

ANNUAL REPORT

**OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF**

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

2008

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

If there were one word that might start a conversation this year it would be **Weather**. 2008 started with a continuing freeze and thaw cycle that would not end until March. The demand for salt to treat the roads put this commodity in high demand and exhausted the town's supply twice. Spring finally took hold and with it came one of the wettest summers on record. Hay became a scarce commodity because of the lack of dry weather. Despite the frequent precipitation the bridge washout on the railroad trail was repaired. This was a direct result of grant money applied for by the Conservation Commission from the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails. Volunteer work by the Commission members defrayed much of the cost of the town's portion of the repair bill. The Commission was finally successful in selling the Whittaker House, thus allowing the purchase of 283 acres of land in the northeast corner of town. The proximity to the Milford conservation land as well as the Fifield easement will provide a unique green corridor for wildlife and recreation. An Eagle Scout Project headed up by Tom McGuire and Troop 264 will allow for the easy crossing of Spaulding Brook for equestrians and hikers. Drs. Ellis and Lipin, long time residents of Mason, continued a particularly generous tradition. A donation of forty acres situated across the railroad bed from the terminus of Scripps Lane.

A second word that would continue the conversation would be **Withdrawal**. Mason was successful in its third attempt to withdraw from the Mascenic Regional School District. An interim Mason District School Board consisting of Joe McGuire, Mary McDonald and Wolfgang Millbrandt, was sworn in. The board quickly prepared for a special district meeting that would raise an interim budget, elect three permanent board members and start the Herculean task of preparing for classes in September of 2009. It was gratifying to see the turnout of residents who would volunteer for five committees at the first Mason School District meeting in 38 years.

A third word to continue the conversation is **Community**, embodied in Old Home Day, a wonderful event not soon to be forgotten. The celebration dedicated the 240th anniversary of the chartering of the Town of Mason. The morning started with a pancake breakfast at the church, a raising of the flag on the common, and a recounted history of the town. Lee Siegmann dressed in period garb, impersonated Captain Obadiah Parker and rendered a first person account of the journey to retrieve the town charter and the peculiar circumstances leading to the naming of the Town, Mason. The day also offered the opportunity to dedicate the bronze statue of Bode, our first resident. More than forty people attended and were entertained by the black storyteller Brother Blue. The classic sunny day continued with demonstrations, games, rides, crafts, exhibitions, music and a tour of Uncle Sam's house. Residents, former residents, politicians and folk from surrounding towns comprised the thousand, estimated in attendance. The Mason Historical Society is to be commended for creating the opportunity to bring our community together. A special thanks to Charlie Moser and Linda O'Grady the co-chairs of the event.

A fourth word that would end the conversation for this year would be **Ice Storm**. On the evening of December 11th, a storm that would surpass the damage of the 1998 storm hit. That evening residents listened to the continuous crack and crash of limbs and trees from their darkened houses. Power was lost from nine to fourteen days depending on where you lived in town. There was hardship. There was also a celebration spirit of Mason's earlier residents and an overwhelming sense of community permeated the town. Before the limbs stopped falling, the

town started taking stock. Roads were cleared. Generators were turned on, chainsaws were started, and neighbors started helping neighbors. Debris still lingers under the snow. The Mason School Building Committee is refining Mason Elementary School's addition, and there is a petition warrant article that will continue the conversation into Mason's 241st year.

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 and Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Telephone: 878-2070 Fax: 878-4892

Email: townofmason@myfairpoint.net

TOWN CLERK

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

Telephone: 878-3768 Fax: 878-4892
Website: www.mason-nh.net/townclerk/
Email: susan@mason-nh.net

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

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM - 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 2010
	TOWN CLERK 1 yr term	
Susan J. Wagoner		March 2009
	DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	
Dorothy Mitchell, Appointed		March 2009
	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 2011
	TAX COLLECTOR 1 yr term	
Susan J. Wagoner		March 2009
	DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	
Dorothy Mitchell, Appointed		March 2009
	SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term	
James DeMarco		March 2010
Jeannine Phalon		March 2012
Kathy Chapman		March 2014
	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 2011
	TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term	
Robert Larochele		March 2009
Wallace A. Brown		March 2010
Jeannine Phalon		March 2011
	TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term	
George Schwenk		March 2010
Stuart Sherman		March 2009
Mark Calderan		March 2011

