




ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

2007



Town Meeting March 2000

"Move the question!" Donald W. Richards

Photo taken by Dean Shalhoup/*The Telegraph*

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 2007

Mason, New Hampshire continues in its two hundred thirty-ninth year as a small community. Despite not having attained the census of 2,138 residents in 1827, the Town continues to grow. Growth continues to be a focal point of conversation and debate. There has been considerable turbulence in the economic area as well as the weather. A slowdown in the economy and particular in the housing market has given some breathing room to an anticipated building cycle. On the downside there have been several foreclosures and a record number of properties up for sale.

Not all of the reminders of the April 19th storm had been fixed before the snow started flying in December. David Cook and his crew have risen to the challenge and done an admirable job. A minor burglary outbreak as well as a constant stream of drug arrests reminds us our rural location is not a vaccine against some of the urban problems. Chief Hutchins and his officers are to be commended for their work as well.

The funds appropriated by last year's town meeting produced a document that defines the town's vision for the immediate future. The Master Plan was the product of nine months of work, by a committee made up of approximately twenty residents. The plan was adopted by the Planning Board after a public hearing. Now in place, it defines priorities and gives guidance to the Selectmen, committees and particularly the Planning Board.

Over the year we have mourned the loss of ten residents. Of those who died there were two who distinguished themselves in service to the town and their neighbors. Florence Roberts quietly contributed advice and humor as a long time member of the Conservation Committee and Forestry Committee. Days before her passing she reinforced her commitment to preserving one of the attributes that drew her to Mason: she bequeathed a forty-acre parcel of land across the street from the Uncle Sam house, to be preserved as a wooded recreation area. Don Richards, "the old soldier who lives in the woods" as he introduced himself on his home answering machine was seldom found sitting by the phone. There were projects to be done in the back yard but they never prevented him from showing up after a storm with a generator to prevent the contents of a neighbor's freezer from being lost. There was time spent with the Mason Fire department, as well as the less known countless hours spent fund raising for the Shriner's Burn Hospitals where no one is asked to pay for treatment.

When we speak of Mason usually the word community follows close behind. This seems to be the common thread that has connected the residents since the 1760's. The threads being those who have and continue to quietly donate their time to help the community. If you have passed by Pratt Pond and have noticed the tons of debris piled by the roadside, it was Devon Fletcher who, single handedly, dragged from the woods. Don't take for granted the pristine condition of Greenville Road either. Eddie Fortin has been gathering with stealth and vigor the public's careless litter.

Mason owes a debt to the countless volunteers from past to present, who have unselfishly given of themselves to make our Town unique. We are grateful for their gifts that have benefited us all. In the future, Mason will continue to count on those who will make a contribution to preserve the thread connecting Mason the Town and Mason the community.

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 - 3:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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

Telephone: 878-2070 Fax: 878-4892

TOWN CLERK

Office Hours: Mann House, Tuesday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday Evening 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Last Saturday of the month 10:00 AM - 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 - 5:00 PM
Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM - 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 2010

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

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term

Anita Crehan, Appointed March 2013

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term

Robin Smith March 2010

Lynn McCann March 2009

Elena Kolbenson March 2008

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term

Robert Larochele March 2009

Wallace A. Brown March 2010

Jeannine Phalon March 2008

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term

George Schwenk March 2010

Donald J. Hager III March 2008

Stuart Sherman March 2009

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Irene Cook, Chairman | March 2008 |
| Robert Larochele | March 2008 |
| Gretchen Brown | March 2009 |
| David Profit | March 2008 |

PLANNING BOARD

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Mark McDonald, Chairman | March 2008 |
| Dorothy Millbrandt | March 2009 |
| Bruce Mann | March 2010 |
| Pamela Lassen | March 2009 |
| Linda Cotter-Cranston | March 2009 |
| Joseph McGuire, Alternate | March 2009 |
| C. Christopher Guiry, Ex-officio | |

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

| | |
|--|------------|
| Tim Kelly, Chairman | March 2010 |
| Michael Davieau | March 2008 |
| Robert Bergeron | March 2010 |
| Timothy Kicza | March 2009 |
| Michael Dulong | March 2008 |
| Winthrop Bennett, Alternate | March 2009 |
| Patricia Letourneau, Alternate & Clerk | March 2009 |
| Mark Richardson, Ex-officio | |

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Robert Larochele, Chairman | March 2009 |
| Robert Dillberger | March 2008 |
| Anna Faiello | March 2008 |
| Elizabeth Fletcher | March 2008 |
| Charles Lanni | March 2009 |
| Paula Babel, Alternate | March 2010 |
| Ann Moser | March 2010 |
| Stuart Sherman | March 2009 |
| Cynthia Hajjar, Alternate | March 2011 |

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Curtis Dunn | March 2009 |
| Eric Anderson | March 2008 |
| William Downs, Town Forester | |
| C. Christopher Guiry, Ex-officio | |

RECREATION COMMITTEE

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Lynn McCann, Chairman | March 2009 |
| Elena Kolbenson | March 2009 |
| Robin Smith | March 2009 |

BALLOT CLERKS

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Pauline Bergeron | March 2009 |
| Rachel Petersen | March 2008 |
| Lauren Mann | March 2009 |
| Florence Wilson | March 2010 |

BUILDING COMMITTEE

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Wallace A. Brown, Chairman | March 2008 |
| Robert Bergeron | March 2008 |
| Bernard O'Grady | March 2008 |
| Jeannine Phalon | March 2008 |
| Kenneth Spacht | March 2008 |
| Mark A. Richardson, Ex-officio | |

PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN for the TOWN OF MASON COMMITTEE

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Michelle Alton | March 2008 |
| Elena Kolbenson | March 2008 |
| Linda Lannin | March 2008 |
| Lynn McCann | March 2008 |
| Robin Smith | March 2008 |

POLICE OFFICERS

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Barry G. Hutchins | Police Chief |
| Steven Duval | Patrolman |
| Aaron Thompson | Patrolman |
| John LeBlanc, Sr. | Part Time Police Officer |
| Christian Martino | Part Time Police Officer |
| Eric Godfrey | Part Time Police Officer |
| Rosemary Lyons | Police Administrative Assistant |
| K9 Hunter | |

EMERGENCY SERVICES

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| David P. Cook | Fire Chief/Warden/EMT-D |
| David Baker | 1 st Asst. Chief/Dep. Warden/First Responder |
| Frederick Greenwood | 2 nd asst. Chief/Dep. Warden/First Responder |
| Robert Bergeron | Fire Engineer/Emergency Man. Director |
| Roland Theriault | Captain/Deputy Warden |
| Philip Phalon | 1 st Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/First Responder |
| Donna Richardson | 2 nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/EMT-D |
| Anne Richards | Firefighter |
| Mark Richardson | Firefighter |
| Christopher Greenwood | Firefighter |
| Rick Griffith | Firefighter |
| Stephen Hoffman | Firefighter/EMT-I |
| Rodney Stedman | Firefighter |
| Benjamin Harrington | Firefighter/EMT-B |
| James Deffely | Firefighter |
| Ken Spacht | Firefighter/EMT-I |
| Michael Daly | Firefighter |

Paul Alton
Michael McGuire
Dean Lambert
Kirk Smith
Josh Harris
Cindy Tibbetts
Jeff Partridge
Stuart Sherman
Jeanine Phalon
Kathy Chapman
Rebecca Wilson
Tabitha Davies

Firefighter
Firefighter/EMT-B
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
EMT-I
EMT-D
EMT-I
EMT-B
First Responder
EMT-B
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 7:00 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 7:00 AM on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 2008 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Selectman | 3 years |
| Moderator | 2 years |
| Town Clerk | 3 years |
| Tax Collector | 3 years |
| Supervisor of the Checklist | 6 years |
| Trustee of Cemeteries | 3 years |
| 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, Article 5 Section B-4 and Article 3 regarding combining the offices of Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

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 12th day of March, 2008, 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 January 30, 2008.

2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance Article V, Subsection B-4 with the adoption of Petitioned Amendment #1 as proposed by legal voters of the Town of Mason as follows:

Amend Article V, Subsection B-4 to read:

A conventional lot shall be 350 feet of frontage on a class five highway or better and the minimum lot area shall be 174,240 sq. ft. per dwelling unit. By petition. Approved by a majority of the Mason Planning Board. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

3. Is the Town in favor of having the office of town clerk combined with the office of tax collector per RSA 41:45-a, I, thereby creating a new office of town clerk-tax collector to be held by one individual? If this is voted in the affirmative, then at the next annual meeting the Town shall choose by ballot one individual as town clerk-tax collector and such individual shall serve a term of three years. The term of the present individual in office as town clerk or tax collector shall cease and the newly elected town clerk-tax collector shall take office. (Ballot vote required.) Recommended by Selectmen.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million five hundred thirty-five thousand, eight hundred thirty-five dollars (\$1,535,138) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed. Recommended by the Selectmen.

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 twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000) in private donations and other sources of funds. And to further authorize the issuance of not more than Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) 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. A two thirds (2/3) ballot vote is required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve, previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) to pay the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) for the costs resulting from the Town of Mason joining NRPC. These costs are primarily administrative costs and costs associated with updating NRPC's Geographic Information System (GIS) database and Regional Travel Demand Model to include the Town of Mason. This will be a non-transferable appropriation per RSA 32:10, I and shall only be used for this express purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand seven hundred dollars (\$8,700) for the following purposes: \$5,000 for a tape and compass survey of town forestlands to include deed research of land for future selective cutting; \$2,500 for the maintenance of the Mason Railroad Trail as fire lane access to the Mason Town forests; \$1,000 for blue bird establishment and view maintenance on land, donated by Bronson Potter, on Greenville Road and \$200 for lecture series for topics covering forestry and ecology management, or take any action thereto. Such funds will come from the Forest

Maintenance Fund, previously established. Recommended by the Selectmen.

- ✓ 9. To see if the Town will vote to 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, for the tax year April 1, 2008. 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.) Recommended by the Selectmen.
- ✓ 10. 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 previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
- ✓ 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the support of the activities of Old Home Day to be held in Mason on September 13, 2008, or take any other action relative thereto. By petition. Recommended by the Selectmen.
- yes 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the purchase of a new copier for the Town Office, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
- yes 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$3,150) for the completion of work on water hole at Mason Fire Station and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 2007 Fund Balance of that amount received from FEMA for the April flood damage. Recommended by the Selectmen.
- yes 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund, previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 2007 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2007 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.
- yes 15. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town of Mason K-9 Program Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of establishing a fund for the support of the Mason Police Department K-9 Program, and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars (\$500) to be placed in this fund, and furthermore to appoint the Board of Selectmen and the Police Chief as agents to expend from the Town of Mason K-9 Program Expendable Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
- yes 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of a thermal imaging camera from the Mason Fire Department Association or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
- NO 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize fifty- percent of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A: 25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Land Protection Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A: 5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A: 25, II and the balance (fifty- percent) of the Land Use Change Tax will be deposited into the General Fund. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2008, 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.
- NO 18. To see if the Town will vote to modify a restrictive covenant imposed on Tax Map B, Lot 24

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NO on the eastern side of Starch Mill Road, which now provides that there will be no building, structure, or other development on the lot so that the restrictive covenant as modified will provide that there will be no residential building structure or other structures requiring sewage disposal facilities, but that structures such as a garage for motor vehicles, barn, maple sugar house, or shed would be permissible. By petition. Not recommended by the Selectmen.

