100	-50.0%
Plowing	11,000	8,025	14,000	15,210	13,000	9,633	13,000	6,740	12,000	12,000	-7.7%
Expenditures against insurance settlement						1,829	0	0			
Signs & Rewards											
Subtotal	222,216	221,226	236,185	231,069	245,139	244,461	257,005	244,372	261,312	261,312	1.7%

2/18/99 APPROPRIATIONS	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999		Change 99/98
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Highway Dept. Expenses											
Building maintenance	4,000	3,371	3,000	4,341	3,000	2,482	3,000	3,374	4,000	4,000	33.3%
Chains	600	534	600	581	600	590	500	138	500	500	0.0%
Chainsaw repairs	600	567	600	35	400	555	300	621	500	500	66.7%
Dues, education and misc	500	752	600	851	800	708	800	785	800	800	0.0%
Edges for plows & graders	1,200	1,295	1,500	1,721	1,500	1,840	1,800	1,568	2,000	2,000	11.1%
Electricity	2,050	2,003	2,200	2,060	2,300	2,217	2,300	1,793	2,100	2,100	-8.7%
Equipment maintenance	17,000	17,469	18,000	21,509	18,000	17,999	16,000	39,515	17,000	17,000	6.3%
Fuel	11,000	10,750	11,000	11,599	11,000	10,962	11,000	10,371	11,000	11,000	0.0%
Radios	800	733	1,000	1,039	1,000	744	1,500	1,653	1,200	1,200	-20.0%
Telephone	1,000	930	1,000	969	1,000	1,025	1,000	1,012	1,000	1,000	0.0%
Tires	2,500	2,905	2,000	1,868	2,000	2,616	2,500	3,305	3,000	3,000	20.0%
Safety equipment	1,000	1,174	1,200	1,602	1,200	1,353	1,200	1,590	1,400	1,400	16.7%
Tools	800	876	800	1,001	800	780	1,000	1,108	1,000	1,000	0.0%
Welding supplies	300	309	400	584	400	380	500	285	500	500	0.0%
Subtotal	43,350	43,668	43,900	49,560	44,000	44,252	43,400	67,118	46,000	46,000	6.0%
Total Highway Expenses	265,566	264,894	280,085	280,649	289,139	288,703	300,405	311,680	307,312	307,312	2.3%
FEMA Reimbursement Other Salaries								-2,027			
FEMA Reimbursement Overtime								-1,853			
FEMA Reimbursement Payroll Taxes								-315			
FEMA Reimbursement Workers' Comp.								-453			
FEMA Reimbursement Crusher								-755			
FEMA Reimbursement Salt								-1,484			
FEMA Reimbursement Plowing								-2,008			
FEMA Reimbursement Chainsaw Repairs								-119			
FEMA Reimbursement Equipment Maintenance								-5,095			
FEMA Reimbursement Fuel								-1,490			
FEMA Reimbursement Tires								-746			
FEMA Reimbursement Subtotal								-16,345			
Highway Expenses Raised by Taxation							300,405	295,145			

2/18/99	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	99/98
<b>Police Department</b>											
Chief's salary	34,597	34,597	35,635	35,634	36,703	36,703	36,725	33,448	39,260	33,448	1.4%
Fulltime Officer	20,680	18,980	26,600	26,600	27,724	27,724	27,000	24,922	27,850	24,922	3.1%
Third Officer					14,200	12,416	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Officers' & other salaries	9,028	11,129	12,900	16,809	14,400	17,095	23,000	38,957	23,000	38,957	0.0%
Payroll taxes	1,493	1,779	1,890	2,222	2,300	2,496	2,720	3,775	2,750	3,775	1.1%
Health insurance	8,494	8,698	12,770	12,924	14,970	12,103	11,685	11,255	11,750	11,255	0.6%
Workers comp.	4,000	3,797	3,150	3,102	3,890	3,799	3,500	3,369	3,800	3,369	8.6%
Retirement	2,212	1,562	2,490	1,832	3,000	2,605	3,200	2,375	3,600	2,375	12.5%
Conventions & dues	200	150	200	175	200	300	300	175	300	175	0.0%
Cruiser fuel	2,350	2,462	2,500	2,571	2,500	2,836	3,000	2,313	3,000	2,313	0.0%
Cruiser maintenance	2,500	3,375	2,500	4,166	3,000	4,511	3,000	2,916	3,000	2,916	0.0%
Cruiser lease	6,900	7,090	9,240	9,240	9,240	8,939	8,520	8,519	8,520	8,519	0.0%
Office expenses	2,250	2,807	2,750	3,240	3,000	2,830	3,000	2,965	3,000	2,965	0.0%
Training	1,000	543	2,000	1,841	2,000	940	2,000	2,203	2,500	2,203	25.0%
Uniforms	1,000	1,049	1,000	1,506	1,500	1,520	1,500	1,382	1,500	1,382	0.0%
Equipment & maintenance	1,000	1,579	1,000	1,070	2,000	1,906	2,500	1,954	2,000	1,954	-20.0%
Reports & permits	500	484	560	198	500	277	500	358	500	358	0.0%
	<b>98,204</b>	<b>100,059</b>	<b>117,125</b>	<b>123,130</b>	<b>142,993</b>	<b>138,990</b>	<b>134,150</b>	<b>140,906</b>	<b>136,330</b>	<b>140,906</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>											
Fire Chief's salary	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%
Other Stipends	5,750	5,690	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	0.0%
Warden training	75	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Workers comp.	990	840	990	802	990	809	990	816	990	816	0.0%
Utilities	2,600	2,279	2,800	2,370	2,800	2,598	3,000	2,294	3,000	2,294	0.0%
Telephone	800	703	800	633	800	653	800	606	800	606	0.0%
Radio repair	800	808	800	785	1,000	998	1,000	1,470	1,000	1,470	0.0%
Fuel	750	586	750	690	750	1,029	750	422	750	422	0.0%
Code books	250	103	150	20	150	163	200	129	200	129	0.0%
Training	1,200	1,075	1,200	1,752	1,400	1,385	1,400	1,311	2,000	1,311	42.9%