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Irene Cook, Chairman	March 2011
Robert Larochele	March 2011
Pete McGinnity	March 2011
David Profit	March 2011

PLANNING BOARD

Pamela Lassen, Chairman	March 2009
Mark McDonald	March 2011
Dorothy Millbrandt	March 2009
Bruce Mann	March 2010
Linda Cotter-Cranston	March 2009
Joseph McGuire, Alternate	March 2009
C. Christopher Guiry, Ex-officio	

COMMISSIONERS – NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Dorothy Millbrandt	July 2011
Charles V. Moser	July 2011

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Tim Kelly, Chairman	March 2010
Michael Davieau	March 2011
Robert Bergeron	March 2010
Timothy Kicza	March 2009
Michael Dulong	March 2011
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 2011
Anna Faiello	March 2011
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 2011
Charles Lanni	March 2009
Paula Babel	March 2010
Ann Moser	March 2010
Stuart Sherman	March 2009
Cynthia Hajjar	March 2011

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Curtis Dunn	March 2009
Eric Anderson	March 2011
Matthew LeClair	March 2011
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 2011
Lauren Mann	March 2009
Florence Wilson	March 2010

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

David P. Cook	Fire Chief/Warden/EMT-D
David Baker	1 st Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Frederick Greenwood	2 nd Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Robert Bergeron	Fire Engineer/E.M.D.
Philip Phalon	Captain/Deputy Warden/EMT-B
Donna Richardson	1 st Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/EMT-D
Richard Griffin	2 nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden
Anne Richards	Firefighter
Mark Richardson	Firefighter
Christopher Greenwood	Firefighter
Stephen Hoffman	Firefighter/EMT-I
Benjamin Harrington	Firefighter/EMT-B
James Deffely	Firefighter
Ken Spacht	Firefighter/EMT-I
Michael Daly	Firefighter
Paul Alton	Firefighter
Dean Lambert	Firefighter
Kirk Smith	Firefighter
Josh Harris	Firefighter
Brian Fenton	Firefighter
Cindy Tibbetts	EMT-I
Jeff Partridge	EMT-D
Stuart Sherman	EMT-I
Jeanine Phalon	EMT-B
Kathy Chapman	First Responder
Rebecca Wilson	EMT-B
Tabitha Davies	EMT-B
Michelle Alton	EMT-B



David P. Cook	ROAD AGENT
Kenneth B. Wilson	BUILDING INSPECTOR/DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER
Lynn McCann	HEALTH OFFICER
Kenneth B. Wilson	HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT
Robert Bergeron	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
William Downs	TOWN FORESTER
Wallace Brown	SEXTON

MASON TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 11:00 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 11:00 AM on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 2009 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Selectman	3 years
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 years
Treasurer	3 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 and Article 3 regarding amending the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A, Article XVIII: NH Model Floodplain Development Ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and Article 4 regarding adopting the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as petitioned.

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 11th day of March, 2009, 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 and Article 3 were reviewed at public hearings on January 14, 2009.

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Mason Planning Board, to the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A, Article XVIII: NH Model Floodplain Development, as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program as follows:

Amend **Article XVIII: Floodplain Development Ordinance** by deleting the words "as permitted by RSA 674:52. This RSA was repealed by the Legislature in 2002.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Mason Planning Board, to Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A, Article XVIII: NH Model Floodplain Development, as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program as follows:

Amend **Appendix A** as follows: **new construction** means, for the purposes of determining insurance rates, structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of an initial FIRM or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later, and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. For floodplain management purposes, *new construction* means structures for which the *start of construction* commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a community and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.

Approved by the Mason Planning Board.

Article 4 was reviewed at a public hearing on February 17, 2009.

4. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town. By petition.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million five hundred twenty-nine thousand, seven hundred forty-three dollars (\$1,529,743) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.
6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) to purchase a new cruiser for the Police Department and to appropriate Nine thousand three hundred seventy five dollars (\$9,375) from the insurance settlement received on the totaled police cruiser, for the first year's payment of this lease. (Requires 2/3 ballot vote.)
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen thousand five hundred thirty-three dollars (\$14,533) for equipment for the new cruiser for the Police Department and to appropriate Fourteen thousand five hundred thirty-three dollars (\$14,533) from the insurance settlement received on the equipment of the totaled police cruiser.
8. 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 balance of costs resulting from the Town of Mason joining NRPC.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand eight hundred dollars (\$6,800) for the purchase of a zero turn mower for use in the cemeteries and parks, or take any other action relative thereto.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Capital Reserve, previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to purchase five new air bottles for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) for the repair and replacement of culverts on Brookline Road, or take any other action relative thereto.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred dollars (\$400) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund, previously established and to authorize transfer from the December 31, 2008 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2008 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred dollars (\$400) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 2008 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2008 sale of highway equipment for this purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.
15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following: Acceptance of Credit Cards. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be allowed to accept credit card payments pursuant to RSA 80:52-c for the collection of local taxes, charges generated by other services or fees. The Town will add to the amount due, in addition to any interest and penalties payable, a service charge for the acceptance of the card. The amount of the service charge shall be disclosed at the time of billing. The Board of Selectmen in coordination with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector may adopt rules and regulations regarding the collection procedures.
16. Shall the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?
17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
19. 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.

February 5, 2009	2008	2008	2009 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2008/2009
Appropriations				
Charges for Services				
Income from Departments				
4032 · Fees-Fire Reports	0			
4033 · Fees-Police Reports	155			
4035 · Pistol Permits	270			
4042 · Detail Payments	13,255			
4044 · Court Fines	1,725			
Total Income from Departments	15,405			
Total Charges for Services	15,405	700	700	
From Federal Government				
4050 · FEMA				
Total From Federal Government				
From State				
4036 · Shared Revenues	12,078	6,737	6,737	
4037 · Rooms & Meals Tax Distribution	59,466	45,000	45,000	
4038 · Highway Block Grant	63,829	64,047	66,550	
4039 · State & Federal Forest Land Re.	522	518	522	
4040 · OHRV Grant	0	0	0	
4041 · Other State Revenues	8,325			
Total From State	144,220	116,302	118,809	
Interfund Operating Tr. In				
4070 · from Special Rev. Funds - For. Com		8,700		
4075 · from Capital Reserve Funds	40,400			
4076 · from Trust & Fiduciary Funds	1,200	1,200	1,000	
4077 · Transfers from Con.Com.Funds	237,201	420,000	10,000	
Total Interfund Operating Tr. In	278,801	429,900	11,000	
Licenses, Permits, Fees				
Building Permits				
4024 · Permits, Building	4,485			
4025 · Oil Burner Permits & Others	30			
Total Building Permits	4,515	4,000	5,000	

February 5, 2009	2008	2008	2009 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2008/2009
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees				
4020 · M. V. fees	233,253			
4021 · Titles	637			
4022 · M/A stickers	4,878			
4023 · Mail-in registrations	882			
Total Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	239,650	215,000	215,000	
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees				
4026-01 · Mail in Dog License	67			
4026 · Dog Licenses	2,134			
4027 · State Dog Fees	978			
6001-07 · State Dog Fees	-1,038			
4026-02 · Civil Forfeiture	150			
4026 -03 · Late Penalty	27			
4028 · Vital Records	424			
4029 · Fees-BOA	200			
Total 4026-4029	2,942			
4030 · Fees-Planning Board				
4030-01 · Reimbrs. of Civil Engineer Fee	701			
4030 · Fees-Planning Board - Other	949			
Total 4030 · Fees-Planning Board	1,651			
4034 · Fees-Returned Check	125			
4078 · Exaction Fees-lot A-22	3,900			
Total Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	8,617	12,500	12,500	
Total Licenses, Permits, Fees	252,782	232,500	232,500	
Miscellaneous Revenues				
4060 · Sale of Municipal Property	215,000		85,000	
4061 · Interest Income	7,123		6,500	
4063 · Donations				
4064 · Police Donations & Gifts	236			
4064 · Fire Dept. Donations & Gifts	175			
Total 4063 · Donations	411			
4066 · Insurance Settlement (HWY/POL)	15,244		9,375	
4067 · Other Income	1,490	3,000	3,000	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	239,268	3,000	103,875	
Other Financing Sources				
4080 · Proc. from LongTermBonds,Notes	80,000	80,000		
Total Other Financing Sources	80,000	80,000		
Revenue-Taxes				
4001 · Land Use Change Taxes	12,200			
6028-03 · CU Penalty -CC	(12,200)			
4002 · Timber Taxes	11,718	15,000	12,000	
4005 · Interest & Penalties on taxes	26,444	15,000	12,000	
4006 · Costs on taxes	183	250	250	
Total Revenue-Taxes	38,345			
Total Income	1,048,820	862,402	466,884	