- yes 19. To see if the Town will vote to support the following finding:
38 yes
27 NO
Whereas converting unmaintained town roads (Class 6) to town maintained roads (Class 5) can be done either by the Selectmen under RSA 231:8 or by the Town Meeting under RSA 231:22-a, and Whereas Class 6 roads were originally abandoned as not serving sufficient public need, and Whereas such conversions impose a long-term obligation on the taxpayers for annual maintenance expenses (about \$10,000 per year per Class 5 mile in 2006), and Whereas Mason taxpayers already pay to maintain more Class 5 road mileage per household than 76 of the 79 comparable NH towns (2001 study), and Whereas such conversions by-pass any Planning Board review for compatibility with the town's Master Plan or the needs of the community, Therefore the Town Meeting concludes that such conversions require broad based public review and respectfully requests that the Selectmen defer such conversion decisions to the Town Meeting under its RSA 231:22-a authority. By petition. Not recommended by the Selectmen.
20. To see if the Town will vote in favor of the withdrawal of the Town of Mason from the Mascenic Regional School District in accordance with RSA 195:25, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen. *postpone indefinitely*
21. 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 the Selectmen.
22. 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 the Selectmen.
23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Police Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

| February 14, 2008 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 Proposed | % Change |
|---|---------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| | Actual | Budget | Budget | 2007/2008 |
| Appropriations | | | | |
| Charges for Services | | | | |
| Income from Departments | | | | |
| 4032 · Fees-Fire Reports | 55 | | | |
| 4033 · Fees-Police Reports | 150 | | | |
| 4035 · Pistol Permits | 210 | | | |
| 4042 · Detail Payments | 352 | | | |
| 4044 · Court Fines | 400 | | | |
| Total Income from Departments | 1,167 | | | |
| Total Charges for Services | 1,167 | 700 | 700 | |
| From Federal Government | | | | |
| 4050 · FEMA | 61,270 | | | |
| Total From Federal Government | 61,270 | 0 | 0 | |
| From State | | | | |
| 4036 · Shared Revenues | 12,078 | 6,737 | 6,737 | |
| 4037 · Rooms & Meals Tax Distribution | 55,377 | 40,000 | 45,000 | |
| 4038 · Highway Block Grant | 61,190 | 61,190 | 64,047 | |
| 4039 · State & Federal Forest Land Re. | 518 | 518 | 518 | |
| 4040 · OHRV Grant | 3,375 | 3,375 | 0 | |
| Total From State | 132,538 | 111,820 | 116,302 | |
| Interfund Operating Tr. In | | | | |
| 4076 · from Special Rev. Funds - For. Com | 978 | | 10,500 | |
| 4076 · from Trust & Fiduciary Funds | 1,000 | 4,000 | 1,200 | |
| 4077 · Transfers from Con.Com.Funds | 22,904 | 13,000 | 420,000 | |
| Total Interfund Operating Tr. In | 24,881 | 17,000 | 431,700 | |
| Licenses, Permits, Fees | | | | |
| Building Permits | | | | |
| 4024 · Permits, Building | 6,004 | | | |
| 4025 · Oil Burner Permits & Others | 270 | | | |
| Total Building Permits | 6,274 | 4,200 | 5,000 | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | | | | |
| 4020 · M. V. fees | 229,906 | | | |
| 4021 · Titles | 578 | | | |
| 4022 · M/A stickers | 4,378 | | | |
| 4023 · Mail-in registrations | 1,739 | | | |
| Total Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 236,601 | 215,000 | 215,000 | |

| February 14, 2008 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 Proposed | % Change |
|---|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| | Actual | Budget | Budget | 2007/2008 |
| Other Licenses, Permits & Fees | | | | |
| 4026-01 · Mail in Dog License | 79 | | | |
| 4026 · Dog Licenses | 2,479 | | | |
| 4027 · State Dog Fees | 972 | | | |
| 6001-07 · State Dog Fees | -922 | | | |
| 4028 · Vital Records | 225 | | | |
| 4029 · Fees-BOA | 200 | | | |
| Total 4026-4029 | 3,033 | | | |
| 4030 · Fees-Planning Board | | | | |
| 4030-01 · Reimbrs. of Civil Engineer | 2,803 | | | |
| 4030 · Fees-Planning Board - Other | 7,573 | | | |
| Total 4030 · Fees-Planning Board | 10,376 | | | |
| 4034 · Fees-Returned Check | 175 | | | |
| 4078 · Exaction Fees-lot A-22 | 7,800 | | | |
| Total Other Licenses, Permits & Fees | 21,383 | 15,080 | 12,500 | |
| Total Licenses, Permits, Fees | 264,258 | 234,280 | 232,500 | |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | | | | |
| 4061 · Interest Income | 10,243 | 7,400 | 7,400 | |
| 4063 · Donations | | | | |
| 4064 · Police Donations & Gifts | 265 | | | |
| Total 4063 · Donations | 265 | 0 | 500 | |
| 4067 · Other Income | 5,021 | 2,500 | 3,000 | |
| Total Miscellaneous Revenues | 15,529 | 9,900 | 10,900 | |
| Other Financing Sources | | | | |
| 4080 · Proc. from LongTermBonds,Notes | 161,000 | | | |
| Total Other Financing Sources | 161,000 | 161,000 | 0 | |
| Revenue-Taxes | | | | |
| 4001 · Land Use Change Taxes | 70,445 | | | |
| 6028-03 · CU Penalty -CC | (56,095) | | | |
| 4002 · Timber Taxes | 23,407 | 15,000 | 15,000 | |
| 4005 · Interest & Penalties on taxes | 29,889 | 29,200 | 15,000 | |
| 4006 · Costs on taxes | 1,109 | 0 | 250 | |
| Total Revenue-Taxes | 68,755 | | | |
| Total Income | 729,399 | 534,700 | 792,102 | |

| February 14, 2008 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 Proposed | % Change |
|--|---------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Budget | 2007/2008 |
| 6031 · Land | | | | |
| 6031-01 · WA # 5 CC Land Purchase | 0 | 0 | 500,000 | WA # 5 CC land |
| Total 6031 · Land | 0 | 0 | 500,000 | |
| 6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip. | | | | |
| 6032-01 · WA # 3 Loader | 175,000 | 175,000 | | |
| 6032-02 · WA # 9 Purchase Defibs | 5,982 | 6,500 | | |
| 6032-03 · WA # 10 Purchase Tazers | 3,650 | 3,650 | | |
| 6032-04 · WA # 13 Polling Booths | 1,702 | 1,875 | | |
| WA # 12 Copier | | | 4,000 | |
| Total 6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip. | 186,334 | 187,025 | 4,000 | |
| 6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings | | | | |
| 6034-01 · WA # 11 Pave Parking lot | 20,000 | 20,000 | | |
| 6034-02 · WA # 12 Record Preservation | 2,000 | 2,000 | | |
| 6034-03 · WA #14 Bond Interest | 1,669 | 1,669 | | |
| WA # 9 Cyclical Update | | | 7,000 | |
| WA # 15 K-9 Program Trust Fund | | | 500 | |
| WA # 13 FEMA -Waterhole* | | | 3,150 | |
| WA # 7 NRPC Membership | | | 10,500 | |
| WA # 8 Forestry Comm.* | | | 8,700 | |
| WA # 11 Old Home Day | | | 5,000 | |
| WA # 14 Cemetery Land* | | | 550 | |
| Total 6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings | 23,669 | 23,669 | 35,400 | |
| Total Capital Outlay | 210,003 | 210,694 | 539,400 | |
| Operating Transfers Out | | | | |
| 6036 · To Capital Reserve Fund | | | | |
| 6036-01 · WA # 8 HWY Const. Cap.Reserv | 6,000 | 6,000 | 30,000 | WA # 6 Hwy Eq |
| | | | 5,000 | WA # 10 Lib. Ca |
| Total Operating Transfers Out | 6,000 | 6,000 | 35,000 | |
| Total Capital & Operating Transfers | 216,003 | 216,694 | 574,400 | 165% |
| Conservation | | | | |
| 6028-01 · Conservation Commission Exp. | 20,712 | 500 | 325 | |
| 6028-02 · CC Railroad Trail Maint. | 4,034 | 1,500 | 1,675 | |
| 6029-01 · Town Forests | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| Total Conservation | 24,746 | 2,001 | 2,001 | 0% |
| 6024 · Parks & Recreation | | | | |
| 6024-01 · Parks Maint. | 2,270 | 2,300 | 2,500 | |
| 6024-02 · Parks Electricity | 20 | 100 | 100 | |
| 6024-03 · Toilet Facilities | 98 | 250 | 250 | |
| 6024-04 · Activities/Rec.Com. | 994 | 700 | 750 | |
| 6025-01 · Town Common Maint. | 9,549 | 6,500 | 7,000 | |
| 6025-02 · TC Payroll Taxes | 539 | 500 | 536 | |
| 6025-03 · TC Workers' Comp. | 126 | 389 | 159 | |
| Total 6024 · Parks & Recreation | 13,595 | 10,739 | 11,295 | 5% |

