



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

2006

Our new Police Station

Photo taken by Kenneth B. Wilson

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 2006

Technology is quietly bringing Mason into the global community. Our dialup speed satellite connection has been replaced with a high-speed Internet connection allowing a rapid exchange of data and ideas far beyond the boundaries of the town. This two year project provides DSL service and will allow faster Internet service at the library and town offices. It has enabled the Town Clerk to communicate with the New Hampshire vital statistics database. In the future it will allow residents to register pets and vehicles electronically. The Supervisors of the Checklist will be able to report voting data to the Secretary of State's Office. Along with all of the advanced communications, Susan Wagoner and Barbara Milkovits, will still be having regularly scheduled office hours, so stop by and say hello.

The Police Department is now occupying a new building. It was evident this well designed and professional environment is the culmination of a great effort by the Building Committee. Our grateful thanks are extended to all those who contributed their time and expertise. This Police Station is a testament to the ability of a community to work together.

A high quality education will allow the children of our town to reach for and achieve success in this rapidly shrinking world. Even though the withdrawal vote was defeated on a two to one margin, there was overwhelming support for it from the Mason electorate. The Selectmen will continue to assess the feasibility of reforming the Mason School District. At the March 2006, town meeting there was a consensus to form a committee to explore adding kindergarten to the Mason educational experience.

Bronson Potter's estate continues to be clouded by litigation. There has been a favorable decision for the town, which narrowed the scope of this law suite. The Selectmen are optimistic a favorable decision will be handed down by the New Hampshire Supreme Court regarding the seven hundred and fifty acres he bequeathed to the town. There was another generous gift left to the town. Elizabeth Orton Jones "Twig" donated one of the original eight schoolhouses to the town. The Selectmen have accepted it. With power and water the building would make an appropriate repository for the Historical committee.

As the Town moves forward, it is appropriate to look back at those who have made contributions to the town that out lived them. Professor Edward McCaffery, a visionary, and like most of us a relatively new comer to Mason gave freely of his time along with others, to preserve the rural character of Mason. He understood development could not be stopped but could be managed and thus the Planning Board was begun. Now the master plan is currently being updated. Make sure your opinion is heard.

Special recognition to Wally Brown for his 20 years shepherding the Recreation Committee and a hearty thank you to Ken Wilson for achieving a 40 year milestone as Building Inspector.

We appreciate all the Committees, Boards and employees for their service and hard work for the Town of Mason. Thank You!

Respectfully submitted,

C. Christopher Guiry D.M.D., Mark Richardson, Anne Richards

TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Mann House, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 PM
Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Telephone: 878-2070 Fax: 878-4892

TOWN CLERK

Office Hours: Mann House, Tuesday 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Wednesday Evening 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Last Saturday of the month 10:00 AM to Noon

Telephone: 878-3768 Fax: 878-4892

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 PM
Last Wednesday of the month

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Mann House, 7:00 PM.
Tuesday, by appointment

Telephone: 878-2894

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 PM.
Third Monday of the month

WILTON RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Hours: Tuesday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Thursday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM to 11:45 AM

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR 2 yr term

Catherine Schwenk March 2008

TOWN CLERK 3 yr term

Susan J. Wagoner March 2008

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Dorothy Mitchell, Appointed March 2008

TREASURER 3 yr term

Debra Morrison March 2009

DEPUTY TREASURER

Patricia A. Greene, Appointed March 2009

SELECTMEN 3 yr term

C. Christopher Guiry DMD, Chairman March 2009
Mark Richardson March 2007
Anne Richards March 2008

TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term

Susan J. Wagoner March 2008

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Dorothy Mitchell, Appointed March 2008

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term

Joan Losee, Chairman March 2008
James DeMarco March 2010
Jeannine Phalon March 2012

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term

Jenny Scholl, resigned March 2007
Lynn McCann March 2009
Judith Forty, resigned March 2008

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term

Robert Larochele March 2009
Wallace A. Brown March 2007
Jeannine Phalon March 2008

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term

George Schwenk March 2007
Donald J. Hager III March 2008
Stuart Sherman March 2009

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Irene Cook, Chairman	March 2008
Robert Larochelle	March 2008
Gretchen Brown	March 2009
David Profit	March 2008

PLANNING BOARD

Mark McDonald, Chairman	March 2008
Dorothy Millbrandt	March 2009
Bruce Mann	March 2007
Pamela Lassen	March 2009
Linda Cotter-Cranston, Alternate	March 2007
Joseph McGuire, Alternate	March 2009
C. Christopher Guiry, Ex-officio	

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Tim Kelly, Chairman	March 2007
Michael Davieau	March 2007
Robert Bergeron	March 2007
Winthrop Bennett, Alternate	March 2009
Timothy Kicza, Alternate	March 2007
Patricia Letourneau, Alternate & Clerk	March 2007
Mark Richardson, Ex-officio	

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Larochelle, Chairman	March 2009
Robert Dillberger	March 2008
Anna Faiello	March 2008
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 2008
Charles Lanni	March 2006
Florence Roberts	March 2008
Ann Moser	March 2007
Stuart Sherman	March 2009

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Curtis Dunn	March 2006
Florence Roberts	March 2008
Eric Anderson	March 2008
William Downs, Town Forester	
C. Christopher Guiry, Ex officio	

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wallace A. Brown, Chairman	March 2007
Elena Kolbenson	March 2009
Lynn McCann	March 2009
Robin Smith	March 2009

BALLOT CLERKS

Pauline Bergeron	March 2009
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Rachel Petersen	March 2008
Lauren Mann	March 2009
Florence Wilson	March 2007

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Wallace A. Brown, Chairman	March 2007
Robert Bergeron	March 2007
Bernard O'Grady	March 2007
Jeannine Phalon	March 2007
Kenneth Spacht	March 2007
Mark A. Richardson, Ex-Officio	

PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN for the TOWN OF MASON COMMITTEE

Michelle Alton	March 2007
Wendy Hutchins	March 2007
Elena Kolbenson	March 2007
Linda Lannin	March 2007
Lynn McCann	March 2007
Robin Smith	March 2007

POLICE OFFICERS

Barry G. Hutchins	Police Chief
Steven Duval	Patrolman
Steven Willette	Patrolman
John LeBlanc, Sr.	Part Time Police Officer
Christian Martino	Part Time Police Officer

EMERGENCY SERVICES

David P. Cook	Fire Chief/Warden/EMT-D
David Baker	1 st Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Frederick Greenwood	2 nd asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Robert Bergeron	Fire Engineer/Emergency Man. Director
Roland Theriault	Captain/Deputy Warden
Philip (Flip) Phalon	1 st Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Donna Richardson	2 nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/EMT-D
Anne Richards	Firefighter
Wallace Brown (retired)	Firefighter/Deputy Warden
Mark Richardson	Firefighter
Christopher Greenwood	Firefighter
Steve Tamulonis	Firefighter
Rick Griffith	Firefighter
Stephen Hoffman	Firefighter/EMT-I
Rodney Stedman	Firefighter
Jonathan Lavoie	Firefighter
Benjamin Harrington	Firefighter
James Deffely	Firefighter
Christopher Perry	Firefighter
Ken Spacht	Firefighter/EMT-B

Michael Daly
Paul Alton
Michael McGuire
Cindy Tibbetts
Jeff Partridge
Stuart Sherman
Jeanine Phalon
Kathy Chapman
Rebecca Wilson

Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
EMT-I
EMT-D
EMT-I
First Responder
First Responder
EMT-B

David P. Cook
Kenneth B. Wilson
Lynn McCann
Kenneth B. Wilson
Robert Bergeron
William Downs
Wallace Brown

ROAD AGENT
BUILDING INSPECTOR/DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER
HEALTH OFFICER
HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
TOWN FORESTER
SEXTON

MASON TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM 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 8:00 AM on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 2007 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

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

And to cast your ballots pursuant to Article 2 regarding amending the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A, NH Model Floodplain Development Ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

The polls will be open continuously until 7:00 PM when they shall close. You are hereby notified also to meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, the 14th day of March, 2007, and at the same place to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

Article 2 was reviewed at public hearings on December 27, 2006.

post paid indefinitely
2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A, NH Model Floodplain Development, as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.
Approved by the Mason Planning Board. *old one 94 w/ 9500 hrs*

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3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to purchase and equip a new loader for the Mason Highway Department and to authorize the issuance of not more than One hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) 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. Recommended by the Selectmen. (2/3-ballot vote required.) *new plows*

Postponed
made to...
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the gross sum of Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to be used only for acquisition in the name of the town of the fee or lesser interest in Conservation land and other costs associated therewith for permanent conservation use, and further to authorize the Selectmen to accept private donations of land, interest in land, or money for purposes of contributing to the local matching portion required under the Federal USDA Northeastern Area Forest Legacy Program and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept the matching funds under the Forest Legacy Program in an amount up to One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) (75% of the total) for the purposes of acquisition of the fee or lesser interest in Conservation land. This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in grant funds, private donations and other sources of funds. The remaining portion of this appropriation to be raised by taxation will be no more than One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). And to further authorize the issuance of not more than One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) 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. Said appropriated funds and the Forest Legacy Program matching funds and other funds raised for this Conservation land acquisition may be expended by majority vote of the Mason Conservation Commission. Recommended by the Selectmen. (2/3-ballot vote required.)