February 5, 2009	2008	2008	2009 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2008/2009
Capital Outlay				
6031 · Land				
6031-01 · WA # 5 CC Land Purchase	500,000	500,000		
Total 6031 · Land	500,000	500,000		
6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip.				
6032-05 · WA # 12 Copier	4,000	4,000		
6032-07 · WA # 6 Pol. Cruiser-3-yr lease			28,000	
6032-07 · Cruiser offsetting revenue			-9,375	
6032-08 · WA # 7 Cruiser Equipment			14,533	
6032-08 · Cruiser Equip. offset revenue			-14,533	
6032-09 · WA # 11 Replace Five Air Bottles			5,000	
6032-10 · WA# 9 Zero Turn Mower for Cemetery & Parks			6,800	
Total 6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip.	4,000	4,000	30,425	
6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings				
6034-04 · WA # 7 NRPC Membership	10,500	10,500		
6034-05 · WA # 8 Forestry Commission Activities	8,700	8,700		
6034-06 · WA #9 Assess Cyclical	7,000	7,000		
6034-07 · WA #11 Old Home Day	5,000	5,000		
6034-08 · WA #13 FEMA - FD Repair	3,150	3,150		
6034-09 · WA # 12 Culverts for Brookline Road			4,500	
6034-10 · WA # 8 Balance on NRPC Membership			10,500	
Total 6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings	34,350	34,350	15,000	
Total Capital Outlay	538,350	538,350	45,425	
Operating Transfers Out				
6036 · To Capital Reserve Fund				
6036-02 · WA # 6 HWY Const. Cap.Reserve	30,000	30,000		
6036-03 · WA # 10 Library Cap.Reserve	5,000	5,000		
6036-04 · WA # 14 Cemetery Funds	0	550		
6036-05 · WA # 15 K-9 Exp. Trust Fund	500	500		
6036-06 · WA # 10 HWY Const. Cap. Reserve			6,000	
6036-07 · WA # 13 HWY Equip. Cap. Reserve			400	
6036-08 · WA # 14 Cemetery Funds	0		400	
Total Operating Transfers Out	35,500	36,050	6,800	
Total Capital & Operating Transfers	573,850	574,400	52,225	-91%

February 5, 2009	2008	2008	2009 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2008/2009
Conservation				
6028-01 · Conservation Commission Exp.	21,023	325	325	
6028-02 · CC Railroad Trail Maint.	18,234	1,675	1,675	
6029-01 · Town Forests	0	1	1	
Total Conservation	39,257	2,001	2,001	0%
6024 · Parks & Recreation				
6024-01 · Parks Maint.	1,960	2,500	2,000	
6024-02 · Parks Electricity	64	100	100	
6024-03 · Toilet Facilities	550	250	600	
6024-04 · Activities/Rec.Com.	733	750	600	
6025-01 · Town Common Maint.	6,901	7,000	7,000	
6025-02 · TC Payroll Taxes	616	536	536	
6025-03 · TC Workers' Comp.	159	159	156	
Total 6024 · Parks & Recreation	10,983	11,295	10,992	-3%
6026 · Library				
6026-01 · Library Salaries	31,000	34,635	34,165	
6026-02 · Lib. Payroll Taxes	2,513	2,650	2,614	
6026-03 · Lib. Workers' Comp.	159	159	157	
6026-04 · Continuing Education	194	550	550	
6026-05 · Travel	300	300	375	
6026-06 · Telephone	819	900	900	
6026-07 · Technology	842	840	840	
6026-08 · Postage	0	100	100	
6026-09 · Supplies	408	500	500	
6026-10 · Dues & Fees	600	600	600	
6026-11 · Programming	280	300	300	
6026-12 · Books	3,197	3,200	3,200	
Total 6026 · Library	40,310	44,734	44,301	-1%
6027 · Patriotic Purposes	389	450	450	0%
Total Culture & Recreation	51,682	56,479	55,743	-1%
6030-01 · Princ. Long Term Bonds & Notes	73,000	73,000	83,000	14%
6030-02 · Interest Long Term Bonds & Note	21,015	21,033	18,240	-13%
6030-03 · Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	12,523	14,000	14,000	0%
Total Debt Service	106,538	108,033	115,240	7%