| February 14, 2008 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 Proposed | % Change |
|--|--------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| | Actual | Budget | Budget | 2007/2008 |
| 6026 · Library | | | | |
| 6026-01 · Library Salaries | 31,306 | 32,245 | 34,635 | |
| 6026-02 · Lib. Payroll Taxes | 2,395 | 2,467 | 2,650 | |
| 6026-03 · Lib. Workers' Comp. | 122 | 177 | 159 | |
| 6026-04 · Continuing Education | 140 | 550 | 550 | |
| 6026-05 · Travel | 256 | 260 | 300 | |
| 6026-06 · Telephone | 788 | 900 | 900 | |
| 6026-07 · Technology | 625 | 840 | 840 | |
| 6026-08 · Postage | 55 | 100 | 100 | |
| 6026-09 · Supplies | 501 | 500 | 500 | |
| 6026-10 · Dues & Fees | 460 | 600 | 600 | |
| 6026-11 · Programming | 235 | 250 | 300 | |
| 6026-12 · Books | 3,115 | 3,100 | 3,200 | |
| Total 6026 · Library | 39,997 | 41,989 | 44,734 | 7% |
| 6027 · Patriotic Purposes | 144 | 450 | 450 | 0% |
| Total Culture & Recreation | 53,736 | 53,178 | 56,479 | 6% |
| 6030-01 · Princ. Long Term Bonds & Notes | 47,000 | 47,000 | 73,000 | 55% |
| 6030-02 · Interest Long Term Bonds & Note | 18,022 | 18,022 | -16,000 | -11% |
| 6030-03 · Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes | 12,477 | 14,000 | 14,000 | 0% |
| Total Debt Service | 77,499 | 79,022 | 103,000 | 30% |
| General Government | | | | |
| 6000 · Executive | | | | |
| 6000-01 · Selectmen Salaries | 2,925 | 2,925 | 2,925 | |
| 6000-02 · Tax Collector Fees | 8,066 | 7,250 | 8,050 | |
| Total 6000 · Executive | 10,991 | 10,175 | 10,975 | 8% |
| 6001 · Election, Reg. & Vital Stats. | | | | |
| 6001-01 · Moderator | 400 | 500 | 1,060 | |
| 6001-02 · Election Expenses | 2,758 | 3,400 | 4,100 | |
| 6001-03 · Town Clerk | 550 | 550 | 550 | |
| 6001-04 · Town Clerk Fees | 8,691 | 7,000 | 7,000 | |
| 6001-05 · TC/TX Deputy | 2,685 | 6,000 | 6,000 | |
| 6001-06 · Assoc. Dues | 40 | 55 | 55 | |
| 6001-08 · Convention/Education | 930 | 1,600 | 1,200 | |
| 6001-09 · Certification | 500 | 550 | 550 | |
| 6001-10 · Mileage | 368 | 500 | 500 | |
| 6001-11 · Office Supplies | 1,158 | 1,500 | 1,300 | |
| 6001-12 · Postage | 1,084 | 1,100 | 1,100 | |
| 6001-13 · Software Maint./Update | 3,163 | 3,300 | 3,300 | |
| 6001-14 · Telephone & Internet | 1,077 | 950 | 1,100 | |
| 6001-15 · MAAP Conversion | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,000 | |
| Total 6001 · Election, Reg. & Vital Stats. | 27,403 | 31,005 | 30,815 | -1% |

| February 14, 2008 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 Proposed | % Change |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Budget | 2007/2008 |
| 6002 - Financial Administration | | | | |
| 6002-01 - Treasurer Salaries | 550 | 550 | 550 | |
| 6002-02 - Auditor | 7,918 | 7,600 | 7,600 | |
| 6002-03 - Admin. Salaries | 35,000 | 35,000 | 36,750 | |
| 6002-04 - Part-time Admin. | 1,503 | 5,760 | 6,500 | |
| 6002-05 - Payroll Taxes | 4,634 | 5,626 | 5,600 | |
| 6002-06 - Workers' Comp. | 542 | 900 | 797 | |
| 6002-07 - Retirement Ins. | 1,731 | 1,925 | 1,900 | |
| 6002-08 - Bank Service Charges | 269 | 50 | 100 | |
| 6002-09 - Conferences | 35 | 800 | 800 | |
| 6002-10 - Computer Services | 3,567 | 3,150 | 3,700 | |
| 6002-11 - Software Maint./Update | 1,279 | 1,300 | 1,310 | |
| 6002-12 - Mileage | 106 | 200 | 200 | |
| 6002-13 - Miscellaneous | 1,379 | 300 | 500 | |
| 6002-14 - Postage | 878 | 950 | 950 | |
| 6002-15 - Registry Fees | 296 | 300 | 300 | |
| 6002-16 - Repairs & Maint.-Equipment | 446 | 450 | 450 | |
| 6002-18 - Office Supplies | 1,896 | 2,000 | 1,800 | |
| 6002-19 - Advertising | 35 | 500 | 250 | |
| 6002-20 - Town Office Equipment | 2,063 | 2,800 | 700 | |
| 6002-21 - Telephone | 863 | 950 | 925 | |
| 6002-22 - Town Reports | 1,305 | 1,350 | 1,200 | |
| 6002-23 - Tech Support | 1,385 | 1,000 | 1,300 | |
| Total 6002 - Financial Administration | 67,680 | 73,461 | 74,182 | 1% |
| 6003 - Revaluation of Property | | | | |
| 6003-01 - Assessing | 4,105 | 5,000 | 5,000 | |
| 6003-02 - Tax Map Update | 700 | 700 | 700 | |
| Total 6003 - Revaluation of Property | 4,805 | 5,700 | 5,700 | 0% |
| 6004 - Legal Expenses | 9,828 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 0% |
| 6005 - Personnel Administration | | | | |
| 6005-01 - Employer Payroll Taxes | 0 | | | |
| 6005-02 - STD & Life Insurance | 3,802 | 4,000 | 4,100 | |
| 6005-03 - Health & Dental Insurance | 138,349 | 144,200 | 163,020 | |
| 6005-04 - Unemployment Taxes | 121 | 121 | 176 | |
| Total 6005 - Personnel Administration | 142,272 | 148,321 | 167,296 | 13% |
| 6006 - Planning & Zoning | | | | |
| 6006-01 - PB Advertising | 1,546 | 600 | 600 | |
| 6006-02 - PB Training | 75 | 80 | 80 | |
| 6006-03 - PB Supplies | 315 | 50 | 50 | |
| 6006-04 - PB Postage | 919 | 400 | 400 | |
| 6006-05 - BOA Salaries | 480 | 720 | 720 | |
| 6006-06 - BOA-Payroll Taxes | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6006-07 - BOA Advertise | 96 | 420 | 420 | |
| 6006-08 - BOA Postage | 0 | 15 | 30 | |
| 6006-09 - BOA Supplies | 17 | 80 | 80 | |
| 6006-10 - BOA Training | 124 | 200 | 200 | |
| 6006-11 - Historic District Expense | 0 | 110 | 110 | |
| Total 6006 - Planning & Zoning | 3,572 | 2,675 | 2,690 | 1% |

| February 14, 2008 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 Proposed | % Change |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Budget | 2007/2008 |
| 6007 - Gen. Gov. Buildings | | | | |
| 6007-01 - Custodial Expense | 7,870 | 8,300 | 8,300 | |
| 6007-02 - TB Supplies | 1,005 | 900 | 1,100 | |
| 6007-03 - TB Heat | 8,636 | 7,500 | 11,000 | |
| 6007-04 - TB Electricity | 4,008 | 4,000 | 4,200 | |
| 6007-05 - TB Repairs & Maint. | 20,649 | 16,000 | 18,500 | |
| 6007-06 - Records Preservation | | | 2,000 | |
| Total 6007 - Gen. Gov. Buildings | 42,167 | 36,700 | 45,100 | 23% |
| 6008 - Cemeteries | | | | |
| 6008-01 - Cem. Maintenance | 2,602 | 2,000 | 2,500 | |
| 6008-02 - Cem. Salaries | 10,219 | 10,000 | 10,200 | |
| 6008-03 - Cem. Payroll Taxes | 583 | 770 | 780 | |
| 6008-04 - Cem. Workers' Comp. | 341 | 389 | 159 | |
| Total 6008 - Cemeteries | 13,745 | 13,159 | 13,639 | 4% |
| 6009 - Insurance | | | | |
| 6009-01 - LGC-PLIT | 21,020 | 23,000 | 23,000 | |
| Total 6009 - Insurance | 21,020 | 23,000 | 23,000 | 0% |
| 6010 - Advertising & Assoc. | | | | |
| 6010-01 - SWRPC/NRPC | 6,432 | 5,600 | 6,000 | |
| Total 6010 - Advertising & Assoc. | 6,432 | 5,600 | 6,000 | 7% |
| 6011 - Other Gen. Gov. | | | | |
| 6011-01 - LGC Membership | 937 | 935 | 997 | |
| 6011-02 - Abatements & Refunds | 101,721 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total 6011 - Other Gen. Gov. | 102,658 | 935 | 997 | 7% |
| Total General Government | 452,574 | 358,731 | 388,394 | 8% |
| Health | | | | |
| 6022-01 - Health Officer | 2,500 | 25 | 25 | 0% |
| 6022-02 - Animal Control | 95 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0% |
| 6022-03 - Health Agencies, Visiting Nurse | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0% |
| Total Health | 4,095 | 2,525 | 2,525 | 0% |

| February 14, 2008 | 2007 Actual | 2007 Budget | 2008 Proposed Budget | % Change 2007/2008 |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Highways & Streets | | | | |
| 6018 - Highway Town Maintenance | | | | |
| 6018-01 - Road Agent Salary | 50,300 | 50,305 | 52,805 | |
| 6018-02 - Asst. Road Agent Salary | 37,880 | 39,678 | 41,594 | |
| 6018-03 - Equip. Operator I | 37,785 | 38,039 | 39,856 | |
| 6018-04 - Equip. Operator II | 37,941 | 37,814 | 39,623 | |
| 6018-05 - Other Salaries | 52,820 | 49,554 | 52,025 | 60,025 |
| 6018-06 - Overtime Wages | 18,690 | 20,084 | 21,147 | 26,147 |
| 6018-07 - Hwy Payroll Taxes | 18,506 | 18,014 | 18,901 | |
| 6018-08 - Hwy Workers' Comp. | 12,126 | 11,000 | 9,407 | |
| 6018-09 - Hwy Retirement | 8,162 | 9,400 | 9,700 | |
| 6018-10 - Hwy Mileage | 472 | 500 | 500 | |
| 6018-11 - Drug & Alc. Testing | 215 | 500 | 600 | |
| 6018-12 - Consulting Engineer | 2,896 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| 6018-13 - Paved Road Restoration | 38,278 | 80,000 | 80,000 | |
| 6018-14 - Patch | 3,602 | 3,500 | 4,000 | 4.7 |
| 6018-15 - Culverts | 2,474 | 3,500 | 4,000 | |
| 6018-16 - Calcium Chloride | 14,401 | 17,280 | 17,280 | |
| 6018-17 - Signs & Rewards | 1,180 | 1,200 | 1,200 | |
| 6018-18 - Plowing | 17,525 | 14,400 | 17,280 | 27,280 |
| 6018-19 - Salt | 11,920 | 9,800 | 10,090 | 29,090 |
| 6018-20 - Flood Repair | 21,198 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6018-21 - FEMA Flood Repair | 44,550 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6018-22 - FEMA-Other Salaries | 6,873 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total 6018 - Highway Town Maintenance | 439,791 | 405,568 | 421,008 | 4% |
| 6019 - Hwy Dept. Expenses | 454,008 | 6,000 | 6,500 | |
| 6019-01 - Building Maint. | 12,945 | 3,049 | 3,500 | |
| 6019-02 - Electricity | 2,124 | 2,600 | 2,600 | |
| 6019-03 - Telephone | 640 | 2,000 | 2,000 | |
| 6019-04 - Dues & Education | 33,968 | 32,000 | 33,000 | 4,000 |
| 6019-05 - Equip. Maint. | 4,462 | 5,000 | 5,500 | |
| 6019-06 - Edges for Plowing | 3,984 | 5,000 | 5,000 | |
| 6019-07 - Tires | 2,397 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| 6019-08 - Chains | 198 | 350 | 350 | |
| 6019-09 - Chainsaw Repairs | 823 | 1,400 | 1,500 | |
| 6019-10 - Radios | 1,202 | 900 | 1,500 | |
| 6019-11 - Welding Equipment | 1,236 | 1,700 | 1,700 | |
| 6019-12 - Safety Equipment | 2,087 | 1,500 | 1,500 | |
| 6019-13 - Tools | 44,223 | 35,000 | 41,000 | 45,000 |
| 6019-14 - Fuel | 21,873 | 21,930 | 0 | |
| 6019-15 - Vehicle Lease | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6019-16 - Hwy Veh. & Equipment | 6,696 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6019-17 - FEMA-Equipment Maintenance | 141,906 | 119,880 | 106,650 | -11% |
| Total 6019 - Hwy Dept. Expenses | 116,650 | 900 | 900 | 0% |
| 6020 - Street Lighting | 582,583 | 526,348 | 528,558 | |
| Total Highways & Streets | 582,583 | 526,348 | 528,558 | 0% |