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5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the gross sum of Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to be used only for acquisition in the name of the town of the fee or lesser interest in Conservation land and other costs associated therewith for permanent conservation use, and further to authorize the Selectmen to accept private donations of land, interest in land, or money. This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in private donations and other sources of funds. The remaining portion of this appropriation to be raised by taxation will be no more than One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). And to further authorize the issuance of not more than One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) 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. Said appropriated funds and other funds raised for this Conservation land acquisition may be expended by majority vote of the Mason Conservation Commission. **(This article will only be voted on if Article # 4 fails.)** Recommended by the Selectmen. (2/3-ballot vote required.) *parent basis is advisory only*

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million four hundred twenty-two thousand, one hundred six dollars (\$1,422,106) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed. Recommended by the Selectmen. *+25,000 - paving*

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Capital Reserve, previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Capital Reserve, previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to purchase new defibrillators for the Mason Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$3,650) for the purchase of Tazers for the Police Department and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 2006 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2006 sale of the Crown Vic police cruiser. Recommended by the Selectmen.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of paving the Town Office parking lot, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purpose of preservation of the Town records, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,875) for the purchase of new polling booths, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand six hundred sixty-eight dollars and eighty cents (\$1,668.80) for the purpose of additional interior improvements to the police station and authorize the use in that amount of the December 31, 2006 Fund Balance for that purpose. (This amount represents the interest earned on bond proceeds that was transferred to the general fund on or before December 31, 2006.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited in the Land Protection Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. The balance of the tax will be deposited into the General Fund. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2007, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the Town meeting. (This article was previously voted at 100% of the Land Use Change Tax deposited into the Land Protection Conservation Fund at the March 2000 Town Meeting.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

16. To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Mason based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$70,000, for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$100,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$130,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a net income of not more than \$40,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$60,000 excluding the value of the person's personal residence. Recommended by the Selectmen.

17. To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm the affirmative vote of the Special Town Meeting, February 7, 2007 for the withdrawal of the Town from the Mascenic Regional School District in accordance with RSA 495:22. Recommended by the Selectmen.

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee, represented by at least one member of the Planning Board, to prepare and amend, with input from municipal departments and committees, a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six years to aid the Selectmen and the Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget as permitted by RSA 674:5. Recommended by Selectmen.

19. To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Mason.

These actions include:

Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.

Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition the Town of Mason encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. By petition.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Police Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment form the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

2/28/2007 APPROPRIATIONS	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Proposed Budget	Change 2007/2006
Town Officers' Salaries				
Selectmen	2,925	2,925	2,925	
Town Clerk	550	550	550	
Treasurer	550	550	550	
Auditor	10,000	7,541	7,600	
Moderator	500	500	500	
	14,525	12,066	12,124	-16.52%
Fees In Lieu of Salaries				
Tax Collector	7,250	10,533	7,250	
Town Clerk	7,000	7,595	7,000	
	14,250	18,128	14,250	0.00%
Administration				
Administrative Ass't	28,902	29,063	35,000	
Part-time Assistant	3,000	898	5,780	
Payroll taxes	4,200	4,125	5,626	
Workers comp.	389	328	900	
Advertising	500	217	500	
Bank service charges	100	20	50	
Conferences	750	248	800	
Computer services	3,100	3,134	3,150	
Mileage	200	20	200	
Contingency	200	528	300	
Postage	950	817	950	
Registry fees	300	913	300	
Repairs & maintenance	384	433	450	
Retirement Ins.	1,680	1,728	1,925	
Office supplies	1,800	2,425	2,000	
Office equipment	700	1,064	0	
Software Maint./Update	1,300	1,300	1,300	
Telephone	950	913	950	
Town reports	1,350	1,305	1,350	
	50,755	49,478	61,511	21.19%
Town Clerk/Tax Collector				
Deputy	3,000	3,144	6,000	
Association dues	55	40	55	
State Dog Fees	0	1,359	0	
Conventions/Education	1,600	1,255	1,600	
Certification	400	500	550	
Mileage	500	292	500	
Office Supplies	1,200	1,126	1,500	
Postage	840	1,063	1,100	
Software Maint./Update	3,500	3,514	3,300	
Telephone	450	614	950	
Subtotal	11,545	12,908	15,555	34.73%
MAAP Conversion			4,000	
	11,545	12,908	19,555	
Tech Support			1,000	
Town Office Equipment			2,800	

2/28/2007 APPROPRIATIONS	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Proposed Budget	Change 2007/2006
Cemetery Expenses				
Cemetery maintenance	1,500	2,493	2,000	
Cemetery salaries	9,000	11,265	10,000	
Payroll taxes	700	864	770	
Workers comp.	389	328	389	
	11,589	14,950	13,159	13.55%
Reappraisal of Property				
Assessing	5,000	3,748	5,000	
Tax map update	675	675	700	
	5,675	4,423	5,700	0.44%
Town Building Expenses				
Custodian salaries	6,660	5,355	8,300	
Supplies	300	416	900	
Heat	5,100	6,360	7,500	
Electricity	2,500	3,008	4,000	
Repairs & maintenance	10,000	11,844	16,000	
	24,560	26,982	36,700	49.43%
Employment/Insurance Expenses				
Short Term Disability & Life Ins.	4,100	3,538	4,000	
Health & Dental ins.	125,564	120,750	144,200	
Unemployment taxes	30	33	121	
Property & Liability ins.	22,800	20,554	23,000	
	152,494	144,874	171,321	12.35%
Planning & Zoning				
PB Advertising	600	1,349	600	
PB Training	80	65	80	
Supplies	50	304	50	
Postage	400	281	400	
SW Reg. Planning/Consulting	4,880	5,670	5,800	
Subtotal PB	5,990	7,669	6,730	
Board of Adjust.-Salaries	360	300	720	
BOA Advertise	210	586	420	
BOA Postage	15	301	15	
BOA Supplies	80	220	80	
BOA Training	100	254	200	
Subtotal BOA	785	1,661	1,435	
Historic District	110	81	110	
Total Planning & Zoning	6,865	9,411	8,275	20.54%
Building Inspection				
Bldg inspector-fees	10,700	12,418	13,560	
Bldg inspector-mileage	850	852	1,125	
Payroll taxes	820	988	1,038	
Expenses	500	444	950	
	12,870	14,703	16,673	29.55%
Health & Welfare				
Health officer	25	0	25	
Animal control	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Town poor	2,000	0	2,000	
Visiting nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	
	4,525	2,500	4,525	0.00%

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Ambulance				
Ambulance Service Fee	8,600	8,600	9,030	
Supplies	1,200	1,044	1,500	
Training	1,400	2,343	2,800	
	11,200	11,987	13,330	19.02%
Library				
Library salaries	31,404	30,423	32,245	
Payroll taxes	2,402	2,327	2,467	
Worker's Comp.	210	165	177	
Continuing ed.	600	30	550	
Dues, fees	550	410	600	
Postage	100	22	100	
Programming	200	198	250	
Supplies	500	500	500	
Telephone	900	795	900	
Technology	500	283	840	
Travel	250	212	260	
Books	3,100	3,099	3,100	
	40,716	38,464	41,989	3.13%
Parks & Recreation				
Parks Maintenance	2,165	5,634	2,300	
Electricity	120	86	100	
Toilet facilities	350	40	250	
Activities/Rec day	600	809	700	
Subtotal Parks	3,235	6,569	3,350	
Patriotic Purposes	300	626	450	
Total	3,535	7,195	3,800	7.50%
Street lighting	1,000	596	900	-10.00%
Town Common				
Town common	6,500	6,987	6,500	
Payroll taxes	500	403	500	
Worker's Comp	389	328	389	
	7,389	7,718	7,389	0.00%
Water Hole				
Water hole & dry hyd	500	173	500	
	500	173	500	0.00%
NHMA	868	868	935	7.77%
Wilton Recycling Center	45,926	45,926	45,801	-0.71%
Communication Expenses	19,500	15,380	19,500	0.00%
Legal Expenses	4,700	12,306	8,000	70.21%
Civil Defense	100	0	100	0.00%
Conservation Commission	2,000	59,294	2,000	0.00%
Current Use Penalties paid to CC		56,490		
Election Expenses	2,200	1,792	3,400	54.55%
Town Forests	1	325	1	0.00%

