

1800 History Highlights

Moderator	Benjamin Mann
Town Clerk	Joseph Barrett
Treasurer	Selectmen
Selectmen	Joseph Barrett
	John Blodgett
	Joses Bucknam
Representative	Col. James Wood

A new century – population of Mason 1179. Benjamin Mann sold his estate in 1800, and removed to Keene, and from that place to Troy, New York, where he died – 1831 aged about 91 years.

Marriages: Fifteen marriages were recorded. Reverend Ebenezer Hill performed twelve marriages and Reverend William Eliot performed three.

Deaths: Eighteen deaths were recorded. Ten of these were infant children.

Men	4
Women	2
Boys	2
Girls	2
Infants	9
Over 70	1

Four people joined the Church by profession.

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



OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

2000

ANNUAL REPORT

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Mason Fire – EMS Department

**Firefighters, First Responders and Explorers pictured with the new Engine 4, a 2000
Emergency One/International Attack Engine.**

Front row left to right:

Jonathan Lavoie, Steve Dunn, Jr., Beth Crehan, Kate Greenwood, Marta Casey, Ken Spacht

Second row left to right:

Bernie O'Grady, Mark Richardson, Fred Greenwood, David Cook, Dave Baker, Rodney Stedman,
Matt Crehan, Flip Phalon

Third row left to right:

Andy Losee, Marcel Bernier, Jeannine Phalon, Cheryl Greenwood, Bob Bergeron, Nancy Richards,
Donna Richardson, Cindy Tibbetts

Fourth row left to right:

Kerri Greenwood, Andrew Milkovits, Chris Greenwood, Charlie Lanni, Dave Flannery, Jeff Partridge,
Steve Hoffman, Charles Milkovits

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 2000

The millennium came in with no glitches on the Selectmen's computers. Minimal software upgrades were required and were in place before any problems occurred. The year 2000 was a busy and interesting year. The town lost two of its department heads, but the transitions were handled by promoting from within and have worked out exceedingly well.

David P. Cook, Assistant Road Agent, was appointed Road Agent upon the retirement of Curtis M. Dunn. We thank Curt for his 27 plus years of service and for the excellent maintenance of all the roads, especially the superior job he did in the "great flood" of 1986. Thanks Curt!

Sergeant Barry G. Hutchins was appointed Chief of Police in October as Chief Robert L. Malboeuf resigned from the Department. We thank Bob for his eleven years of dedicated service. The Selectmen will be working closely with Barry to provide police coverage to meet the increased needs of 2001.

The town was saddened with the death of Cindy Budrewicz, who served for many years as the town's volunteer Recreational Director. Cindy initiated many programs such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween activities and Wreath Making at the Christmas season. Cindy spent many hours on the maintenance of the ball field.

We were further saddened by the loss of Pamela Steinberg, who served as a Library Trustee for many years and also volunteered in the Library. We will miss these special women.

To Barbara Milkovits, we extend our thanks for her skills and management of the Selectmen's Office and the town business, she manages so efficiently.

We, the Board of Selectmen look forward to another favorable year such as we had in 2000, entering the new millennium.

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.
Tuesday, Wednesday, 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 8:00 A.M. to Noon.



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Catherine Schwenk	MODERATOR 2 yr term	March 2002
Charlotte N. Hastings	TOWN CLERK 3 yr term	March 2002
Carolyn L. Place, Appointed	DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	March 2002
Mary Ann Broden	TREASURER 3 yr term	March 2002
Maria Eaton, Appointed	DEPUTY TREASURER	March 2002
Anne Richards, Chairman Kenneth Greene Wolfgang Millbrandt	SELECTMEN 3 yr term	March 2002 March 2003 March 2001
Charlotte N. Hastings	TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term	March 2002
Carolyn Place, Appointed	DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	March 2002
Patricia A. Greene	AUDITOR 1 yr term	March 2001
Sandra LeClair, Chairman Karen Chemello Joan Losee	SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term	March 2006 March 2004 March 2002
Judith A. Forty Lynne McCann Linda Lamy	LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term	March 2001 March 2003 March 2002
Robert Larochelle Wallace A. Brown Arthur Rafter	TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term	March 2003 March 2001 March 2002
Rev. Robert Robb, Appointed Barbara Schulze George Schwenk	TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term	March 2001 March 2001 March 2003

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Irene Cook, Chairman	March 2002
Robert Larochelle	March 2002
Gretchen West	March 2003
David Profit	March 2003

PLANNING BOARD

Bruce Mann, Chairman	March 2001
William Downs	March 2002
Brian Chatigny	March 2003
Mark McDonald, Alternate	March 2002
Dennis Meehan	March 2001
Dorothy Millbrandt, Alternate	March 2003
Wolfgang Millbrandt, Ex-officio	

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mary McDonald, Chairman	March 2001
Michael Davieau	March 2001
Robert Bergeron	March 2001
Ulysses Shields	March 2003
David Eaton, Alternate	March 2001
Harry Harper, Alternate	March 2003
Michael Dulong, Alternate	March 2003
Anne Richards, Ex-officio	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Larochelle, Chairman	March 2003
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 2002
Marcia Osborn	March 2003
Charles Lanni	March 2003
Florence Roberts	March 2002
Stuart Sherman	March 2003

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Curtis Dunn, Chairman	March 2003
Florence Roberts	March 2002
C. Christopher Guiry	March 2001
Eric Anderson	March 2002
William Downs, Town Forester	
Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio	

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Paula Babel, Chairman	March 2003
Wallace A. Brown	March 2001
Gretchen West	March 2002
Karen Lundstedt	March 2002

BALLOT CLERKS

Pauline Bergeron	March 2003
Lynn Roman	March 2002
Teri Parker	March 2003
Florence Wilson	March 2001

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

ROAD AGENT
ASSISTANT ROAD AGENT/ROAD AGENT
BUILDING INSPECTOR/DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER
HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT
TOWN FORESTER
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
SEXTON

BUILDING NEEDS STUDY COMMITTEE

David Cook, Chairman	March 2001
Robert Bergeron	March 2001
Stanley Brown	March 2001
Irene Cook	March 2001
Anita Crehan	March 2001
Cheryl Greenwood	March 2001
Robert Malboeuf	March 2001
Barbara Milkovits	March 2001
Susanne Wolpert	March 2001

POLICE OFFICERS

Robert L. Malboeuf, resigned	Police Chief
Barry Hutchins, Appointed	Police Chief
William Johnson	Patrolman
Michael Farrey, resigned	Part Time Police Officer
John LeBlanc, Sr.	Part Time Police Officer
John Wagner	Part Time Police Officer
David Hinkell	Part Time Police Officer
Thomas Richardson	Part Time Police Officer

EMERGENCY SERVICES

David P. Cook	Fire Chief/Warden/EMT-D/CD Director
David Baker	1 ST Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Robert A. Bergeron	Second Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden
Fredrick W. Greenwood	Captain/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Rodney Stedman	1 ST Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Roland Theriault	2 nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden
Philip Phalon Jr.	2 nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Anne Richards	Firefighter
John Dube	Firefighter/EMT-D
Bernard O'Grady	Firefighter
Donna Richardson	Firefighter/EMT-D
Marcel Bernier	Firefighter
Don MacIntosh	Firefighter
Matt Crehan	Firefighter
Rick Griffith	Firefighter
Andy Losee	Firefighter
Cheryl Greenwood	EMS Coordinator/EMT-D
Robert Malboeuf	EMT-D
Jeff Partridge	EMT-D
Charles Milkovits	First Responder
Charlie Lanni	Firefighter
Wallace Brown	Firefighter
Mark Richardson	Firefighter
Christopher Greenwood	Firefighter
Steve Tamulonis	Firefighter
Kerri Greenwood	Firefighter
Dave Flannery	Firefighter
Andrew Milkovits	Firefighter
Steve Hoffman	Firefighter/EMT-I/D
John LeBlanc Sr.	EMT-D
Cindy Tibbetts	EMT-I/D
Jeannine Phalon	First Responder

Explorers: Marta Casey, Kate Greenwood, Steve Dunn, Dan Warshauer, Jon Lavoie, Beth Crehan, Ken Spachet, Ryan Sanborn

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 13th day of March, 2001 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Selectman	3 years
Auditor	1 year
Library Trustee	3 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	1 year

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 14th day of March, 2001, 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 sixty-six thousand seven hundred thirteen dollars (\$866,713) 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 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).
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to purchase a pickup truck for the Highway Department from government surplus and equip the truck with a snowplow, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
5. 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).
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to upgrade the cathodic protection on the town's gas and diesel tanks, as required by the Department of Environmental Services, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand three hundred dollars (\$3,300) to purchase and install eleven replacement windows at the fire station, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand five hundred

dollars (\$1,500) for the purchase of a computer system for the Police Department, 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 One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purchase of three bullet proof vests for the Police Department, 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 Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the engineering and design for the new town office building, 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 Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for the following purposes: \$1,500 for the maintenance of the Mason Railroad Trail for recreation and forest fire protection purposes, \$1,000 for the planting and maintenance of trees on town property, and \$1,000 for the additional clearing work on the field area on town owned lot L-36, or take any other action relative thereto. Such funds will come from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established for that purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
13. 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 Basketball Court Fund, for the purpose of building and maintaining a basketball court for the Town, and to appropriate the sum of Six hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$657) from the December 31, 2000 Fund balance to be placed in this fund, and furthermore to appoint the Board of Selectmen and the Recreation Committee as agents to expend from the Basketball Court Fund. These funds were donations given in memory of Pamela Steinberg and Cynthia Budrewicz. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 2000 Fund balance of that amount received from the 2000 sale of surplus Highway Department equipment for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$133.33) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 2000 Fund balance of that amount received from the 2000 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
16. 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).
17. 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).