| February 14, 2008 | 2007 Actual | 2007 Budget | 2008 Proposed Budget | % Change 2007/2008 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Public Safety | | | | |
| 6012 - Police Department | | | | |
| 6012-01 - Full-Time Salaries | 126,274 | 140,853 | 54,081 | |
| Police Chief Salary | | | 54,081 | |
| First Patrolman Salary | | | 45,432 | |
| Second Patrolman Salary | | | 36,761 | |
| On Call Payment | | | 10,600 | |
| 6012-02 - Part-time Salaries | 27,133 | 33,354 | 34,363 | |
| 6012-03 - Overtime Wages | 19,397 | 12,000 | 14,000 | |
| 6012-04 - Prosecutor | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 | |
| 6012-05 - Payroll Taxes | 4,238 | 4,770 | 4,962 | |
| 6012-06 - Workers' Comp. | 4,185 | 4,975 | 4,463 | |
| 6012-07 - Retirement | 16,377 | 14,800 | 18,983 | |
| 6012-08 - Detail Expenses | 800 | 1 | 1 | |
| 6012-09 - OHRV Grant Detail | 3,375 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6012-10 - OHRV Fines-Expense | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6012-11 - Conventions & Dues | 425 | 750 | 750 | |
| 6012-12 - Office Expenses | 8,653 | 5,200 | 5,500 | |
| 6012-13 - Uniforms | 4,913 | 2,500 | 2,500 | |
| 6012-14 - Equip. & Maint. | 4,541 | 3,500 | 3,500 | |
| K-9 Maintenance | | | 1,500 | |
| 6012-15 - Training | 2,179 | 3,000 | 3,000 | |
| 6012-16 - Cruiser lease | 9,602 | 10,000 | 9,602 | |
| 6012-17 - Cruiser Maint. | 4,175 | 4,500 | 4,500 | |
| 6012-18 - Cruiser Fuel | 9,117 | 10,000 | 10,000 | |
| 6012-19 - Expense-Offset Donation | 265 | | 0 | |
| Total 6012 - Police Department | 253,148 | 257,703 | 271,998 | 6% |
| 6013 - Ambulance | 8,600 | 9,030 | 9,500 | 5% |
| 6014 - Fire Department | | | | |
| 6014-01 - Fire Chief's Salary | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | |
| 6014-02 - FD Stipend | 7,550 | 7,550 | 7,550 | |
| Part-time Secretary | | | 2,000 | |
| Payroll Tax | | | 153 | |
| 6014-03 - FD Workers' Comp. | 561 | 884 | 797 | |
| 6014-04 - Officers' Expenses | 2,692 | 2,000 | 2,000 | |
| 6014-05 - Hep.B Vac. | 140 | 300 | 300 | |
| 6014-06 - Insurance | 0 | 250 | 250 | |
| 6014-07 - Training | 3,093 | 3,100 | 2,750 | |
| 6014-08 - Expendables | 911 | 900 | 1,000 | |
| 6014-09 - Building Maint. | 4,262 | 4,000 | 4,000 | |
| 6014-10 - Electricity | 2,448 | 2,400 | 2,500 | |
| 6014-11 - Heat | 2,421 | 2,800 | 3,000 | |
| 6014-12 - Telephone | 1,095 | 1,400 | 1,200 | |
| 6014-13 - Radio Repair | 1,599 | 1,800 | 2,000 | |
| 6014-14 - Code Books | 325 | 200 | 200 | |
| 6014-15 - Vehicle Maint. | 5,691 | 5,000 | 5,000 | |
| 6014-16 - Fuel | 1,737 | 1,700 | 2,000 | |
| 6014-17 - Equip. Maint. | 4,851 | 6,500 | 6,500 | |
| 6014-18 - FD Tanker Lease | 27,510 | 27,510 | 27,510 | |
| 6014-19 - EMS Supplies | 1,867 | 1,500 | 2,000 | |
| 6014-20 - EMS Training | 2,384 | 2,800 | 2,000 | |
| 6014-21 - Insurance Settlement | -3,421 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6014-22 - Ins. Settlement Work | 3,421 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total 6014 - Fire Department | 72,735 | 74,194 | 76,310 | 3% |

| February 14, 2008 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 Proposed | % Change |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| | Actual | Budget | Budget | 2007/2008 |
| 6015 · Building Inspection | | | | |
| 6015-01 · Bldg. Insp. Fees | 10,933 | 13,560 | 16,274 | |
| 6015-02 · BI Payroll Taxes | 836 | 1,038 | 1,245 | |
| 6015-03 · BI Mileage | 910 | 1,125 | 1,053 | |
| 6015-04 · BI Expenses | 1,314 | 950 | 1,375 | |
| Total 6015 · Building Inspection | 13,993 | 16,673 | 19,947 | 20% |
| 6016 · Emergency Management | 0 | 100 | 100 | 0% |
| 6017 · Other (incl. Comm.) | | | | |
| 6017-01 · Communications | 16,951 | 19,500 | 19,500 | |
| 6017-02 · Waterhole Maint. | 0 | 500 | 500 | |
| Total 6017 · Other (incl. Comm.) | 16,951 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0% |
| Total Public Safety | 365,427 | 377,700 | 397,855 | 5% |
| Sanitation | | | | |
| 6021-01 · Wilton Recycling | 45,600 | 45,601 | 45,326 | |
| Total Sanitation | 45,600 | 45,601 | 45,326 | -1% |
| Welfare | | | | |
| 6023-01 · Town Poor | 0 | 2,000 | 1,000 | -50% |
| Total Operating Expenses | 1,606,260 | 1,447,106 | 1,525,138 | 5% |
| Total Capital & Operating Expenses | 1,822,264 | 1,663,800 | 2,099,538 | 26% |
| Other Assessments | | | | |
| 6037 · School District Assessment | 1,694,799 | | | |
| 6038 · Hillsborough County | 178,007 | | | |

+5,033
debt
1,530,271

*Not from taxation; from fund balance and/or other funds

TOWN OF MASON
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance
For the year ended December 31, 2007

| REVENUES: | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Highway Block Grant | 61,190 | 63,392 | 64,974 |
| Shared revenue | 12,078 | 12,078 | 6,039 |
| Other state grants | 518 | 549 | 563 |
| Property taxes | 2,868,367 | 2,799,008 | 2,441,929 |
| Yield taxes | 23,407 | 32,921 | 14,074 |
| Land use change taxes | 17,892,314 70,445 | 59,990 | 42,270 |
| Motor vehicle fees | 236,601 | 253,406 | 245,902 |
| Penalties and interest | 30,998 | 12,024 | 23,262 |
| Licenses and permits | 6,709 | 8,418 | 13,666 |
| Fees | 18,756 | 15,208 | |
| Interest income | 10,243 | 13,613 | 5,385 |
| Dog licenses | 3,530 | 2,687 | 2,619 |
| Detail Payments, Fines & Grants | 4,127 | 4,807 | 2,255 |
| Rooms & Meals Tax | 55,377 | 50,585 | 51,946 |
| Police Station Bond | 0 | 300,000 | |
| Loader Bond | 161,000 | | |
| Conservation Commission | 22,904 | 2,155 | 38,785 |
| Forestry Committee | 978 | 5,022 | 0 |
| FEMA Funds | 61,270 | 0 | 10,722 |
| Homeland Security Funds | 0 | 0 | 5,180 |
| Donations (Memorial & Other) | 265 | 515 | 1,719 |
| Other | 6,258 | 25,148 | 6,646 |
| Total revenues | 3,655,021 | 3,661,525 | 2,977,936 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | |
| General government | 463,452 | 626,052 | 279,725 |
| Cemeteries | 13,745 | 14,950 | 9,628 |
| Public safety | 376,729 | 349,872 | 335,229 |
| Highways | 763,583 | 540,458 | 534,520 |
| Sanitation | 45,600 | 45,926 | 37,940 |
| Health & Welfare | 4,095 | 2,500 | 13,476 |
| Education | 1,694,799 | 1,699,995 | 1,557,259 |
| Culture and recreation | 134,577 | 124,497 | 148,036 |
| Debt service | 77,499 | 38,058 | 33,112 |
| County taxes | 178,007 | 168,397 | 157,840 |
| Total expenditures | 3,752,086 | 3,610,704 | 3,106,765 |
| Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures | (97,065) | 50,820 | (128,829) |
| Other financing sources: | | | |
| Interfund transfers | 1,000 | 13,383 | 72,006 |
| Unexpended encumbrances | 53,774 | 10,309 | 589 |
| | 54,774 | 23,691 | 72,595 |
| Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing | (42,292) | 74,511 | (56,234) |
| Fund balance beginning | 562,621 | 488,110 | 544,344 |
| Fund balance ending | 520,330 | 562,621 | 488,110 |

TOWN OF MASON
Combined Balance Sheet
At December 31, 2007

| ASSETS | General Fund | Capital Reserves | Trust Funds | Consv Comm | Forestry Comittee | All Funds |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Cash | \$988,404 | \$71,491 | \$166,636 | \$255,499 | \$71,027 | \$1,553,057 |
| Debit Memo | \$0 | | | | | \$0 |
| Deeded property | \$31,642 | | | | | \$31,642 |
| Unredeemed taxes | \$89,459 | | | | | \$89,459 |
| Uncollected taxes | \$246,984 | | | | | \$246,984 |
| Total assets | \$1,356,489 | \$71,491 | \$166,636 | \$255,499 | \$71,027 | \$1,921,142 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$122 | | | | | \$122 |
| Escrow funds | \$2,507 | | | | | \$2,507 |
| Encumbrances | \$16,530 | | | | | \$16,530 |
| Payroll taxes payab | \$5 | | | | | \$5 |
| Due to schools | \$816,995 | | | | | \$816,995 |
| Total liabilities | \$836,159 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$836,159 |
| Fund balances | \$520,330 | \$71,491 | \$166,636 | \$255,499 | \$71,027 | \$1,084,983 |
| Total liabilities and fund balances | \$1,356,489 | \$71,491 | \$166,636 | \$255,499 | \$71,027 | \$1,921,142 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash on hand, January 1, 2007 | \$1,013,291 |
| Cash receipts: | |
| Town Clerk | \$240,682 |
| Tax Collector | \$2,933,476 |
| Selectmen | \$484,549 |
| Interest income TD Banknorth | \$8,332 |
| Interest income NHPDIP | \$886 |
| Interest income Bank of NH PoolPlus | \$1,025 |
| Tax Anticipation Loans | \$930,000 |
| Total cash available | \$5,612,241 |
| Selectmen's orders paid | \$3,127,652 |
| Payroll disbursements | \$553,708 |
| Tax anticipation loans repaid | \$930,000 |
| Interest on tax anticipation loan | \$12,477 |
| Total monies paid out | \$4,623,837 |
| Cash on hand, December 31, 2007 | \$988,404 |