2/18/99	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	99/98
<b>Equipment &amp; Maint</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,194</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,484</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,541</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>5,405</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>5,405</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
Bld maintenance	1,500	1,473	1,750	2,615	2,000	2,210	2,000	1,588	2,000	1,588	0.0%
Officers expenses/Dues	1,100	1,185	1,400	1,360	1,400	1,346	1,400	1,622	1,400	1,622	0.0%
Insurance	200	202	200	221	250	239	250	208	250	208	0.0%
Vehicle maintenance	4,000	4,026	4,000	3,906	4,000	4,066	4,000	4,218	4,000	4,218	0.0%
Expendables	350	320	350	371	350	283	350	327	350	327	0.0%
Hepatitis Vaccine Program	500	54	275	112	275	350	300	10	300	10	0.0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>25,865</b>	<b>24,038</b>	<b>26,290</b>	<b>26,371</b>	<b>26,915</b>	<b>26,909</b>	<b>27,690</b>	<b>27,676</b>	<b>28,490</b>	<b>27,676</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
Fire truck bond principal	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Fire truck bond interest	1,693	1,693	680	680	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Truck engine replacement											
<b>Total Fire Dept.</b>	<b>42,558</b>	<b>40,731</b>	<b>36,970</b>	<b>37,051</b>	<b>26,915</b>	<b>26,909</b>	<b>27,690</b>	<b>27,676</b>	<b>28,490</b>	<b>27,676</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
<b>Interest Tax Notes</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>27,592</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>38,267</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>37,719</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>37,719</b>	<b>-27.5%</b>
<b>Abatements &amp; Refunds</b>	<b>23,898</b>	<b>23,898</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>139,865</b>	<b>139,865</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>648,681</b>	<b>670,436</b>	<b>705,277</b>	<b>704,397</b>	<b>717,701</b>	<b>845,463</b>	<b>710,394</b>	<b>735,746</b>	<b>716,250</b>	<b>735,746</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
Increase over prior year	5.50%		8.72%		1.76%		-1.02%		0.82%		
<b>Total Budget Proposed</b>	<b>652,078</b>		<b>701,467</b>		<b>717,701</b>		<b>710,394</b>		<b>716,250</b>		
<b>Total Budget Voted</b>	<b>648,681</b>		<b>705,277</b>		<b>717,701</b>		<b>710,394</b>		<b>716,250</b>		
<b>Warrant Articles '95</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 Cemetary 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			Transfer (paid in 95)	9,900							

2/18/99	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	99/98
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	Capital Reserve	6,000		6,000		
96#11 Cemetery Lot Markers	Trust Fund	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>		
<b>Warrant Articles '97</b>						
97#6 Dump Truck, 3rd payment			14,352	929		929
97#7 Fire Equip Capital Reserve			15,000	15,000		15,000
97#8 Highway Capital Reserve			10,000	10,000		10,000
97#10 Cemetery Cap Res Withdraw			3,000	3,000		3,000
97#11 Police Radios			2,000	2,000		2,000
97#12 Police Radar			2,000	2,000		2,000
97#13 Fire Equip Cap Res Transfer			1,700	1,700		1,700
97#14 Fire Equip Cap Res Withdraw				0		0
97#15 Cemetery Cap Res Transfer			75	75		75
			<b>48,127</b>	<b>34,704</b>		<b>34,704</b>
<b>Warrant Articles '98</b>						
98#4 Highway Improvement				50,000		50,000
98#5 Communications Link				10,000		10,000
98#7 Highway Pickup Truck			Plus borrow \$20,000	17,000		17,000
98#9 Fire Truck Capital Reserve				12,500		12,500
98#10 Mann House Ramp				8,500		8,500
98#11 Highway Plow				7,000		7,000
98#12 Fire Dept Airpcks and Masks				5,050		4,993
98#13 Police Radar				2,000		2,000
98#14 Office Computer Equipment				2,000		2,000
98#15 Transfer to Highway Cap				1,100		1,100
				<b>115,160</b>		<b>135,093</b>

2/18/99	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	99/98
<b>Warrant Articles '99</b>						
99#4 Fire Truck					227,500	
99#5 Highway Improvement					50,000	
99#6 Highway Cap Reserve					20,000	
99#7 Fire Equip. Cap. Reserve					15,000	
99#8 Communications Link					10,000	
99#9 Police Cap. Reserve					5,000	
99#10 Paint Mann House					7,000	
99#11 Old Home Day					1,500	
					<b>336,000</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>						
<b>Town Assessments</b>						
Total Appropriations	648,681	670,436	717,701	845,463	710,394	735,746
Total Warrants	42,815	42,815	48,127	34,704	115,150	135,093
Revenues	230,000	270,710	260,000	402,563	344,604	402,563
Expenses less Revenues	481,496	442,541	505,828	477,604	480,940	468,276
						<b>525,900</b>
<b>Other Assessments</b>						
School District Assessment	115,174	119,563	119,874	112,855	1,226,286	1,086,417
Hillsborough County	108,975	117,508	122,428	121,092	128,154	119,253
						<b>119,253</b>
<b>Total Taxation</b>	1,723,185	1,783,877	1,826,997	1,835,380	1,683,946	1,741,570
						<b>44,688,781</b>
<b>Valuation(total - exemptions)</b>	45,463,350	44,484,550	43,579,450	43,579,450	44,688,781	44,688,781
<b>Budget Tax Rate</b>	\$37.90	\$37.76	\$40.28	\$39.63	\$42.12	\$38.97
<b>Actual Rate</b>		\$37.91	\$38.45	\$37.61	\$37.82	\$37.82
						<b>2.5%</b>