2/17/01	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	01/00
Town Officers' Salaries											
Selectmen	2,925	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	550	0%
Treasurer	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0%
Auditor	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	0%
Moderator	100	100	200	200	100	100	500	500	100	100	-80%
	4,425	4,425	4,525	4,525	4,425	4,425	4,825	4,825	4,425	4,425	-8%
Fees in Lieu of Salaries											
Tax Collector	7,250	7,180	7,250	6,980	7,250	6,634	7,250	6,615	7,250	7,250	0%
Town Clerk	3,000	6,828	3,000	6,402	3,000	6,825	3,000	7,234	3,000	3,000	0%
	10,250	14,008	10,250	13,382	10,250	13,459	10,250	13,849	10,250	10,250	0%
Administration											
Administrative Ass't	18,590	18,584	19,300	19,298	20,650	20,648	22,150	22,145	23,380	23,380	6%
Part-time Assistant									2,000	2,000	
Payroll taxes	3,050	3,066	3,050	3,071	3,150	2,897	3,500	3,053	3,500	3,500	0%
Health insurance	6,200	6,000	5,710	5,710	6,645	6,227	7,340	7,357	10,060	10,060	37%
Workers comp.	850	576	850	803	850	600	600	243	300	300	-50%
Advertising	65	82	70	91	70	154	125	119	125	125	0%
Bank service charges	525	622	575	195	400	-104	150	0	100	100	-33%
Association dues	55	35	55	50	55	65	55	40	55	55	0%
State Dog Fees	0	586	0	452	0	626	0	707	0	0	
Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Conferences	600	160	600	140	800	100	800	367	600	600	-25%
Computer services	1,700	1,832	1,700	1,810	1,800	1,964	1,950	2,072	2,000	2,000	3%
Mileage	250	126	250	161	225	177	225	62	200	200	-11%
Contingency	200	99	200	826	200	260	200	133	200	200	0%
Postage	1,200	1,036	1,200	1,030	1,200	992	1,200	965	1,200	1,200	0%
Registry fees	250	256	250	244	250	324	250	280	250	250	0%
Repairs & maintenance	200	754	500	170	250	170	250	0	250	250	0%
Retirement Ins	915	916	960	947	975	995	1,100	1,072	1,155	1,155	5%
Office supplies	1,350	1,299	1,550	1,827	1,500	1,634	1,700	1,415	1,700	1,700	0%
Telephone	700	650	650	731	700	666	700	641	700	700	0%
Town reports	700	811	860	858	900	845	950	941	1,134	1,134	19%
	37,400	37,490	38,330	38,414	40,620	39,240	43,245	41,613	48,909	48,909	13%

2/17/01	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	01/00
Cemetery Expenses											
Cemetery maintenance	1,500	1,792	1,500	1,504	1,500	1,127	1,500	1,928	1,500	1,500	0%
Cemetery salaries	6,550	5,874	7,000	6,956	8,000	8,641	8,250	7,916	8,500	8,500	3%
Payroll taxes	500	542	540	533	615	661	630	582	650	650	3%
Workers comp.	600	509	700	630	700	698	750	494	500	500	-33%
	9,150	8,717	9,740	9,623	10,815	11,127	11,130	10,920	11,150	11,150	0%
Reappraisal of Property											
Assessing	3,000	2,398	2,500	1,910	2,250	2,360	2,750	2,360	2,750	2,750	0%
Tax map update	485	255	485	485	485	485	485	485	550	550	13%
	3,485	2,653	2,985	2,395	2,735	2,845	3,235	2,845	3,300	3,300	2%
Town Building Expenses											
Custodian salaries	3,800	3,708	3,800	3,750	3,800	3,735	3,800	4,275	6,630	6,630	74%
Supplies	125	99	125	145	125	113	125	28	100	100	-20%
Heat	2,200	2,298	2,200	818	2,000	1,543	2,000	4,143	4,000	4,000	100%
Electricity	2,100	2,015	2,100	2,044	2,100	1,971	2,100	2,049	2,100	2,100	0%
Repairs & maintenance	3,000	6,073	3,500	6,101	3,500	7,662	3,500	3,715	4,000	4,000	14%
	11,225	14,192	11,725	12,858	11,525	14,424	11,525	14,210	16,830	16,830	46%
Employment/Insurance Expenses											
Misc Payroll Taxes/Work's Comp	2,100	2,666	2,550	2,349	3,230	3,221	3,660	3,747	4,200	4,200	15%
Accident/Health Insurance	700	713	700	764	750	849	750	701	300	300	-60%
Unemployment taxes	23,000	21,544	23,000	20,356	23,000	16,028	20,000	16,028	18,500	18,500	-8%
Liability insurance	25,800	24,923	26,250	23,469	26,980	20,098	24,410	20,476	23,000	23,000	-6%
Planning & Zoning											
Salaries	1,200	1,548	900	1,300	900	950	0	146	0	0	
Payroll taxes	92	109	70	94	72	63	0	11	0	0	
Advertising	280	361	280	175	150	241	150	387	150	150	0%
Training	0	0	130	0	0	0	80	135	80	80	0%
Board of Adjustment	900	0	423	356	1,093	55	894	573	960	960	7%
Historic District Commission	50	0	10	10	300	84	300	56	110	110	-63%
SW Reg. Planning/Consulting	1,382	1,520	1,390	1,390	1,411	1,411	2,857	2,857	3,844	3,844	35%
Supplies	150	309	150	309	230	257	50	53	50	50	0%
Postage	150	304	150	216	150	210	150	218	150	150	0%
	4,204	4,149	3,503	3,850	4,306	3,271	4,481	4,437	5,344	5,344	19%

2/17/01	1997	1997	1998	1998	1999	1999	2000	2000	2001	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	01/00
Building Inspection										
Bldg inspector-fees	1,000	1,691	1,000	1,889	1,000	3,063	1,000	2,195	2,000	100%
Payroll taxes	77	124	77	130	77	217	77	168	153	99%
Expenses	300	120	300	168	300	341	300	95	300	0%
	1,377	1,935	1,377	2,187	1,377	3,621	1,377	2,458	2,453	78%
Health & Welfare										
Health officer	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0%
Animal control	2,000	1,195	2,000	480	2,000	1,919	2,000	2,378	2,000	0%
Town poor	2,000	0	2,000	98	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000	0%
Nashua Mediation										
Visiting nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%
	5,525	2,695	5,525	2,078	5,525	3,419	5,525	3,878	5,525	0%
Ambulance										
Ambulance Service Fee	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,860	5%
Supplies	1,000	814	1,000	1,000	1,000	655	1,000	1,275	1,000	0%
Training	1,200	530	1,200	892	1,200	310	1,200	883	1,200	0%
	5,875	5,019	5,875	5,567	5,875	4,640	5,875	5,833	6,060	3%
Library										
Library salaries	16,535	16,597	17,480	15,726	17,983	17,903	20,313	19,066	21,690	7%
Payroll taxes	1,265	1,269	1,338	1,203	1,376	1,370	1,554	1,472	1,659	7%
Worker's Comp.	60	60	60	56	60	60	65	63	55	-15%
Dues, fees & educ	720	688	820	767	995	828	1,000	845	1,000	0%
Equipment maintenance	55	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Postage	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	0%
Programming	125	125	125	91	125	125	125	84	140	12%
Matching Funds										
Supplies	400	404	400	390	400	400	400	409	400	0%
Telephone	1,050	1,036	1,050	1,109	1,110	1,162	1,200	1,197	1,250	4%
Copymachine										
Travel	230	230	230	146	230	230	230	248	230	0%
Books	2,500	2,507	2,500	2,447	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,802	2,800	0%
	23,015	23,059	24,078	22,070	25,154	24,953	27,762	26,260	29,299	6%