Debra Morrison
Treasurer

TOWN OF MASON BONDS

| Fire Truck - 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 5.25% | \$525.00 | \$20,525.00 | \$21,050.00 |
| Totals | \$196,213 | | \$55,648.00 | \$251,861.00 | \$251,861.00 |
| Police Station - 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 5.00% | \$1,375.00 | \$31,375.00 | \$32,750.00 |
| 15-Feb-16 | | | \$625.00 | \$625.00 | |
| 15-Aug-16 | 25,000 | 5.00% | \$625.00 | \$25,625.00 | \$26,250.00 |
| Totals | \$292,000 | | \$78,122.22 | \$370,122.22 | \$370,122.22 |

Highway Loader - Principal Muni Bond

| Period | Outstanding Principal | Coupon | Interest | Total Debt Service | Fiscal Debt Service |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1-May-08 | \$161,000 | \$23,000 | 4.00% | \$6,332.67 | \$29,332.67 |
| 1-May-09 | 138,000 | 23,000 | 4.00% | \$5,520.00 | \$28,520.00 |
| 1-May-10 | 115,000 | 23,000 | 4.00% | \$4,600.00 | \$27,600.00 |
| 1-May-11 | 92,000 | 23,000 | 4.00% | \$3,680.00 | \$26,680.00 |
| 1-May-12 | 69,000 | 23,000 | 4.00% | \$2,760.00 | \$25,760.00 |
| 1-May-13 | 45,000 | 23,000 | 4.00% | \$1,840.00 | \$24,840.00 |
| 1-May-14 | 23,000 | 23,000 | 4.00% | \$920.00 | \$23,920.00 |
| Totals | \$161,000 | | | \$25,652.67 | \$186,652.67 |

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Improved & Unimproved Land | \$83,513,200.00 |
| Assessed Value of Current Use Land | \$815,035.00 |
| Conservation Restriction Assessment | \$20,801.00 |
| Buildings (Mobile Homes Included) | \$102,760,000.00 |
| Public Utilities (PSNH) | \$1,720,100.00 |
| Valuations Before Exemptions | <u>\$168,829,136.00</u> |

EXEMPTIONS

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Elderly Exemptions | \$530,000.00 |
| Solar Exemptions | \$7,400.00 |
| | <u>\$537,400.00</u> |

NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE**\$168,291,736.00****NET VALUE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE (LESS UTILITIES)****\$166,571,636.00****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 | 65 | \$32,500 |

2007 TAX RATE

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Town | \$6.10 |
| County | \$1.05 |
| State Education | \$2.27 |
| School | \$7.83 |
| Total Rate | <u>\$17.25</u> |

Town Clerk & Tax Collector 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 2007.

Mason was one of the first towns to sign up to take part in the Federal Records Preservation grant program. Because of this grant we now have all our marriage, birth and death records organized in acid proof boxes and stored in a new fireproof cabinet. There was funding also available to have some of the older records professionally restored.

The mail-in registration program for vehicles and dogs continues to be popular. We would like to remind residents to make sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope when using the mail-in service for vehicles or dogs.

For 2007 we licensed 425 dogs. The rabies clinic was successful and was the only nice weekend in between two rainy weekends. 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. We have submitted the contract to go on-line with the Department of Safety. Our target date is July 2008. In August I successfully completed my Tax Collector certification class and received my certification. We went on-line with Vital Records in September. This will allow us to create certified copies from the public database for marriages, births and deaths that occurred in other towns. We established an email notification service to provide information on voting, dogs and taxes.

Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Dee Mitchell, Deputy

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 2007 | \$69 |
| Cash received: | |
| Dog Licenses | 2,479 |
| Mail In Fees | 1,818 |
| Automobile registrations | 229,906 |
| Title fees | 578 |
| Filing fees | 2 |
| Returned checks | 150 |
| Vital fees | 321 |
| State dog fees | 972 |
| Overpay | 78 |
| Municipal agent fees | 4,378 |
| Total cash received | 240,682 |
| Cash remitted to Treasurer | 240,682 |
| Cash on hand, December 31, 2007 | \$69 |

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Wagoner

Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2007

DEBITS

| UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR* | | 2007 | PRIOR LEVIES | | |
|---|-------|--------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | 2006 | 2005 | 2004+ |
| Property Taxes | #3110 | xxxxxx | \$ 312,501.01 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,377.56 |
| Resident Taxes | #3180 | xxxxxx | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Land Use Change Taxes | #3120 | xxxxxx | \$ 0.00 | \$ 9,100.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Timber Yield Taxes | #3185 | xxxxxx | \$ 3,185.61 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd | #3187 | xxxxxx | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Utility Charges | #3189 | xxxxxx | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Betterment Taxes | | xxxxxx | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| | | xxxxxx | | | |
| | | xxxxxx | | | |

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------|
| Property Taxes | #3110 | \$ 2,868,367.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Resident Taxes | #3180 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Land Use Change Taxes | #3120 | \$ 70,445.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Timber Yield Taxes | #3185 | \$ 23,406.61 | \$ 0.00 |
| Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd | #3187 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Utility Charges | #3189 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Betterment Taxes | | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| | | | |
| | | | |

FOR DRA USE ONLY

OVERPAYMENTS

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Remaining From Prior Year | | \$ 0.00 | | | |
| New This Fiscal Year | | \$ 424.39 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Interest - Late Tax | #3190 | \$ 652.36 | \$ 13,465.78 | \$ 2,252.81 | \$ 242.46 |
| Resident Tax Penalty | #3190 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | | \$ 2,963,295.36 | \$ 329,152.40 | \$ 11,352.81 | \$ 1,620.02 |

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2007

CREDITS

| REMITTED TO TREASURER | 2007 | PRIOR LEVIES | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | 2006 | 2005 | 2004+ |
| Property Taxes | \$ 2,627,940.83 | \$ 206,807.35 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Resident Taxes | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Land Use Change Taxes | \$ 46,995.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 9,100.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Timber Yield Taxes | \$ 23,187.25 | \$ 2,833.23 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Interest & Penalties | \$ 652.36 | \$ 13,465.78 | \$ 2,252.81 | \$ 242.46 |
| Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Utility Charges | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Converted To Liens (Principal only) | \$ 0.00 | \$ 72,660.84 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 688.78 |
| Betterment Taxes | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Discounts Allowed | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Prior Year Overpayments Assigned | \$ 0.00 | | | |

ABATEMENTS MADE

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Property Taxes | \$ 11.81 | \$ 33,385.20 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Resident Taxes | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Land Use Change Taxes | \$ 17,800.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Timber Yield Taxes | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Utility Charges | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Betterment Taxes | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| | | | | |
| CURRENT LEVY DEEDED | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Property Taxes | \$ 240,414.36 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 688.78 |
| Resident Taxes | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Land Use Change Taxes | \$ 5,650.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Timber Yield Taxes | \$ 219.36 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Utility Charges | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Betterment Taxes | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Remaining Overpayments - Prior Yrs. | \$ 0.00 | | | |
| Remaining Overpayments - This Year | \$ 0.00 | | | |
| This Year's Overpayments Returned | \$ 424.39 | | | |
| Prior Years' Overpayments Returned | \$ 0.00 | | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$ 2,963,295.36 | \$ 329,152.40 | \$ 11,352.81 | \$ 1,620.02 |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2007

DEBITS

| UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS | 2007 | PRIOR LEVIES | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | 2006 | 2005 | 2004+ |
| Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY | | \$ 0.00 | \$ 65,197.19 | \$ 39,329.30 |
| Liens Executed During FY | \$ 0.00 | \$ 79,774.46 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY | | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Elderly Liens Executed During FY | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | | |
| Interest & Costs Collected | \$ 0.00 | \$ 510.99 | \$ 4,817.93 | \$ 9,308.97 |
| TOTAL LIEN DEBITS | \$ 0.00 | \$ 80,285.45 | \$ 70,015.12 | \$ 48,638.27 |

CREDITS

| REMITTED TO TREASURER | 2007 | PRIOR LEVIES | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | 2006 | 2005 | 2004+ |
| Redemptions | \$ 0.00 | \$ 15,129.68 | \$ 17,451.20 | \$ 13,250.23 |
| Interest & Costs Collected #3190 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 510.99 | \$ 4,817.93 | \$ 9,308.97 |
| Abatements of Unredeemed Liens | \$ 0.00 | \$ 931.24 | \$ 26,613.11 | \$ 21,466.90 |
| Liens Deeded to Municipality | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Unredeemed Liens End of FY #1110 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 63,713.54 | \$ 21,132.88 | \$ 4,612.17 |
| Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| TOTAL LIEN CREDITS | \$ 0.00 | \$ 80,285.45 | \$ 70,015.12 | \$ 48,638.27 |

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? _____

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Susan J. Wagoner

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

| | PRINCIPAL | | INTEREST | | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Beginning Balance | Fnds Created (Expended) | Beginning Balance | Interest Earned (Disburseals) | Fund Balance |
| TRUST FUNDS | | | | | |
| Boynton School | \$11,063.07 | | \$14,314.78 | \$1,229.30 | \$15,544.08 |
| Stearns School | \$10,469.36 | | \$15,901.52 | \$974.34 | \$14,375.86 |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care | \$24,778.67 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,576.53 | (\$2,500.00) | \$1,826.36 |
| Cemetery Land Improvement | \$3,809.87 | \$550.00 | \$2,691.09 | \$301.59 | \$2,992.68 |
| Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson | \$25,000.00 | | \$23,798.27 | \$2,227.29 | \$26,025.56 |
| Whitaker-Locke Library | \$10,808.07 | | \$302.42 | (\$526.04) | \$678.46 |
| Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildre | \$9,966.62 | | \$6,819.39 | \$494.08 | \$7,313.47 |
| Steinberg/Budrewicz Recreation | \$223.00 | | \$100.68 | | \$100.68 |
| Recreation-Playground | | | | | |
| TOTAL TRUST FUNDS | \$96,118.66 | \$1,650.00 | \$65,504.68 | (\$3,650.00) | \$68,867.21 |
| CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS | | | | | |
| Highway Capital Equipment | | | \$633.38 | \$24.70 | \$658.08 |
| Fire Equipment | | | \$2,973.41 | \$150.82 | \$3,124.23 |
| Library Building | \$37,000.00 | | \$15,116.28 | \$2,363.30 | \$54,479.58 |
| Highway Construction | \$5,569.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$1,398.86 | \$260.93 | \$11,659.79 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUN | \$42,569.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$20,121.93 | \$2,799.75 | \$22,921.68 |
| TOTAL ALL FUNDS | \$138,687.66 | \$7,650.00 | \$85,626.61 | \$9,812.28 | \$91,788.89 |

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 Wagoner 999
George Schwent
Stuart Sherman

MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The winter of 2006-2007 was marked by 25 storms that required the Highway Department to plow and/or treat the roads. Although it seemed like a mild winter, there was still plenty to do. On April 15, a small snow accumulation turned into a heavy rainstorm that ended up giving us approximately 5.5 inches of rain. The resulting flood washed out or damaged almost every road in town. Some of the damage was minor, while most was moderate to severe. Several town roads were impassable and remained closed for up to 4 months. The worst washouts were on Batchelder Road, Jackson Road, Pratt Pond Road, Cascade Road, Jeds Lane, and Old Ashby Road. Also damaged and partially repaired by the Highway Department, was the Mason Railroad Trail.