## TOWN OF MASON

### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance

For the year ended December 31, 1998

REVENUES:	1998	1997	1996
Highway Block Grant	55,241	57,472	53,282
Shared revenue	27,846	29,331	30,268
Other state grants	666	707	714
Property taxes	1,684,926	1,645,964	1,702,429
Yield taxes	47,901	47,317	41,570
Land use change taxes	5,520	5,528	2,000
Motor vehicle fees	134,948	119,770	113,957
Penalties and interest	13,646	15,890	24,473
Licenses and permits	5,074	4,247	2,391
Interest income	45,737	44,650	39,787
Dog licenses	2,699	2,476	2,299
Rooms & Meals Tax	19,060	13,517	10,040
Conservation Commission	14,161	0	1,255
Other	23,185	51,239	36,071
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>2,080,610</b>	<b>2,038,108</b>	<b>2,060,536</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
General government	116,612	245,659	108,485
Cemeteries	9,623	11,717	17,309
Public safety	239,896	213,477	196,746
Highways	369,145	300,635	301,001
Sanitation	27,429	31,803	29,040
Health & Welfare	7,645	2,695	16,773
Education	1,096,417	1,128,555	1,141,658
Culture and recreation	45,324	35,840	33,779
Debt service	37,719	38,267	47,680
County taxes	119,253	121,092	122,428
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>2,069,063</b>	<b>2,129,740</b>	<b>2,014,899</b>
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	11,547	(91,632)	45,637
<b>Other financing sources:</b>			
Interfund transfers	1,500	6,200	12,500
Unexpended encumbrances	41	0	0
	1,541	6,200	12,500
Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	13,088	(85,432)	58,137
<b>Fund balance beginning</b>	<b>181,220</b>	<b>266,652</b>	<b>208,515</b>
<b>Fund balance ending</b>	<b>194,308</b>	<b>\$181,220</b>	<b>\$266,652</b>

## TOWN OF MASON

### Combined Balance Sheet

At December 31, 1998

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consrv Comm	Forestry Comittee	All Funds
Cash	\$582,498	\$67,894	\$134,159	\$22,798	\$49,520	\$856,869
Debit Memo	0					\$0
Deeded property	27,020					\$27,020
Unredeemed taxes	31,500					\$31,500
Uncollected taxes	122,021					\$122,021
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$763,039</b>	<b>\$67,894</b>	<b>\$134,159</b>	<b>\$22,798</b>	<b>\$49,520</b>	<b>\$1,037,410</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>						
Escrow funds						
Encumbrances	24,565					24,565
Payroll taxes payable						0
Due to schools	544,166					544,166
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>568,731</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>568,731</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>	<b>194,308</b>	<b>67,894</b>	<b>134,159</b>	<b>22,798</b>	<b>49,520</b>	<b>468,679</b>
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$763,039	\$67,894	\$134,159	\$22,798	\$49,520	\$1,037,410

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 1998	574,691
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	137,969
Tax Collector	1,736,694
Selectmen	204,723
Interest income Fleet	913
Interest income NHPDIP	44,824
Tax Anticipation Loans	1,000,000
Interest CD	0
<b>Total cash available</b>	<b>3,699,814</b>
Selectmen's orders paid	1,752,195
Payroll disbursements	327,057
Tax anticipation loans repaid	1,000,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	37,719
Bank service charges	345
<b>Total monies paid out</b>	<b>3,117,316</b>
Cash on hand, December 31, 1998	<b>582,498</b>

*Jeanne Hamel, Treasurer*

## TOWN OF MASON BONDS

The Town of Mason has no outstanding Bonds

## SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	11,822,850
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	546,781
Conservation Restriction Assessment	1,700
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	31,131,850
Public Utilities (PSNH)	1,300,000
Valuations Before Exemptions	44,803,181

### EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	105,000
Solar Exemptions	9,400
	114,400

### NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE

**44,688,781**

### WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT

	Limit	No.	Credits
Totally and permanently disables veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action.....	\$1,400	2	\$2,800
All Other Qualified Persons.....	\$100	54	\$5,400

### 1998 TAX RATE

Town	10.99
County	2.65
School	24.18
<b>Total Rate</b>	<b>\$37.82</b>

## REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST			TOTAL	
	Beginning Balance	Fnds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned (Disburseals)	Ending Balance	Fund Balance
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>							
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$7,965.44		\$8,924.00	\$19,987.07
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$9,530.90		\$10,541.99	\$21,011.35
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$21,995.33		\$21,995.33	\$4,929.73	(\$1,500.00)	\$4,807.32	\$26,802.65
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$2,418.21		\$2,418.21	\$1,177.60		\$1,356.70	\$3,774.91
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$10,865.50		\$12,708.90	\$37,708.90
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$676.92	(\$624.08)	\$612.27	\$11,420.34
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$2,897.73		\$3,487.54	\$13,454.16
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$91,720.66</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$91,720.66</b>	<b>\$38,043.82</b>	<b>(\$2,124.08)</b>	<b>\$42,438.72</b>	<b>\$134,159.38</b>
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>							
Highway Capital Equipment				\$1,024.92			\$1,713.11
Town Reevaluation	\$11,100.00		\$11,100.00	\$2,640.67		\$2,779.50	\$2,779.50
Fire Equipment	\$15,000.00		\$27,500.00	\$271.79		\$1,145.58	\$28,645.58
Library Building	\$17,000.00		\$17,000.00	\$5,319.70		\$6,655.50	\$23,655.50
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>\$43,100.00</b>		<b>\$55,600.00</b>	<b>\$9,257.08</b>		<b>\$12,293.69</b>	<b>\$67,893.69</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$134,820.66</b>		<b>\$147,320.66</b>	<b>\$47,300.90</b>	<b>(\$2,124.08)</b>	<b>\$54,732.41</b>	<b>\$202,053.07</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 Schaefer*

*James Losee*

*George Schmeck*

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS  
For the year ended December 31, 1998

	Levies of: 1998	Prior
<b>Uncollected Taxes, Jan. 1, 1998</b>		
Property Taxes		\$109,426.27
Land Use Change Taxes		227.50
Yield Taxes		2,900.52
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$1,684,925.88	
Land Use Change Taxes	5,520.00	
Yield Taxes	47,900.74	
Interest & fees	172.65	1054.37
Returned Checks	75.00	25.00
<b>Overpayments:</b>		
Property Taxes	1,876.55	
Yield Taxes		
Interest & fees		7.04
<b>Interest Collected On</b>		
<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>	431.93	4,323.18
<b>Costs Collected On</b>		
<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>		
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$1,740,902.75</b>	<b>\$117,963.88</b>
<b>Remitted To Treasurer During Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$1,575,669.98	\$109,426.27
Land Use Change Taxes	1,600.16	227.50
Yield Taxes	38,939.64	2,864.52
Interest On Taxes	604.58	4,703.26
Costs		674.29
Overpayments	1,876.55	7.04
Returned Checks	75.00	25.00
<b>Abatements Allowed:</b>		
Property and Land Use Taxes	115.35	
Yield Taxes		36.00
<b>Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1998</b>		
Property Taxes	109,140.55	
Land Use Change Taxes	3,919.84	
Yield Taxes	8,961.10	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$1,740,902.75</b>	<b>\$117,963.88</b>