2/17/01	1997	1997	1998	1998	1999	1999	2000	2000	2001	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	01/00
Parks & Recreation										
Grounds improvements/repairs	300	90	300	130	300	358	300	180	300	0%
Lawn supplies	250	110	250	0	250	70	250	116	250	0%
Mowing	600	315	600	360	600	435	600	390	600	0%
Recreation area expenses	325	26	325	0	325	0	325	624	325	0%
Stone dust	200	0	200	0	200	0	200	184	200	0%
Toilet facilities	125	90	125	465	125	420	300	375	300	0%
Trash removal	90	60	90	30	90	90	90	90	90	0%
Activities/Rec day	600	353	600	625	600	384	527	438	527	0%
Patriotic purposes	500	500	600	231	300	225	300	228	300	0%
Electricity	85	50	85	75	85	150	240	120	120	-50%
Street lighting	1,000	1,002	1,000	960	1,000	962	1,000	955	1,000	0%
Town common	3,850	3,792	3,850	4,014	4,000	5,225	4,000	4,598	4,500	13%
Payroll taxes	300	236	300	304	306	394	306	324	345	13%
Worker's Comp	400	300	400	399	400	402	800	737	600	-25%
	8,625	6,924	8,725	7,593	8,581	9,115	9,238	9,359	9,457	2%
Water Hole										
Water hole & dry hyd	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	500	349	500	0	500	0%
House & water hole #s	385	325	182	180	175	185	125	125	125	0%
	1,385	325	1,182	1,180	675	534	625	125	625	0%
New Hampshire Municipal Asso.										
Wilton Recycling Center	39,063	31,803	27,429	27,429	30,190	30,183	51,275	51,724	45,950	-10%
Communication Expenses	19,500	19,415	19,500	20,642	19,500	18,251	19,500	19,398	19,500	0%
Legal Expenses	5,000	2,928	3,500	2,254	3,000	4,409	3,000	1,048	3,000	0%
Civil Defense	100	184	100	0	100	0	100	80	100	0%
Conservation Commission	1,500	6,328	1,500	15,661	1,500	11,928	1,750	10,650	2,000	14%
Election Expenses	500	504	800	938	675	665	745	1,010	609	-18%
Town Forestry Committee	750	532	750	60	750	900	4,600	2,606	1	-100%

*Conservation overexpenditure includes Land Use Change Tax.

2/17/01	1997	1997	1998	1998	1999	1999	2000	2000	2001	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	01/00
Highway Town Maintenance										
Road agent salary	35,550	35,267	36,350	33,388	37,880	37,712	40,437	42,813	38,000	-6%
Asst road agent salary	28,778	28,778	29,866	27,784	30,846	30,331	32,635	28,827	31,777	-3%
Equipment operator	24,521	22,065	25,266	20,743	26,016	24,456	27,248	23,031	30,352	11%
Other salaries	34,640	42,381	39,140	48,300	41,550	50,587	51,100	62,315	58,400	14%
FEMA Reimbursement Other Salaries			-2,027							
Overtime wages	11,500	10,648	11,800	7,781	12,300	9,574	12,900	8,652	13,300	3%
FEMA Reimbursement Overtime			-1,853							
Payroll taxes	10,350	10,778	10,898	10,636	11,370	11,451	12,582	12,255	13,150	5%
FEMA Reimbursement Payroll Taxes			-315							
Health insurance	12,800	11,067	12,020	11,937	13,500	13,495	15,525	15,132	20,500	32%
Alcohol and drug testing	400	230	350	215	350	190	350	300	350	0%
Workers comp.	16,750	13,345	17,125	12,517	15,400	15,186	18,550	15,990	13,750	-26%
FEMA Reimbursement Workers' Comp.			-453							
Retirement	4,300	4,185	5,140	4,943	5,300	5,129	5,670	5,224	5,750	1%
Consulting engineer	250	0	250	0	300	0	300	600	300	0%
Reimbrs. For Consulting Engineer								-600		
Mileage	2,500	1,962	2,500	1,959	2,100	2,162	1,500	1,155	1,500	0%
Fire equipment rental	500	117	500	104	500	0	200	0	200	0%
Calcium chloride	12,500	12,473	12,500	12,698	11,000	11,229	11,500	11,423	11,500	0%
Crusher	5,000	5,370	5,000	6,053	5,000	3,179	5,000	4,728	5,000	0%
FEMA Reimbursement Crusher			-755							
Culverts	2,000	2,846	1,500	-186	1,000	1,515	500	503	1,000	100%
Oil - pug mill	7,000	8,008	9,000	10,095	9,000	9,537	9,000	8,544	9,000	0%
Oil - sealing	15,500	15,620	17,000	17,540	17,000	14,031	19,000	19,161	19,000	0%
Patch	2,500	3,027	2,000	2,849	3,000	2,171	2,000	2,174	2,000	0%
Salt	4,000	4,216	4,500	7,509	4,500	4,771	4,500	3,943	4,500	0%
FEMA Reimbursement Salt			-1,484							
Tractor rental	100	23	100	105	300	0	100	0	100	0%
Truck rentals	200	0	200	0	100	0	100	0	100	0%
Plowing	13,000	9,633	13,000	6,740	12,000	7,853	11,000	7,473	12,000	9%
FEMA Reimbursement Plowing										
Insurance Settlement								-7,409		
Expenditures against settlement	500	1,829	0	0	1,000	1,110	1,000	7,409	1,000	0%
Signs & Rewards	245,139	244,451	257,005	235,477	261,312	255,669	282,697	274,176	292,529	3%

2/17/01	1997	1997	1998	1998	1999	1999	2000	2000	2001	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	01/00
Highway Dept. Expenses										
Building maintenance	3,000	2,482	3,000	3,374	4,000	4,293	5,000	3,549	5,000	0%
Chains	600	590	500	136	500	683	500	482	500	0%
Chainsaw repairs	400	555	300	621	500	964	600	503	600	0%
FEMA Reimbursement Chainsaw Repairs			-119							
Dues, education and misc	800	708	800	785	800	865	900	603	950	6%
Edges for plows & graders	1,500	1,840	1,800	1,568	2,000	590	1,500	1,406	2,000	33%
Electricity	2,300	2,217	2,300	1,793	2,100	1,834	2,000	1,935	2,200	10%
Equipment maintenance	18,000	17,999	16,000	39,515	17,000	21,147	18,500	16,660	19,000	3%
FEMA Reimbursement Equipment Maintenance			-5,095							
Fuel	11,000	10,962	11,000	10,371	11,000	8,307	13,000	12,544	18,200	40%
FEMA Reimbursement Fuel			-1,490							
Radios	1,000	744	1,500	1,653	1,200	1,190	1,200	1,220	1,200	0%
Telephone	1,000	1,025	1,000	1,012	1,000	968	1,000	958	1,200	20%
Tires	2,000	2,616	2,500	3,305	3,000	3,098	2,500	2,716	2,500	0%
FEMA Reimbursement Tires			-746							
Safety equipment	1,200	1,353	1,200	1,590	1,400	2,012	1,700	1,578	1,700	0%
Tools	800	780	1,000	1,108	1,000	578	1,500	807	1,500	0%
Welding supplies	400	380	500	285	500	433	500	479	750	50%
Subtotal	44,000	44,252	43,400	59,658	46,000	46,962	50,400	45,440	57,300	14%
Total Highway Expenses	289,139	288,703	300,405	295,145	307,312	302,631	333,097	319,616	349,829	5%
Police Department										
Chief's salary	36,703	36,703	36,725	33,448	39,260	35,626	40,437	34,940	35,000	-13%
Fulltime Officer	29,600	27,724	27,000	24,922	27,850	27,834	31,000	31,266	26,500	-15%
Third Officer	14,200	12,416	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,280	
Officers' & other salaries	14,400	17,095	23,000	38,957	23,000	31,513	35,000	38,348	24,376	-30%
Overtime									5,400	
Payroll taxes	2,300	2,486	2,720	3,775	2,750	3,045	3,270	3,917	3,158	-3%
Health insurance	14,970	12,103	11,685	11,255	11,750	11,420	13,500	13,597	25,800	91%
Workers comp.	3,880	3,799	3,500	3,389	3,800	3,231	4,000	3,927	2,575	-36%
Retirement	3,000	2,605	3,200	2,375	3,600	3,209	3,150	3,787	5,193	65%
Court ordered restitution								231		
Conventions & dues	200	300	300	175	300	175	300	300	300	0%
Cruiser fuel	2,500	2,836	3,000	2,313	3,000	2,679	3,000	3,689	4,500	50%