The Highway Department started working as soon as the water stopped running to get at least one route in to every house as soon as possible. With the help of some local contractors' trucks and equipment, this was accomplished within one week. The only road that remained closed was Jackson Road. There was a large stone culvert that had become blocked and washed out the road. The permanent repairs started with an inspection of the damage with state officials. The state gathered info to ask that the damaged areas be declared a federal disaster area, which it was. As with any involvement from the federal government, there was a copious amount of paperwork. In the end, FEMA came through with \$61,270 for road repairs, which was 75% of what they thought the damage was. With the addition of some town money, the repairs were completed, with the exception of the repairs to the Fire Station driveway and water hole. The major holdup on this project and the replacement on the Jackson Road culvert was applying for and waiting for the appropriate wetland permits from the Department of Environmental Services. With the help of Liz Fletcher and the Conservation Commission, we finally received the permits to go ahead with the Jackson Road culvert. The permit for the Fire Station arrived after the fall rains had begun, and the once dry pond had been refilled.

Along with the flood repair, we continued our regular road maintenance of the paved roads. This included patching and re-paving a portion of Wilton Road. As the dirt roads were put back into place, they were graded and raked back into shape. Many of the 300 plus culverts and water passes were dug out from the flood and as part of our regular maintenance program.

As fall approached and we were able to see how we were doing financially, the paved roads that were damaged were repaired with hot mix pavement. We were also able to mow most of the roadside brush, which continues to grow prolifically.

The list of people to thank for assisting with the flood is large so please bear with me. First I must thank the Mason Highway Department crew for their hard work. Thank you to the Mason Selectmen for their support and help.

A huge thanks to the Administrative Assistant, Barbara Milkovits for her help with everything from paperwork to manning the phones.

Thanks also to:

Mason Police Department

Mason Fire Department

Mason Building Inspector, Ken Wilson

Thanks to the following contractors for dropping everything and coming to help us with road repairs: Bernie O'Grady, Nathan Archambault, Stanley Brown, Jerry Farwell

And finally a big Thank-You to all the Mason residents who helped us in so many ways with their patience and understanding during this process!

Hopefully in 2008 we can get back on track for our regular summer maintenance programs. We hope to re-pave a section of Brookline Road, from Depot Road towards Brookline. This will

include cutting some tree limbs and brush to open up site distance as well as getting it out of the way for the trucks and equipment, and ditching and culvert cleaning to aid with drainage. We also plan to have a crusher come in to make some crushed gravel for our dirt roads.

One final note, Please remember if you must plow the snow from your driveway across the road, clean up after yourself for the safety of the motorists driving by.

We are asking for some money to try and replace some of our aging fleet of trucks that are rusting out from under us. One truck that needs to be replaced is the 1972 Ford that we got from the Fire Department. It has served the town well over its life as a fire truck, then a dump truck, and finally as a sander.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely submitted,

Road Agent David P. Cook

Mason Highway Department Roster

Full Time

| | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| David P. Cook | Road Agent |
| David Morrison | Asst. Road agent |
| Charles Buttrick | Mechanic/Equipment Operator |
| Fred Greenwood | Equipment Operator |

Part Time

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Wally Brown | Cemeteries/Town Commons/Town Buildings |
| Bill Downs | Equipment operator/driver |

Seasonal/fill in

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Curt Dunn | Equipment operator |
| Roland Theriault | Driver |
| Chris Greenwood | Equipment Operator/Driver |
| Dennis Eastman | Equipment Operator/Driver |
| Ken English | Driver/Labor |

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2007 was the first full year that the Police Department spent in the new station. The space has taken some getting used to but it was well needed and appreciated. The two main issues with our previous station were the lack of acceptable evidence storage and custodial issues. We now have evidence storage procedures that are accepted in criminal proceedings. We are also now able to ensure that all juveniles are kept in complete separation from adults that are in custody, which is a requirement of all departments in the state. We had five burglaries reported in 2007, with three of them being linked to two subjects that were arrested in the State of Massachusetts for burglary. These individuals will be prosecuted in New Hampshire as soon as Massachusetts has completed their process.

I would like to welcome our new Administrative Assistant Rose Lyons to the Department along with Officers Eric Godfrey and Aaron Thompson. Rose is a great asset to the Department as she has spent several years working with law enforcement administration and also as a dispatch center supervisor for the State of New Hampshire. These responsibilities were previously handled by the Town Administrative Assistant Barbara Milkovits while the Department was located within the Mann House. Barbara's assistance was greatly appreciated. Officer Godfrey came to the Department with a great deal of experience. The majority of Officer Godfrey's experience came

from the United States Army. Officer Godfrey was deployed to Iraq in September of 2007 and is expected to remain deployed for approximately one year. Officer Thompson has been in law enforcement for about 19 years and is doing a great job getting to know the Town of Mason.

K9 Hunter has continued to be an asset within the Department. He was responsible for the seizing of over a pound of marijuana in one incident along with several other cocaine and heroin seizures. Each incident that K9 Hunter alerted on drugs resulted in a person in possession of a controlled drug being taken off of the roads in the Town of Mason. This means a safer environment for all of us. Four individuals fled on foot from officers in 2007 with three of them being located by the Department K9. One subject began to run but when the K9 was heard the person turned back and gave up without incident. Another subject was believed to be suicidal and in possession of a 30-30 rifle. Multiple shots were fired by the subject into the woods but the Department was able to take him into custody safely with the assistance of K9 Hunter as he tracked the person and alerted on his location before the man was seen by officers. The K9 team has certified twice in 2007 with the United States Police Canine Association. This shows that the team is maintained at an acceptable level of competence that results in a reduced amount of liability for the Town. In the past, an officer had to wait close to an hour at times when a K9 was needed and that was, if one was available. Now a K9 can be on scene in about ten minutes in most cases, as the team lives in Mason. When a child is lost, ten minutes versus an hour is a lifetime. We thankfully had no children lost in 2007 but it is comforting to know that the resources of a K9 are immediately accessible if needed. I would like to say thanks to Boy Scout Troop #264 who have graciously lost themselves multiple times for the benefit of the K9 team's training in tracking. I am proud to say that we have never left a boy scout lost in the woods. I am asking for your support of the K9 program as I firmly believe that the K9 not only provides an invaluable service to the Town of Mason but also provides an immediate back up to the handler. The K9 works night shifts which are historically when officers meet with resistance. I am requesting two changes to the Department budget that are relative to the K9 program. In order to make the program clear we have created a line item that will cover expenses such as food, veterinarian treatment and equipment for the K9. I am also asking that you support the creation of an expendable trust fund that will enable the Department to accept donations as well as allocated funds from the town when approved. This fund will hopefully be the means of continuing this program into the future. I have had several people offer donations to the program but have had no place for the funds to be deposited and held indefinitely until needed. The K9 fund will provide the ability to save these funds.

Our jobs are virtually impossible to do without your assistance. I am thankful that the residents of Mason have always been cooperative with an understanding of law enforcement. This cooperation is what I believe makes Mason the safe community that it is.

Respectfully submitted,
Police Chief Barry G. Hutchins

Police K9 Hunter and Second Grade Class

Mason Elementary School

Photo by Principal Richard O'Donnell



MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

2007 was another busy year for the Mason Fire-Ems Department. We were called for three significant incidents during the past year.

The first was a flood on April 15, 2007. The Department moved all equipment to the town hall parking lot to escape the rising water. There was one incident the Department responded to, to pick up a person stranded by the high water. As the water receded later in the day, the equipment was moved back to the station. There was some damage to the parking lot and the water hole at the station that needs to be addressed.

On August 5, we were called to Greenville Road for a fire in an indoor riding arena. With the help of mutual aid tankers, we were able to save two thirds of the building, as well as 7 horses that were in their stalls.

Then on August 27, we were called to Brookline Road for a piece of logging equipment that was on fire. This turned out to be approx. ½ mile into the woods. We were able to stop the brush fire with our manpower and our brush truck. This situation was monitored overnight by two special deputy wardens, and the following day we went back in with two all wheel drive forestry vehicles, one from Hollis, and one from Greenville to finish mopping up the fire.

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

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief David P. Cook

Fire calls for 2007

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|
| Automobile Crashes | 21 | Alarm Activation | 3 |
| Brush Fires | 3 | Chimney Fires | 3 |
| Mutual Aid Received | 12 | Mutual Aid Given | 14 |
| CO Detector | 1 | Illegal Burn | 3 |
| Smoke Investigation | 2 | Structure Fire | 2 |
| Clothes Dryer | 1 | Transformer Fire | 1 |
| Boiler Explosion | 1 | Flood Standby | 1 |
| LP Gas leak | 1 | Poss. Plane Crash | 1 |
| Total calls | 58 | Total man-hours | 1346.5 |
| Total Training Hours | | 1041 | |

Mason First Responders

This year the Department welcomed some new members as First Responders. This year the state is requiring that all EMS personal become EMTs. One of our personnel has already taken the EMT class. The other four who are at the "First Responder" level will be taking the class in the fall of 2008 to comply. The costs of training and supplies continue to climb. Members attended outside training seminars including water rescue, wilderness rescue, pediatric emergencies, stroke emergencies, and street drugs.

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. 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.

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|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| Motor vehicle Crashes | 20 | Falls | 8 |
| Diabetic Emergencies | 1 | Cardiac | 2 |
| Nose Bleed | 1 | Fainting | 3 |
| CO Exposure | 1 | Stroke | 1 |
| Home illness | 5 | Lift assist | 3 |
| Difficulty breathing | 7 | Cardiac arrest | 1 |
| Drug overdose | 1 | Dr. ordered transport | 2 |
| Fire standby | 4 | Seizure | 1 |
| Assault | 1 | Nail gun accident | 1 |
| Insect bite | 1 | | |
| Total calls | 64 | | |
| Assault | 1 | | |
| Total calls | 70 | | |

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief David P. Cook

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Mason Planning Board conducted the following hearings this year:
Subdivisions

| Hearing | Applicant | Location | Number Lots | Proposed | Approved/Denied |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 07-01 | Howard M. Turner | Brookline Rd. | 10 | Denied | |
| 07-03 | Peterman Realty Trust II | Townsend Rd. | 2 | w/draw w/o prejudice | |
| 06-12 (06-09) | David and Teri Parker | Brookline Rd. | 4 | Approved | |
| 07-05 | Chandler and Maillet | Campbell Mill Rd. | 3 | Approved | |
| 07-07 | Lipin and Ellis | Scripps Ln. | 9 | Approved | |
| 07-09 | Peterman Realty Trust | Brookline Rd. | 2 | Approved | |
| 07-08 | Howard M. Turner | Brookline Rd. | 9 | Approved | |
| 07-10 | Grant | Starch Mill and Abbot Hill Rds. | 2 | Approved | |
| Net New Lots | | | 23 | | |

Lot Line Adjustments

| Hearing | Applicant | Approved/Denied |
|---------|--|-----------------|
| 07-02 | Fred and Anita Andersen – Scripps Lane | Approved |
| 07-02.5 | Bronson Potter Estate | Approved |
| 07-06 | Peter and Sharon Swart | Approved |
| 07-07 | Lipin and Ellis | Approved |
| 07-09 | Peterman Realty Trust | Approved |
| 07-14 | Cynthia Hajjar | Approved |

Site Plan Reviews

There were no site plan reviews conducted in 2007.