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS  
For the year ended December 31, 1998

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:		
	1997	1996	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		\$19,647.31	\$18,805.28
Taxes Sold to Town	\$27,732.55	680.23	
Interest & Costs Collected After	548.24		6,393.82
Overpayment			
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$28,280.79</b>	<b>\$20,327.54</b>	<b>\$25,199.10</b>
<b>Remittances to Treasurer:</b>			
Redemptions	\$9,823.45	\$3,482.15	\$16,737.19
Interest & Cost	548.24	680.23	6,393.82
Overpayment			0.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			
<b>Deeded to Town</b>	1,276.19	1,298.13	2,068.09
<b>Unredeemed Taxes Year End</b>	16,632.91	14,867.03	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$28,280.79</b>	<b>\$20,327.54</b>	<b>\$25,199.10</b>

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1998	\$50
<b>Cash received:</b>	
Dog licenses	\$2,074
Automobile registrations	\$131,497
Title fees	\$446
Filing fees	\$5
Returned checks	\$50
State dog fees	\$626
Marriage licenses	\$266
Municipal agent fees	\$3,005
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>\$137,969</b>
<b>Cash remitted to Treasurer</b>	\$137,969
<b>Cash on hand, December 31, 1998</b>	<b>\$50</b>

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Respectfully submitted,  
*Charlotte Hastings*

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

## MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The year 1998 was a very busy one for us at the Highway Department. During the month of January, we had two prolonged ice storms, causing a lot of icy roads and tree damage. We applied for FEMA funds and received over \$14,000 for time, materials and tree cleanup from the storms.

We also had two or three mud seasons on our dirt roads. It was the worst mud season in quite a while. We had to use a lot of crushed gravel and stone in some of those areas.

In the spring, we graded all gravel roads. These roads were graded several times throughout the year and gravel road stabilizer was applied on the high volume roads. In the late spring and early summer, we ditched, removed stones and shimmed parts of Brookline Road, Fireman's Bend Road and Campbell Mill Road. In August these paved roads were chip sealed, continuing on our chip seal program. All paved roads were patched during the summer and put in good shape for winter.

The first step of our program for upgrading high volume gravel roads to paved roads was completed in September. We learned a lot during this project and are looking forward to next year's project.

The Highway Department did a lot of work for the Mason Conservation Commission on the Railroad Bed Trail. We hope to be completing the rest of the work in 1999. Many people seem to be enjoying the use of the Trail.

In the fall we crushed gravel for three weeks, making between five and six thousand yards. Some gravel was used for gravel roads, some will be used for next year's pug mill mix. Approximately 1400 yards were put on the roads during the crushing project. We also returned to our mowing project and about 35% of our roads were completed. We hope to continue in 1999. We worked on taking down hazardous trees in December. About 60 trees were taken down, with many more yet to be done.

Throughout the year, we worked on clearing and repairing culverts and water passes. This is a never-ending job as we have over 300 culverts in Town.

We sent several members of our Department to different schools during the year. Assistant Road Agent David Cook and HM3 David Morrison entered the Swanzey Regional Plow Rally and won First Place in Plow Team Test. Good job, Men!

Again, I am proud to say we have had a "no lost time accident" year. We do have a very good safety record through the years, which in turn helps to keep our workers' compensation rates lower. Thanks to the workers of the Highway Department for your job of working safely.

We would like to say thank you to all other Town departments for your help during the year. Thanks to individuals who have assisted us during 1998. Many thanks to our Highway Employees who have worked long, hard hours during storms and other problems during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Curtis M. Dunn*  
Road Agent

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

1998 Wilton Road – DONE!  
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

## REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

In 1998 there were : 18 Informational hearings held.  
3 Lot Line Adjustments approved.  
2 Minor Subdivisions granted.  
3 Major Subdivisions discussed.

In January there were several informational hearings regarding an airstrip on Michael Farrey's property. The abutters had petitioned the Planning Board for relief or advice on the legality of an airstrip.

In April the Conservation Commission accepted a non-buildable 5 acre lot, which was donated to the Town by Donald Gingras. This lot included the Walker Brook and gorge area. The Planning Board worked with the Conservation Commission to accept this gift.

We continued discussion on Class V and Class VI roads with Road Agent Curt Dunn and Building Inspector Kenneth Wilson.

Discussion began on single family residences that would be capable of having a smaller apartment as part of the main house. A committee will be formed and discussion will continue on this sensitive subject.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mason Planning Board*



## MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thank you, for your support and dedication, Selectmen: Chairman Anne Richards, Wolfgang Millbrandt, and Ken Greene, also to Barbara Milkovits, the Town's Assistant. As always it is a pleasure to work with the Town Departments. We still have only one goal and that is to do our best for the people of Mason. Thank you to Curt Dunn who continues to do a great job with his dedicated crews. Thank you to Fire Chief David Cook and EMS Coordinator Cheryl Greenwood for the many volunteer hours you and your departments give to people in need.

In January, Officer Barry Hutchins of Temple, NH interviewed and being well qualified was hired. Corporal Hutchins lives with his wife Wendy and two children, Andrew and Emily, in Temple, NH at this time. Welcome Barry and family!

Corporal Barry Hutchins, Officer John Dube, Officer Mike Farrey, First Officer John LeBlanc, I'm very proud to have these officers working for me and the Town of Mason in 1998. These Officers have again shown their dedication to the Town of Mason. Because of injuries I received during an arrest in March, which required surgery on my right hand, I have only been able to do light duty office work, no physical work. These Officers have had to work extra shifts to ensure that our Town was protected and patrolled by OUR police department to the best professional service. My thanks to you!

The past year has caused me to become concerned. The procedure for emergency calls is through 911. On occasion, I have, as well as my other officers have, received police calls at our homes which should have gone to 911 or 878-1111 for non-emergency. PLEASE! If it is an emergency, CALL 911; otherwise 878-1111 for non-emergency Police Business.

