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### CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

ELIZABETH ORTON JONES and JAMES ROWSE

1999 was the first year for the nominations and the Historical Society hopes to make choosing a "Citizen of the Year" an annual event. Based on nominations from townspeople, Judges Robert Taft, Jeff MacGillivray and Robert Tarbell chose Elizabeth (Twig) Orton Jones and James Rowse as joint Citizens of the Year for 1999, at Old Home Day. To quote some of the nominations: "their involvement in the Town, generosity to Town, Church and school, problem solvers, historian, creative director, Uncle Sam fact finder, all around leaders". Both Jim and Twig were extolled for their wonderful contributions to our Town. We are very fortunate to have them in our midst and appreciate the opportunity to honor them.

Photographs by Laila Washburn and Patricia Spitalniak (Elizabeth Orton Jones' photo from Winter --1999 edition of *Ribit*)

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 1999

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We dedicate this town report to the memory of Fred Gilson, a long time resident and former employee, who passed away this year. Mr. Gilson served in the Mason police department for 29 years and became the Town's first Police Chief serving in that capacity from 1972 to 1984. He was also the Town's Fire Chief in 1959 and the early 60's until the current Volunteer Fire Department was established. Fred was a quiet man, on the cover is a rare photo of him in uniform.

1999 was an interesting and quiet year for the Board of Selectmen and the Town. Old Home Day was the highlight of the year and a huge success with a wide variety of interesting activities, displays, arts and crafts, games for the young and old, including the Dunk Tank. There was something for everyone and everyone's appetite. The day was well attended by many former residents as well as new residents. We extend a special thank you to the Mason Historical Society and its President Barbara Milkovits for a great day, long to be remembered.

The porch and ramp to the Mann House are nearly completed. The porch is similar to the original one and looks very well indeed. To Marty Milkovits, the builder, we thank you for the postponement of the project until after Old Home Day. We do hope you didn't get too cold!

To the Highway Department we extend a thank you for the grounds work and the paved walkway leading up to the ramp.

The Town Hall has seen more use this year with the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and the elementary school activities and the Wolf Rockers with their dances. We appreciate the Wolf Rockers refinishing the Town Hall floor. It really enhances our building to have a nice shiny finish on the floor.

To the volunteers each and every one of you, your work and effort and time are greatly appreciated by the townspeople and the Board of Selectmen and we thank you. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can check with Committee Chairmen or with the Selectmen's Office.

The Selectmen's Office continues to operate efficiently and with attention to detail. The growth of the Town has increased and the Office has kept apace with it. Thank you to our Administrative Assistant, Barbara Milkovits for her efficient manner in our office.

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 2002

### DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Deborah Mullan, Appointed March 2002

### TREASURER 3 yr term

Mary Ann Broden March 2002

### DEPUTY TREASURER

Maria Eaton, Appointed March 2002

### SELECTMEN 3 yr term

Anne Richards, Chairman March 2002  
Kenneth Greene March 2000  
Wolfgang Millbrandt March 2001

### TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term

Charlotte N. Hastings March 2002

### DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Deborah Mullan, Appointed March 2002

### AUDITOR 1 yr term

March 2000

### SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term

Sandra LeClair, Chairman March 2000  
Karen Chemello March 2004  
Joan Losee, Appointed March 2002

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term

Judith A. Forty March 2001  
Lynne McCann March 2000  
Linda Lamy March 2002

### TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term

Robert Larochele March 2000  
Wallace A. Brown March 2001  
Arthur Rafter March 2002

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term

<vacant> March 2002  
Barbara Schulze March 2001  
George Schwenk March 2000

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

### FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Irene Cook, Chairman March 2002  
 Robert Larochele March 2002  
 Gretchen West March 2000

### PLANNING BOARD

Bruce Mann, Chairman March 2001  
 William Downs March 2002  
 Garth Fletcher, Alternate March 2002  
 Dennis Meehan March 2001  
 Don MacIntosh March 2000  
 Constance Lacasse, Clerk  
 Anne Richards, Ex-officio

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mary McDonald, Acting Chairman March 2001  
 Michael Davieau March 2001  
 Robert Bergeron March 2001  
 Ulysses Shields March 2000  
 David Eaton, Alternate March 2001  
 Kevin Casey, Alternate March 2000  
 Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio

### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Catherine Schwenk, Chairman March 2000  
 Dorothy Millbrandt March 2000  
 Timothy Washburn March 2000  
 Martin J. Milkovits March 2000  
 Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Larochele, Chairman March 2000  
 Elizabeth Fletcher March 2002  
 Marcia Osborn March 2000  
 Charles Lanni March 2000  
 Florence Roberts March 2002

### FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Curtis Dunn, Chairman March 2000  
 Florence Roberts March 2002  
 C. Christopher Guiry March 2001  
 William Downs, Town Forester March 2000  
 Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cynthia Budrewicz, Chairman, resigned March 2000  
 Paula Babel, Chairman March 2000  
 Wallace A. Brown March 2001  
 Gretchen West March 2002  
 Karen Lundstedt March 2002

### BALLOT CLERKS

Pauline Bergeron March 2000  
 Lynn Roman March 2002  
 Teri Parker March 2000  
 Florence Wilson March 2001

## POLICE OFFICERS

Robert L. Malboeuf  
 Barry Hutchins  
 Michael Farrey  
 John LeBlanc, Sr.

Police Chief  
 Full Time Sergeant  
 Special Police Officer  
 Special Police Officer

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

David P. Cook  
 Cheryl Greenwood  
 David Baker  
 Robert A. Bergeron  
 Frederick W. Greenwood  
 Rodney Stedman  
 Roland Theriault  
 Marcel Bernier  
 Wallace Brown  
 John Dube  
 Curtis M. Dunn  
 Christopher Greenwood  
 Kerri Greenwood  
 Charles Lanni  
 John LeBlanc Sr.  
 Andrew Losee  
 Robert L. Malboeuf  
 Don MacIntosh  
 Andrew Milkovits  
 Bernard O'Grady  
 Philip Phalon Jr.  
 Anne Richards  
 Donna Richardson  
 Mark Richardson  
 Stuart Sherman  
 Steve Tamulonis  
 Dave Flannery  
 Matt Crehan  
 Rick Griffith  
 Cindy Tibbetts  
 Jeanine Phalon  
 Charles Milkovits

Fire Chief/Warden/EMT-D/CD Director  
 EMS Coordinator/EMT-D  
 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/First Responder  
 Second Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden  
 Captain/Deputy Warden/First Responder  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/First Responder  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant/Deputy Warden  
 Firefighter  
 Firefighter/Deputy Warden  
 Firefighter/EMT-D  
 Deputy Warden  
 Firefighter  
 Firefighter  
 Firefighter  
 EMT-D  
 Firefighter  
 EMT-D  
 Firefighter  
 Firefighter  
 Firefighter/First Responder  
 Firefighter  
 Firefighter/EMT-D  
 Firefighter  
 Firefighter/EMT-I/D  
 Firefighter  
 Firefighter  
 Firefighter  
 EMT-I/D  
 First Responder  
 First Responder

## Explorers

Marta Casey, Kate Greenwood, Steve Dunn, Dan Warshaver, Jon Lavoie,  
 Beth Crehan, Bob Broden

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Curtis M. Dunn  
 David P. Cook  
 Kenneth B. Wilson  
 Kenneth B. Wilson  
 William Downs  
 John P. Dube  
 Wallace Brown  
 Carol Fiset  
 Kenneth B. Wilson