It has been another busy year for the Mason Planning board. In addition to the above activities, reflecting yet another yearly increase in the number of new lots, we completed and publicly reviewed the master plan on October 17th, 2007. This was a monumental effort led by Dotsie Millbrandt in conjunction with the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, spanning several years and involving multiple town boards and committees. Now that we have completed the master plan, we plan to raise and address some of the identified issues and concerns, including a plan to ensure reasonable 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,
Chairman
Mark McDonald

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Income from land use change tax..... | \$56,095 |
| Income from donations, etc..... | \$1,016 |
| 2007 Budget..... | \$2,000 |
| Expenses..... | \$24,904 |
| Interest..... | \$11,015 |
| Funds on hand Conservation General Fund 12/31/07..... | \$7,775 |
| Railroad Trail Maintenance Fund 12/31/07..... | \$152 |
| Land Protection Fund 12/31/07..... | \$236,203 |
| Stewardship Fund 12/31/07..... | \$11,369 |
| Total All Funds..... | \$255,499 |

Another year of change and constancy- In the realm of "old business," the Bronson Potter bequest continued to occupy much of the Commission's time. We reached an important

milestone this year as the will cleared probate, giving the town title to the land. With that hurdle behind us, we proceeded with plans to clean up the Potter homestead (removing nearly three tons of junk) and held a yard sale for usable items raising enough money to pay for a headstone for Mr. Potter's grave site.

The probate milestone also cleared the way for selling the Whitaker House. The house has been widely advertised and generated much interest but only one serious offer so far. The revelation of a supposed buried oil tank in the front yard adds more work for the Commission, but we're optimistic about selling the property, and still intend to use the money to purchase a large parcel in the northeast corner of town.

This year sadly marked the passing of Florence Roberts, a long-time Mason resident and Commission member for 31 years. Typical of her nature, Florence bequeathed to the town a thirty-eight-acre parcel near town center. The property, to be known as the Florence Roberts Memorial Forest, will be managed as conservation land open to all. A parking area and hiking trails are planned.

The Town also agreed to accept a land gift this year from Mr. Esau Stanley. The property, approximately five acres off of Campbell Mill Rd., represents fine wetlands habitat and it's good to know the area will be preserved.

The Mason Railroad Trail required more attention than usual this year. Heavy spring rains created deep sink holes and destroyed the bridge at Black Brook. We're working with the town engineer and a few volunteer organizations to replace the bridge with a more-substantial structure.

Finally, in miscellaneous news, the revised Wetlands Ordinance mentioned in last year's report continues to be tweaked and should be completed soon. We have similar hopes for the Fifield easement which has undergone several small adjustments.

Respectfully submitted,
Conservation Commission

MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

The Forestry Committee has been engaged in identifying town property, which can be improved, by selective cutting or thinning. The goal of both these activities is to maximize the quality and growth of a selected stand of timber, at the same time considering recreational value and wildlife habitat. By selling marketable timber from selective cutting projects the Committee has been able to defray the cost of tree removal and railroad bed maintenance from other town agencies. This year the Committee's warrant article authorizes money to be spent from this fund in several different areas. The Committee would like to increase railroad bed maintenance funding in view of the spring bridge wash-out. Delineate future cutting projects by tape and compass surveying. Also, embark on a joint project with the Conservation Committee to enhance blue bird habitat around Greenville Road and to possibly start a forestry education program. Mason has a wide variety of open, forested and wetland areas. Make a point of experiencing these town assets, many of which have been donated by residents who valued them and wanted them to be appreciated by others.

Respectfully submitted,
Mason Forestry Committee

HOME HEALTHCARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason
January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007
Annual Report

In 2007, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. Services included 47 nursing visits, 8 physical therapy visits, 7 speech pathology visits, and 19 occupational therapy visits. The cost of service provided with all sources of funding was \$13,584.00. 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.



**Mason Public
Library**
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Mason, NH 03048
Tel: 878-3867
Fax 878-6146
masonlib@verizon.net

Hours:
Tues. & Wed. 9A-4P, 6-8P
Thursday 9A-4P
Saturday 1-4P

Annual Report

In 2007, the library embarked upon a journey to get our collection ready for automation. With the assistance of dedicated staff and volunteers, we have discarded over 400 worn or outdated books, audios, and videos. Conversely, we replaced them with over 800 new items. This "weeding" of the collection and subsequent review and upload of our entire collection on to the State Library NHAIS System was a vital first step to becoming "automated." We are in the process of adding bar codes to all items and their corresponding cards. We are eager to continue this process and look forward to the day when our collection will be fully automated.

Of significance, there are 938 registered patrons that have borrowed 8,825 items during 2007. Patrons took full advantage of book borrowing through the statewide Interlibrary Loan Program with 480 items borrowed and 224 items lent to other libraries. Our membership in the Hillstown Coop has given patrons access to a rotating supply of classic and new movies and audio books that our library would not otherwise be able to provide. Of note, many residents have taken advantage of the reliable high-speed Internet access. We continue to allow patrons to fax and make copies for a minimal charge.

This year we offered many of the familiar programs such as Noon Book Club, Storytimes, Summer Reading, and Holiday Greening. New this year was a Fairy House Program and an Electricity Show. Both had over 30 participants. The children at our neighboring Elementary School look forward to their weekly visits and have voted for Ladybug Picture Book of the Year and entered various raffles for books and small prizes. In an effort to increase our exposure in the community, the library made regular visits to Imagine That and has done programs in conjunction with Brownie Troop 2237. The Twig's Tweens are a vibrant group of Middle School "tweens" that met regularly. This year, they assembled a collection of poetry from students in grades 2 – 5. They also assisted with many library programs such as Storytimes, Fairy House Building, and the Greening. We are eager to add new programs as the need or interest occurs.

This year, the library was able to procure a huge number of new titles to our book collection, mostly due to a Clif Grant that we were able to obtain. This rural library grant made it possible for us to get over \$2,000 worth of books if we could match with at least \$300 in donations. The community responded overwhelmingly. Due to donation from the Chapman family in honor of their mother and former library volunteer, Betty Chapman, we purchased a new collection of Solar System reference books and several children's books. We appreciate all the donations of time, money, books and supplies. We especially appreciate your support of our library simply by checking out materials and attending our programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Trustees Elena Kolbenson, Lynn McCann, Robin Smith

**Mason Public Library
Financial Report for 2007**

| Receipts | Town Budget | Checking Acct |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Town Appropriations | \$41,989.00 | |
| Donations | | \$ 831.00 |
| Fundraising (book and bake sale) | | 295.00 |
| Whitacker-Locke Trust Fund Interest | | 150.00 |
| Fees and Fines | | 210.57 |
| Checking Account Interest | | 9.10 |
| TOTAL | \$41,989.00 | \$1,495.67 |

| Expenditures | | |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries | \$31,305.96 | |
| Payroll Tax | 2,394.77 | |
| Worker's Comp. | 122.00 | |
| Continuing Educ. | 140.00 | |
| Travel | 255.76 | |
| Telephone | 788.07 | |
| Technology | 625.36 | |
| Postage | 54.60 | |
| Supplies | 500.97 | \$121.35 |
| Dues & Fees | 460.00 | 20.00 |
| Programming | 234.82 | 140.00 |
| Books | 3,114.92 | 1,401.21 |
| TOTAL | \$ 39,997.23 | \$1,682.56 |

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Return to Town General Fund - appropriations not used | \$1,991.77 |
|--|-------------------|

Checking Account - Ocean Bank

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance - January 1, 2007 | | \$9,118.75 |
| Ending Balance - December 31, 2007 | | 8,932.76 |
| | | \$(186.89) |

Other Accounts held by the library

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Shield & Sons Mutual Fund - balance December 31, 2007 | \$ 8,725.95 |
| Ocean Bank CD in memory of Pam Steinberg (12/13/07) | \$1,151.47 |
| Ocean Bank CD donated by former "Friends" Of MPL | \$563.81 |

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been forty-three (43) Building Permits issued during 2007. They were issued for the following (and the total valuation is also listed):

| | | |
|----|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 17 | Permanent Dwellings | \$1,827,417 |
| 2 | Additions to Home | 67,100 |
| 10 | Decks/Porches Additions to Home | 51,001 |
| 1 | Garage | 10,108 |
| 1 | Garage Addition | 38,407 |
| 1 | Garage Replacement | 4,212 |
| 1 | Shed | 2,948 |
| 3 | Barns | 81,291 |
| 4 | Electrical Service | 12,000 |
| 1 | Stove Installation | 3,000 |
| 2 | Septic Repair | 6,000 |
| | TOTAL | \$2,103,484 |

Of the seventeen permanent dwellings, five were renewal permits. Of the two additions to homes, one was a renewal permit. There have been 10 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.

Permanent boundary markers have to be checked on lots without an existing dwelling, before a Building Permit can be issued. Every iron pin, drilled hole and granite bound that is shown on a plat must be checked. This was approved at the March 2004 Town Meeting.

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,

Building Inspector

Kenneth B. Wilson

REPORT OF BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

Last spring we spent most of our time spreading loam and seeding behind the Mann House and Police Station. In July the parking lot was paved and the final landscaping around the parking lot was done. With this parking area paved, snow removal has been much easier and there is a lot less sand getting into our Town buildings.

In August we started some painting on the Mann House and the Town Hall. We also had to replace eight feet of sill beam near the side door of the Town Hall and some siding was replaced.

Within the next five years the roofs on both the Mann House and the Town Hall will have to be replaced as they are almost 30 years old.

Respectfully submitted,
Buildings and Grounds Manager
Wallace A. Brown

REPORT OF THE MASON BUILDING COMMITTEE

With the completion of the landscaping and paving of the parking lot, the Police Station project is now officially completed.