2/28/2007 APPROPRIATIONS	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Proposed Budget	Change 2007/2006
Highway Town Maintenance				
Road agent salary	48,840	47,658	50,305	
Asst road agent salary	38,522	36,867	39,678	
Equipment operator	36,837	36,942	38,039	
Equipment operator	32,822	24,427	37,814	
Other salaries	48,111	51,822	49,554	
Overtime wages	19,499	7,125	20,084	
Payroll taxes	17,184	16,606	18,014	
Alcohol and drug testing	500	237	500	
Workers comp.	12,512	11,349	11,000	
Retirement	8,826	8,116	9,400	
Consulting engineer	100	4,606	1,000	
Mileage	1,500	357	500	
Calcium chloride	16,020	13,674	17,280	
Crusher		9,855		
Culverts	3,000	2,971	3,500	
Paved road restoration	52,918	51,676	55,000	
Patch	3,000	3,458	3,500	
Salt	9,200	12,093	8,800	
Plowing	14,400	8,325	14,400	
Signs & Rewards	1,000	987	1,200	
	384,791	349,150	380,588	4.32%
Reimbrs. For Consulting Engin		-1,538		
Insurance Settlement		-2,117		
Ins. Settlement Work		2,117		
Highway Dept. Expenses				
Building maintenance	5,500	6,231	6,000	
Chains	1,000	900	1,000	
Chainsaw repairs	300	149	350	
Dues, education and misc	2,000	273	2,000	
Edges for plows & graders	4,500	3,550	5,000	
Electricity	3,000	3,617	3,500	
Equipment maintenance	30,000	34,770	32,000	
Fuel	35,000	32,374	35,000	
Radios	1,400	944	1,400	
Telephone	1,500	1,506	2,600	
Tires	5,000	5,515	5,000	
Safety equipment	1,700	1,724	1,700	
Tools	1,500	1,196	1,500	
Welding supplies	900	778	900	
Plow Truck Lease	21,835	21,835	21,930	
Subtotal	115,135	115,382	119,880	4.12%
Total Highway Expenses	479,926	482,974	500,448	4.28%

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2/28/2007 APPROPRIATIONS	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Proposed Budget	Change 2007/2006
Police Department				
Full Time Salaries	136,750	129,752	140,853	
Part Time Officers	21,830	17,718	33,354	
Prosecutor	7,500	7,500	7,500	
Overtime	9,000	13,965	12,000	
Payroll taxes	3,769	3,506	4,770	
Detail expense	1	0	1	
OHRV Grant Detail		0	0	
OHRV Fines Expense		0	0	
Workers comp.	3,683	3,449	4,975	
Retirement	14,283	14,075	14,800	
Conventions & dues	500	165	750	
Cruiser lease	9,494	9,494	10,000	
Cruiser fuel	5,000	9,525	10,000	
Cruiser maintenance	4,000	5,730	4,500	
Office expenses	5,200	3,433	5,200	
Training	2,300	2,299	3,000	
Uniforms	2,500	1,632	2,500	
Equipment & maintenance	3,250	7,869	3,500	
Total Police Department	228,650	230,112	257,703	12.60%
Detail Payments		-3,835		
OHRV Fines		-472		
Pistol Permits		-80		
Police Gifts & Donations		-515		
Total PD Income		-4,902		
Fire Department				
Fire Chief's salary	1,600	1,600	1,600	
Other Stipends	7,550	7,325	7,550	
Workers comp.	564	487	864	
Electricity	2,400	2,267	2,400	
Heat	2,500	1,223	2,800	
Telephone	1,400	1,128	1,400	
Radio repair	1,800	1,949	1,800	
Fuel	1,700	1,647	1,700	
Code books	200	167	200	
Training	2,000	2,865	3,100	
Equipment & Maint	6,000	5,489	6,500	
Bld maintenance	4,000	6,136	4,000	
Officers expenses/Dues	2,000	2,216	2,000	
Insurance	250	0	250	
Vehicle maintenance	5,000	4,504	5,000	
Expendables	900	1,007	900	
Hepatitis Vaccine Program	300	0	300	
Fire Tanker Lease	27,510	27,510	27,510	
Total Fire Dept.	67,874	67,518	69,894	3.28%
Fire truck bond principal	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Fire truck bond interest	4,050	4,050	3,050	
Total F.T. Bond Payment	24,050	24,050	23,050	-4.16%
Police Station bond principal			27,000	
Police Station bond interest			14,972	
Total P.S. Payment			41,972	
Interest Tax Notes	10,000	14,008	14,000	40.00%
Abatements & Refunds		5,512		
Total Appropriations	1,259,797	1,311,716	1,422,108	12.88%
Warrant Articles '06				
Selectmen				
06#2 Police Station - 10 Year B	300,000	300,000		
06#5 Pave Hurricane Hill Road	50,000	50,000		
06#6 Master Plan	20,300	20,300		
06#13 Sales Analysis & Equitat	7,000	7,000		
Highway				
06#9 New Gasoline Pump	7,450	7,450		
06#10 Drainage Project - Greer	6,500	6,500		
06#11 Convert Highway Heat	6,400	6,400		
06#12 Highway Construction C	5,000	5,000		
Police				
06#7 New Cruiser - 3 Year Lea	10,000	10,000		
Forestry Commission				
06#15 Tape & Compass Survey	4,000	4,000		
06#16 Maintenance Railroad Ti	2,500	2,500		

2/28/2007 APPROPRIATIONS	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Proposed Budget	Change 2007/2006
Library				
06#14 Building Fund	5,000	5,000		
TOTAL	424,150	424,150		
Warrant Articles '07				
Highway				
07#3 New Loader - 7 Year Bond				175,000
07#7 Hwy Cap. Res.				50,000
07#8 Crushing - Cap. Reserve				6,000
Conservation Commission				
07#4 Purchase Land- 538 acre; Sale, grant, CU p		2,000,000		
07#4 10 year bond Balance owed				100,000
If 07#4 fails, then:				
07#5 Purchase Land-283 acres		500,000		
07#5 CC money + Bond				100,000
Selectmen				
07#11 Pave Town Office Parking Lot				20,000
07#12 Record Preservation				2,000
07#13 New Polling Booths				1,875
07#14 Bond Interest	From 2006 Fund Balance			1,669
Fire				
07#9 Replace Defibs.				6,500
Police				
07#10 Purchase Tazers	From 2006 Fund Balance			3,850
Total	With 07#4			2,268,894
Total	With 07#5			766,694

TOWN OF MASON
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance
For the year ended December 31, 2006

REVENUES:	2006	2005	2004
Highway Block Grant	63,392	64,974	60,458
Shared revenue	12,078	6,039	12,078
Other state grants	549	563	866
Property taxes	2,799,008	2,441,929	2,342,533
Yield taxes	32,921	14,074	21,882
Land use change taxes	59,990	42,270	130,400
Motor vehicle fees	253,406	245,902	237,083
Penalties and interest	12,024	23,262	13,054
Licenses and permits	8,418	13,666	17,105
Fees	15,208		
Interest income	13,613	5,385	3,493
Dog licenses	2,687	2,619	2,677
Detail Payments, Fines & Grants	4,807	2,255	2,302
Rooms & Meals Tax	50,585	51,946	40,744
Police Station Bond	300,000		
Conservation Commission	2,155	38,785	14,256
Forestry Committee	5,022	0	0
FEMA Funds	0	10,722	5,855
Homeland Security Funds	0	5,180	
Donations (Memorial & Other)	515	1,719	0
Other	25,148	6,646	8,041
Total revenues	3,661,525	2,977,936	2,912,827
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	626,052	279,725	278,896
Cemeteries	14,950	9,628	10,913
Public safety	349,872	335,229	310,276
Highways	540,458	534,520	356,015
Sanitation	45,926	37,940	43,302
Health & Welfare	2,500	13,476	11,602
Education	1,699,995	1,557,259	1,491,321
Culture and recreation	124,497	148,036	158,493
Debt service	38,058	33,112	30,005
County taxes	168,397	157,840	146,945
Total expenditures	3,610,704	3,106,765	2,837,768
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	50,820	(128,829)	75,059
Other financing sources:			
Interfund transfers	13,383	72,006	11,975
Unexpended encumbrances	10,309	589	57,890
	23,691	72,595	69,865
Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing	74,511	(56,234)	144,924
Fund balance beginning	488,110	544,344	399,420
Fund balance ending	562,621	488,110	544,344

TOWN OF MASON
Combined Balance Sheet
At December 31, 2006

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consrv Comm	Forestry Committee	All Funds
Cash	\$1,012,053	\$62,691	\$161,623	\$209,625	\$69,437	\$1,515,428
Debit Memo	\$0					\$0
Deeded property	\$31,642					\$31,642
Unredeemed taxes	\$113,626					\$113,626
Uncollected taxes	\$316,375					\$316,375
Total assets	\$1,473,696	\$62,691	\$161,623	\$209,625	\$69,437	\$1,977,071
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Accounts Payable	\$0					\$0
Escrow funds	\$0					\$0
Encumbrances	\$79,217					\$79,217
Payroll taxes payab	\$5					\$5
Due to schools	\$831,852					\$831,852
Total liabilities	\$911,074	0	0	0	0	\$911,074
Fund balances	\$562,622	\$62,691	\$161,623	\$209,625	\$69,437	\$1,065,997
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$1,473,696	\$62,691	\$161,623	\$209,625	\$69,437	\$1,977,071

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 2006	\$978,493
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	\$256,261
Tax Collector	\$2,733,477
Selectmen	\$1,184,815
Interest income Bank of NH	\$5,766
Interest income Fleet	\$0
Interest income NHPDIP	\$205
Interest income Bank of NH PoolPlus	\$7,642
Tax Anticipation Loans	\$1,000,000
Total cash available	\$6,166,659
Selectmen's orders paid	\$3,651,887
Payroll disbursements	\$488,711
Tax anticipation loans repaid	\$1,000,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	\$14,008
Total monies paid out	\$5,154,606
Cash on hand, December 31, 2006	\$1,012,053