February 5, 2009	2008	2008	2009 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2008/2009
General Government				
6000 · Executive				
6000-01 · Selectmen Salaries	2,925	2,925	2,925	
6000-02 · Tax Collector Fees	10,376	8,050	0	
Total 6000 · Executive	13,301	10,975	2,925	-73%
6001 · Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.				
6001-01 · Moderator	525	1,060	350	
6001-02 · Election Expenses	4,751	4,100	4,000	
6001-03 · Town Clerk/Tax Collector	550	550	20,000	
6001-04 · Town Clerk Fees	8,425	7,000	0	
6001-18 · Municipal Agent Fees*			4,383	
6001-05 · TC/TX Deputy	3,442	6,000	8,400	
6001-16 · TC/TX Payroll Tax			2,508	
6001-06 · Assoc. Dues	40	55	55	
6001-08 · Convention/Education	1,097	1,200	1,200	
6001-09 · Certification/Training	515	550	500	
6001-17 · TX Registry Fees			300	
6001-10 · Mileage	451	500	500	
6001-11 · Office Supplies	1,526	1,300	1,300	
6001-12 · Postage	1,100	1,100	1,200	
6001-13 · Software Maint./Update	1,881	3,300	3,385	
6001-14 · Telephone & Internet	894	1,100	972	
6001-15 · MAAP Conversion	3,000	3,000	0	
Total 6001 · Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	28,197	30,815	49,053	59%
*This fee is paid by the State not the Town.				
6002 · Financial Administration				
6002-01 · Treasurer Salaries	550	550	550	
6002-02 · Auditor	8,478	7,600	8,500	
6002-03 · Admin. Salaries	36,750	36,750	36,056	
6002-04 · Part-time Admin.	3,055	6,500	5,000	
6002-05 · Payroll Taxes	5,113	5,600	3,407	
6002-06 · Workers' Comp.	797	797	782	
6002-07 · Retirement Ins.	1,774	1,900	1,900	
6002-08 · Bank Service Charges	273	100	200	
6002-09 · Conferences	0	800	800	
6002-10 · Computer Services	4,528	3,700	4,500	
6002-11 · Software Maint./Update	1,331	1,310	1,478	
6002-12 · Mileage	45	200	200	
6002-13 · Miscellaneous	523	500	500	
6002-14 · Postage	914	950	900	
6002-15 · Registry Fees	725	300	150	
6002-16 · Repairs & Maint.-Equipment	436	450	492	
6002-18 · Office Supplies	1,724	1,800	1,700	
6002-19 · Advertising	70	250	250	
6002-20 · Town Office Equipment	775	700	800	
6002-21 · Telephone	737	925	725	
6002-22 · Town Reports	1,506	1,200	1,500	
6002-23 · Tech Support	1,592	1,300	1,300	
Total 6002 · Financial Administration	71,696	74,182	71,690	-3%