This year we had over 800 calls for service requiring paperwork and countless other calls not requiring paperwork. In 1998 we had more than 7,172 transactions just through Hillsborough County Dispatch. We have had a large increase in DWI arrests and Domestic assaults.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert L. Malboeuf*

Police Chief

### Police Department Call Activity

Missing persons/runaways	7	Assaults	2	Resisting arrest	2
Property Dispute	2	Domestics	20	Protective custody	2
Illegal Dumping	5	Shots fired	5	Welfare checks	5
Burglary	3	Drug arrest	7	Harassing calls	3
Theft	18	Highway assist	6	Ambulance calls	55
Burglar Alarms	78	OHRV's	8	MV complaint's	14
Dog Bites	4	Mutual Aid	26	Escorts	5
Dog Complaints	36	Suspicious person/vehicles	19		
Animal other than dogs	18	Fire calls	57	Stolen cars	3
Recovered property	3	Trespassing	7	Deer hits	3
Untimely Death	2	DMV's	14	911 hang ups	16
Arrest	21	Serving of paper works	36		
DWI	14	Stand by/wires down	8		

## AUDITOR'S REPORT – 1997

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.

### SUPPLEMENT TO THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

[At the March 1998 Town Meeting certain questions were raised concerning the funds expended by the Forestry Committee. The following is a report by our auditor for all funds expended by said committee for the time in question. Selectmen]

According to the minutes from the Town Meeting, March 8, 1994, Article 26 was voted in by the Town. This establishes the Town Forestry Committee and a Forest Maintenance Fund.

On June 13, 1994, William Downs submits his service agreement to the Mason Town Forest Committee members. At this time he outlines duties and negotiable fees. It is approved by the chairmen, John Valentine and four committee members: Cliff Hastings, Curtis Dunn, Eric Anderson and Florence Roberts. The agreement was based on the selective thinning of lot C-16.

Bill Downs then notifies 13 lumber operations, where as Bingham Lumber, Inc. comes in with the highest bid of \$47,304.28. The agreement at such time states Bill Downs will receive 13% of the gross revenue generated from these operations. This entitles Mr. Downs to \$6,149.55 for his services. The timber sale agreement was made on December 5, 1994 and was approved for an estimated starting date of 2/20/95 with a 1-year time allotment. An extension of time was given on 2/13/96 for March 31, 1996. Any filling, sloping, removal of timber products, clean up or any other obligations indicated on the 12/5/94 contract agreement was to be finished by that time.

On June 24, 1995, a timber trespass [at another site] was found that launched a lengthy investigation and legal battle for payment of lost trees and taxes. This was an unexpected matter, which had to be handled and paid by the Town. Payment to Bill Downs for services rendered were \$2,777.80 (13% of income received for the trespass).

These following checks are a result of these past matters:

Dec. 26, 1995 -\$4,919.65- for services rendered on lot C-16 (80% of fee)  
Check from Forestry Committee

June 27, 1995 -\$2,777.80- from Town's account for timber trespass

April 23, 1996 -\$1,254.90- rest of payment for lot C-16  
Check from Forestry Committee Fund

January 23, 1996 -\$80.00- Video for timber trespass  
Check from Town's account

-\$2.68- for postal and copies for timber trespass

Paid by the Town account

Nothing else was spent, other than these checks, and all the checks were supported by legal decisions. I find no error in the spending of funds for the Forestry Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ann Broden*

Town Auditor

## MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year was a very busy one for the Mason Fire Department. The Department answered a record number of calls, including one structure fire.

The Department officers have been writing specifications for a new attack engine that we are asking the Town to purchase at the 1999 Town Meeting.

This year the Department members were again able to make a lot of the minor repairs to the fire apparatus and equipment. Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

I would like to thank the officers and personnel of the Mason Fire Department 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.

To help us handle the more serious motor vehicle accidents, the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association has raised enough money to buy a hydraulic rescue tool for the Department. The new rescue tool was put in service in May of this year.

There has been an increasing number of structure fires nationwide caused by unsafe use of candles. Please use caution when using candles or any open flame.

Remember that a written permit is needed for outside burning, including incinerators, when there is no snow cover. These may be obtained by calling the dispatch center on the non-emergency number 1-800-562-8201. The emergency number for the Town of Mason, as well as, the whole state is 911. This number is for emergency use only. If you dial this number by accident, please stay on the line to explain this to the call taker who answers. We have an enhanced 911 system in the state of New Hampshire which displays your address on a computer screen in front of the call taker.

As always, we are looking for volunteers. No experience is necessary. If you are interested in checking us out, please contact the Fire Chief or any other member of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
*David P. Cook*  
Fire Chief

## MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDERS

The First Responders were kept relatively busy again this year with a total of 55 calls, making up 24% of Brookline Ambulance calls. Once again, motor vehicle accidents were responsible for a large number of calls, at 15. The Fire Department also responds to this type of call, providing us with additional manpower, stabilization of vehicles and extrication of patients, if necessary. This enables us to transport patients quickly and efficiently, yet still provide the best level of care possible.

We continue to train with both Brookline Ambulance personnel and our own Fire Department. Several members of the Fire Department, as well as the Police Department, are also trained at the First Responder or EMT Level. This helps things run smoothly in an emergency situation. Currently two individuals, Charles Milkovits and Jeannine Phalon, are taking the First Responder training program. They will be finishing up soon and will be a welcome addition to our roster.

I would like to thank the Brookline Ambulance attendants for their continued dedication and assistance to those of us in Mason. We could not provide the service we do without their help.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Cheryl Greenwood*  
First Responder Coordinator

### TRAINING

Training (27 Drills) in-house 1235.5 man-hours

### 1998 FIRE CALLS

Mutual Aid Given	16	Chimney Fire	7	Auto Accident	21
Medical Assist	2	CO Detector	2	Missing Person	1
Smoke Investigation	3	Illegal Burn	1	Clear Roadway	1
Structure fire	1	Station Standby	2	Mutual Aid Received	8
		Total Calls	57	Total Man-Hours	1125.75