Debra Morrison
Treasurer

TOWN OF MASON BONDS

Principal Muni Bond Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-Feb-00			4.50%	\$5,458.21	\$5,458.21	
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%	\$525.00	\$525.00	
15-Aug-09	20,000	20,000	5.25%	\$525.00	\$20,525.00	\$21,050.00
Totals	196,213	196,213		\$55,648.00	\$251,861.00	\$251,861.00

Principal Muni Bond Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-Feb-07				\$7,972.22	\$7,972.22	
15-Aug-07	\$292,000	\$27,000	5.00%	\$7,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$41,972.22
15-Feb-08				\$6,325.00	\$6,325.00	
15-Aug-08	265,000	30,000	5.00%	\$6,325.00	\$36,325.00	\$42,650.00
15-Feb-09				\$5,575.00	\$5,575.00	
15-Aug-09	235,000	30,000	5.00%	\$5,575.00	\$35,575.00	\$41,150.00
15-Feb-10				\$4,825.00	\$4,825.00	
15-Aug-10	205,000	30,000	4.00%	\$4,825.00	\$34,825.00	\$39,650.00
15-Feb-11				\$4,225.00	\$4,225.00	
15-Aug-11	175,000	30,000	4.00%	\$4,225.00	\$34,225.00	\$38,450.00
15-Feb-12				\$3,625.00	\$3,625.00	
15-Aug-12	145,000	30,000	5.00%	\$3,625.00	\$33,625.00	\$37,250.00
15-Feb-13				\$2,875.00	\$2,875.00	
15-Aug-13	115,000	30,000	5.00%	\$2,875.00	\$32,875.00	\$35,750.00
15-Feb-14				\$2,125.00	\$2,125.00	
15-Aug-14	85,000	30,000	5.00%	\$2,125.00	\$32,125.00	\$34,250.00
15-Feb-15				\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	
15-Aug-15	55,000	30,000	5.00%	\$1,375.00	\$31,375.00	\$32,750.00
15-Feb-16				\$625.00	\$625.00	
15-Aug-16	25,000	25,000	5.00%	\$625.00	\$25,625.00	\$26,250.00
Totals	292,000	292,000		\$78,122.22	\$370,122.22	\$370,122.22

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	\$63,613,500.00
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	\$773,575.00
Conservation Restriction Assessment	\$18,754.00
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	\$99,417,300.00
Public Utilities (PSNH)	\$1,552,000.00
Valuations Before Exemptions	\$165,375,129.00
EXEMPTIONS	
Elderly Exemptions	\$50,000.00
Solar Exemptions	\$7,400.00
	\$57,400.00
NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE	\$165,317,729.00

NET VALUE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE (LESS UTILITIES) \$163,765,729.00

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.....	\$2,000	2	\$4,000
All Other Qualified Persons.....	\$500	60	\$30,000

2006 TAX RATE

Town	\$5.80
County	\$1.01
State Education	\$2.20
School	\$8.10
Total Rate	\$17.11

Town Clerk and Tax Collector 2006 Annual Report

It has been our pleasure to serve the residents of Mason this past year. We would like to summarize some of the developments during 2006.

In the fall after being elected to this position I became a member of the Executive Board for the NH Town Clerk Association. Shortly thereafter I was appointed Chairman for the Monadnock Region. As part of my duties and responsibilities I organize the spring workshop for Town Clerks in the Monadnock area. This workshop is a day long event that provides new and updated information to the clerks.

The mail-in registration program for vehicles and dogs seems to be popular. It has facilitated completing registrations on a timely basis, as well as helping eliminate the long wait at certain times of the month. We would like to remind residents, though, to make sure to include a self addressed stamped envelope when using the mail in service for vehicles or dogs.

The results of the State Primary and General elections are in another section.

Just a reminder that all dogs must be licensed no later than May 31 to avoid late fees and civil forfeiture penalties. As long as we have current rabies information, you can license your dog(s) via mail.

As most of you know by now we have computerized the office for motor vehicle registration, dog licensing and tax collection. The system had a few kinks but for the most part it is working very well. At this point we are still not on line with the state for registering vehicles over 8000 pounds. However, we are working toward that goal and hope to be on line before the end of the year.

Last year was Year II of my participating in the Town Clerk certification program. This program provides a well rounded training, testing and at the conclusion I will be a certified Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

The State implemented a new process, ElectioNet, for voting. This is a web based system for the Town Clerks and Supervisors to enter, track and maintain voters. It was quite a huge effort to pull this all together to be ready for the General election in November, but with the help of all the Town Clerks and Supervisors it was accomplished. I participated in the training process during June and July and each training session was fully attended. New Hampshire and ElectioNet are now a model for other states to emulate.

The State also implemented another new process, HAVA (Help America Vote Act), which is a Federal program to assist voters who need special help.

Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Susan J. Wagoner

Dee Mitchell, Deputy

Dee Mitchell

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 31, 2006

	Levies of: 2006	Prior
Uncollected Taxes, Jan. 1, 2006		
Property Taxes		\$226,137.07
Land Use Change Taxes		\$9,100.00
Yield Taxes		\$2,890.74
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$2,799,008.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	\$59,990.00	
Yield Taxes	\$32,920.87	
Interest & fees		
Returned Check Fees		
Overpayments:		
Property Taxes		
Yield Taxes		
Interest & fees		
Interest Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes	\$266.09	\$8,743.43
Costs Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,892,184.96	\$246,871.24
Remitted To Treasurer During Year:		
Property Taxes	\$2,485,506.99	\$149,844.69
Land Use Change Taxes	\$56,490.00	
Yield Taxes	\$29,735.26	\$2,890.74
Interest On Taxes	\$266.09	\$8,743.43
Costs		
Overpayments - Taxes		
Overpayments - Interest		
Conversion to Liens		\$76,292.38
Returned Check Fees		
Abatements Allowed:		
Property and Land Use Taxes	\$4,500.00	
Yield Taxes		
Current Levy Deeded		
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 2006		
Property Taxes	\$312,501.01	
Land Use Change Taxes		\$9,100.00
Yield Taxes	\$3,185.61	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,892,184.96	\$246,871.24

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
For the year ended December 31, 2006

Tax Lien on Account of Levies of:

	2005	2004	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		\$46,992.04	\$1,260.11
Taxes Liened to Town	\$76,292.38		
Interest & Costs Collected	283.69	\$2,224.70	\$505.48
Overpayment			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$76,576.07	\$49,216.74	\$1,765.59

Remittances to Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$11,095.19	\$7,662.74	\$1,260.11
Interest & Cost	283.69	\$2,224.70	\$505.48
Overpayment			
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			

Deeded to Town

Unredeemed Taxes	65,197.19	\$39,329.30	\$0.00
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$76,576.07	\$49,216.74	\$1,765.59
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 2006	\$52
Cash received:	
Dog licenses	\$1,695
Mail In Fees	\$1,783
Automobile registrations	\$246,321
Title fees	\$720
Filing fees	\$2
Returned checks	\$25
Vital fees	\$138
State dog fees	\$929
Overpay	\$6
Municipal agent fees	\$4,643
Total cash received	\$256,261
Cash remitted to Treasurer	\$256,261
Cash on hand, December 31, 2006	\$42

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Wagoner

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST		TOTAL
	Beginning Balance	Funds Created (Expended)	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned (Disbursements)	Fund Balance
TRUST FUNDS					
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$13,670.09	\$644.69	\$14,314.78
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$15,251.03	\$650.49	\$15,901.52
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$24,778.67		\$1,673.38	\$903.15	\$1,576.53
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$3,809.87		\$2,479.91	\$211.18	\$2,691.09
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$22,250.54	\$1,547.73	\$23,798.27
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$170.76	\$281.66	\$302.42
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$6,286.75	\$532.64	\$6,819.39
Steinberg/Budrewicz Recreation	\$1,407.00	(\$1,164.00)	\$76.01	\$24.67	\$100.68
Recreation-Playground	\$1,718.94	(\$1,718.94)	\$22.90	\$25.81	(\$48.71)
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$99,021.60	(\$2,902.94)	\$61,881.37	\$4,822.02	(\$1,198.71)
					\$65,504.68
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					
Highway Capital Equipment			\$611.15	\$22.23	\$633.38
Fire Equipment			\$2,870.04	\$103.37	\$2,973.41
Library Building	\$32,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$13,829.57	\$1,286.71	\$15,116.28
Highway Construction	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00			
		(\$9,431.00)	\$1,199.31	\$199.55	\$1,398.86
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$42,000.00	\$569.00	\$18,510.07	\$1,611.86	\$20,121.93
					\$62,690.93
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$141,021.60	(\$2,333.94)	\$80,391.44	\$6,433.88	(\$1,198.71)
					\$85,626.61
					\$224,314.27

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

Donald Hager III

George Schwab

Stuart Sherman

MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

In November of this year, our long time loader operator Robin Berry resigned from the Mason Highway Department. She was a loyal and trusted employee for the town for 19 years. We sorely miss her loading sanders in the winter and shoveling patch in the summer. We wish her good luck in her future endeavors.

During 2006 the Highway Department completed several large projects as well as our regular seasonal maintenance work.