February 5, 2009	2008	2008	2009 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2008/2009
6003 · Revaluation of Property				
6003-01 · Assessing	3,705	5,000	5,000	
6003-02 · Tax Map Update	700	700	700	
Total 6003 · Revaluation of Property	4,405	5,700	5,700	0%
6004 · Legal Expenses	6,095	8,000	7,500	-6%
6005 · Personnel Administration				
6005-01 · Employer Payroll Taxes				
6005-02 · STD & Life Insurance	3,811	4,100	4,200	
6005-03 · Health & Dental Insurance	163,683	163,020	158,770	
6005-04 · Unemployment Taxes	184	176	229	
Total 6005 · Personnel Administration	167,677	167,296	163,199	-2%
6006 · Planning & Zoning				
6006-01 · PB Advertising	567	600	600	
6006-02 · PB Training	85	80	80	
6006-03 · PB Supplies	135	50	50	
6006-04 · PB Postage	423	400	400	
6006-12 · NRPC Assistant			4,933	
6006-05 · BOA Salaries	240	720	660	
6006-06 · BOA-Payroll Taxes	0	0	0	
6006-07 · BOA Advertise	99	420	420	
6006-08 · BOA Postage	5	30	30	
6006-09 · BOA Supplies	0	80	80	
6006-10 · BOA Training	60	200	200	
6006-11 · Historic District Expense	0	110	110	
Total 6006 · Planning & Zoning	1,615	2,690	7,563	181%
6007 · Gen. Gov. Buildings				
6007-01 · Custodial Expense	9,792	8,300	8,242	
6007-02 · TB Supplies	997	1,100	1,100	
6007-03 · TB Heat	10,346	11,000	11,000	
6007-04 · TB Electricity	3,761	4,200	4,400	
6007-05 · TB Repairs & Maint.	20,085	18,500	20,000	
6007-06 · Records Preservation	75	2,000	2,000	
Total 6007 · Gen. Gov. Buildings	45,055	45,100	46,742	4%

February 5, 2009	2008	2008	2009 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2008/2009
6008 · Cemeteries				
6008-01 · Cem. Maintenance	2,840	2,500	2,800	
6008-02 · Cem. Salaries	10,841	10,200	10,000	
6008-03 · Cem. Payroll Taxes	881	780	765	
6008-04 · Cem. Workers' Comp.	159	159	157	
Total 6008 · Cemeteries	14,721	13,639	13,722	1%
6009 · Insurance				
6009-01 · LGC-PLIT	23,708	23,000	24,000	
Total 6009 · Insurance	23,708	23,000	24,000	4%
6010 · Advertising & Assoc.				
6010-01 · SWRPC-08/NRPC-09	3,891	6,000	1,067	
Total 6010 · Advertising & Assoc.	3,891	6,000	1,067	-82%
6011 · Other Gen. Gov.				
6011-01 · LGC Membership	997	997	997	
6011-02 · Abatements & Refunds	4,419	0	0	
Total 6011 · Other Gen. Gov.	5,416	997	997	0%
Total General Government	385,777	388,394	394,158	1%
Health				
6022-01 · Health Officer	0	25	25	0%
6022-02 · Animal Control	0	1,000	1,000	0%
6022-03 · Health Agencies, Visiting Nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%
Total Health	1,500	2,525	2,525	0%