We have had some discussions with the Library Trustees about ideas on expanding the Library and we plan to do more in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Building Committee Chairman
Wallace A. Brown

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

With all of the snow that we had in late March and early April, spring clean-up in the cemeteries got off to a late start. By early May we were still cleaning up and then mowing started. By late July the drought started and this gave us time to cut brush and branches from the trees in the cemeteries. In November we did get all of the leaves picked up before the first snow.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Trustees
Wallace Brown
Robert Larochelle
Jeannine Phalon

DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON

for the year ending December 31, 2007

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Place of Death or Burial</u> |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| April 6 | Betty Chapman | Merrimack, NH |
| April 20 | Linda Creighton | Mason, NH |
| April | Theodore Stewart | Tennessee |
| June 6 | Sunshine Horton | Manchester, NH |
| June 17 | Alden Greenwood | Mason, NH |
| July 15 | Robert Pepin | Milford, NH |
| Aug. 22 | Mark Place | Nashua, NH |
| Sept. 13 | Donald Richards | Mason, NH |
| Oct. 12 | Florence Roberts | Mason, NH |
| Nov. 11 | Phillip Robinson | Mason, NH |
| Nov. 20 | Adele Tutter | Mason, NH |
| Dec. 25 | James Connolly | Mason, NH |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON

for the year ending December 31, 2007

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Residence</u> |
|-------------|---|------------------------------|
| April 21 | Benjamin P. Rumore Cathy A. McCalvey | Mason, NH Mason, NH |
| April 25 | John R. McGrath Deborah E. Horan | Mason, NH Mason, NH |
| June 9 | Mark P. Lamminen Beth A. Larrabee | Mason, NH Mason, NH |
| June 10 | Charles E. Gow Brooke M Ledoux | New Ipswich, NH Mason, NH |
| July 27 | Timothy W. Melanson Patricia A. Misitano | Mason, NH Mason, NH |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Residence</u> |
|-------------|--|------------------------|
| Aug. 4 | Shane J. Robinson Christina S. Adkins | Mason, NH Mason, NH |
| Aug. 11 | George W. Rendle Patricia N. Rendle | Mason, NH Mason, NH |
| Sept. 2 | Jason S. Bundas Diane C. Hall | Mason, NH Mason, NH |

BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2007

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Parents</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Jan. 5 | Abigail Jean Alton | Nashua, NH | Paul Alton Michelle Alton |
| May 22 | Jason Michael Schlupf | Lebanon, NH | Michael Schlupf Christine Schlupf |
| May 25 | Atticus Giorgio Barrett | Nashua, NH | David Barrett Michela Barrett |
| June 4 | Logan Thomas Lane | Nashua, NH | Edward Lane Amber Lane |
| June 21 | Maddy Jaylynn Parker | Peterborough, NH | Harley Parker Abbey McCreery |
| June 22 | Ainsley Carlene Harrington | Nashua, NH | Benjamin Harrington Monica Harrington |
| July 19 | David James Babin | Nashua, NH | David Babin Marci Babin |
| Sept. 22 | James Ledoux Gow | Nashua, NH | Charles Gow Brooke Gow |
| Nov. 19 | Andrew Gerard Healey | Nashua, NH | Jamie Healey Kim Gilraine |



TOWN of MASON ELECTION MARCH 13, 2007

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, called the town election to order. The polls were declared open at 8:00 AM. Checklist total was 927. The polls were closed at 7:10 PM after 220 had voted. The Moderator administered the oath to the following ballot counters:
George Schwenk, Douglas Whitbeck, Mary McDonald

The results of the Town Election on Article 1 were as follows:

Selectmen for 3 years: Mark Richardson 168
Victor Tweedy 39
There were 3 write-in votes

Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Wally Brown 41 write-ins
Dave Morrison 3 write-ins
There were 6 additional write-in votes

Library Trustee for 3 years: Robin Smith 201
Library Trustee for 1 year: Elena Kolbenson 194

Trustee of Trust Funds 3 years: George Schwenk 193
Barbara Milkovits 1 write-in
There were 5 write-in votes

The results of the election on Article 2 the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance question
Yes 179 No 31

School Board Results: C. Christopher Guiry 169
Article 2 – Budget: Yes 1014 No 664
Article 3 – Collective Bargaining Agreement: Yes 995 No 594
Article 4 – Call Sp Meeting if #3 fails: Yes 1009 No 554
Article 5 – Put \$75000 in Cap Reserve Fund: Yes 1004 No 560
Article 6 – Withdrawal from SAU: Yes 1050 No 524
Article 7 – Accept Reports: Yes 1308 No 246

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

MASON TOWN MEETING MARCH 14, 2007

At 7:30 PM Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, 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.

We have implemented the new HAVA voting booth provided by the State and also the new election database management system, ElectioNet.

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.

We thank Steve Tamulonis for donating the sound equipment to the town.

Wally Brown was presented a plaque in appreciation of his 20 years of service on the Recreation Committee. He was also recognized for his 27 years of service on the Fire Department.

There were 96 voters and 2 non voters from Peterborough present. There were 2 members of the press present.

There was no objection to Senator Gottesmann's speaking to the assemblage prior to the meeting.

The Moderator announced the results of the Town elections and the school district. She declared the winning candidates elected to their respective office.

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The following errors or omissions were in the town report:

Page 11, Article 17 should be deleted. It was voted on at the February special town meeting.

Page 29, the second line in the Fire Department report should read 27 years of service by Wally Brown.

The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:40 PM.

The colors were presented by Robert Guiry, Chris Elliot, Dan McGuire, Nat O'Brien and Shawn O'Grady of Boy Scout Troop 264 and Katie Lannin and Samantha Guiry of Girl Scout Troop 101. Corinne Babel, the Honor Society President and founder of the Mascenic School Culture Club, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Business from 2006 Town Meeting kindergarten article: Linda Lannin presented a projected budget to include a teacher, assistant teacher, supplies and space. She noted we could start the kindergarten as a municipality or as part of the school district which would avail us of state funds. The major issue is location and space.

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

Article 3: Mark Richardson moved and it was seconded that the Town 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.

After discussion the polls opened at 7:51pm. The polls closed at 8:51pm. The moderator announced the results on Article 3. Total ballots cast were 90. Necessary to pass was 60. The article passed with 65 Yes and 25 No.

Article 4: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded 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 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.

The Conservation Committee made a motion to postpone this article indefinitely because they were unable to get funding. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 5: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town 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.)**

A motion was made to strike out the sentence stating "The remaining portion of this appropriation to be raised by taxation will be no more than One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)." This amendment was defeated.

Leland Craig questioned the bold type statement about #4 failing, since #4 was withdrawn. It was noted that this statement was advisory information only and that Garth Fletcher had take to town council who concurred with the Moderator's opinion to postpone indefinitely.

After discussion the polls opened at 8:30pm. The polls closed at 9:33pm. The moderator announced the results on Article 3. Total ballots cast were 90. Necessary to pass was 60. The article passed with 75 Yes and 17 No.

Article 6: Mark Richardson moved and it was seconded that the Town 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.

Dave Cook recognized Robin Berry's retirement after 19 years of service with the Highway Department.

Dave Cook made an amendment to change the Paved Road Restoration line item from \$55,000 to \$80,000. The amendment carried.

The article as amended making the new operating budget one million four hundred forty seven thousand one hundred six dollars (\$1,447,106) carried unanimously.

Article 7: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town 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.

Dave Cook made a motion to postpone this article indefinitely. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 8: On motion of Dr Christopher Guiry it was VOTED 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.

Article 9: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town 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.

Article 10: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously that the Town 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 Victoria police cruiser.

Article 11: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED that the Town 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.

Article 12: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town 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.

Article 13: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED that the Town 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.

Article 14: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED that the town 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.)

Article 15: On motion of Mark Richardson it was DEFEATED that the Town 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.)

Article 16: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously that the Town 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.

Article 17: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the Town 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.

Article 18: On motion of Mark Richardson it was DEFEATED that the Town 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:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. 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.

Article 19: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously that the Town 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.

Article 20: On motion of Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the town authorize the Selectmen and Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED that the Town authorize the Selectmen and the Police Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

On motion of Michael Bromberg and seconded by many voices, the meeting was adjourned sine dai at 10:25 PM

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

TOWN of MASON Special Town Meeting Feb 7, 2007

At 7:00 PM the Moderator reviewed the meeting procedures, indicated the fire and emergency exits, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table.

The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:08 PM. The colors were presented by Robert Guiry, Chris Elliot, Dan McGuire, Nat O'Brien and Shawn O'Grady of Boy Scout Troop 264

Appreciation was noted for Wally Brown's setting up the facility.

There were 173 voters present. Non voters present were: 3 from the media, 2 non voters, 1 State Senator and the boy scouts.

Wolfgang Millbrandt detailed the financial considerations regarding the article which was the reason for the special town meeting.

The town voted almost unanimously in favor of the withdrawal of the Town from the Mascenic Regional District in accordance with RSA 195:25. The authority granted to the Board of Selectmen, per RSA 41:8, to act on behalf of the Town shall remain in force and effect until such time as the earlier of a vote of subsequent annual town meeting rescinding the authority or the successful completion of withdrawal from the Mascenic Regional School District as voted at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Mascenic Regional School District under the provisions of RSA 195:29.

The meeting was adjourned sine dai at 7:38 PM

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

TOWN of MASON Special Town Meeting Dec 5, 2007

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:30 PM. The Moderator reviewed the meeting procedures, indicated the fire and emergency exits, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table.

Appreciation was noted for Wally Brown's setting up the facility, the Supervisors of the checklist

for all their hard work and Barbara Milkovits, the Selectmen's Assistant for her efforts.

Dr. Chris Guiry acknowledged Devan Fletcher for his efforts in cleaning up the area around Pratt Pond.

We pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

There were 22 voters present.

Dr. Chris Guiry moved and it was seconded that the town vote to sell the residential structure and parcel of land, described as Map G Lot 82, 5.944 acres and buildings at 317 Old Ashby Road, Mason, New Hampshire, as authorized and subject to restrictions in the Order dated October 16, 2007 of the Hillsborough County Probate Court.

Wolfgang Millbrandt proposed an amendment to read "for no less that \$300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars)". The amendment was seconded by Michael Farrey. During the discussion another issue with the property was brought to light by the Conservation Committee – an underground oil tank next to the well.

After discussion the amendment was defeated. The discussion then went back to the original proposal. After further discussion a vote was taken and the proposal passed.

The meeting was adjourned sine dai at 7:55 PM.

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

1807 History Highlights

There were three marriages performed by Rev. William Eliot.

There were eleven marriages performed by Rev. Ebenezer Hill

Births – from December 31, 1806 to December 31, 1807 – 25

Deaths – There are two sets of figures in the old History of Mason: page 130 states 17 Page 255 states 15 (2 over 70)

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| Moderator | Timothy Dakin |
| Town Clerk | Joses Bucknam |
| Selectmen | Joses Bucknam Samuel Smith Jr. Deacon R.W. Weson |
| Treasurer: | Selectmen |
| Representative: | Deacon R.W. Weson |

Church Statistics: Reverend Ebenezer Hill received an extra \$100 added to his salary. Two people joined the church by profession. There were 106 members. The church embraced members from New Ipswich, Temple, Wilton, Milford, Lyndeboro, Brookline, Hollis, Dunstable and Townsend, Massachusetts.

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