We successfully completed the drainage project on Greenville Road, which appears to have solved the water issues at that location. The new gas pump at the highway yard was installed for the use of all town departments. We were able to get the gravel crusher into the pit and crush a supply of gravel for top dressing our dirt roads, as well as other uses. We repaired a large culvert on Russeil Road that was damaged when the local beavers plugged it and the spring rains washed out the end. This repair was made more difficult by the buried telephone wire that ran on top of the culvert. We ordered a replacement piece of culvert, and made a mounting bracket for a beaver screen on the end of it. After many phone calls to Verizon, they came out and temporarily moved the wire out of our way. Then it was a matter of waiting until the water was as low as possible and the repair was completed. During the course of the year we also replaced several of the town's 300 plus culverts that had deteriorated and were failing. Along with this we cleaned out many of the water passes and other culverts.

We trimmed trees, and cleaned the ditches on Wilton Road in preparation for our paving project. This included the second coat of pavement on Meetinghouse Hill Road, and the re-paving of the Town Hall Parking lot.

We started the preliminary work for the Hurricane Hill Road project by marking the trees, which were to be cut. We had an informational meeting with some of the residents as to the disposition of the wood that is cut, and the stumps. With this in place, we contacted the logging company to get on the schedule for the fall, when a drainage problem was brought to our attention. The Town Engineer was contacted and we were advised to wait until this was resolved. With the open winter we are having, we may be able to start sometime in the early part of 2007.

The Highway Department also assisted with the materials needed, for the dirt work at the new Police Station.

We also upgraded the heating system at the Highway Office from electric to gas to make it more energy efficient. We also continued to maintain the Highway buildings and grounds.

As always we try to handle our equipment repairs in house, however, this year we had two large repairs that needed to be sent to the dealer for service. In the early spring, we had to replace some bearings and shims in the front differential on the loader. In the fall, (just as we were starting our fall grading), we lost the drive clutch in the grader. These two repairs cost approximately \$11,000. These repairs brought home the realization of how cost effective it is to do as much of the repair work in house as possible.

For 2007 we are proposing to purchase a new loader as well as raising more money for the Hurricane Hill Road upgrade. Also in the budget line for paved road restoration, we are proposing an increase to try and catch up on our paved road maintenance.

I would like to welcome our newest full time employee, Fred Greenwood. He has worked for the department part time for many years. He brings with him knowledge and skills from the construction industry.

I would like to thank the members of the Highway Department for their hard work to keep the town roads as safe as possible to travel on. I would like to thank the Administrative Assistant and the Selectmen for their assistance and guidance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Cook

Road Agent

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2006 was a year of significant changes for the police department with the building of a new police station and the acquisition of police K9 Hunter. In December we were able to move into the new building with one office being larger than the entire previous police station. The building of the new station was a success due to the hard working efforts of the Building Committee headed by the building committee chairman Wally Brown. Ray Scholls gave countless hours to wire the computer network and security monitoring systems within the police station. Caren O'Brien was able to arrange through her employers for a substantial size donation of furniture and office equipment to be used within the station. I would like to commend the building committee for being able to plan and complete this project in a financially responsible manner. Thank you to everyone for your support of this project.

K9 Hunter became a part of the police department in March of 2006 with approximately two months of a transition phase for both Hunter and his handler Chief Hutchins. Hunter is certified in both narcotics and patrol work which includes tracking of persons and detection of numerous types of narcotics. Hunter was put into actual service in June. He has been directly involved in several drug related criminal arrests. Hunter has also been used for ten tracks of which nine were of a criminal nature. We now have the ability to have a K9 on scene in under a half hour compared to waiting sometimes in excess of an hour for a K9. For 2007 we will be able to have the use of Hunter for the entire year versus only half a year in 2006.

I am requesting the purchase of Tazers for the police department. I feel that Tazers are an invaluable "less than lethal" tool that will enable officers to control a situation more effectively. This purchase will not affect the tax rate since the money is coming from the amounts received from the 2006 sale of the Crown Victoria police cruiser.

As always, thank you for your support and recommendations as they continue to make our jobs easier to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry G. Hutchins

Police Chief

Police Chief Barry Hutchins and K-9 Hunter



Photo taken by Debra Morrison

MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

As of December 31, 2006 long time Firefighter Wally Brown retired from The Mason Fire Department. He was a member for 27 years. During his membership he served on the executive committee, and worked on many fund-raisers for the department. He is also a Deputy Forest Fire Warden, and a Special Deputy Warden for the state. His commitment and dedication will be missed. Thank you Wally!

This year was another busy one for the department, with motor vehicle crashes being the highest number type of call. With a dry spell in the spring, we had several brush fires in town fortunately these were minor. We did however; assist other towns at some very large brush fires. We were again lucky that we had only one structure fire in town this year, and it was relatively minor in nature.

In 2006 we had two firefighters complete firefighter level 1 and 2 classes and two more attending level 1. With the elevated costs of these and other training programs, we are asking for an increase in our training budgets.

The members of the department again helped to keep the equipment in great shape by doing minor repairs and maintenance work.

This year we have started to replace the pagers that alert the department when there is a call. Many of our present pagers are over 20 years old, and parts are no longer available for repairs.

I would like to thank the members of the department for taking time away from their families and jobs to train to handle emergencies, and to answer calls for help.

Fire calls for 2006

Automobile Crashes	20	Alarm Activations	3
Brush Fires	3	Chimney Fires	3
Mutual Aid Received	2	Mutual Aid Given	18
Wires Down	2	Illegal Burn	3
Smoke Investigation	3	Structure Fire	1
Propane Leak	1	Oil Burner Problem	1
Lost Person	1	Set up Shelter	1
Total calls	62	Total man-hours	803
		Total Training Hours	1953

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Cook
Fire Chief

Mason First Responders

This year the department welcomed some new members as First Responders. One came to us all trained and licensed with the state. We are presently sending four people through the EMT class being given in Brookline. The costs of training are climbing, as is everything we use. This year we are asking for increases in our training budgets to try and keep up.

We continue to train with the Brookline Ambulance Service, who transports patients for Mason. This builds teamwork between the departments that assists us to provide great EMS service for the town.

Members attended outside training seminars including water rescue, wilderness rescue, pediatric emergencies, stroke emergencies, and street drugs. Also this year all members were trained in the new CPR protocol, and updated State of NH EMS protocols. The Fire Department and First Responders also trained with a local Canine Search and Rescue group, to prepare for the event of a missing person.

I need to thank the members of the department for their time and dedication. I would like to thank the Brookline Ambulance service for their fine service, and their director for all of his help over the course of the year.

Motor vehicle Crashes	19	Falls	7
Diabetic Emergencies	1	Cardiac	2
Back Pain	2	Psychological emergency	1
Abdominal pain	2	Stroke	4
Home illness	13	Lift assist	2
Difficulty breathing	7	Cardiac arrest	3
Drug overdose	2	Dr. ordered transport	1
Fire standby	1	Seizure	2
Assault	1		
Total calls	70		

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Cook
 Fire Chief

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Mason Planning Board conducted the following hearings this year:

Subdivisions

Hearing	Applicant	Number Lots Proposed	Approved/Denied
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05-20	Ela and Pelletier*	2	Approved
05-17	Deer Run Real Estate	2	w/draw w/o prejudice
05-14	Tymar Land Development	10	Approved
06-03	Ruggiero	2	Approved
06-04	Morton	2	Approved
06-06	Rodil	2	Approved
06-07	Lipin and Ellis	2	Approved
06-08	Barrett Mountain, LLC	6	Approved
06-10	Turner	10	Incomplete
06-11	Santoro	3	Incomplete
06-13	Barrett Mountain, LLC	2	Approved
	Net New Lots	20	

Lot Line Adjustments

Hearing	Applicant	Approved/Denied
05-20	Ela and Pelletier	Approved
05-21	Tucker-Ruoff	Approved
06-09	Lipin and Ellis	Approved

Site Plan Reviews

Hearing	Applicant	Business	Approved/Denied
05-19	Pieterse / Malouf	Dream Barns	Approved
06-14	Ruggiero	Self-storage rental units and multi-business industrial building	Incomplete
06-15	Ruggiero	Car repair and inspection station	Incomplete

In addition to the above activities, we:

- Contracted with the Southwest Regional Planning Commission to complete work on the Basic Studies section of the Mason master plan. The next step is for our town to form a steering committee to review the basic studies to ensure that all relevant facts are included and accurate, and then use that section as a basis for the Community Vision section. This next step is the most important part of the master plan as it reflects the direction that we want to set for our community. As a result, it will take coordination of the various boards and public input to complete.
- Added wording to the Town of Mason Subdivision Regulations to define hammerhead turnarounds and their required frontage
- Revised the driveway easement template in the Town of Mason Subdivision Regulations to remove the word "residential" to make the easement suitable for other (non-residential) purposes.
- Added a requirement to the Town of Mason Subdivision Requirements to adhere to fire hydrant diagram and specifications added as Appendix E.
- Prepared a warrant article for a proposed change to Appendix A of the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance to make it compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program.

It has been another busy year for the Mason Planning board. In addition to subdivision activity, we are seeing an increase in commercial pressures of a size, nature, and complexity that we have not seen before. We plan to raise and address some of these concerns in the ongoing Master

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Plan process so our community vision includes a reasonable plan for commercial growth.

I want to thank all the members and alternates of the Mason Planning Board for volunteering their hard work, dedication, and years of experience, often staying very late into the evening to thoroughly hear every application on the agenda in a consistent, just and reasonable manner.