February 5, 2009	2008	2008	2009 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2008/2009
Highways & Streets				
6018 · Highway Town Maintenance				
6018-01 · Road Agent Salary	52,805	52,805	51,809	
6018-02 · Asst. Road Agent Salary	41,928	41,594	40,810	
6018-03 · Equip. Operator I	40,361	39,856	39,083	
6018-04 · Equip. Operator II	38,929	39,623	38,875	
6018-05 · Other Salaries	58,388	60,025	52,025	
6018-06 · Overtime Wages	22,021	26,147	21,147	
6018-07 · Hwy Payroll Taxes	19,196	18,901	18,650	
6018-08 · Hwy Workers' Comp.	9,832	9,407	10,000	
6018-09 · Hwy Retirement	9,363	9,700	9,500	
6018-10 · Hwy Mileage	922	500	500	
6018-11 · Drug & Alc. Testing	404	600	600	
6018-12 · Consulting Engineer	1,238	1,000	1,000	
6018-13 · Paved Road Restoration	78,334	85,000	75,000	
6018-14 · Patch	8,807	4,000	6,500	
6018-15 · Culverts	1,227	4,000	4,000	
6018-16 · Calcium Chloride	11,220	17,280	12,000	
6018-17 · Signs & Rewards	1,259	1,200	1,200	
6018-18 · Plowing	22,650	27,280	17,280	
6018-19 · Salt	19,585	20,090	12,000	
6018-23 · Imp. Wrk-Batch & Nutting Hill	4,707			
6018-24 · Crusher	10,000			
6018-25 · Ice Storm Cleanup	7,775			
Total 6018 · Highway Town Maintenance	460,949	459,008	411,979	-10%
6019 · Hwy Dept. Expenses				
6019-01 · Building Maint.	3,499	6,000	6,500	
6019-02 · Electricity	2,458	3,500	3,500	
6019-03 · Telephone	2,219	2,600	2,600	
6019-04 · Dues & Education	411	2,000	2,000	
6019-05 · Equip. Maint.	36,753	41,000	36,000	
6019-06 · Edges for Plowing	1,498	5,000	5,500	
6019-07 · Tires	5,268	5,000	5,000	
6019-08 · Chains	819	1,000	1,000	
6019-09 · Chainsaw Repairs	290	350	350	
6019-10 · Radios	1,656	1,500	1,500	
6019-11 · Welding Equipment	1,016	1,500	1,500	
6019-12 · Safety Equipment	2,089	1,700	1,700	
6019-13 · Tools	1,070	1,500	1,500	
6019-14 · Fuel	49,324	45,000	42,000	
6019-15 · Vehicle Lease	0	0	0	
6019-16 · Hwy Veh. & Equipment	30,400	0	0	
6019-18 · Ins. Settlement Work	15,244	0	0	
Total 6019 · Hwy Dept. Expenses	154,013	117,650	110,650	-6%
6020 · Street Lighting	867	900	900	
Total Highways & Streets	615,829	577,558	523,529	-9%

February 5, 2009	2008	2008	2009 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2008/2009
Public Safety				
6012 · Police Department				
6012-20 · Police Chief Salary	56,850	54,081	53,100	
6012-21 · 1st Patrolman Salary	45,989	45,432	44,575	
6012-22 · 2nd Patrolman Salary	37,784	36,761	36,100	
6012-02 · Part-time Salaries	22,863	34,363	33,354	
6012-23 · On Call	10,100	10,600	10,400	
6012-03 · Overtime Wages	20,348	14,000	14,000	
6012-04 · Prosecutor	7,500	7,500	7,500	
6012-05 · Payroll Taxes	4,533	4,962	4,850	
6012-06 · Workers' Comp.	4,888	4,463	5,500	
6012-07 · Retirement	21,755	18,983	20,057	
6012-08 · Detail Expenses	13,686	1	1	
6012-11 · Conventions & Dues	340	750	750	
6012-12 · Office Expenses	7,477	5,500	5,500	
6012-13 · Uniforms	3,382	2,500	2,500	
6012-14 · Equip. & Maint.	2,158	3,500	3,500	
6012-24 · K-9 Maintenance	1,640	1,500	1,500	
6012-15 · Training	727	3,000	3,000	
6012-16 · Cruiser lease	9,602	9,602	0	
6012-17 · Cruiser Maint.	7,178	4,500	4,500	
6012-18 · Cruiser Fuel	10,190	10,000	10,000	
6012-19 · Expense-Offset Donation	236	0	0	
Total 6012 · Police Department	289,225	271,998	260,687	-4%
6013 · Ambulance	9,030	9,500	9,768	3%
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	
6014-23 · FD Secretary	350	2,000	2,000	
6014-24 · FD Payroll Tax	27	153	153	
6014-24 · FD Workers' Comp.	797	797	782	
6014-04 · Officers' Expenses	2,035	2,000	2,000	
6014-05 · Hep.B Vac.	0	300	300	
6014-06 · Insurance	0	250	250	
6014-07 · Training	3,872	2,750	2,750	
6014-08 · Expendables	896	1,000	1,000	
6014-09 · Building Maint.	6,602	4,000	4,000	
6014-10 · Electricity	2,174	2,500	2,500	
6014-11 · Heat	1,322	3,000	3,000	
6014-12 · Telephone	973	1,200	1,200	
6014-13 · Radio Repair	1,958	2,000	2,000	
6014-14 · Code Books	177	200	200	
6014-15 · Vehicle Maint.	3,186	5,000	5,000	
6014-16 · Fuel	2,063	2,000	2,000	
6014-17 · Equip. Maint.	6,199	6,500	6,500	
6014-18 · FD Tanker Lease	27,510	27,510	27,510	
6014-19 · EMS Supplies	978	2,000	2,000	
6014-20 · EMS Training	2,388	2,000	2,000	
6014-25 · Expense-Offset Donation	175	0	0	
Total 6014 · Fire Department	72,832	76,310	76,295	0%