2/17/01	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	01/00
Cruiser maintenance	3,000	4,511	3,000	2,916	3,000	3,883	2,550	2,465	3,000	3,000	18%
Cruiser lease	9,240	8,939	8,520	8,519	8,520	9,264	8,760	8,744	8,760	8,760	0%
Insurance Settlement						-998					
Office expenses	3,000	2,830	3,000	2,965	3,000	3,159	3,250	3,551	3,250	3,250	0%
Training	2,000	940	2,000	2,203	2,500	2,200	2,050	1,922	2,500	2,500	22%
Uniforms	1,500	1,520	1,500	1,382	1,500	713	1,500	1,858	2,000	2,000	33%
Equipment & maintenance	2,000	1,906	2,500	1,954	2,000	2,449	1,550	1,419	2,000	2,000	29%
Reports & permits	500	277	500	358	500	321	500	41	500	500	0%
	142,993	138,990	134,150	140,906	136,330	139,724	153,817	154,002	177,092	177,092	15%
Fire Department											
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%
Other Stipends	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,875	6,550	6,550	14%
Warden training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Workers comp.	990	809	990	816	990	600	990	737	600	600	-39%
Utilities	2,800	2,588	3,000	2,294	3,000	2,375	3,000	2,822	3,000	3,000	0%
Telephone	800	653	800	606	800	735	1,200	672	1,200	1,200	0%
Radio repair	1,000	998	1,000	1,470	1,000	989	1,000	769	1,000	1,000	0%
Fuel	750	1,029	750	422	750	552	750	849	750	750	0%
Code books	150	163	200	129	200	185	200	67	200	200	0%
Training	1,400	1,385	1,400	1,311	2,000	1,503	2,000	2,045	2,000	2,000	0%
Equipment & Maint	3,500	3,541	4,000	5,405	4,200	6,623	4,200	4,407	4,200	4,200	0%
Fire equipment expense								10,000			
Bid maintenance	2,000	2,210	2,000	1,588	2,000	1,591	2,000	2,573	2,000	2,000	0%
Officers expenses/Dues	1,400	1,346	1,400	1,622	1,400	1,111	1,400	1,285	1,400	1,400	0%
Insurance	250	239	250	208	250	200	250	0	250	250	0%
Vehicle maintenance	4,000	4,066	4,000	4,218	4,000	4,539	4,000	3,603	4,000	4,000	0%
Expendables	350	283	350	327	350	225	350	405	350	350	0%
Hepatitis Vaccine Program	275	350	300	10	300	0	300	0	300	300	0%
Subtotal	26,915	26,909	27,690	27,676	28,490	28,478	28,890	37,610	29,300	29,300	1%
Fire truck bond principal	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,213	16,213	20,000	20,000	23%
Fire truck bond interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,298	10,298	8,950	8,950	-13%
Truck engine replacement											
Total Fire Dept.	26,915	26,909	27,690	27,676	28,490	28,478	55,401	64,121	58,250	58,250	5%

2/17/01	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	01/00
Interest Tax Notes	40,000	38,267	40,000	37,719	29,000	32,154	35,000	31,350	33,000	33,000	-6%
Abateements & Refunds		139,885		1,340		305		12,260			
Total Appropriations	717,701	845,463	710,394	719,401	716,250	725,325	822,423	829,587	866,713	866,713	5%
Increase over prior year		1.76%		-1.02%		0.82%		14.82%			5.39%
Total Budget Proposed	717,701		710,394		716,250		831,281		866,713		
Total Budget Voted							822,423				
Warrant Articles '97											
97#6 Dump Truck, 3rd payment	14,352	929									
97#7 Fire Equip Capital Reserve	15,000	15,000									
97#8 Highway Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000									
97#10 Cemetery Cap Res Withdr	3,000	3,000									
97#11 Police Radios	2,000	2,000									
97#12 Police Radar	2,000	2,000									
97#13 Fire Equip Cap Res Transf	1,700	1,700									
97#14 Fire Equip Cap Res Withdraw		0									
97#15 Cemetery Cap Res Transf	75	75									
	48,127	34,704									
Warrant Articles '98											
98#4 Highway Improvement		50,000		50,000							
98#5 Communications Link		10,000		30,000							
98#7 Highway Pickup Truck		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 Airpacks and Masks		5,050		4,993							
98#13 Police Radar		2,000		2,000							
98#14 Office Computer Equipment		2,000		2,000							
89#15 Transfer to Highway Cap		1,100		1,100							
		115,150		135,093							

TOWN OF MASON

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance

For the year ended December 31, 2000

REVENUES:	2000	1999	1998
Highway Block Grant	56,401	55,475	55,241
Shared revenue	12,078	12,060	27,846
Other state grants	18,919	587	666
Property taxes	1,514,427	1,335,939	1,684,926
Yield taxes	24,056	27,323	47,901
Land use change taxes	8,900	8,800	5,520
Motor vehicle fees	170,693	147,647	134,948
Penalties and interest	9,573	11,975	13,646
Licenses and permits	6,620	6,739	5,074
Interest income	45,249	45,655	45,737
Dog licenses	3,357	2,748	2,699
Rooms & Meals Tax	29,983	24,375	19,060
Conservation Commission	0	2,646	14,161
Forestry Commission	2,489		
Fire Truck Bond		196,213	
Other	30,750	31,835	23,185
Total revenues	1,933,493	1,910,017	2,080,610
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	119,665	111,612	116,612
Cemeteries	10,920	11,127	9,623
Public safety	221,215	418,962	239,896
Highways	452,977	323,593	369,145
Sanitation	51,724	30,183	27,429
Health & Welfare	9,711	3,419	7,645
Education	791,642	783,360	1,096,417
Culture and recreation	47,920	45,930	45,324
Debt service	57,861	32,154	37,719
County taxes	123,295	124,670	119,253
Total expenditures	1,886,930	1,885,010	2,069,063
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	46,563	25,007	11,547
Other financing sources:			
Interfund transfers	31,500	29,000	1,500
Unexpended encumbrances	0	1,441	41
	31,500	30,441	1,541
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	78,063	55,448	13,088
Fund balance beginning	249,756	194,308	181,220
Fund balance ending	327,819	249,756	194,308

TOWN OF MASON

Combined Balance Sheet

At December 31, 2000

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consv Comm	Forestry Comittee	All Funds
Cash	\$574,389	\$36,619	\$154,497	\$13,989	\$64,144	\$843,638
Debit Memo	0					\$0
Deeded property	31,642					\$31,642
Unredeemed taxes	30,446					\$30,446
Uncollected taxes	76,096					\$76,096
Total assets	\$712,573	\$36,619	\$154,497	\$13,989	\$64,144	\$981,822
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Accounts Payable	(\$38)					(38)
Escrow funds	0					0
Encumbrances	0					0
Payroll taxes payable	2					2
Due to schools	384,790					384,790
Total liabilities	384,754	0	0	0	0	384,754
Fund balances	327,819	36,619	154,497	13,989	64,144	597,068
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$712,573	\$36,619	\$154,497	\$13,989	\$64,144	\$981,822

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 2000	712,420
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	174,399
Tax Collector	1,553,143
Selectmen	208,231
Interest income Fleet	1,259
Interest income NHPDIP	40,080
Interest income Bank of NH	3,909
Tax Anticipation Loans	800,000
Total cash available	3,493,441
Selectmen's orders paid	1,719,248
Payroll disbursements	368,454
Tax anticipation loans repaid	800,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	31,350
Bank service charges	0
Total monies paid out	2,919,052
Cash on hand, December 31, 2000	574,389

Mary Ann Broden Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
For the year ended December 31, 2000

	Levies of: 2000	Prior
Uncollected Taxes, Jan.1, 2000		
Property Taxes		\$87,988.48
Land Use Change Taxes		
Yield Taxes		1,154.70
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$1,514,426.96	
Land Use Change Taxes	8,900.00	
Yield Taxes	24,056.11	
Excavation Taxes	6.30	
Interest & fees	28.57	684.76
Returned Checks	25.00	
Overpayments:		
Property Taxes	321.28	
Yield Taxes		
Interest & fees		65.87
Interest Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes	158.75	3,518.84
Costs Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,547,922.97	\$93,412.65
Remitted To Treasurer During Year:		
Property Taxes	\$1,428,204.76	\$87,930.51
Land Use Change Taxes	8,900.00	
Yield Taxes	22,143.97	1,154.70
Excavation Taxes	6.30	
Interest On Taxes	187.32	3,808.12
Costs		395.48
Overpayments	321.28	65.87
Conversion to Liens		
Returned Checks	25.00	
Abatements Allowed:		
Property and Land Use Taxes	12,038.00	57.97
Yield Taxes		
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 2000		
Property Taxes	74,184.20	
Land Use Change Taxes		
Yield Taxes	1,912.14	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,547,922.97	\$93,412.65

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
For the year ended December 31, 2000

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of: 1999	1998	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		\$16,082.65	\$13,574.85
Taxes Sold to Town	\$20,196.53		
Interest & Costs Collected After Sale	173.99	436.60	4,571.43
Overpayment	1,067.30		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$21,437.82	\$16,519.25	\$18,146.28
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$2,593.81	\$2,463.51	\$13,143.35
Interest & Cost	173.99	436.60	4,571.43
Overpayment	1,067.30		
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			
Deeded to Town	342.87	433.11	431.50
Unredeemed Taxes Year End	17,259.85	13,186.03	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$21,437.82	\$16,519.25	\$18,146.28