Respectfully,

Mark McDonald
Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Income from land use change tax.....	\$63,990
Income from donations, etc.....	\$0
2006 Budget.....	\$2,000
Expenses.....	\$2,804
Interest.....	\$7,462
Funds on hand 12/31/06.....	\$7,119
Railroad Trail Maintenance Fund 12/31/06.....	\$145
Land Protection Fund 12/31/06.....	\$191,830
Stewardship Fund 12/31/05.....	\$10,532
Total All Funds.....	\$209,626

It's been a challenging year (challenging to our patience that is) with lots of work aimed at protecting several large parcels in town, followed by lots of waiting.

Two properties in northeast Mason owned by Mr. S. Moheban & Mr. A. Stauble, mentioned prominently in last year's report, are still on our radar. As you might recall from last year, our original plan involved a joint effort between Mason, the Trust for Public Land (TPL), and adjoining towns to purchase these parcels together with nearby properties in Brookline & Milford (five parcels in all). This year, the Commission sponsored a warrant article to raise funds for our portion, with debt to be covered by land-use change tax. (In case you missed it, we described the whole shebang in a Grapevine article in March.) Sadly, two Brookline landowners decided not to pursue this course, sending us looking for other possible parcels and sponsors.

In related news, the Bronson Potter bequest (also mentioned in last year's report) continues to keep our attention. The will was challenged by heirs and in February, the court ruled in favor of the town. However, subsequent appeals kept the matter from being settled until just recently when the state supreme court decided the issue in our favor. Consequently, we're moving ahead with plans to sell the Whitaker house on Old Ashby Rd., making money available to purchase additional lands (the Moheban and Stauble properties mentioned earlier being two prime candidates) while simultaneously reducing our liability. In the meantime, we've had to take steps to protect the property from vandals.

Through the year, the Commission continued to strengthen ties with MANE (Mason Area Neighborhood Equestrians). This year, we worked with the group to improve the stream crossing on the railroad bed trail over Black Brook, and discussed two other projects: developing joint trail

maps, and designing a replacement for the old log bridge over Spaulding Brook on the town conservation property in that area. MANE and the Commission share many goals, and working closely with the group is likely to bear continued fruit.

The Commission also worked with Mark Archambault of the Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA) to develop guidelines for wetlands buffers, filling a long-standing gap in the town's wetlands protection. The Commission is now moving the guidelines through the Master Plan process.

Finally, we recently voted to accept a generous gift of prime wetlands off Campbell Mill Road from Mr. E. Stanley. The 2.5-acre parcel will henceforth be known as the Esau Stanley Wildlife Preserve and will soon sport a new sign attesting to this fact as a public display of the town's appreciation for the Stanley's kind gift.

Respectfully submitted,

Conservation Commission

MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

The Forestry Committee continues to encourage accepted land management and forestry practices for the Town of Mason. The goal is to encourage diversity and enhance wildlife habitat while maximizing the renewable timber resources for the town.

Recreation is also an important part of forest management. Mason has been extremely fortunate to have approximately seventeen percent of the town's land area in conservation easement, Conservation Commission managed and town owned land. This is a legacy that will enrich the quality of life for each Mason resident, now and in the future.

The Forestry Committee continues to work at identifying boundaries of harvestable parcels to prevent timber trespasses. Appropriated funds have been expended to maintain the Mason Railroad Trail and the removal of dangerous trees. Limited harvesting is anticipated during the updating of the Mason Master Plan. It is appropriate that the Committee continues its stewardship of Mason's forests.

Respectfully submitted,

Mason Forestry Committee

HOME HEALTHCARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason
January 1, 2006-December 31, 2006
Annual Report

In 2006, HCS - Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. Services included 46 nursing visits, 36 physical therapy visits and 3 speech pathology visits. The cost of service provided with all sources of funding was \$12,497.00. The following services are available to Mason residents to assist residents to recover at home or to continue to live independently at home:

- Visiting Nurse
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Pathology
- Personal Care
- Supportive Services –homemakers and respite care
- HCS also offers a comprehensive in-home Hospice care for patients and bereavement support for family members.

HCS also offers health promotion services:

- Prenatal care and well child services for income eligible families
- "Nurse is in" clinics check blood pressure and answer questions for everyone

HCS welcomes inquiries at 1-800-541-4145 or our outreach program is available to talk with seniors and families about home care options at no cost.



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Mason, NH 03048
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878-6146 FAX
masonlib@verizon.net

Hours
Tuesday 1-8P
Wednesday 9A-5P
Thursday 10A- 8P
Saturday 1-4P

Annual Report

The Library would like to thank the citizens of Mason for all their support. Your participation in programming, ongoing use of library services, and donations make this a successful smaller library. We receive so many compliments from visitors about the helpful staff, programming ideas, and vast array of materials. The Library would also like to recognize the hard work, time and dedication of our former trustees Judy Forty and Jenny Scholl.

Elizabeth Orton Jones generously left the royalties from Twig and Little Susan to the Mason Public Library. We decided to apply the funds toward the Children's Room. We purchased some whimsical curtains and a bright rug. They look great with the furniture that Twig hand painted.

The Library staff was fortunate to attend the Public Librarian's Association Conference in Boston last March. The 2-day conference gave the staff an opportunity to participate in workshops, visit with vendors, and network with other libraries.

We offered some exciting programs that have appealed to all generations. In addition to the seasonal Storytimes, Book and Bake Sale, Poetry Contest and Tea, the Library hosted Marina Forbes for a Nesting Doll Workshop. At the program participants learned the history and intricate techniques of the Matryoshka Dolls.

The Summer Reading Program, "Treasure Reading", had a fun pirate theme. It included a booklet of activities for children, weekly Storytimes for the younger children and 3 special evening programs for families. The Family activities included a treasure hunt using Mason themed clues to find "treasures" hidden around the town center, a Pirate Party featuring games, music and a supply of pirate grub and booty, and a presentation by the Seigmann family detailing their adventures "on the high seas" complete with their 26' sailboat.

The Library was delighted to win the 10 Lady Bug Picture Books. As in years past, Mason participated in statewide voting. Children were delighted to choose one of the books as door prize during the Greening of Mason. This years' Greening of Mason was very well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The children sang traditional holiday songs, listened to the Seigmann telling of "A Visit from St. Nick", and made an assortment of take home crafting treasures.

The Noontime Book Club continues to meet and celebrated the holidays with a great cookie swap. A Mom's Reading Group has also started with a more flexible reading and discussion group to meet the needs of the stay at home mom.

We look forward to 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Trustee

Lynn McCann

With input from Librarian Susanne Wolpert

**Mason Public Library
Financial Report for 2006**

Receipts

Town Appropriations	40716.00
Donations (check from EO Jones Estate for \$3175.33 plus \$235 from patron gifts)	3410.33
Fundraising (Book and Bake Sales, Poetry Contest, and Book Bags)	732.85
Whitacker-Locke Trust Fund Interest	150.00
Reimbursement to Checking (\$50 for program fee and \$60 from Town for NHLA dues)	110.00
Fees and Fines	209.75
Checking Account Interest	8.47
TOTAL	45337.40

Expenditures

Salaries	30423.00
Payroll Tax	2327.00
Workers Comp	165.00
Dues, fees, & Continuing Ed. (\$440 from Town Budget and \$405 from Checking Account)	845.00
Postage	22.00
Programming (\$198.00 from Town Budget + \$499.69 from Library Checking Account)	697.69
Fundraising – initial order of Book Bags	248.28
Supplies (\$500 from town Budget and \$100 from Library Checking Account)	600.00
EO Jones Donation for Children's Room	330.58
Telephone	795.00
Travel	212.00
Technology	283.00
Books (\$3099 from Town Budget & \$306.75 from Library Checking Account)	3405.75
TOTAL	40354.30

Return to Town General Fund – appropriations not used	(2252.00)
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Checking Account

Ocean Bank (formerly Granite Bank) - Beginning Balance - January 1, 2006	6387.65
Ending Balance - December 31, 2006	9118.75

Other Accounts held by the Library

Shields & Company (formerly Barclay) Mutual Fund – December 31, 2006 value of fund	8704.83
Ocean Bank – CD – In Memory of Pam Steinberg – (\$1000.00 principal) – Dec. 31, 2006	n/a

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been seventy (70) Building Permits issued during 2006. They were issued for the following (and the total valuation is also listed):

15	Permanent Dwellings	\$1,846,970
11	Additions to Home	346,646
14	Decks/Porches Additions to Home	78,071
1	Repair Fire Damage to Home	3,000
3	Finish Cellar	55,033
8	Barns	165,349
1	Barn Addition	12,214
5	Garages	34,779
1	PD-Station	153,908
5	Septic Repair	15,000
1	Shed	3,000
2	Airplane Hangars	75,815
1	Business Addition	10,000
2	Electrical Updates	6,000
	TOTAL	\$2,805,785

Of the fifteen permanent dwellings, two were renewal permits. Of the eleven additions to homes, four were renewal permits. Of the fourteen decks/porches added to homes, one was a renewal permit. Of the eight barns, one was a renewal permit. And of the five garages, one was a renewal permit. There have been 16 Oil Burner and/or Oil Storage Permits issued. A permit is required for installing and operating oil-burning equipment that includes replacement oil burners and/or oil storage 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 post the numbers using three-inch high reflective numbers, facing both directions.