### AMBULANCE CALLS

Alcohol Poisoning	1	Allergic Reaction	1	Asthma Attack	3
Back Pain	1	Cardiac Arrest	1	Chest Pain	4
Choking	2	Death at Home	1	Difficulty Breathing	6
Dizziness	2	Dog Bite	1	Fall	3
Fire standby	2	Fractured Ankle	1	Glue in Eyes	1
Home Illness	1	Horse Accident	1	Laceration	1
Leg Pain	1	Migraine Headache	1	Motor Vehicle	15
Nail in Foot	1	Rapid Heartbeat	1	Seizure	1
Shortness of Breath	1	Shoulder Pain	1	Total Calls	55

## REPORT OF THE MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

This year the Mason Forestry Committee welcomed Mr. Christopher Guiry as a new member of our group. Chris has been actively managing his own forested property here in Town and we're all grateful for the knowledge and experience he brings to the committee. It was a quiet year among the Town's forest and there has been no new management activities carried out over this past year. However the committee has been discussing the opportunity of getting involved in the Mason "Old Home Days" event and are also in the planning stages of a selective thinning to be carried out on a small lot (L-36) located east of Townsend Road. In the coming year we hope that you take the opportunity to hike, horseback ride, Xcountry ski or just take a quiet walk among the many trails and forests that surround our small Town.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mason Forestry Committee*

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Railroad Trail Improvement project grant has resulted in about 6 miles of restored recreational trail. Thanks to Curt Dunn and the Highway Department crew for a job well done. Also thanks go out to the volunteers who cut brush. Nearly \$20,000 has been invested in this betterment project. Ongoing funds will be needed to keep the trail in good condition. In order to continue this endeavor the Commission has established a Railroad Trail Fund as a repository for donations. This trail has developed into a valuable regional resource for runners, cyclists, skiers, snowmobilers, motorcyclists and horseback riders. Such a fund will give an opportunity for the many people who enjoy the trail throughout the region to contribute to its upkeep.

The Town has acquired two new pieces of conservation land thanks to the generosity of two landowners. Don Gingras gave 5.1 acres and Charlotte Hastings gave 2 acres in the scenic Walker Brook Gorge. This could be the beginning of a greenway, assuring the natural beauty of the area is preserved for eternity.

This past fall the Cliff Hastings Nature Trail was dedicated to the memory of Mason's first Conservation Commission Chairman. Many members of the Hastings' family, and townspeople attended and enjoyed a stroll on the trail and boardwalk.

The Commission continues to participate in the Nashua Watershed Association's stream team water sampling program, focusing on Walker Brook, which had a high bacteria count last year. No bacteria problems were observed in the 1998-sampling season.

Respectfully submitted,

*Conservation Commission*

## HOME HEALTH CARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason  
January 1, 1998- December 31, 1998  
Annual Report

In 1998, 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 1998. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1998 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

### SERVICE REPORT

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Services Provided</u>
Nursing	113 Visits
Physical Therapy	28 Visits
Speech Pathology	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	0 Visits
Homemaker	0 Hours
Home Health Aide	199 Visits
Medical Social Work	3 Visits
Child Health Program	0 Visits
Children Outreach	0 Visits
Nutritionist	0 Visits
Total Unduplicated Residents Served:	23

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 1998 with all funding sources is projected to be \$20,735.00.

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

For 1999, 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 busy year for the MPL staff, trustees and volunteers. We would like to take this time to thank all the individuals and families who made donations to support our programs and collection development. Several area businesses (Pickity Place, Parker's Maple Barn, The Driving Range and Red Brick Inn) donated gift certificates and products that were used in our Raffle to help fund the Summer Reading Program. Many individuals volunteered their time and expertise. Pam Steinberg, Mary Broden, Peter McCann, Rachel Petersen, Soazig LeCharles and Mary Calderan were just a few.

Denise Ginzler did another excellent job coordinating the Preschool Storytimes. We offered a bonus summer session to the usual Spring and Fall Storytimes. Diana LeBlanc and Mary Calderan provided a three part Basic Computer Skills Series to each student at the Mason Elementary School.

The annual Book and Bake Sale was held on the first Saturday of June. We owe our thanks to all. This event is the primary fundraiser for our Summer Reading Program.

The summer reading program had a New Hampshire theme: "Live Free and Read". The SRP Kickoff Event featured Mary DesRosiers, whose folkloric songs and stories set the mood for our NH theme. The Reading Club "Wild NH Natives" learned about the history of Mason, took several historical walks, and created a board game based on a historical landmark map of Mason. Our SRP Finale and Awards Ceremony drew several families to the Mann House for refreshments, games and prizes.

Our fifth Annual Poetry Contest provided the booklet titled "Contemplations". Again, Linda Martin-Berke displayed her talents by doing the artwork for the cover and Diana and the Trustees did the preparations for publication. This year we held our first Annual Poetry Tea and enjoyed many poetry readings.

This September the MPL installed its new Public Access Computer with Internet access (mason.lib@monad.net), and new computer software titles. We also provide a FAX machine for public access (878-6146).

In October, several residents said goodbye and thank you to Diana LeBlanc. Liz Fletcher wrote a poem commemorating seventeen years of dedicated service. The Trustees and Library Assistant kept the library operational during the two-month hiatus between Directors. Susanne Wolpert, a former MPL Library Assistant and Trustee, took over as new library Director in December.

The MPL completed the year with its Holiday Program. Over fifty patrons attended the annual event. Highlights of the day included an oration of "The Night Before Christmas" by Lee Siegmann, seasonal stories by Denise Ginzler and Soazig LeCharles and a sing-a-long with guitar accompaniment by Linda Aranda. The Girl Scout and Brownie troops set up craft stations and were responsible for decorating the Common Room at the Mann House.