ROAD AGENT  
 ASSISTANT ROAD AGENT  
 BUILDING INSPECTOR  
 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 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at: Mason Town Hall

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

You are hereby notified to come to the polling place at the Town Hall in Mason at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2000 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

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

The polls will be open continuously until 7 p.m. when they shall close. You are hereby notified also to meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000, 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 the sum of Eight hundred thirty-one thousand two hundred eighty-one dollars (\$831,281) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual 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 2000 GMC vehicle for the Police Department. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
4. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and adopt the By-laws for the Town of Mason Cemeteries as proposed by the Board of Cemetery trustees or take any other action relative thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to upgrade gravel roads to paved roads, 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 Seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to purchase a new backhoe for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is to come from general taxation. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, 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 Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the third 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).
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5000) for the purpose of exploring new options for the municipal buildings 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 Two hundred and sixty-five dollars (\$265) for the purchase of web site space to house a Town of Mason home page, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 1999 Fund balance of that amount received from the 1999 sale of surplus Highway Department equipment for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five dollars (\$25) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 1999 Fund balance of that amount received from the 1999 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of air bags from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association.
14. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town of Mason Communications Fund, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining communications for the Town, and to appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the December 31, 1999 Fund Balance to be placed in this fund, and furthermore to appoint the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief as agents to expend from the Communications Fund. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
15. To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation for improvements to communications of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association.
16. To see if the Town will vote to deposit 100% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the Land Protection Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. (The land use change tax comes from property taken out of Current Use taxation for development or other non-conservation purposes.) Petition Warrant Article proposed by the Conservation Commission.
17. 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).
18. 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).

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of exploring new options for the municipal buildings or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

2/29/00	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	00/99
<b>Town Officers' Salaries</b>										
Selectmen	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	0%
Town Clerk	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0%
Treasurer	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0%
Auditor	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	0%
Moderator	300	300	100	100	200	200	100	100	100	0%
	<b>4,625</b>	<b>4,625</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>4,525</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Fees in Lieu of Salaries</b>										
Tax Collector	7,250	7,562	7,250	7,180	7,250	6,980	7,250	6,634	7,250	0%
Town Clerk	3,000	4,003	3,000	6,828	3,000	6,402	3,000	6,825	3,000	0%
	<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>13,459</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Administration</b>										
Administrative Ass't	17,960	17,958	18,590	18,584	19,300	19,298	20,650	20,648	22,150	7%
Payroll taxes	2,950	2,801	3,050	3,066	3,050	3,071	3,150	2,897	3,500	11%
Health insurance	6,200	6,128	6,200	6,000	5,710	5,710	6,645	6,227	7,340	10%
Workers comp.	850	804	850	576	850	803	850	600	600	-29%
Advertising	65	29	65	82	70	91	70	154	125	79%
Bank service charges	675	641	525	622	575	195	400	-104	150	-63%
Association dues	55	35	55	35	55	55	55	65	55	0%
State Dog Fees	0	608	0	586	0	452	0	626	0	0%
Conferences	600	120	600	160	600	140	800	100	800	0%
Computer services	1,700	1,681	1,700	1,832	1,700	1,810	1,800	1,964	1,950	8%
Mileage	200	358	250	126	250	161	225	177	225	0%
Contingency	200	717	200	99	200	826	200	260	200	0%
Postage	1,100	1,101	1,200	1,036	1,200	1,030	1,200	992	1,200	0%
Registry fees	250	223	250	256	250	244	250	324	250	0%
Repairs & maintenance	200	514	200	754	500	170	250	170	250	0%
Retirement Ins	872	897	915	916	960	947	975	995	1,100	13%
Office supplies	1,300	1,758	1,350	1,299	1,550	1,827	1,500	1,634	1,700	13%
Telephone	750	685	700	650	650	731	700	666	700	0%
Town reports	700	689	700	811	860	858	900	845	950	6%
	<b>36,627</b>	<b>37,747</b>	<b>37,400</b>	<b>37,490</b>	<b>38,330</b>	<b>38,414</b>	<b>40,620</b>	<b>39,240</b>	<b>43,245</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Cemetery Expenses</b>										
Cemetery maintenance	1,500	2,038	1,500	1,792	1,500	1,504	1,500	1,127	1,500	0%
Cemetery salaries	6,350	6,574	6,550	5,874	7,000	6,956	8,000	8,641	8,250	3%
Payroll taxes	500	503	500	542	540	533	615	661	630	2%
Workers comp.	600	595	600	509	700	630	700	698	750	7%
	<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>11,127</b>	<b>11,130</b>	<b>3%</b>

2/29/00	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	00/99
<b>Reappraisal of Property</b>										
Assessing	5,200	2,640	3,000	2,398	2,500	1,910	2,250	2,360	2,750	22%
Tax map update	485	485	485	255	485	485	485	485	485	0%
	<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>2,845</b>	<b>3,235</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Town Building Expenses</b>										
Custodian salaries	3,800	3,800	3,708	3,800	3,750	3,800	3,135	3,800	3,800	0%
Supplies	125	117	125	99	125	145	125	113	125	0%
Heat	2,200	2,395	2,200	2,298	2,200	818	2,000	1,543	2,000	0%
Electricity	2,100	1,857	2,100	2,015	2,100	2,044	2,100	1,971	2,100	0%
Repairs & maintenance	3,000	2,316	3,000	6,073	3,500	6,101	3,500	7,662	3,500	0%
	<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>14,424</b>	<b>11,525</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Employment/Insurance Expenses</b>										
Accident/Health Insurance	1,930	1,744	2,100	2,666	2,550	2,349	3,230	3,221	3,660	13%
Unemployment taxes	700	634	700	713	700	764	750	849	750	0%
Liability insurance	23,000	22,003	23,000	21,544	23,000	20,356	23,000	16,028	20,000	-13%
	<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>26,980</b>	<b>20,098</b>	<b>24,410</b>	<b>-10%</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b>										
Salaries	1,200	815	1,200	1,548	900	1,300	900	950	0	-100%
Payroll taxes	92	62	92	109	70	94	72	63	0	-100%
Advertising	300	199	280	361	280	175	150	241	150	0%
Training	0	0	0	0	130	0	0	0	80	0%
Board of Adjustment	500	994	900	0	423	356	1,093	55	894	-18%
Historic District Commission	50	10	50	0	10	10	300	64	300	0%
SW Reg. Planning/Consulting	1,370	1,814	1,382	1,520	1,390	1,390	1,411	1,411	2,857	102%
Supplies	150	268	150	309	150	309	230	257	50	-78%
Postage	150	32	150	304	150	216	150	210	150	0%
	<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>3,271</b>	<b>4,481</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Building Inspection</b>										
Bldg inspector-fees	1,000	832	1,000	1,691	1,000	1,869	1,000	3,063	1,000	0%
Payroll taxes	77	64	77	124	77	130	77	217	77	0%
Expenses	300	352	300	120	300	168	300	341	300	0%
	<b>1,377</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>3,621</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Health &amp; Welfare</b>										
Health officer	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0%
Animal control	2,000	2,077	2,000	1,195	2,000	480	2,000	1,919	2,000	0%
Town poor	2,000	585	2,000	0	2,000	98	2,000	0	2,000	0%
Visiting nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%