I hold Office Hours at the Mann House on Tuesday evenings by appointment only. Please call 878-2894 for your appointment or questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth B. Wilson
Building Inspector

REPORT OF BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

As in the past, it was a very busy year. With a very wet spring and early summer, the grass grew well. All of the cemeteries, commons and ball fields did get fertilizer. This next summer we will be busy behind the Mann House and Police Station cleaning up and seeding.

Respectfully submitted,
Wallace A. Brown

Buildings and Grounds Manager

REPORT OF THE MASON BUILDING COMMITTEE

From the bond approval at the 2006 Town Meeting to the completion of the new Police Station in December, the project went very well. With the weather in the fall being dry and warm, we were able to do some of the landscaping and a coat of paint on the building. This year we will put on another coat of paint.

I would like to thank the Building Committee, White Pine Builders, and the Mason Highway Department for all of the work that was done to complete this project. This building will serve the Town of Mason for many years to come.

The Police Station will be dedicated at an open house in January, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Wallace A. Brown

Building Committee Chairman

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

In Pleasant View Cemetery one of the old maples split in two. A tree service was hired to remove the tree. Many of the maples in our cemeteries are very old and so we will be having more of these problems.

Residents of Mason interested in purchasing cemetery lots at Prospect Hill Cemetery may contact Wallace Brown, Sexton, at 878-1481 for details.

Respectfully submitted,
Wallace Brown
Robert Larochelle
Jeannine Phalon
Cemetery Trustees

DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Feb 6	John Lovelace	Mason NH
Feb 16	Christopher White	Mason NH
Mar 8	Charles Morley Jr.	Mason NH
June 7	Sylvia English	Nashua NH
July 5	Derek Valerius	Mason NH
July 5	Christine McKenna	Mason NH
Aug 17	Anna Rowse	Mason NH
Sept 17	Charles Korsak	Merrimack NH
Oct 22	James Gaudet	Mason NH
Oct 26	Reginald L. Smith	Mason NH
Nov 27	Sara Dunn	Mason NH

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
June 10	Charles E. Gow Brooke M Ledoux	New Ipswich NH Mason NH

BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Jan 4	Troy Coady Williams	Manchester NH	Clayton Williams Theresa Williams
Sept 10	Meaghan Ann	Concord MA	Richard Griffith Kerri Griffith
Nov 21	Aeryn Elizabeth Cross	Keene NH	Matthew Cross Patricia Cross

TOWN of MASON ELECTION MARCH 14, 2006

The polls were declared open at 7:05 AM. Checklist total was 906. The polls were closed at 7:11 PM after 543 had voted. This included 18 absentee voters. There were 19 newly registered voters making the total checklist 925.

The results of the Town Election were as follows:

Moderator for 2 years: Catherine Schwenk 465

Selectmen for 3 years: C. Christopher Guiry 318
Patricia Letourneau 101

Treasurer for 2 years: Debra A. Morrison 475

Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years: Jeannine Phalon 18 write-ins

Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Wally Brown 24 write-ins
Robert LaRochelle 17 write-ins

Library Trustee for 3 years: Lynn McCann 472

Trustee of Trust Funds 3 years: George Schwenk 24 write-ins
Stuart R. Sherman 432

School Board Results: Wolfgang Millbrandt 273
Raymond Scholl 259

Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

MASON TOWN MEETING MARCH 15, 2006

At 7:30PM The Moderator reviewed the meeting procedures, indicated the fire and emergency exits, acknowledged all those who were involved in the election, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table.

Mrs. Schwenk gave thanks to the retiring members of the election team – Sandy LeClair, retiring from the position of Supervisor of the Checklist and Terri Parker, retiring from the position of Ballot Clerk.

She also thanked Lauren Mann who served 9 years as School Board Member and George Schwenk who served as Trustee of the Trust Fund.

Appreciation was noted for Wally Brown's setting up the election facilities, the dedicated election workers, the Town Clerk and Deputy, the Supervisors of the Checklist, Selectmen, and Barbara Milkovits, Selectmen's Assistant.

There were 175 voters and 10 non voters present.

There was general consent to allow Senator Gottesmann to speak to the assemblage prior to the meeting.

The Moderator announced the results of the Town elections and the school district which were:

Article 2 – Accept Reports: Yes 1407 No 318

Article 3 – Budget: Yes 1086 No 836

Article 4 – \$50,000 hire architectural firm: Yes 896 No 1054

Article 5 – Accept Collective Bargaining Agreement: Yes 1070 No 866

Article 6 – Call Special Meeting if Art 5 Defeated: Yes 1170 No 726

Article 7 – Additional Costs: Yes 1173 No 767

Article 8 – Call a Special Meeting if Art 7 Defeated: Yes 1140 No 747

Article 9 – \$16,000 for New lift for Alignment Machine: Yes 1121 No 820

Article 10 – \$75,000 for Capital Reserve Fund: Yes 991 No 922

Article 11 – Allow Mason to withdraw from district: Yes 635 No 1354

Article 12 – Juniors and Seniors to tuition back: Yes 1517 No 463

The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:55 PM.

The colors were presented by Robert Guiry, Chris Elliot, Dan McGuire, Nat O'Brien and Shawn O'Grady of Boy Scout Troop 264

Diane Blaine, a member of the Honor Society and Treasurer of the Senior Class, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no objection to waiving the reading of the Warrant.

There were no corrections to the Town Report.

Dr. Christopher Guiry moved to permit the following individuals to speak to Article 13: Paula Clemente, NH DRA and Richard Rockwood, Town Assessor.

Article 2: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to build, equip, and furnish a new police station for the Town of Mason and to authorize the issuance of not more than Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) 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.

After discussion the polls opened at 8:34.

On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED to advance Article 13.

Article 13: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to fund a sales analysis and to adjust inequitable property values, on a universal basis, as created/indicated by market data. The monies are to come from general taxation, or take any other action relative thereto. (Required by the Department of Revenue to maintain equitable property valuations and certification.)

The discussion was led by Paula Clemente from the DRA and Richard Rockwood, Town Assessor. After much discussion it was passed.

Article 3: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the gross sum of Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to be used only for acquisition in the name of the town of the fee or lesser interest in Conservation land and other costs associated therewith for permanent conservation use, and further to authorize

the Selectmen to accept private donations of land, interest in land, or money for purposes of contributing to the local matching portion required under the Federal USDA Northeastern Area Forest Legacy Program and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept the matching funds under the Forest Legacy Program in an amount up to One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) (75% of the total) for the purposes of acquisition of the fee or lesser interest in Conservation land. This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of grant funds, private donations and other sources of funds. The portion of this appropriation to be raised by taxation, borrowing, or otherwise will be no more than One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). Said appropriated funds and the Forest Legacy Program matching funds and other funds raised for this Conservation land acquisition may be expended by majority vote of the Mason Conservation Commission.

The moderator announced the results on Article 2. Total ballots cast were 169. Necessary to pass was 113. The article passed with 136 Yes and 33 No.

Article 4: Anne Richards moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One million two hundred sixty-seven thousand, eight hundred thirty-two dollars (\$1,267,382) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.

Amendment: Chief Hutchins moved and it was seconded to amend the Police Budget line items to the following:

Full time Salaries: from \$143,593 to \$136,750

Retirement: from \$14,775 to \$14,283

Payroll Taxes: from \$3,880 to \$3,769

Changing the total Police Budget: from \$236,445 to \$228,860
The amendment was passed.

The new budget total of \$1,259,797.00 was voted unanimously.

Article 5: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved the petition article to see if the Town will vote to pave Hurricane Hill Road from Townsend Road to the intersection of Campbell Mill Road and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto. The following reasons should be considered: deteriorating road conditions from increased traffic, breathing in the road dust which could cause silicosis, slow response time from emergency vehicles, school bus being re-routed due to poor road conditions, maintenance issues.

Amendment: Michael Bromberg moved to amend "to see if the Town will vote to repair Hurricane Hill Road from Townsend Road to the intersection of Campbell Mill Road and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for this purpose".

The amendment passed and Article 5, as amended, passed.

Article 6: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand three hundred dollars (\$20,300) for the proposal of the Southwest Region Planning Commission for their planning assistance to update the Town of Mason Master Plan.

Article 7: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED by more than a 2/3 vote that the Town ratify and affirm the authority of the Selectmen to enter into three year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing and equipping a new four-wheel drive vehicle for the

Police Department, total cost of the new vehicle will be Thirty-one thousand dollars (\$31,000) and to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the first year's payment of the lease.

Article 8: Dr. Christopher Guiry MOVED to see if the Town will vote to establish a kindergarten for the Town of Mason and to further authorize the Selectmen to appoint a school board, whose members will have staggered three year terms, to administer the kindergarten, or take any other action relative thereto.

There were three (3) amendments to this article:

Amendment 1: Mark Place handed the moderator a motion that she felt was not germane to the Article 8 Kindergarten, but to another subject, the school withdrawal, and the requirement of notice for warrant articles. After discussion on the Kindergarten she said she would accept Mr. Place's motion and let the voters decide.

Discussion continued and a vote was taken to sustain the ruling of the chair. This was not passed.