Again, we would like to thank the entire community of Mason for their continued support of the library and its programs. We look forward to providing the best service possible in the upcoming years. Please feel free to make suggestions for our collection development and programming.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn McCann*  
*Linda Lamy*  
Library Trustees

## MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1998

January 1, 1998 Account balance 3070.88

### Receipts:

Town Budget	24078.00
Charitable Contributions/Cash Gift Donations	813.95
Fundraising -Poetry Contest, Book/Bake Sales, Raffle	560.00
Investment Income (Whitaker-Locke (book) and Barclay (Technology) funds	2,509.31
Fees and fines	130.01
NOW checking account interest (Jan-Dec)	30.51
	<u>28122.78</u>

### Expenditures:

Salaries	15726.50
Payroll tax	1203.09
Workers Comp	56.00
Dues, fees and Education	766.75
Postage	75.00
Programming	618.99
Supplies	421.65
Telephone	1109.03
Travel	146.50
Technology	3372.81
Books	1192.91
Other (ILL, Gifts, Misc.)	48.15
	<u>24737.38</u>

Returned to Town General Fund	2068.17
<b>December 31, 1998 Account balance</b>	<b>4011.50</b>
<b>Funds deposited in Jan. 1999 for 1998</b>	<b>376.61</b>
<b>Adjusted December 31, 1998 Balance</b>	<b>4388.11</b>

## OPERATIONS STATISTICS

	<u>Catalogued books</u>	<u>Pbk. Books</u>	<u>Audio</u>	<u>Video</u>
Added to collection	426	93	20	21
Lost and withdrawn	171	83	1	14
Total collection	9329	1250	205	344
Added by donation	180	93	20	21
Added by purchase	236	0	0	0
Total registered borrowers	615			
Library programs	82			
Program participants	587			
Items borrowed from library	8825			
<b>Interlibrary loans:</b>				
Borrowed from other libraries	175			
Lent to other libraries	51			

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been fifty (50) Building Permits issued during 1998. They were issued for the following (and the total valuation is also listed):

13	Permanent Dwelling	771,528
6	Additions to Home	87,464
4	Porch Additions to Home	22,702
1	Greenhouse Addition to Home	8,000
1	Deck Addition to Home	2,296
1	Finish Attic	10,608
4	Garages	43,836
4	Barns	42,771
5	Sheds	6,999
1	Workshop	3,591
1	Greenhouse	2,604
1	Farmstand	3,990
1	Deck for Pool	11,037
7	Septic Repair	21,000
		<u>1,038,426</u>

Of the thirteen permanent dwellings, three were renewal permits and one was for a mobile home.

There have been seven Oil Burner Permits issued. A permit is required for installing and operating oil-burning equipment that includes replacement oil burners and/or oil tanks. The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being upgraded and new numbers issued. This year I have been working with Bell Atlantic on their E-911 Data Management to correct their number list. This coming year I will review the address list for the 2000 Census. It would be beneficial if all residents would use their correct house numbers and have them on their mailboxes 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 CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The year 1998 was a busy year in the cemeteries. With all the spring rains, there was more mowing to do than usual. We are still removing many dead limbs from trees that appear to be dying. All of our cemeteries seem to have the same problem with the trees in them.

The new section of Prospect Cemetery is all laid out and many of the bounds are in place. Lots can now be sold as needed.

All of the cemeteries now have new gates except for Pratt, which we hope to put in place in 1999.

1999 will be another busy year with fences to paint and dead trees to be removed, as well as, our usual mowing, fertilizing and raking.

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

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## DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 1998

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
Dec. 29, 1997	Harold H. Flagg	Fitchburg, MA	Prospect Hill
Jan. 11	Robert A. Rousseau	Mason	Merrimack, NH
Feb. 28	Kenneth G. Eisenhaure	Mason	Prospect Hill
Apr. 11	Lucille Bootes	Orlando, FL	Prospect Hill
Oct. 15	Elizabeth A. Nichols	Mason	Prospect Hill

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON**  
for the year ending December 31, 1998

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Married by</u>
Apr. 14	Masahiro D. Shioji Lori L. Englecke	Mason Mason	Bernard F. Robida Justice of the Peace
Apr. 23	John D. Bohrman Gael D. Beaumont	Mason Mason	Charlotte N. Hastings Justice of the Peace
May 16	Philip A. Phalon, Jr. Jeannine Juneau	Mason Mason	Donald E. Clinton Clergy
Aug. 1	Timothy P. Cropley Stacey L. Leonardi	Mason Mason	Charlotte N. Hastings Justice of the Peace
Aug. 29	James M. Kredler, Jr. Dianna L. Suhoski	Ashburnham, MA Ashburnham, MA	Fay L. Gemmill Clergy
Dec. 20	Barney U. Shaw Karin R. Eisenhaure	Mason Mason	Elizabeth V. McNenny Clergy



**BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON**  
for the year ending December 31, 1998

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Jan. 18	Tyler E. Judkins	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Allison L. Pelletier Shaun A. Judkins
Mar. 9	Derek Z. McKelvey	Emerson Hospital Concord, MA	Debbie E. Clark Wayne M. McKelvey
Apr. 12	Aaron M. Thompson	Monadnock Peterborough	Robin B. Vatcher James T. Thompson
Apr. 20	Jeffrey P. Johansen	Monadnock Peterborough	Mary Ellen Ganem John M. Johansen
Apr. 20	Emma F. Johansen	Monadnock Peterborough	Mary Ellen Ganem John M. Johansen
May 1	Timothy J. Tamulonis	St. Joseph Nashua	Jeanne M. Simoneau Stephen P. Tamulonis
May 5	Nicole A. Hall	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Deena L. Biesecker William L. Hall III
May 7	Brittani G. L. LeBlanc	St. Joseph Nashua	Michelle A. Neveu Leo P. LeBlanc
May 8	Daniel W. Ruggiero	Emerson Concord, MA	Sandra J. Hooper Robert Ruggiero
June 7	William P. Corbett	St. Joseph Nashua	Lisa J. Van Allen David P. Corbett
June 28	Holly A. Farrell	St. Joseph Nashua	Catherine E. Gurskis Kirk J. Farrell



**TOWN MEETING March 10, 1998**

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

Polls were declared open at 10:05 a.m. Checklist total was 732. Polls were closed at 7:11 p.m., after 250 had voted. This included 7 absentee ballots.

Results of the elections were as follows:

Moderator for 2 years:	Catherine Schwenk	226
Selectman for 3 years:	Wolfgang Millbrandt	147
Write Ins:	Stuart Sherman	81
Auditor for 1 year:	Mary Ann Broden	220
Supervisor of the Checklist for 2 years:	Sandra L. LeClair	237
Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years:	Karen Chemello	224
Library Trustee for 3 years:	Susanne Wolpert	231
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years:		
Write Ins:	Wallace A. Brown	18
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:	M. Barbara Schulze	225

The meeting was re-opened at 8:05 p.m.; Mrs. Schwenk reviewed the procedure we would follow. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits. She introduced those sitting at the head table. Thanks were expressed to all whom were involved with the election process.