2/29/00 APPROPRIATIONS	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		Change 00/99
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	
<b>Ambulance</b>	5,525	4,162	5,525	2,695	5,525	2,078	5,525	3,419	5,525	5,525	0%
Ambulance Service Fee	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	0%
Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,000	814	1,000	1,000	1,000	655	1,000	1,000	0%
Training	1,000	1,000	1,200	530	1,200	892	1,200	310	1,200	1,200	0%
	5,675	5,675	5,875	5,019	5,875	5,567	5,875	4,640	5,875	5,875	0%
<b>Library</b>											
Library salaries	16,180	16,180	16,535	16,597	17,480	15,726	17,983	17,903	20,313	20,313	13%
Payroll taxes	1,240	1,238	1,265	1,269	1,338	1,203	1,376	1,370	1,554	1,554	13%
Worker's Comp.	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	8%
Dues, fees & educ	620	536	720	688	820	767	985	828	1,000	1,000	1%
Equipment maintenance	0	0	0	55	67	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Postage	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	0%
Programming	225	225	125	125	125	125	91	125	125	125	0%
Matching Funds	150	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Supplies	325	325	400	404	400	390	400	400	400	400	0%
Telephone	420	490	1,050	1,036	1,050	1,109	1,110	1,162	1,200	1,200	8%
Copy machine	460	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Travel	230	215	230	230	230	146	230	230	230	230	0%
Books	2,500	2,507	2,500	2,507	2,500	2,447	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	0%
	22,485	22,001	23,015	23,059	24,078	22,010	25,154	24,963	27,762	27,762	10%
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>											
Grounds improvements/repairs	300	150	300	90	300	130	300	358	300	300	0%
Law supplies	300	0	250	110	250	0	250	70	250	250	0%
Mowing	600	330	600	315	600	360	600	435	600	600	0%
Recreation area expenses	300	223	325	26	325	0	325	0	325	325	0%
Stone dust	250	0	200	0	200	0	200	0	200	200	0%
Toilet facilities	125	80	125	90	125	465	125	420	300	300	140%
Trash removal	90	60	90	60	90	30	90	90	90	90	0%
Activities/Rec day	450	564	600	353	600	625	600	384	527	527	-12%
Patriotic purposes	600	551	500	500	600	231	300	225	300	300	0%
Electricity	60	62	85	50	85	75	85	150	240	240	182%
Street lighting	960	984	1,000	1,002	1,000	960	1,000	962	1,000	1,000	0%
Town common	2,850	2,939	3,850	3,792	3,850	4,014	4,000	5,225	4,000	4,000	0%
Payroll taxes	220	207	300	236	300	304	306	394	306	306	0%
Worker's Comp	317	277	400	300	400	399	400	402	800	800	100%
	7,422	6,427	8,625	6,924	8,725	7,593	8,581	9,175	9,238	9,238	6%

2/29/00 APPROPRIATIONS	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		Change 00/99
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	
<b>Water Hole</b>											
Water hole & dry hyd	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	500	349	500	500	0%
House & water hole #'s	125	125	385	325	182	180	175	185	125	125	-29%
	1,125	125	1,385	325	1,182	1,180	675	534	625	625	-7%
<b>New Hampshire Municipal Asso</b>	500	500	500	500	500	500	560	526	635	635	13%
Wilton Recycling Center	29,040	29,040	39,063	31,803	27,429	27,429	30,190	30,183	51,275	51,275	70%
Communication Expenses	41,594	38,990	19,500	19,415	19,500	20,642	19,500	18,251	19,500	19,500	0%
Legal Expenses	5,000	7,053	5,000	2,928	3,500	2,254	3,000	4,409	3,000	3,000	0%
Civil Defense	100	100	100	184	100	0	100	0	100	100	0%
Conservation Commission	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,328	1,500	15,661	1,500	11,928	1,750	1,750	17%
Election Expenses	2,200	1,352	500	504	800	938	675	665	745	745	10%
Town Forestry Committee	750	1,337	750	532	750	60	750	900	4,600	4,600	513%
*Conservation overexpenditure was paid out of the Conservation Fund											
<b>Highway Town Maintenance</b>											
Road agent salary	33,643	33,480	35,550	35,267	36,350	33,388	37,880	37,712	40,437	40,437	7%
Asst road agent salary	27,930	24,404	28,778	28,778	29,866	27,784	30,846	30,331	32,635	32,635	6%
Equipment operator	23,798	23,695	24,521	22,065	25,266	20,743	26,016	24,456	27,248	27,248	5%
Other salaries	32,000	34,170	34,640	42,381	39,140	48,300	41,550	50,587	51,100	51,100	23%
FEMA Reimbursement Other Salaries						-2,027					
Overtime wages	13,500	15,946	11,500	10,648	11,800	7,781	12,300	9,574	12,900	12,900	5%
FEMA Reimbursement Overtime						-1,853					
Payroll taxes	9,860	10,192	10,350	10,778	10,898	10,636	11,370	11,451	12,582	12,582	11%
FEMA Reimbursement Payroll Taxes						-315					
Health insurance	14,534	10,941	12,800	11,067	12,020	11,937	13,500	13,495	15,525	15,525	15%
Alcohol and drug testing	400	270	400	230	350	215	350	190	350	350	0%
Workers comp.	13,370	13,164	16,750	13,345	17,125	12,517	15,400	15,186	18,550	18,550	20%
FEMA Reimbursement Workers' Comp.						-453					
Retirement	4,800	5,062	4,300	4,185	5,140	4,943	5,300	5,129	5,670	5,670	7%
Consulting engineer	200	0	250	0	250	0	300	0	300	300	0%
Mileage	2,000	2,191	2,500	1,962	2,500	1,959	2,100	2,162	1,500	1,500	-29%
Fire equipment rental	350	364	500	117	500	104	500	0	200	200	-60%
Calcium chloride	11,500	11,395	12,500	12,473	12,500	12,698	11,000	11,229	11,500	11,500	5%
Crusher	5,000	5,100	5,000	5,370	5,000	6,053	5,000	3,179	5,000	5,000	0%
FEMA Reimbursement Crusher						-755					
Culverts	1,000	868	2,000	2,846	1,500	-186	1,000	1,515	500	500	-50%



2/29/00	1996	1996	1997	1997	1998	1998	1999	1999	2000	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	00/99
Warrant Articles '00										
00#5 Highway Improvement									60,000	
00#6 Highway Backhoe								\$30,000 Cap. Res.	70,000	
00#7 Highway Cap. Reserve									25,000	
00#8 Communications Link 3rd Payment									10,000	
00#9 Municipal Buildings									5,000	
00#10 Town Web Site									265	
00#11 Transfer to Hwy Cap. Reserve								Fund Balance	250	
00#12 Cemetery Lot Sales								Fund Balance	25	
00#14 Transfer to Comm. Fund								Fund Balance	10,000	
<b>SUMMARY</b>									<b>180,540</b>	
<b>Town Assessments</b>										
Total Appropriations	705,277	704,397	717,701	845,463	710,394	719,401	716,250	725,324	831,281	16%
Total Warrants	59,378	59,378	48,127	34,704	115,150	135,093	262,214	251,659	180,540	-31%
Less Revenues	250,000	321,234	260,000	402,563	344,604	402,563	526,350	562,989	350,069	-33%
Expenses less Revenues	514,655	442,541	505,828	477,604	480,940	451,931	452,114	413,994	661,752	46%
			11.04				10.12			
<b>Other Assessments</b>										
School District Assessment	1151714	1141658	1198741	1128555	1226286	1096417	1096417	783360	783360	-29%
Hillsborough County	117,508	122,428	122,428	121,092	128,154	119,253	119,253	124,670	124,670	5%
<b>Total Taxation</b>	1,783,877	1,706,627	1,826,997	1,727,251	1,835,380	1,667,601	1,667,784	1,322,024	1,569,782	0%
<b>Valuation(total - exemptions)</b>	44,284,000	43,579,450	43,579,450	43,579,450	43,579,450	44,688,781	44,688,781	46,099,677	46,499,677	0%
<b>Budget Tax Rate</b>	\$40.28	\$39.16	\$41.92	\$39.63	\$42.12	\$37.32	\$37.32	\$28.68	\$33.76	
<b>Actual Rate</b>		\$38.45		\$37.61		\$37.82		\$29.35		

### REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST		TOTAL	
	Beginning Balance	Fnds Created (Expended)	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned (Disburseals)	Ending Balance	Fund Balance
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>						
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$8,924.00	\$936.74	\$9,860.74	\$20,923.81
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,541.99	\$987.95	\$11,529.94	\$21,999.30
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$21,995.33	\$50.00	\$4,807.32	\$1,282.52 (\$1,500.00)	\$4,589.84	\$26,635.17
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$2,418.21	\$25.00	\$1,356.70	\$172.80	\$1,529.50	\$3,972.71
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$12,708.90	\$1,806.53	\$14,515.43	\$39,515.43
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$612.27	\$520.85 (\$559.43)	\$573.69	\$11,381.76
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$3,487.54	\$565.81	\$4,053.35	\$14,019.97
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	\$91,720.66	\$75.00	\$42,438.72	\$6,273.20 (\$2,059.43)	\$46,652.49	\$138,448.15
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>						
Highway Capital Equipment	\$11,100.00	\$20,250.00	\$1,713.11	\$620.36	\$2,333.47	\$33,683.47
Town Reevaluation			\$2,779.50	\$129.81	\$2,909.31	\$2,909.31
Fire Equipment	\$27,500.00	(\$27,500.00)	\$1,145.58	\$1,269.08	\$2,414.66	\$2,414.66
Library Building	\$17,000.00		\$6,655.50	\$1,111.39	\$7,766.89	\$24,766.89
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b>	\$55,600.00	(\$7,250.00)	\$12,293.69	\$3,130.64	\$15,424.33	\$63,774.33
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	\$147,320.66	(\$7,175.00)	\$54,732.41	\$9,403.84 (\$2,059.43)	\$62,076.82	\$202,222.48

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 Schulte*

*George Schment*

## TOWN OF MASON

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

For the year ended December 31, 1999

REVENUES:	1999	1998	1997
Highway Block Grant	55,475	55,241	\$57,472
Shared revenue	12,060	27,846	29,331
Other state grants	587	666	707
Property taxes	1,335,939	1,684,926	1,645,964
Yield taxes	27,323	47,901	47,317
Land use change taxes	8,800	5,520	5,528
Motor vehicle fees	147,647	134,948	119,770
Penalties and interest	11,975	13,646	15,890
Licenses and permits	6,739	5,074	4,247
Interest income	45,655	45,737	44,650
Dog licenses	2,748	2,699	2,476
Rooms & Meals Tax	24,375	19,060	13,517
Conservation Commission	2,646	14,161	0
Fire Truck Bond	196,213		
Other	31,835	23,185	51,239
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,910,017</b>	<b>2,080,610</b>	<b>2,038,108</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
General government	111,612	116,612	245,659
Cemeteries	11,127	9,623	11,717
Public safety	418,962	239,896	213,477
Highways	323,593	369,145	300,635
Sanitation	30,183	27,429	31,803
Health & Welfare	3,419	7,645	2,695
Education	783,360	1,096,417	1,128,555
Culture and recreation	45,930	45,324	35,840
Debt service	32,154	37,719	38,267
County taxes	124,670	119,253	121,092
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,885,010</b>	<b>2,069,063</b>	<b>2,129,740</b>
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	25,007	11,547	(91,632)
<b>Other financing sources:</b>			
Interfund transfers	29,000	1,500	6,200
Unexpended encumbrances	1,441	41	0
	30,441	1,541	6,200
Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	55,452 <sup>48</sup>	13,088	(85,432)
<b>Fund balance beginning</b>	<b>85,893</b>	<b>181,220</b>	<b>266,652</b>
<b>Fund balance ending</b>	<b>249,756</b>	<b>194,308</b>	<b>\$181,220</b>

## TOWN OF MASON

### Combined Balance Sheet

At December 31, 1999

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consv Comm	Forestry Comittee	All Funds
Cash	\$712,420	\$63,774	\$138,448	\$4,307	\$55,442	\$974,391
Debit Memo	0					\$0
Deeded property	30,435					\$30,435
Unredeemed taxes	29,657					\$29,657
Uncollected taxes	89,143					\$89,143
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$861,655</b>	<b>\$63,774</b>	<b>\$138,448</b>	<b>\$4,307</b>	<b>\$55,442</b>	<b>\$1,123,626</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>						
Accounts Payable	\$200					200
Escrow funds	1,000					1,000
Encumbrances	223,714					223,714
Payroll taxes payable						0
Due to schools	386,985					386,985
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>611,899</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>611,899</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>	<b>249,756</b>	<b>63,774</b>	<b>138,448</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>55,442</b>	<b>511,727</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$861,655</b>	<b>\$63,774</b>	<b>\$134,159</b>	<b>\$4,307</b>	<b>\$55,442</b>	<b>\$1,123,626</b>

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 1999	582,498
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	150,656
Tax Collector	1,390,691
Selectmen	204,339
Interest income Fleet	1,231
Interest income NHPDIP	43,645
Interest income on TAN	779
Tax Anticipation Loans	1,000,000
Fire Truck Bond	196,213
<b>Total cash available</b>	<b>3,570,052</b>
Selectmen's orders paid	1,492,125
Payroll disbursements	333,353
Tax anticipation loans repaid	1,000,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	32,154
Bank service charges	0
<b>Total monies paid out</b>	<b>2,857,632</b>
Cash on hand, December 31, 1999	712,420

*Mary Ann Broden Treasurer*

## TOWN OF MASON BONDS

Principal Muni Bond Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-Feb-00			4.50%	5458.21	5458.21	
15-Aug-00	196,213	16,213	4.50%	4,839.70	21,052.79	26,511.00
15-Feb-01			4.50%	4,475.00	4,475.00	
15-Aug-01	180,000	20,000	4.50%	4,475.00	24,475.00	28,950.00
15-Feb-02			5.00%	4,025.00	4,025.00	
15-Aug-02	160,000	20,000	5.00%	4,025.00	24,025.00	28,050.00
15-Feb-03			5.00%	3,525.00	3,525.00	
15-Aug-03	140,000	20,000	5.00%	3,525.00	23,525.00	27,050.00
15-Feb-04			5.00%	3,025.00	3,025.00	
15-Aug-04	120,000	20,000	5.00%	3,025.00	23,025.00	26,050.00
15-Feb-05			5.00%	2,525.00	2,525.00	
15-Aug-05	100,000	20,000	5.00%	2,525.00	25,525.00	25,050.00
15-Feb-06			5.00%	2,025.00	2,025.00	
15-Aug-06	80,000	20,000	5.00%	2,025.00	22,525.00	24,050.00
15-Feb-07			5.00%	1,525.00	1,525.00	
15-Aug-07	60,000	20,000	5.00%	1,525.00	21,525.00	23,050.00
15-Feb-08			5.00%	1,025.00	1,025.00	
15-Aug-08	40,000	20,000	5.00%	1,025.00	21,025.00	22,050.00
15-Feb-09			5.00%	525	525	
15-Aug-09	20,000	20,000	5.25%	525	20,525.00	21,050.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>196,213</b>		<b>55,648.00</b>	<b>251,861.00</b>	<b>251,861.00</b>

## SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	11,856,850
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	497,827
Conservation Restriction Assessment	1,700
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	32,547,700
Public Utilities (PSNH)	1,300,000
Valuations Before Exemptions	<u>46,204,077</u>

### EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	95,000
Solar Exemptions	9,400
	<u>104,400</u>

### NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE

46,099,677

### NET VALUE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE (LESS UTILITIES)

44,799,677

### WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT

	Limit	No.	Credits
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action.....	\$1,400	2	\$2,800
All Other Qualified Persons.....	\$100	51	\$5,100

### 1999 TAX RATE

Town	9.41
County	2.68
State Education	9.58
School	7.68
<b>Total Rate</b>	<b><u>\$29.35</u></b>

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS  
For the year ended December 31, 1999

	Levies of: 1999	Prior
<b>Uncollected Taxes, Jan. 1, 1999</b>		
Property Taxes		\$109,140.55
Land Use Change Taxes		3,919.84
Yield Taxes		8,961.10
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$1,335,939.41	
Land Use Change Taxes	8,800.00	
Yield Taxes	27,335.48	
Interest & fees	413.98	1587.96
Returned Checks		25.00
<b>Overpayments:</b>		
Property Taxes	1,790.64	
Yield Taxes		
Interest & fees		39.04
<b>Interest Collected On</b>		
Delinquent Taxes	94.82	4,335.03
<b>Costs Collected On</b>		
Delinquent Taxes		
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$1,374,374.33</b>	<b>\$128,008.52</b>
<b>Remitted To Treasurer During Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$1,247,950.93	\$86,590.92
Land Use Change Taxes	8,800.00	3,919.84
Yield Taxes	26,180.78	8,961.10
Interest On Taxes	508.80	5,452.99
Costs		470.00
Overpayments	1,790.64	39.04
Conversion to Liens		22,549.63
Returned Checks		25.00
<b>Abatements Allowed:</b>		
Property and Land Use Taxes		
Yield Taxes		
<b>Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1999</b>		
Property Taxes	87,988.48	
Land Use Change Taxes		
Yield Taxes	1,154.70	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$1,374,374.33</b>	<b>\$128,008.52</b>

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS  
For the year ended December 31, 1999

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:		
	1998	1997	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		\$16,632.91	\$14,867.03
Taxes Sold to Town	\$24,555.12	322.77	
Interest & Costs Collected After Sale	436.96		4,760.31
Overpayment			
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$24,992.08</b>	<b>\$16,955.68</b>	<b>\$19,627.34</b>
<b>Remittances to Treasurer:</b>			
Redemptions	\$8,472.47	\$1,088.27	\$13,422.50
Interest & Cost	436.96	322.77	4,760.31
Overpayment			
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			
<b>Deeded to Town</b>		1,969.79	1,444.53
<b>Unredeemed Taxes Year End</b>	16,082.65	13,574.85	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$24,992.08</b>	<b>\$16,955.68</b>	<b>\$19,627.34</b>

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1999	\$50
<b>Cash received:</b>	
Dog licenses	\$2,094
Automobile registrations	\$143,676
Title fees	\$568
Filing fees	\$5
Returned checks	\$79
State dog fees	\$654
Marriage licenses	\$114
Overpay	\$63
Municipal agent fees	\$3,403
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>\$150,656</b>
<b>Cash remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b>\$150,656</b>
<b>Cash on hand, December 31, 1999</b>	<b>\$50</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
*Charlotte Hastings*

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

## MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The start of 1999 was a very busy month of January, due to several snow, sleet, freezing rain and rain storms. We used more sand in the month of January than in the entire year of 1998! This was a big cost in our labor, such as part time labor and overtime costs.

We had a dry spring, which helped us to have an easier mud season. We were able to start grading the gravel roads earlier than normal. We completed mowing our roads in spring of this year. This improves the line of sight around curves and intersections, making our roads safer to travel on. We replaced three old culverts this year and repaired several others. We spend many hours cleaning water passes and culverts on our road system.

We sealed approximately 2 miles of our paved road system, which included part of Old County Road, Starch Mill Road and Russell Road, with a stone chip seal. We are finding that chip seals give better traction in winter traveling and allow less black ice to form as the little bit of moisture runs in around the spaces in the chips.

Our paved roads were all patched. Another bonus from the chip seal program, our patching costs are decreasing.

I was disappointed that our program for upgrading gravel roads didn't pass at the last Town Meeting. I understand some people's feelings on this issue, but it is in the best interest of the Town that some of the higher volume of traffic roads be changed from gravel to pavement. We are now close to 40% paved and 60% gravel roads. We need to be working to reverse those figures.

We worked on several projects this year for other Town departments, such as Town Buildings and the Railroad Trail. We brushed out the southern end of the trail and started grading and ditching on the trail and hope to put this area in better condition next summer.

Several members of our Department went to different training sessions during the year, learning about maintaining and operating our equipment. Again, Assistant Road Agent David Cook and HM3 David Morrison were regional winners as the Public Works Knowledge Plow Team and First Runner up in the Swanzey Regional Championship Team. David Cook was the winner in all three backhoe competitions in the regional and state competitions. We are proud of all your accomplishments!

Because of the lack of snow and ice this fall and early winter, we were able to do other maintenance work such as: working on equipment, buildings, yard cleanup, sand pit work. We are also working on removal of hazardous trees along our highways. This will help us have better electrical power during storms and less roads blocked from fallen trees.

Thanks to the citizens who have assisted us during the year and to other Town Departments who help us in time of need. And a special thanks to our Highway employees for their dedicated service during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Curtis M. Dann*  
Road Agent

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

1998 Wilton Road – COMPLETED!  
1999 Project Not Voted  
2000 Part of Campbell Mill Road  
2001 Marcel Road  
2002 Part of Hurricane Hill Road  
2003 Part of Starch Mill Road and Part of Abbott Hill Road  
2004 Part of Campbell Mill Road  
2005 Part of Hurricane Hill Road  
2006 Part of Abbott Hill Road  
2007 Part of Campbell Mill Road and Part of Hurricane Hill Road  
2008 Nutting Hill Road from the Greenville line to the intersection of Batchelder Road

## REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board wishes to thank Garth Fletcher (13 years), Don MacIntosh (3 years), and Connie Lacasse (8 years) for their dedicated service to the Planning Board. All three resigned this year.

In 1999 there were 13 Hearings held:

- 2 Lot Line Adjustments approved
- 4 Minor(2-lot) Subdivisions granted
- 1 Major Subdivision approval pending
- 1 Referral by Selectmen under Excavation Regulations (abandoned)
- 1 Referral by Selectmen under Site Plan Review
- 1 Lot merger (two lots merged into one)
- 3 Informational Hearings

The Planning Board and Selectmen have agreed to retain Southwest Regional Planning Commission to attend every Planning Board hearing. All agreed that the Town is in need of professional planning consultation.

Two referrals by the Selectmen involved operations that were proceeding without proper permitting. One involved the Town's Excavation Regulations; the other involved the construction of radio towers before the necessary Site Plan Review hearings were held.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Bruce Mann*  
Chairman

## AUDITOR'S REPORT - 1998

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,  
*Mary Ann Broden*  
Town Auditor

## MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

This June I will have worked for the Town of Mason for eleven years, which means that I have been able to say "Thank you!" 11 times to the people of Mason and the officials, Selectmen: Chairman Anne Richards, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Kenneth Greene and Assistant Barbara Milkovits. Thanks also to Road Agent Curt Dunn who has dedicated his "life's" work to making the roads safe for all. Thank you to Fire Chief David Cook and EMS Coordinator Cheryl Greenwood and the volunteers that keep us safe.