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 2000	\$50
Cash received:	
Dog licenses	\$2,703
Automobile registrations	\$166,557
Title fees	\$538
Filing fees	\$3
Returned checks	\$100
State dog fees	\$654
Marriage licenses	\$152
Overpay	\$95
Municipal agent fees	\$3,598
Total cash received	\$174,399
Cash remitted to Treasurer	\$174,399
Cash on hand, December 31, 2000	\$50

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Hastings

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	PRINCIPAL			INTEREST			TOTAL
	Beginning Balance	Fnds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Receipts (Disburseals)	Fund Balance
TRUST FUNDS							
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$9,860.74	\$1,126.55		\$22,050.36
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$11,529.94	\$1,187.52		\$23,186.82
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$22,045.33	\$266.67	\$22,312.00	\$4,589.84	\$1,466.93	(\$1,500.00)	\$26,988.77
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$2,443.21	\$133.33	\$2,576.54	\$1,529.50	\$215.88		\$4,321.92
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$14,515.43	\$2,176.66		\$41,692.09
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$573.69	\$595.62	(\$520.85)	\$11,456.53
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth Communications	\$9,966.62	\$10,000.00	\$9,966.62	\$4,053.35	\$703.59		\$14,723.56
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$91,795.66	\$10,400.00	\$102,195.66	\$46,652.49	\$7,669.91	(\$2,020.85)	\$154,497.21
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS							
Highway Capital Equipment	\$31,350.00	(\$29,950.00)	\$1,400.00	\$2,333.47	\$1,119.88		\$4,853.35
Town Reevaluation				\$2,909.31	\$136.98		\$3,046.29
Fire Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,414.66	\$150.18		\$2,564.84
Library Building	\$17,000.00		\$17,000.00	\$7,766.89	\$1,387.18		\$26,154.07
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$48,350.00	(\$29,950.00)	\$18,400.00	\$15,424.33	\$2,794.22	\$0.00	\$18,218.55
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$140,145.66	(\$19,550.00)	\$120,595.66	\$62,076.82	\$10,464.13	(\$2,020.85)	\$191,115.76

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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 Schulze

George Schwenk

Reverend Robert Robb

Building Needs Committee Report

At the March 2000 Town Meeting a Town Building Needs Study Committee was formed. The Committee asked each town board and department to look into the future as to their five and ten-year needs. After meeting with all the town departments and boards the Committee came up with these findings:

- ◆ The present town offices do not have enough storage space for the records of all of the town boards and committees.
- ◆ There is inadequate space for public meetings that are needed by town boards such as the planning board etc.
- ◆ The library is crowded and hard to access all three levels. There is no room to add any more computer stations, or to have a quiet research area for patron use.
- ◆ The Police Department is presently in a space so small that they are unable to do any Police business, other than paper work. Their storage space is limited to a room on the second floor.
- ◆ The Fire Station is full at the present time. There is no room to add any other vehicles if they are needed in the future.
- ◆ The Highway Department is unable to park all their equipment inside in the winter. In the event of a breakdown that ties up a bay in the heated building, they lose the ability to have as many pieces of equipment ready to go when needed.

The Committee has recommended that the town consider a New England barn styled addition to the Mann House that would serve as Town Offices, Police Station, Library, and provide future space for a new meeting room for Town Meetings.

The Highway Department needs do not appear to be as large and immediate as others do and may be dealt with on a different level. The Fire Department will probably need to think about expansion in the next five years.

I would like to thank the other members of the Committee for their time and help with this task, and thank the department and committee heads for their input.

As I have started as your new road agent this year, I do not feel that I have the time to continue as a member of this Committee, so I am resigning effective as of April 1, 2001.

Respectfully submitted
David P. Cook
Chairman

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MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

This report will be different than in the past, as this is the last year as your Road Agent. I worked hand and hand with your Assistant Road Agent David Cook, who will be your new Road Agent. He will write the report for this year.

I would like to thank my wife and family for their support during these years. The citizens of Mason have always supported the Highway Department, thank you. I have worked with the different Boards of Selectmen during these years. At times we have had our differences, but we have always had good relationships. Thank you, Selectmen. Also, during these times, I have had a good working relationship with the Administrative Assistant Barbara and Selectmen's Secretaries Helen and Linda. Thank you.

Last but not least, I want to thank the employees of the Highway Department. You have always worked hard when you were needed and worked safely, which was so important to keep our Workers' Compensation rates low. This year we did not have a single lost time accident. That's a great achievement!

At this time I would like to wish Road Agent David Cook and his staff the very best. I will always be available to help out in time of need.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis M. Dunn
Road Agent

The Mason Highway Department came into this year with the knowledge that Curt Dunn was planning to retire as Road Agent at the end of the year. Curt has been the town's Road Agent for 28 years. There is no way to cover all his accomplishments in this report so I will just say thank you, Curt, for all the years of dedicated service to the town, and all of the highway department employees wish Curt well in his retirement. **Thanks Curt and well done!**

This January we were able to get a tree crew from Public Service to assist us in removing some of the hazardous trees that were near the power lines along the edge of the roads. This makes travel on these roads safer and winter maintenance safer for the highway crews.

We had a relatively dry spring that allowed us to grade early and start our summer program of culvert cleaning and ditching sooner than normal. We sealed part of Wilton Road, all of Pullman Road, and the paved portion of Mitchell Road with the stone chip seal.

The road upgrade project was completed on the section of Campbell Mill Road from Brookline Road to Cook's corner. This included adding two catch basins to help control run off and prevent erosion, as well as replacing a damaged culvert. Several landowners gave us permission to remove some trees to allow more sun onto the road in the winter, which will aid in melting ice and snow. The banks were sloped and seeded and the road widened in places to allow us to pave the road with material we mixed in the town's sandpit. The paving was done in early September and a coat of sealer applied in October to protect the new surface. The upgrade process begins in early spring when we mix the paving material and continues into the late fall when we purchase the stone and crush the gravel used to make this mix.

In 2001 we are again asking the town to approve another upgrade project, which is proposed to be Mitchell Hill Road from the Wilton line to the portion already paved and Abbott Hill Road from the Wilton line to the bottom of the hill near the swamp. If the town approves this it will allow us to use monies that were requested from a subdivision for road upgrades in that area.

In September we received the new backhoe purchased by the town. This should serve the town well in the future for cleaning culverts, water passes as well as acting as a backup for the loader. The department continues to send members to training sessions for safety and for highway maintenance knowledge.

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

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Cook
Road Agent

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

1998 Wilton Road – COMPLETED!
1999 Project Not Voted (schedule slips one year)
2000 Part of Campbell Mill Road – COMPLETED!
2001 Part of Abbott Hill Road and Part of Mitchell Hill Road (formerly 2006)
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 Marcel Road (formerly 2003)
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

In 2000 there were 9 subdivisions and a number of informational hearings. The Planning Board wishes to thank Dennis Meehan for his 2 years of service.

The Planning Board and Selectmen have agreed to continue with Southwest Regional Planning Commission consultation services.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Mann
Chairman

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would first like to say thank you to the Town of Mason and its Board of Selectmen for the opportunity to bring the Mason Police Department into the 21st century as the Chief of Police. The Mason PD has gone through several changes over the last year to include numerous personnel changes.

Chief Robert L. Malboeuf has left the Mason PD in order to pursue personal interests and we wish "Chief Bob" the best of luck and sincerely say thank you for 11½ years of service that you gave to the Town of Mason. Your leadership and great sense of humor will be missed. Mike Farrey has also decided that he has spent enough time chasing people through the woods after 10 years of devoted service to the Town of Mason, thank you and good luck Mike. We have sworn in four new members to the department: William Johnson, Thomas Richardson, David Hinkell and John Wagner. John LeBlanc Sr. continues to be a part of the department. All five have represented the department with professionalism and integrity as well as bringing a vast amount of experience and knowledge to the department.

We are currently implementing state approved Standard Operating Procedures for the department that will give each officer guidance in performing their duties as well as reducing liability for the town. John LeBlanc Sr. has written a firearms training lesson plan that will provide an exceptional training base for all officers. I have also implemented a program in which an officer will go into the Mason elementary school at least four days a week. They will spend one hour per day with the students doing such things as reading to them or just simply spending time with them so that they know who we are and what we do. No issue will be discussed with the students without prior notice given to the parents for review.

For the year 2001, I am asking for a 3rd full-time officer in order to provide coverage from 6am to 2am, seven days a week by full-time officers. Part-time officers will cover Saturday and Sunday morning shifts. This will not only provide a much easier means of managing the department but it will also put a great amount of knowledge on the roads for the majority of the time. I have attempted to keep the budget as low as possible but please keep in mind that the budget does reflect a 3rd full-time officer, a 29% rate increase on health insurance and an increase in the state retirement rate. Also, in this years budget is an over-time entry. We are required to pay either Over-time or Compensatory time in excess of 40 hours by state law. This has never been budgeted for in the past and was a contributing factor to the department going over budget for the past 6 consecutive years.