Scouts Jesse Knisley and Stephen Dunn presented the colors from Troop # 264. They led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Representative Jeffrey C. MacGillivray brought greetings from the Legislature.

Officer John Dube presented Police Chief Robert Malboeuf with a commendation for injuries received during a call in the line of duty.

The following corrections in the Town Report were noted. The office of Moderator for 2 years had been left out, page 18. Under Warrant Articles '98, second line should read "Radio Frequency Link" instead of "Communications Tower", Article 4.

A motion was made and seconded to forward Article 16.

**Article 16.** The Town voted to accept the donation of the hydraulic rescue tool from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association and dedicated it to the memory of Clifton W. Hastings. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 2.** The Town voted 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.

The vote was unanimous.

**Article 3.** The Town voted 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.

The vote was unanimous.

**Article 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.

Much discussion ensued on this particular article. Quite a few residents stated that they wanted to keep their dirt roads. They expressed fear of more speeders using their roads as a short cut.

**Article 4.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to upgrade the higher volume gravel roads to paved roads. This passed by a hand vote 45 yes, 36 no.

**Article 5.** The Town voted 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) 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. This required a two thirds vote by ballot. Vote was 74 yes, 7 no.

A motion was made and seconded to forward Articles 7 and 11.

**Article 7.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) for the purchase of a pickup truck for the Highway Department. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 11.** The Town voted 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. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 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 Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Cook to withdraw Article 6.

**Article 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. This article failed to pass by a hand vote 36 no, 33 yes.

**Article 9.** The Town voted 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. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 10.** The Town voted 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 elevator in the Library to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 12.** The Town voted 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.

**Article 13.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars (\$2000) to replace the highway radar for car # 2 of the Police Department.

**Article 14.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars for the purchase of a new computer for the Town Office.

**Article 15.** The Town voted 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. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 17.** The Town voted 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. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Schwenk expressed thanks to our former Supervisors of the Checklist: Constance Lacasse, Linda Goss, and Linda LeBlanc.

**Article 18.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:29 p.m.

We adjourned at 10:29 p.m. Sine Dai  
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

### State General Election November 3, 1998

Moderator Schwenk reviewed the voting procedures. Polls were declared open at 11:03 am. Polls were closed at 7:10 pm after 344 had voted. This included 10 absentee ballots. Checklist total is 723, with 8 registering on voting day. Turn out was 48%.

Results were as follows:

Governor:	Lucas109	Shaheen	215	Blevens	18
U.S. Senator:	Gregg	218	Condodemetraky	96	Christeson 96
	Kendel	7			
Congressman:	Bass	184	Rauh	139	Werme 18
Exec. Councilor:	Streeter	175	McLauchlan	145	
State Senator:	Squires	198	Tartow	125	
Rep. District 20:	Arnold	173	Chimento	112	Hall 148
Rep. District 21:	MacGillvray	184	Gotlieb	143	

County office results are on record at the Secretary of State's Office.  
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

### State Primary Election September 8, 1998

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk, and the polls were declared open at 11:00 am. The Moderator made a few announcements. Checklist total was 711, which included 244 Republicans, 117 Democrats, 350 undeclared. Polls were closed at 7:05 pm after 131 had voted. There were 5 absentee voters. Checklist total was 276 Republicans, 136 Democrats, and 299 undeclared.

Results were as follows:

	Republican		Democrat	
Governor:	Rubens	29	Shaheen	29
	Beaulieu	5		
	Bramante	24		
	Kroepel	3		
	Lucas	27		
Congressman:	Bass	67	Rauh	29
	Cobbin	14	Binette	3
	Kulak	10		
U.S. Senator:	Gregg	79	Condodemetraky	24
	Weber	15		
Exec. Councilor	Streeter	36	McLauchlan	27
	Crawford	8		
	Stawasz	37		
State Senate:	Harrington	47	Tartow	25
	Squires	44		
Rep. District 20:	Arnold	65	Chimento	11
			Hall	26
Rep. District 21:	MacGillvray	71	Gotlieb	28

County office results are on record at the Secretary of State's Office.  
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

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

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. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater fire potential hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

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.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS  
Forest Ranger Reported Fires  
Number of Fires Statewide 798  
Number of Fires Hillsborough County 232

Respectfully submitted,

*Bryan Nowel, Forest Ranger*

*David P. Cook, Forest Fire Warden*



## 1798 History Highlights

Moderator	Benjamin Mann
Clerk	Joseph Barrett
Selectmen	Joseph Barrett Maj. James Wood Joseph Merriam
Treasurer	Selectmen
Representative	Joseph Barrett

April 5, 1798 – Orders Maj. James Wood, \$4.17 in full, for his “Procuring and conveying articles for Mr. John Goddard, such as rum, sugar, raisins, and other necessary articles, when he was sick, and for making and carrying a coffin for said Goddard.”

Marriages:	Ten Marriages were recorded in the History of Mason
Deaths:	Twelve Deaths were recorded in the History of Mason Eight of these were infant children.
Births:	Eleven Births were recorded in the History of Mason One was Jonas Chickering of piano fame who was born in Mason Village (now Greenville) from Mason Bicentennial book by E. O. Jones

December 1798: Eleven persons petitioned the Selectmen to call a town meeting “to take some measures to petition Congress in regard to the land tax, the petitioners “viewing it to be unequal and injurious to the rights of the people”. A meeting was held on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1798. Pursuant to this petition and the subject considered, and Jotham Webber, John Blodgett, Joseph Tufts, Dr. Joseph Gray and Dea. Rogers Weston, were appointed a committee to petition the court, etc., for redress of grievances, etc., and the meeting was adjourned four weeks. At the adjournment, “Proceeded to read the report of the committee,”etc., and then “Voted, Not to be so much dissatisfied with the land tax, so called, as to petition Congress upon the subject.”

Most of the persons appointed on this committee were leading men in the Democratic Party in the town. The land tax, one of the measures of John Adams' administration, was with that party, very unpopular. No doubt the design of this movement was, to encourage and incite opposition to his administration. The report of the committee, which was read, is not found in the records, or on file. The manner, in which it was disposed of by the town at the adjournment of the meeting, shows that the object of the Petitioners was not favored by the citizens.