Barry Hutchins, who has been promoted to Sergeant, is constantly improving his knowledge by attending schools that benefit us all. Part Time Officer John LeBlanc, who has been with us for close to 7 years, has filled many voids. Part time Officer Mike Farrey, who has served since the early '80's, is always ready to assist. Thank you is a small word for the work that these Officers have done over the past year. John Dube, who has taken on the job of assistant/secretary and animal control officer, has brought the files up to date.

In April of this year, I returned to full duty after 13 months and two operations and many months of physical therapy resulting from injuries. Happy to be back!

New Hampshire Standards and Training Office performed an audit and found the files pertaining to the audit incomplete at the time of review. All files are now up to date, including training documentation.

In 1999, the Mason Police Department handled over 700 calls for service requiring official documentation. Due to space limitations, the proceeding breakdowns depict the most significant criminal investigations and calls for service fielded.

THANK YOU TO MY FRIENDS IN MASON WHO SUPPORT YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Robert L. Malboen*  
Police Chief

### Police Department Call Activity

Missing persons/runaways	6	Assaults	2	Vandalism	17
Weapons Offenses	2	Domestics	9	Theft	11
Burglary	5	MV Accidents	35		
Ambulance Assist	56	Burglar Alarms	69	MV Total	186
Mutual Aid	54	Criminal Mischief	4	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	28
Arson	1	Drug Related Offense	10	Total Service Related	177
Animal Complaints	107	Untimely Death	1	911 hang ups	13
DWI	16	Arrest	26	Juvenile Related Offense	13
Stand by/wires down	4	Pistol Permits	12		

## MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Department is awaiting the arrival of the new attack engine that was voted at last year's town meeting. We had hoped it would be delivered near town meeting time in March of this year, however due to a problem with the original chassis manufacturer, the delivery will be delayed approximately three months. We have experienced some serious problems with Engine 2, the truck that is being replaced. So far we have been able to keep this truck in service with some repairs done by the Department members, and feel we should be able to continue to do so until the new truck is delivered.

The Department used the hydraulic rescue tool, donated to the town last year, to successfully extricate a person from a motor vehicle accident.

The Department has started to replace some of the firefighter turnout gear as some of it is 18 years old and is worn out. We plan to accomplish this a little each year as needed.

The Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association has raised enough money to purchase a set of rescue airbags for the department. These should be very helpful for rescue work in the future.

The Department has been approved for a grant from the state forestry department to purchase forest fire equipment. This is a result of the ice storm that we had in January of 1999.

I would like to thank the families of the emergency service personnel as well as the members themselves for their continued support. Once again I need to thank all the Fire Department officers for their help in the operation of the department. Also thanks to Chief Bob and the Police Department, Curt Dunn and the Highway Department, and the Selectmen and Barbara Milkovits for their help during the past year.

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. As always there is no charge for these permits.

Respectfully submitted  
*David P. Cook*  
Fire Chief



## MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDERS

The Mason First Responders continue to grow in membership. We now number 16, which includes First Responder, Basic, and Intermediate levels. Currently, Jeff Partridge, a newcomer to town, is participating in EMT-Basic classes. We responded to 56 calls this year, almost half of which occurred during the daytime hours, 17 were night calls, and 14 were weekend calls. Motor vehicle accidents were responsible for a large number of calls again this year, with the Fire Department also responding, providing us with additional manpower, stabilization of vehicles and extrication of patients, if necessary.

Training with both Brookline Ambulance personnel every month and our own Fire Department enables us to respond with a coordinated effort to provide the most efficient and appropriate care possible. 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 (28 Drills) in-house 1305 man-hours

### 1999 FIRE CALLS

Mutual Aid Given	14	Chimney Fire	3	Auto Accident	13
Medical Assist	5	CO Detector	1	Missing Person	2
Smoke Investigation	1	Illegal Burn	0	Clear Roadway	0
Structure fire	0	Station Standby	0	Mutual Aid Received	10
Brush fire	5	Car fire	2	Alarm activation	1
Total Calls	47	Total Man-Hours	1164		

### AMBULANCE CALLS

Abdominal Pain	2	Allergic Reaction	1	Asthma Attack	1
Assault	3	Back Pain	1	Bee Sting	2
Behavioral	1	Bleeding	1	Chest Pain	5
Difficulty Breathing	5	Dislocation	1	Doctor Ordered Transport	1
Fall	9	Fire standby	1	Foot Injury	1
Home Illness	4	Horse Accident	1	Lung Cancer	1
Motorcycle Accident	2	Motor Vehicle Accident	8	Non-Emergency Transfer	1
Pregnancy	1	Shortness of Breath	1	Shoulder Pain	2
Total Calls	56				

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The millennium ended on a high note for conservation in Mason, with the purchase of 85 acres on Mitchell Hill Road for the bargain price of \$20,000. This land features panoramic views of surrounding towns, and provides another link in the Commission's efforts to protect the Spaulding Brook watershed area. The property has about three-quarters of a mile of frontage on Spaulding Brook. The land is located near the town's Spaulding Brook Conservation Land, so trails on both parcels can form an interconnected network joined along Mitchell Hill Road. Although it's been recently logged, the land has good potential for wildlife habitat and open space recreation. Many thanks to sellers Terry Schnare and Reginald Lyons of Open View Investments, who made this conservation land purchase possible by agreeing to the bargain sale.

This year the Commission spent \$2,337 to maintain the Mason Railroad Trail. Between the land purchase and Railroad maintenance, the Commission's funds have been largely depleted. For this reason, the Commission is proposing a Warrant article to have the funds collected by the Land Use Change tax (levied when Current Use land is developed) placed in a Land Protection fund. These funds, averaging \$4,370 yearly, can then be put towards conserving Mason's open spaces.

In other Commission activities, various wetlands applications were reviewed, inspected and recommendations made. Margaret Foss, the Wetlands Bureau enforcement officer, gave a public presentation describing how the state's Wetlands Protection Law works, and her duties to enforce it. The Commission was impressed with her resolve. John Dube of the Mason Police gave a presentation on the various wildlife problems encountered in town.

In March the Commission paid \$110 to have the soil tested beneath the buried heating oil tank that was removed from the Mann House. The test results were clean.

The Commission and the Selectmen, along with the Mason Garden Club, endorsed including Mason in the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area which is proposed for central Massachusetts and the NH border towns. This Heritage proposal recognizes the contributions of this area in the American Revolution and the Industrial Revolution. If this designation is successfully adopted by Congress, it will be a source of financial grants for historic projects.

Respectfully submitted,

*Conservation Commission*

## HOME HEALTH CARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason  
January 1, 1999- December 31, 1999  
Annual Report

In 1999, 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 1999. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1999 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

### SERVICE REPORT

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Services Provided</u>
Nursing	101 Visits
Physical Therapy	0 Visits
Speech Pathology	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	0 Visits
Homemaker	0 Hours
Home Health Aide	271 Visits
Medical Social Work	8 Visits
Total Unduplicated Residents Served:	20

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 1999 with all funding sources is projected to be \$19,908.00.

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 2000, we request an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to continue to meet the home care needs of Mason residents. Thank you for your consideration.

## Mason Public Library

1999 was spent preparing for the new Century. We updated our collection with many new titles in reference, bestsellers in fiction and non-fiction, and software.

Denise Ginzler did another excellent job coordinating Storytime. The children were delighted with the stories, songs and crafts.