In closing, your support and patience are greatly appreciated while we continue to move forward within the police department. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the budget or any other issue, please give me the opportunity to explain these changes to you in person.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry G. Hutchins
Police Chief

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission greatly appreciates the support of voters at the 2000 Town Meeting, who approved our warrant article petition to dedicate the land use change tax funds for land acquisition. The Commission is now in a good position to take the opportunity for state grants that might be available through the newly established state Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). We met Jeff Porter of Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) to discuss possible projects in town, which could be eligible for LCHIP funds.

During the year, the Commission met with several landowners to discuss possible donations of land or conservation easements. Mason is fortunate to have landowners that appreciate our town's rural qualities and are prepared to contribute significantly to conserve Mason's landscape. Even with donations, there are associated costs of surveys, appraisals, and deeds, so the Commission is very glad that the town has made available the land use change tax funds for this purpose.

The Commission learned further about state and local programs to protect open space when the Mason Garden club hosted speaker Digit Taylor of the NH Wildlife Federation. We coordinated with the Garden Club to encourage Mason Selectmen to support the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area initiative. This is a concept where communities in south central New Hampshire and north central Massachusetts are recognized for their key roles in the American Revolution and the Industrial Revolution. If Congress approves the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area, towns can become eligible for grants for historic projects. Legislation is still pending.

Mason's Animal Control Officer John Dube spoke to the Commission about wildlife in Mason. We have bear, moose, and two coyote packs living in town!

The Mason Railroad Trail Map is finished and available to all in the mailbox at the intersection of RR and Pratt Pond Road. Use of the Railroad Trail by OHRV's and advertising of the Railroad for this purpose on the state's web site was the subject of strong opinions at the Selectmen's meeting in November. The state Bureau of Recreation now owns the stretch of Rail Trail in Greenville that connects with the Mason RR, so they want to advertise the whole line as an OHRV Trail on the state web site. The Commission is strongly opposed to advertising the Railroad Trail because increasing traffic will drive up trail maintenance costs.

New CC members are Marcia Osborn and Stuart Sherman. Stuart has begun work on a natural resource inventory for the town.

The Commission reviewed a number of wetland violations and permit applications.

Respectfully submitted,
Conservation Commission

MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In August of 2000 the town took delivery of the new attack engine that was approved at the 1999 town meeting. This truck replaced Engine 2, a 1972 Ford / Farrar attack engine. The department members removed all the equipment from Engine 2 and remounted it, as well as the new equipment purchased on the new engine. Many of the mounting brackets were designed and fabricated in house, saving the department from having to purchase them. The department members were trained to drive and operate the new engine, and it was placed in service at the end of September.

I would like to thank the officers of the department who served as the design committee for the new truck, and followed the process to its finish more than two years later.

After all members were trained in their use, the Department has placed the rescue airbags in service that the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association donated to the town.

The department has continued to replace some of the firefighter turnout gear that is old and worn out. We plan to replace a little each year as needed.

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 and the Selectmen and Barbara Milkovits for their help during the past year.

I would like to thank the Police Department for their help and cooperation under the leadership of Chief Bob, and wish Bob Malboeuf well in his new endeavors. I would like to welcome Barry Hutchins as the new Police Chief, and look forward to continuing the excellent relationship that exists between the two departments.

I need to thank the Highway Department for their help throughout the year, and wish Curt Dunn a very happy retirement. The two departments have always had a mutually beneficial relationship due a large part to the leadership of Curt.

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

TRAINING

In-house training 28 drills			1600-hours
Outside Training	2	Basic Firefighter	240-hours
	2	Arson Investigation	32-hours
	2	Auto Extrication	8-hours
Total man-hours for training			1880-hours

2000 Fire calls

Mutual Aid given	5	Chimney Fires	2	Auto Accidents	12
Medical Assists	4	CO Detector	3	Snowmobile Accident	1
Smoke Investigation	1	Smoke in the building	4	Tree on wires	1
Structure Fire	5	Public service	1	Brush Fires	7
Alarm Activation	5	Car Fire	2	Mutual Aid received	2
Total Calls	53	Total man-hours	797		

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.

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

MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

This year the library embraced the new century by weeding out the shelves and making room for some new materials. We are particularly proud of the World Book Student Discovery Encyclopedia, Animals of the World Collection, and Presidential Biographies as well as our Interfact CD/Book collection. Through the generous support of our patrons, we have been able to add several of the latest Best-sellers in Fiction and Non-fiction to our collection.

We offered a variety of programs to the community - Preschool Storytimes, Poetry Contest and Annual Tea, Book and Bake Sale, Super Raffle, Summer Reading Program, Reading Awards Event, and Winter Holiday Program. Our programming and book purchases were partially funded by proceeds from Book Sales, Bakes Sale, Raffle, and our newly imposed fines and fees.

We continue to provide the community with a public access computer and Internet access. We also provide FAX service. As a member of the Hillstown Coop, several new videos arrive each month for your borrowing enjoyment. If there is a particular book that you are looking for that we do not own, it can be requested through our inter-library loan (ILL) system within the State of NH at no charge to you.

Our Second Annual Memory Tree, graciously donated by the Mann Family, twinkled each evening during the holidays. This year patrons purchased "remembering stars" and a white light to shine in memory or thanksgiving of someone dear to them. The Mason Public Library would like to remember one of those shining stars, Pam Steinberg. She has left a legacy as a trustee and dedicated volunteer.

The Library would like to thank the entire community for its support. Special mention is made of our volunteers Joanne LeCount and Marty Milkovits for their help this year. The Brownies did another excellent job with the holiday decorating of the Mann House and orchestration of the crafts at our Holiday Program.

This is your public library. Without your support and patronage we would not exist. Visit, borrow, participate, volunteer! We appreciate all that our loyal patrons have done for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Forty

Linda Lamy

Lynn McCann

Library Trustees

Mason Public Library Financial Report for 2000

Checking Account Balance - January 1, 2000	4113.56
Barclay "Technology" Investment Account - December 31, 2000	5503.44
TOTAL	9617.00

Receipts

Town Budget	27762.00
Donations (Pam Steinberg Memorial = \$220, Memory tree = \$135, Other = \$120)	475.00
Fundraising (Book Sales, Bake Sale, Raffle)	531.45
Investment Income (Whitacker-Locke)	520.85
Fees and Fines (overdue books, copies from printer, FAX, lost books)	258.22
Reimbursement to library for books	45.67
Checking Account Interest	21.75
Barclay "Technology" Account gains	815.63
TOTAL	30430.57

Expenditures

Salaries	19065.50
Payroll Tax	1472.42
Workers Comp	63.00
Dues and Fees	445.00
Continuing Education	400.00
Postage	75.00
Programming	272.84
Supplies	409.11
Telephone	1197.30
Travel	247.80
Technology	177.69
Books, Magazines and Software (from Town Funds, donations, fundraising, fines/fees)	4218.23
TOTAL	28043.89

Return to Town General Fund	1501.58
Checking Account Balance - December 31, 2000 (adjusted)	4183.03
Barclay "Technology" Investment Account Balance - December 31, 2000	6319.07

Library Statistics for 2000	Catalogued Books	Paperbacks	Audios	Videos
Added to Collection	504	245	19	68
Added by Donation	217	245	19	68
Added by Purchase	287	0	0	0
Lost or Withdrawn	288	228	8	11
Total Collection	9701	1113	280	540

Total Borrowers	687
Programs	44
Program Participants	683
Total Items Borrowed	8360
ILL: Borrowed	349
ILL: Lent	67
Computer Use	192

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been forty-nine (49) Building Permits issued during 2000. They were issued for the following (and the total valuation is also listed):

14	Permanent Dwelling	\$865,413
7	Additions to Home	98,935
4	Porch /Deck Additions to Home	17,259
1	Barn Addition	5,235
3	Garage Additions to Home	37,889
7	Garages	57,967
2	Barns	20,683
3	Sheds	7,086
1	Airplane Hangar	19,918
1	Electrical Wiring to Barn	500
6	Septic Repair	18,000
		\$1,148,885

Of the fourteen permanent dwellings, three were renewal permits. Of the seven garage permits, one was a renewal permit. There have been six Oil Burner Permits issued. A permit is required for installing and operating oil-burning equipment that includes replacement oil burners and/or oil tanks.

Some residents do not understand when a Building Permit is required. Please refer to the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance, Article VII. I will be happy to help with any questions.