Amendment 2: On motion of Charles Moser it was VOTED unanimously to see if the Town will vote to "study the establishment of" a public kindergarten for the Town of Mason.

Amendment 3: On motion of Michael Bromberg it was VOTED to amend as follows – to see if the town will vote "to have the Selectmen appoint a committee" to study the establishment of a public kindergarten for the Town of Mason.

Article 8, as amended, was VOTED unanimously.

Article 9: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$7,450) for the purchase of a new gasoline pump at the Mason Highway Department.

Article 10: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) for work on a drainage project on Greenville Road.

Article 11: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand four hundred (\$6,400) for converting the electric heat at the Mason Highway Office to an alternate heating system.

Article 12: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Capital Reserve, previously established.

Article 14: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the town raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Article 15: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for tape and compass surveys of the town forestlands, or take any other action relative thereto. Such funds will come from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established.

Article 16: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the maintenance of the Mason Railroad Trail, or take any other action relative thereto. Such

funds will come from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established.

Article 17: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the town accept the provisions of RSA 31:19-I, II, III providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, from trust gifts and legacies for any other purpose that is not foreign to the town's institution or incompatible with objects of the town's organization. This authorization will remain, in effect, until rescinded by a vote at town meeting.

Article 18: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED that the Town shall authorize the Selectmen to lease town owned land for agricultural purposes. Such lease would be done on an annual basis.

There was discussion as to the definition of "agricultural" and also how to control any abuse of the land.

Article 19: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED that the Town authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department.

Article 20: On motion of Christopher Guiry it was VOTED that the town authorize the Selectmen and Police Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Police Department.

Article 21: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED that the Town authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department.

There were additional motions from the floor.

On motion of Garth Fletcher it was VOTED unanimously that the Selectmen be asked to report at next Town meeting on the following issues:

- The number of town reports printed
- The number of reports picked up prior to Town meeting
- The number of households with registered voters
- The cost of mailing a report to each household

Mr. Gary Wolpert moved that "Article 5 from the 2005 Mason Town Meeting should be clarified and reaffirmed as a result of the results of the school district vote. He said the Selectmen's authority relative to the withdrawal issue has been rescinded by the vote." He referred the Town Meeting to Article 5 on page 39 in the 2005 Annual Report.

On motion of James Losee it was VOTED unanimously to restrict reconsideration of all 2006 articles.

On motion of Wolfgang Millbrandt it was VOTED unanimously to recess Town meeting to April 5 at 7:30PM at the Mason Town Hall.

The meeting was recessed at 12:05AM.

Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED MASON TOWN MEETING APRIL 5, 2006

The Moderator reviewed the meeting procedures, indicated the fire and emergency exits, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table.

The Adjourned Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:30 PM.

There were 68 voters and 2 non voters present.

There was no objection to waiving the reading of the minutes.

The Moderator announced the information about the town reports voted at the town meeting.

The number of town reports printed 350

The number of reports picked up prior to Town meeting 300

The number of households with registered voters 460 approximate

The cost of mailing a report to each household \$3 plus \$.87 postage

There were a number of informational issues discussed:

1. Selectman Dr. Christopher Guiry mentioned the MTBE gas additive found at the Highway Department site and asked Highway Agent, David Cook, to address the meeting. David told the meeting that, since the MTBE levels exceeded DES standards, the DES requested a level 2 site investigation. The state has funds to cover such investigations -- one fund will cover the entire expense if the contamination is NOT due to a leakage from underground tanks; the other fund has a \$5000 deductible if it is determined that the contamination is due to a leaking tank. The town has chosen Stonehill Environmental out of Portsmouth to do the testing. The results should be back no later than June 24.
2. Selectman Dr. Christopher Guiry requested any resident who might be interested in serving on a committee to study the feasibility of a Mason kindergarten to see one of the Selectmen after the meeting.
3. Selectmen Mark Richardson spoke of the withdrawal from the Mascenic School District. There was discussion from the floor as to the status of the withdrawal and options. Questions about starting a Charter school was discussed. It was noted that per the RSA, the town would have to call an emergency special town meeting in order to address this issue. It was VOTED for the Selectmen to pursue the special meeting to continue the withdrawal process.
4. Selectman Dr. Christopher Guiry regarding the development in the town - the Master Plan along with the financial document, Capital Investment Plan (CIP), has been presented to the Selectmen. These plans detail a growth permit plan for the town.
5. Selectman Dr. Christopher Guiry introduced the new school board member from Mason, Wolfgang Millbrandt. Wolfgang discussed a new robotics program for the elementary grades. It is similar to the upper grades' Destination Imagination program. This new program will be for grades 1-4 and supported by the staff. Parents can volunteer, but teachers will be the primary staff. Wolfgang suggested it be held at the Mason Elementary School.

The meeting was adjourned sine dai at 7:55 PM

Susan J. Wagoner
Town Clerk

PLODZIK AND SANDERSON 2005 AUDIT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mason, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as of December 31, 2005 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

TOWN of MASON STATE PRIMARY RESULTS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, declared the polls open at 7:00 AM. Checklist total was 928. The polls were closed at 7:05 PM after 169 had voted. This included 1 absentee voter. There were 2 newly registered voters making the total checklist 930.

The results of the State Primary Election were as follows:
Democrat:

John Lynch, Governor	38
Paul Hodes, Representative	33
Deborah Pignatelli, Exec. Councilor	31
Dave Gottesman, Senator	32
John Dunn, State Rep.	18
Betty Hall, State Rep.	28
Melanie Levesque, State Rep.	28
Lorraine Liscio, State Rep	21
Robert Mueller, State Rep.	20
Harold Wheeler, Sheriff	17
Robert Malboeuf, Sheriff-Write-in	21
Christopher Pappas, Cty Treas.	30
Charles Mooskian, Reg. Deeds	29
Doreen Lopez, Reg. Probate	31
Robert Rivard, Reg. Probate-write-in	1
Joseph Hickey, Cty. Comm.	30

Republican:

Jim Coburn, Governor	78
John Lynch, Governor Write-in	3
Charles Bass, Representative	84
Robert Danderson, Representative	14
Mary Maxwell, Representative	18
Dave Wheeler, Exec. Councilor	93
Nancy Wall, State Senator	94
Phil Chandler, State Rep.	64
Richard Drisko, State Rep.	70
Carolyn Gargas, State Rep.	73
Donald Ryder, State Rep	67

James Gaudet, Sheriff	2
James Hardy, Sheriff	11
Robert Malboeuf, Sheriff	115
Marguerite Wageling, Cty. Atty.	91
David Fredette, Cty. Treas.	93
Judith MacDonald, Reg. Deeds	92
Bob Rivard, Reg Probate	85
Carol Holden, Cty. Comm.	90

Write-ins for Delegate to State Convention:

Yates	1
Chandler	1
Edelblut	1
Morley	1
Jodoin	1
Baker	1
Malboeuf	1

Susan J. Wagoner
Town Clerk

TOWN of MASON STATE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

NOVEMBER 7, 2006

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, declared the polls open at 8:00 AM. Checklist total was 923. The polls were closed at 7:12 PM after 528 had voted. This included 16 absentee voters. There were 10 newly registered voters making the total checklist 933.

The results of the State General Election were as follows:
Democrat:

John Lynch, Governor	333
Paul Hodes, Representative	241
Deborah Pignatelli, Exec. Councilor	240
Dave Gottesman, Senator	233
John Dunn, State Rep.	217
Betty Hall, State Rep.	241
Melanie Levesque, State Rep	254
Lorraine Liscio, State Rep.	198
Harold Wheeler, Sheriff	218
Christopher Pappas, Cty. Treas.	223
Charles Mooskian, Reg. Deeds	194
Doreen Lopez, Reg. Probate	202
Joseph Hickey, Cty Comm	201

Republican:

Jim Coburn, Governor	177
Charles Bass, Representative	262
Dave Wheeler, Exec. Councilor	255
Nancy Wall, State Senator	271
Phil Chandler, State Rep.	239
Richard Drisko, State Rep.	245
Carolyn Gargas, State Rep.	246
Donald Ryder, State Rep.	227

James Hardy, Sheriff 254
Marguerite Wageling, Cty. Atty. 301
David Fredette, Cty. Treas. 246
Judith MacDonald, Reg. Deeds 280
Bob Rivard, Reg. Probate 266
Carol Holden, Cty. Comm. 273

Libertarian:

Ken Blevens, Rep 9

Write-ins

Richard Kahn, Governor 5
Randall Pitman, Governor 1
Chet Lapointe, Representative 2
Malboeuf, Sheriff 3
A.G. Stauble, Sheriff 1
Kathy Chapman, Cty. Atty. 1
A.G. Stauble, Cty. Atty. 1

Susan J. Wagoner
Town Clerk

1806 History Highlights

There were five marriages performed by Rev. William Eliot.

There were eight marriages performed by Rev. Ebenezer Hill

Moderator Timothy Dakin

Town Clerk John Blodgett

Selectmen John Blodgett
Josias Bucknam
Samuel Smith Jr.

Treasurer: Selectmen

Representative: Deacon R. Weston

The above information came from The History of the Town of Mason, N.H. from the First Grant in 1749, to the Year 1858 by John B. Hill