The Sixth Annual Poetry Contest was a huge success – 45 entries. Many thanks to Linda Martin-Berke for the artwork and editing of our poetry booklet entitled "Lingering". Contestants and poetry enthusiasts enjoyed networking at the Poetry Tea.

The Book and Bake Sale as well as the Old Home Day Raffle were the primary fundraisers for the Summer Reading Program. The upcoming Book and Bake Sale will be May 20, 2000.

The Summer Reading Program, "Once Upon a Summer Read", had a classic fairy tale theme. As usual, readers were strongly urged to choose titles from New Hampshire authors. The Young Readers Club compiled a binder of book reviews and made scrapbooks of local authors/illustrators, C.W. Anderson and Elizabeth Orton Jones. Twig shared some thoughtful stories and recollections with the group. We celebrated the success of the Summer Reading Program with an Ice Cream Social. All participants received certificates and prizes.

Old Home Day was as memorable for the MPL as it was for everyone in town. Several people with connections to Mason stopped by to see our library. Many commented on the progress that the library has made, recalling the small room adjacent to the parsonage. The family of former resident, Beverly Mairo, visited and were overjoyed to see the use of memorial funds.

Our First Annual Memory Tree was well received with 28 white lights in honor or memory of loved ones. The year closed with a Family Holiday Program highlighted by seasonal stories, songs, and crafts. Special thanks are extended to the Daisies and Brownies for their help with this event. Lee Siegmann gave another memorable oration of "The Night Before Christmas".

The MPL web page ([www.top.monad.net/~masonlib](http://www.top.monad.net/~masonlib)) was developed by a volunteer committee. We appreciate the time and expertise of Mark and Mary McDonald, Marina MacIntosh and Lynn McCann.

We would like to thank our Director Sue Wolpert, Assistant Denise Ginzler, Volunteer Joanne LeCount, and the Trustees for all their hard work and dedication. We greatly appreciate the generous donations from the local community and area businesses. The Mason Public Library is able to provide many services and programs due to this tremendous support.

Respectfully,

*Judy Forty*

*Linda Lamy*

*Lynn McCann*

Library Trustees

**MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1999**

Checking Account Balance - January 1, 1999	4387.11
Barclay "Technology" Investment Account - December 31, 1998	5837.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>10224.61</b>

**Receipts**

Town Budget	25154.00
Donations	443.93
Fundraising - Book/Bake Sales, Raffle, Poetry Contest	703.97
Investment Income	559.43
Fees and Fines	333.27
Reimbursement for books and magazines	70.08
Checking Account Interest	21.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>27286.12</b>

**Expenditures**

Salaries	17903.10
Payroll Tax	1369.72
Workers Comp	60.02
Dues and Fees	430.00
Continuing Education	397.99
Postage	75.00
Programming	636.26
Supplies	432.65
Telephone	1162.15
Travel	230.00
Technology	651.46
Books	4009.96
Barclay "Technology" Investment net losses for 1999	334.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>27692.37</b>

Return to Town General Fund	201.36
Checking Account Balance - December 31, 1999	4113.56
Barclay "Technology" Investment Account December 31, 1999	5503.44

Library Statistics for 1999	Catalogued Books	Paperbacks	Audio	Video
Added to collection	673	268	69	148
Lost and/or withdrawn	437	422	5	20
Total collection	9475	1096	269	472
Added by donation	416	268	69	148
Added by purchase	257	0	0	0

Total borrowers	655
Programs	61
Program participants	929
Total items borrowed	8858
ILL: borrowed	236
ILL: lent	73

**REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR**

There have been fifty-four (54) Building Permits issued during 1999. They were issued for the following (and the total valuation is also listed):

19	Permanent Dwelling	1,270,467
10	Additions to Home	123,018
6	Porch /Deck Additions to Home	25,790
1	Barn Addition to Home	25,280
5	Garages	32,502
5	Barns	44,973
1	Shed	4,596
1	Office	46,191
6	Septic Repair	18,000
		<b>1,590,817</b>

Of the nineteen permanent dwellings, one was a renewal permit and one was for a home replacing a mobile home. The office replaced a building that had previously been used for an office.

There have been eighteen 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. 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 ON RURAL RIDES**

The program began December 3, 1998, but was very slow to get going. After a year it is doing better. I made nine trips on the scheduled day of Thursday. I travel to Peterborough, Temple, Greenville, Milford, New Ipswich and Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Should the service pick up more folks, then we hope to add Tuesdays to the schedule.

We are still looking for drivers! Anyone having time on their hands and wishing to volunteer their services, can call the Red cross office in Keene at 800 244-2214 or Hans and Karen Chemello or Peg Jewell for more information.

Anyone needing a ride for medical appointments, grocery shopping or personal errands that can be done on Thursdays should call the Red Cross office on Monday through Wednesday before noon to schedule their ride.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Peg Jewell Coordinator*

## REPORT OF THE MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

This past year the Mason Forestry Committee (MFC) had started a selective thinning on Town lot L-36. The thinning project has been awarded to North Country Lumber, inc. of West Ossipee, NH. The harvest will be conducted as a biomass operation involving the removal of various timber products, including saw logs, hard and softwood pulp and fuelwood chips. Incorporated into this forest management activity was Jesse Knisley's Eagle Scout project. Jesse's project involved the establishment of a Christmas tree farm in the southwest corner of lot L-36. To do this Jesse worked closely with our committee's forester to establish the planting area and to mark and inventory the timber which was to be removed. As part of the thinning project, a four acre clearing was made to serve as the planting area for the Christmas trees. Later a section of the clearing was stumped and made ready to accept the approximately 100 Christmas trees which were planted by the Scouts this fall. It is the Committee's understanding that each year the Scouts will be maintaining the existing trees as well as adding additional trees to the planting area. In time these trees will be sold as a fundraiser for the Mason Boy Scouts. The access and clearing work occurred this past spring and the remainder of the thinning is scheduled to occur sometime before next summer.

The MFC has also taken an interest in opening up and maintaining the Mason Conservation Trail (the old B&M railroad bed) which runs north and south throughout our Town. Because of the recent brush removal work along the railroad bed, we now have improved emergency access throughout the forested sections of our Town. MFC is interested in working with the Conservation Commission to help maintain the Trail in its present condition. We hope that you take the time to enjoy our forests and trails throughout Mason.

Below is as summary of our financial activity during this past year:

MFC General Fund beginning balance January 1, 1999 .....	\$49,519.67
Funds dispersed during 1999:	
-Stump removal lot L-36 (Christmas tree site prep.) .....	\$900.00
Funds received during 1999:	
-Stumpage payments from lot L-36 (clearing of tree planting area) .....	\$4,321.14
-Interest income .....	\$2,500.80
MFC General Fund ending balance as of December 31, 1999 .....	\$55,441.61

Respectfully submitted,

*Mason Forestry Committee*

## REPORT OF THE WILTON RECYCLING CENTER

The Wilton Board of Selectmen would like to outline some of the occurrences of the past year that have resulted in the 1999-2000 budget being higher than anticipated.

1. We had a change in regime which we believe has resulted in a much cleaner and better operation of the recycling center which has been evidenced by the number of compliments since that change.
2. The sudden illness of a long-term employee has resulted in a substantial part time employee expense and benefits paid to that employee.
3. The new management of the recycling center, with the support of the Board, has undertaken to improve all aspects of the center operations that have been neglected over the past five years.
4. The full impact of Greenfield's withdrawal is reflected in the 2000 budget.