The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being updated 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

AUDITOR'S REPORT - 1999

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,
Patricia A. Greene
 Town Auditor

REPORT OF THE MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

This past year the Mason Forestry Committee (MFC) was able to finish up on the biomass thinning started in 1999 on our town lot # L-36. This lot is located east of Townsend Road and is approximately 22 acres in size, but only has 16.5 feet of frontage along Townsend Road. As part of the thinning operation we were able to improve the access on the lot, together with establishing a 4-acre clearing on which the Mason Boy Scouts are presently growing Christmas trees. The objective of the thinning was to enhance the growth rate and overall quality of the timber growing on the site, together with improving the food sources and habitat for the area's wildlife. Committee members who live in that end of town have seen an increase in deer and turkey sightings among the clearing and harvested area during this past season. This was MFC's first biomass thinning performed on town property. Unlike a typical thinning where the slash remains behind in the forest, a biomass operation removes most of the slash and then chips it into low-grade timber products. Consequently, the harvest area is left looking neater than a conventional thinning operation. The timber products generated from the thinning were harvested by and sold to North Country Lumber Inc. of West Ossipee, NH. The project was prepared and supervised by Downs Forestry Services of Mason, NH. The Mason Forestry Committee continues to look forward to managing the town's forested land holdings and encourages our residents to venture out and enjoy the recreational opportunities and wildlife among them.

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

MFC General Fund beginning balance January 1, 2000	\$55,441.61
Funds dispersed during 2000:	
-Fee to forester for preparing /supervising thinning lot L-36	\$2,489.43
-Timber tax payment to town (total for lot L-36)	\$1,332.21
Funds received during 2000:	
-Stumpage payment from lot L-36 selective thinning	\$9,001.02
-Interest income	\$3,522.55
MFC General Fund ending balance as of December 31, 2000	\$64,143.54

Respectfully submitted,
Mason Forestry Committee

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The year 2000 was a very busy year in the cemeteries due to the wet, cool weather which made the grass grow more than usual. The painting of the fence at Prospect Hill Cemetery was completed. We had another gate made by Mr. Channing Mould for old Pratt Cemetery and it was installed. We now have new gates on all of the cemeteries.

The new section of Prospect Hill Cemetery is now completed and lots are being sold. Anyone interested in buying a lot should call Wallace Brown at 878-1481. In 2001 we will paint the fence at this cemetery.

We will be removing some dead trees and branches in all cemeteries in 2001, along with the fertilizing, mowing and raking.

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, 2000

Date	Name	Place of Death	Parents' Names
Jan. 26	Abby C. Hall	Nashua	Steven Hall Corinne Gallant
Mar. 9	Norman E. Williams	Nashua	Neal Williams Ethel Dexter
April 3	Stanley B. West	Hudson	
June 8	Martin A. Wiik	Ayer	
July 7	Donald Meryl Witty	Rindge	
Aug. 12	Cynthia Budrewicz	Nashua	Benny Budrewicz Janice Thayer
Sept. 21	Pamela J. Steinberg	Mason	Philip Cofran Claire Jaquith
Nov. 26	Catherine Caroline Chandler	Mason	William Murphy Caroline Sleeter

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 2000

Date	Name	Residence
Jan. 1	Robert A. Firth Linda M. Nolet	Mason Mason
Jan. 1	Ivan Zlatko Podobnik Mary Lynn Baker	Mason Mason
July 1	Scott Brady Votra RuthAnn Chapman Cloutier	Maine Maine
Aug. 19	David Warren McCormack Christiana Augusta Antone	Mason Mason
Sept. 9	Douglas Henry Whitbeck Gwen Whiting	Mason Mason
Sept. 23	Michael James Damery Marlene Knisley	Manchester Manchester
Dec. 29	Mark Edward Arsenault Anh Le	Mason Mason

BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 2000

Date	Name	Place of Birth	Parents
Mar. 27	Katherine Elizabeth Wilborg	Nashua	Lee Wilborg Mary Wilborg
Mar. 30	Briannah Marie Phalon	Nashua	Philip Phalon Jeannine Phalon
April 29	Sophia Katherine Smith	Nashua	Kirk Smith Robin Smith
July 7	Joseph Daniel Carrier	Nashua	Peter Carrier Danielle Carrier
July 24	Justin Paul Smith	Nashua	Paul Smith Tracie Smith
Sept. 7	Corrigan Joseph Allenberg	Nashua	Robert Allenberg Cheryl Allenberg
Sept. 12	Anika Renate Strelow	Nashua	Matthias Strelow Christine Strelow
Sept. 28	Ian William Alton	Nashua	Paul Alton Michelle Alton



REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being the first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

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 ALL 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 also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest rangers have 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, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

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. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Please contact your local fire department **BEFORE** using portable outdoor fireplaces and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh. Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

2000 FIRE STATISTICS (through November 10, 2000)
Forest Ranger Reported Fires
Number of Fires Statewide 516
Number of Fires Hillsborough County 118 (40 acres)

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

HOME HEALTH CARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason
January 1, 2000- December 31, 2000
Annual Report

In 2000, 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 HCS's activities in your community in 2000. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 2000 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

SERVICE REPORT

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Services Provided</u>
Nursing	157 Visits
Physical Therapy	12 Visits
Speech Pathology	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	1 Visits
Homemaker	0 Hours
Home Health Aide	293 Visits
Medical Social Work	0 Visits
Total Unduplicated Residents Served:	6

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 2000 with all funding sources is projected to be \$26,480.00.

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. Town support in 2000 totaled \$1,500.00.

For 2001, we request an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to continue to meet the home care needs of Mason residents. Thank you for your consideration.

TOWN ELECTION MARCH 14, 2000

TOWN MEETING MARCH 15, 2000

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

Polls were declared open at 11:03 A.M. Checklist total was 727. Polls were closed at 7:07 P.M. after 200 had voted. New checklist is 733. This included 4 absentee voters.

Results of the elections were as follows:

Moderator for 2 years:	Catherine Schwenk	167
Selectman for 3 years:	Kenneth Greene	174
Auditor for 1 year (write ins)	Patricia A. Greene	5
Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years:	Sandra L. LeClair	186
Library Trustee for 3 years	Lynn McCann	183
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years:	Robert B. Larochelle	176
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:	George Schwenk	175
Trustee of Trust Funds for 2 years:		

The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:30 PM 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 whom were involved with the election process.

We paused momentarily in respect for Fred Gilson and others that had passed away.

Colors were presented by the Swift Water Girl Scout Junior Troop 500. Laura Demanche led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Note was made of Mason's newest Eagle Scout Jesse Knisley. Representative Jeffrey MacGillivray brought greetings from the Legislature.

Note was made of a correction on page 20 of the Town Report. Under excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses should be \$55,448. For 1999 fund balance beginning amount should be \$194,308.

Reading of the Warrant was waived. 123 voters checked in and there were 4 non-voters present.

Article 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.

We reviewed the line items. A motion was made and passed to increase the Moderator's salary from 100 to 500. Under Highway Town Maintenance and Highway Department Expenses the following changes were made Plowing was decreased 1,000, making the new total 11,000. 1,500 was added to edges for plows & grades. Equipment maintenance was reduced 500 making the new total 1,500. Under Police Department the following changes were made. The position for a third officer was eliminated, decreasing 20,535. Officers' and other salaries was increased to 35,000. Payroll taxes were increased to 3,720. Health insurance was decreased to 13,500 and retirement was decreased to 3,600. New total for Police Department is 153,817.

Article 2. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight hundred twenty-two thousand four hundred twenty-three dollars (\$822,423) which represents the operating budget.

Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed. This included the changes noted above. 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 2000 GMC vehicle for the Police Department. The vote was unanimous.

Article 4. The Town voted to ratify and adopt the By-laws for the Town of Mason Cemeteries as proposed by the Board of Cemetery trustees. The vote was unanimous.

Article 5. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to upgrade gravel roads to paved roads. This was by ballot vote. Yes 73, no 49.

A discussion had been held. Many expressed concern about keeping our rural character. Others were concerned about this year's project, which is the paving of 3800 feet on Campbell Mill Rd.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) 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.

A motion was made by Wolfgang Millbrandt and seconded by Kenneth Greene to change the amount to raise and appropriate from \$75,000 to \$65,000 and to change the amount to come from General Taxation from \$40,000 to \$35,000. The motion passed.

Article 6. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) 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 thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) is to come from general taxation. The vote was unanimous.

At this time Mr. Dunn announced that he would be retiring this year as our Road Agent. He received a standing ovation.

Article 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. A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article indefinitely. The vote was unanimous.

Article 8. The Town voted 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. The vote was unanimous.

Article 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.

A motion was made by David P. Cook and seconded by Elisabeth Malboeuf to substitute the following article. To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund for the purpose of building a new police station and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4950 to be added to this fund and to establish a committee for the purpose of exploring new options for the municipal buildings and raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 for this committee for expenses or take any other action relative thereto. This motion passed.