As of January 1, 1999 Mason had a surplus of \$5,241.46, which artificially lowered quarterly payments and created a deficit at year's end. The actual payment by Mason for 1999 was \$35,424.86 (including carryover surplus) and the charge at the end of the year was \$39,564.24.

For budgets going forward, it should be pointed out that Mason's share of Greenfield's departure results in a 13.7% increase to Mason's budget.

We believe, as a Board that the changes made were necessary and are beneficial to all the towns. We regret that this resulted in increased budget expenses for the members of the regional recycling center.

Sincerely,

*David Glines*

*Stuart Draper*

*Jerry Greene*

Wilton Board of Selectmen

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The year 1999 was a busy year in the cemeteries. We painted the fence at Pratt Annex with two coats of white stain. We have completed painting about two-thirds of the fence at Prospect Hill cemetery. This required a complete wire brushing as it has been at least twenty years since it was last painted with a metal aluminum paint. We expect to have this fence finished in the spring of 2000.

All lots in the old section of Prospect Hill Cemetery have been sold and lots will now be sold in the new section.

We shall be removing dead trees on the east side of Pleasant View Cemetery. As usual, all cemeteries will be mowed, fertilized, and raked as the weather dictates.

The Trustees have reviewed and amended the By-Laws and updated the lot deed. These will be voted at Town Meeting and then copies will be printed and available for lots in the new section of Prospect Hill Cemetery.

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, 1998

Date	Name	Residence	Cemetery
Feb. 6	Debbie J. Newton-Schmidt	Colorado	Prospect Hill
Sept. 1	Jong-Sup Yi	Peterborough	Prospect Hill

### for the year ending December 31, 1999

Date	Name	Residence	Cemetery
Jan. 1	Paule D. Elliott	Arizona	Prospect Hill
Feb. 4	George A. Frank	Fitchburg, MA	Prospect Hill
Feb. 9	Ivan E. Johnson	Mason	
Mar. 8	Aino J. Schlemmer	Mason	Ashby, MA
Mar. 9	Deane L. Bassett	Mason	Cremated
Mar. 16	Hulda O. Forrest	Greenville	Prospect Hill
Mar. 21	Thomas C. Elliott	Manchester	Pratt Annex
Apr. 7	Lillias W. Johnson	Mason	
Apr. 9	Ruth E. Wiik	Pepperell, MA	Prospect Hill
May 5	Elizabeth N. Whitaker		Prospect Hill
May 12	Benjamin Pearse	Mason	

Date	Name	Residence	Married by
June 8	Paul S. McKinnon	Florida	Prospect Hill
July 3	Ethel E. Lehtonen	MA	Prospect Hill
July 20	Geraldine M. Madison	Mason	
Aug. 21	Ann M. Archambault	Mason	Manchester
Sept. 12	Leontine G. Terrenzio	Milford	Cremated
Dec. 2	Ann M. Wright	Mason	
Dec. 12	Robert w. Kendall	Mason	Acton, MA
Dec. 25	Howard C. Houghtaling	Mason	



### MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 1999

Date	Name	Residence	Married by
Jan. 1	Matthew R. LeClair Beth N. Kenney	Mason New Ipswich	William J. Donoghue Clergy



### BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 1999

Date	Name	Hospital	Parents
Feb. 20	Brendon R. Jeffrey	Nashua	Gregg Jeffrey Heidi Jeffrey
Feb. 22	Brian Scott Covey	Nashua	Jason Covey Beth Covey
Mar. 6	Hayden Y. Rogers	Nashua	John Rogers Marcia Rogers
Mar. 7	Darwin M. Bohrman	Nashua	John Bohrman Gael Bohrman
Mar. 8	Shelby R. Malouf-Pieterse	Peterborough	Shawn Pieterse Sharon Malouf
Mar. 10	Michael A. Adams	Nashua	Anthony Adams Lisa Adams
Apr. 16	Annika L. Anderson	Peterborough	Eric Anderson Kimberly Anderson
June 29	Stephen L. Edelblut	Nashua	Louis Edelblut Kathleen Edelblut
July 4	Madison P. Wheeler	Nashua	Brian Wheeler Nancy Wheeler
Oct. 27	Lily R. Sheridan	Nashua	John Sheridan Lisa Adams
Dec. 21	Sean P. Patterson	Nashua	Richard Patterson Kimberly Patterson



## TOWN MEETING March 9, 1999

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

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

Results of the elections were as follows:

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

Ballot question:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We adjourned at 10:24 PM Sine Dai

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

## 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 outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. 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 eleven Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. During the 1999 season, Forest Rangers were busy assisting communities with suppression of difficult and remote multi-day fires. Forest rangers have also investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. 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 1999 fire season was a challenging but safe year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with residual effects of 1998 Ice Storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface is a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers.

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. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning. REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

1999 FIRE STATISTICS (through December 10, 1999)  
Forest Ranger Reported Fires  
Number of Fires Statewide 1301  
Number of Fires Hillsborough County 271 50 acres

Respectfully submitted,  
*Bryan Nowel, Forest Ranger*  
*David P. Cook, Forest Fire Warden*

## 1799 History Highlights

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Moderator	Benjamin Mann
Town Clerk	John Blodgett
Treasurer	Selectmen
Selectmen	John Blodgett Joses Bucknam Joseph Merriam
Representative	Joseph Barrett

"On March of 1799, Benjamin Mann was paid \$8 in full, for making a piece of road (near) Mrs. Chambers, and for liquor at the vendue of Mary Jefts, and doing writing when the Selectmen received a deed of John Smith and for toddy at the time, and for liquor at the vendue of the town land and pound, and the wall around the grave yard, and assisting at said vendue, and for one cord of wood, delivered at the school house in the centre district, for 1798"

"March 20<sup>th</sup>, the town abated James Withee's taxes, they favored him on account of his losing his barn and rye and hay by fire."

Marriages: Eight marriages were recorded. Reverend Ebenezer Hill performed the marriages.

Deaths: Five deaths were recorded. Two of these were infant children.

Births: Five births were recorded.

STATISTICS: 1790-1801      104 deaths

- 10 - over 70
- 10 Canker rash or throat distemper
- 14 Fevers
- 20 Consumption
- 2 Dysentery or cholera morbus
- 6 Dropsy
- 11 Fits
- 9 Stillborn
- 5 Quinsy
- 2 Chronic
- 2 Cancer
- 3 Intemperance or delirium tremens
- 2 Mortification
- 1 Whooping Cough
- 1 Palsy
- 1 Affection of the heart
- 1 Premature birth
- 5 Diseases not classed (such as obstructed stomach, ulcer on the lungs, cholera, dysentery, vomiting, schirrous tumors)

1790 Census shows 920 people living in Mason. 1800 Census shows 1179 people living in Mason.

All the above information was taken from the Town History - 1749 to 1858, by John B. Hill.



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Highlights of Old Home Day – 1999

Photographs by Ron Dube and Mary Ann Broden

Top Row left to right: "Old Fashioned Ladies"- Laila Washburn, Elizabeth Forty, Judith Forty & Meredith Forty, Oxen Pair with Eric Anderson  
Middle row left to right: Minuteman John Dube & WWII Veteran Irving Spear, "Uncle Sam" a.k.a. Roy Shepherd & Sara Dunn, State Representative Jeff MacGillivray-Speaker of the Day  
Bottom Row left to right: Sap House- Wally Brown with Scouts Mark Dunn & Josh Smith, "Solid Citizens of Mason-1999"- Peg Jewell, Barbara Schulze, Ginie Rafter & Laila Washburn