Article 9. The Town voted to establish a capital reserve fund for the purpose of building a new police station and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4950 to be added to this fund and to

establish a committee for the purpose of exploring new options for the municipal buildings and raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 for this committee for expenses.

Article 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. This article failed to pass.

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

Article 12. The Town voted 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.

Article 13. The Town voted to accept the donation of air bags from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association.

Article 14. The Town voted 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. The vote was unanimous.

Article 15. The Town voted to accept a donation for improvements to communications of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association. The vote was unanimous.

Article 16. The Town voted 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.

A discussion was held concerning Conservation funds and the advantages of voting this article. A ballot vote was required. Polls were opened at 10:08 and closed at 10:18. Yes 63, no 30.

Article 17. 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.

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

STATE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2000

The Moderator called the meeting to order. She reviewed the policy and other instructions for the voters. Polls were declared open at 11:00AM. There were 754 on the checklist. This included 249 Republicans, 129 Democrats and 376 undeclared. Polls were declared closed at 7:15 PM after 616 had voted. This included 55 absentee voters. New checklist total was 781, which included 253 Republicans, 133 Democrats and 405 undeclared. We had a 79% turnout.

President:	Bush	305	Governor:	Humphrey	281
	Gore	261		Shaheen	249
	Browne	9		Brown	56
	Nader	34		Babiarz	17
	Phillips	0			
	Buchanan	3			
Congressman:	Bass	341	Exec. Councilor:	Wheeler	336
	Brannen	211		Regli	223
	Christeson	29			
	Kendel	7			
State Senator:	O'Hearn	319	Rep. Distr. 20:	Arnold	305
	Franks	248		Hall	301
Rep. Dist. 21:	Eaton	418			

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

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY FEBRUARY 1, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. Polls were declared open at 11:00 AM. Checklist total was 700, which included 215 Republicans, 110 Democrats and 375 undeclared. 461 voted, 315 Republicans (11 Absentees) and 146 Democrats (2 Absentees). Voter turnout was 63 per cent.

Republican Race:	Gary Bauer	1
	George W. Bush	78
	"Steve" Forbes	36
	Alan Lee Keyes	13
	John McCain	181
Democrat Race:	"Al" Gore	55
	"Bill" Bradley	84
	Lyndon H. LaRouche	1
	"Jim" Taylor	2

Complete information is on file at the Secretary of State's office. At the end of voting, the breakdown was as follows: 254 Republicans, 136 Democrats and 336 undeclared. 26 new voters were added, making the total of the checklist 726. There were 221 undeclared voters who voted. 168 went back to undeclared status. Polls were closed at 7:02 PM.
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. She made a few announcements and the polls were declared open at 11:00 AM. Checklist total was 749, which included 247 Republicans, 130 Democrats, 372 undeclared. Polls were closed at 7:00 PM after 173 voted. There were 6 absentee ballots. New checklist total was 752; 253 Republicans, 131 Democrats and 368 undeclared. Results were as follows:

	<u>Republicans</u>		<u>Democrats</u>
Governor:	Bramante	1	Shaheen 26
	Howard	12	Fernald 30
	Humphrey	50	
	Marron	0	
	Squires	50	
Rep. in Congress:	Bass	90	Jackman 21
			Brannen 26
Exec. Councilor:	Lozeau	41	Regli 40
	Wheeler	67	
State Senator:	Dalianis	45	Franks 42
	O'Hearn	58	
Rep. District 20:	Arnold	81	Hall 44
Rep. District 21:	Eaton	81	

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

PAMELA STEINBERG

Remembered by Diana LeBlanc, former Librarian, Mason Public Library

Pam "discovered" the little Mason Public Library, tucked behind the church parsonage, after spending her first winter with her young daughter, Marisa, out in the far woods of Mason. After a few minutes of browsing among the bookshelves, she quietly approached me, the librarian, asking if I knew what sort of activities there might be available for her and her family in and around Mason. I was more than happy to talk her ears off about the storytimes for preschoolers at the library and our need for volunteers, the Mother's Group that gathered at the church hall every Wednesday morning to share coffee and parenting ideas, local strawberry picking and the famous Strawberry Festival in June, and more. I have to give her credit for not running away from this onslaught of enthusiasm and information. She seemed very quiet and shy, but I learned that her ability to focus on what others were really saying and to speak what was truly in her mind and heart, was a skill I can only hope to acquire someday. From that day on, Pam & I shared many good times and worries about our families, our homes and our community. She loved books and stories, especially the wonderfully illustrated picturebooks for young children. Throughout the years, she served the Mason Public Library as volunteer, trustee, book donor many times over, storytime organizer and reader, and support person for the library and librarian. She always listened well and helped others listen to themselves. She offered solace and options, but did not force her ideas on others. She was strong without being willful, intelligent without being pompous, caring without being possessive. She embraced life and shared it with everyone she knew, and that vitality is still with me, although I sorely miss her listening ears and heart.



CYNTHIA A. BUDREWICZ

September 6, 1952 – August 12, 2000

Cindy moved to Mason in 1978 to a new home that she had built on Briggs Road. Cindy grew up in Massachusetts, attending schools there. Her father Ben and brother Bill still live on the family homestead in Groveland, Massachusetts.

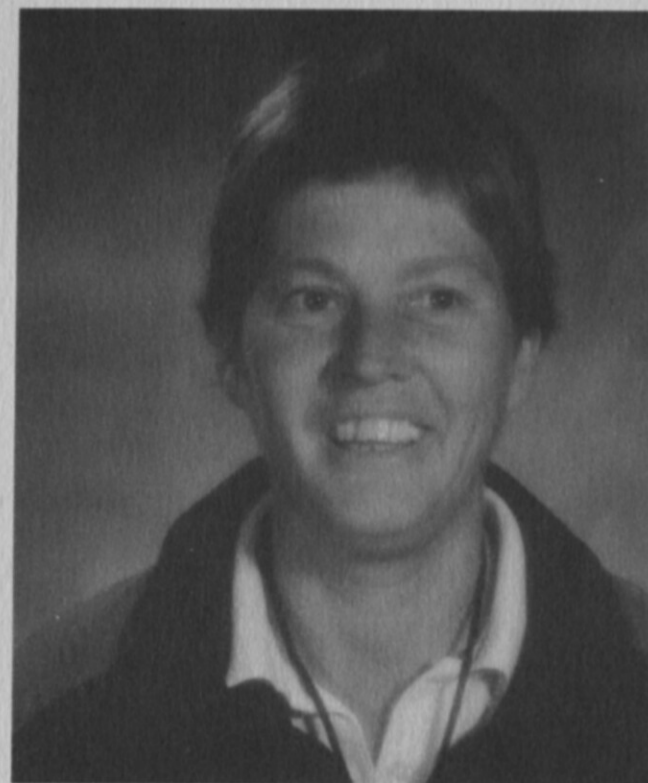
A graduate of Plymouth State College, Cindy began her teaching career for the Groton Dunstable School System. For many years she taught at the high school. Her duties included coaching, athletic director and above all a teacher. As her career continued, Cindy changed hats and moved to the middle school. At the middle school she focused on programs during and after school for her students. In 2000 Cindy was voted Massachusetts Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

Shortly after moving to Mason, Cindy took a very active role with the Mason Recreation Committee. She was instrumental in the development of the Mason Ball Field. She had such a passion for young people. It wasn't long before Cindy became Chairperson of the Rec. Committee. The early years were devoted to the progress of the ball field, youth basketball, Mason Rec. Day held in June to name a few. We will always remember the chicken barbecues, volleyball games, horseshoes, road race, the fun run for the youngsters, face painting and children's games that took place during that day.

Events for the adults happened as well. First Aid classes, trips to Boston to see the Celtics and the Bruins play, deep sea fishing, volleyball night at Appleton Academy, ham and bean suppers upstairs in the town hall will be remembered by many of us in town.

Cindy loved planning activities for children. Halloween was one of her favorites. She would dress up with the old man mask and trench coat. No one seemed afraid of the costume because we all knew that it was Cindy. The Easter Egg Hunt was special because she would love to hide the golden eggs and then watch to see who found the special eggs. Christmas, oh how Cindy loved Christmas! Wreath making will not be the same without her. She would arrive early on wreath making day with her coffee maker, boom box and Christmas tapes for all to listen to as they were making their wreaths and Christmas decorations. It was a good thing that Cindy made a small wreath because she spent most of the morning talking.

So many of us saw the public side of Cindy and a few of us saw the private side as well. Cindy was dedicated to teaching, young and old alike. She loved her dogs deeply and was seen with them where ever she went. Cindy was a musician, playing the trombone and guitar. For many years she played in the temple Band and the Wapack Brass. She loved the out-of-doors and her beautiful cabin in Maine. Fishing was one of her great passions, fly-fishing was her specialty. I would like to think that Cindy has hung out her sign "gone fishing". Cindy, you will be missed.



Cynthia A. Budrewicz