February 5, 2009	2008	2008	2009 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2008/2009
6015 · Building Inspection				
6015-01 · Bldg. Insp. Salary	14,058	16,274	12,000	
6015-05 · Bldg. Insp. Admin.			3,000	
6015-02 · BI Payroll Taxes	1,049	1,245	1,148	
6015-03 · BI Mileage	1,051	1,053	1,206	
6015-04 · BI Expenses	1,309	1,375	1,017	
Total 6015 · Building Inspection	17,467	19,947	18,371	-8%
6016 · Emergency Management	0	100	100	0%
6017 · Other (incl. Comm.)				
6017-01 · Communications	19,393	19,500	19,500	
6017-02 · Waterhole Maint.	0	500	500	
Total 6017 · Other (incl. Comm.)	19,393	20,000	20,000	0%
Total Public Safety	407,947	397,855	385,221	-3%
Sanitation				
6021-01 · Wilton Recycling	45,326	45,326	50,326	
Total Sanitation	45,326	45,326	50,326	11%
Welfare				
6023-01 · Town Poor	0	1,000	1,000	0%
Total Operating Expenses	1,653,856	1,579,171	1,529,743	-3%
Total Capital & Operating Expenses	2,227,706	2,153,571	1,581,968	-27%
Other Assessments				
6037 · School District Assessment	1,978,109			
6038 · Hillsborough County	171,618			
*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, 2008

REVENUES:	2008	2007	2006
Highway Block Grant	63,829	61,190	63,392
Shared revenue	12,078	12,078	12,078
Other state grants	8,847	518	549
Property taxes	3,127,893	2,868,367	2,799,008
Yield taxes	11,718	23,407	32,921
Land use change taxes	12,200	70,445	59,990
Motor vehicle fees	239,650	236,601	253,406
Penalties and interest	26,627	30,998	12,024
Licenses, permits, fees	11,240	25,465	23,626
Interest income	7,123	10,243	13,613
Dog licenses	3,306	3,530	2,687
Detail Payments, Fines & Grants	14,980	4,127	4,807
Rooms & Meals Tax	59,466	55,377	50,585
Police Station Bond			300,000
Loader Bond		161,000	
Conservation Commission	237,201	22,904	2,155
Forestry Committee		978	5,022
FEMA Funds		61,270	
Sale of Municipal Property	215,000		
Donations (Memorial & Other)	411	265	515
Con Com Bond	80,000		
Other	16,784	6,258	25,148
Total revenues	4,148,352	3,655,021	3,661,525
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	398,597	463,452	626,052
Cemeteries	14,721	13,745	14,950
Public safety	411,597	376,729	349,872
Highways	645,829	763,583	540,458
Sanitation	45,326	45,600	45,926
Health & Welfare	1,500	4,095	2,500
Education	1,978,109	1,694,799	1,699,995
Culture and recreation	616,839	134,577	124,497
Debt service	106,538	77,499	38,058
County taxes	171,618	178,007	168,397
Total expenditures	4,390,674	3,752,086	3,610,704
Excess (deficit) of revenues/expend. revenues over expenditures	(242,321)	(97,065)	50,820
Other financing sources:			
Interfund transfers	41,600	1,000	13,383
Unexpended encumbrances	14,000	53,774	10,309
	55,600	54,774	23,691
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures over expenditures and other financing	(186,721)	(42,292)	74,511
Fund balance beginning	520,330	562,621	488,110
Fund balance ending	333,609	520,330	562,621

TOWN OF MASON
Combined Balance Sheet
At December 31, 2008

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consrv Comm	Forestry Comittee	All Funds
Cash	\$827,558	\$68,612	\$182,854	\$52,157	\$72,775	\$1,203,956
Debit Memo	\$0					\$0
Deeded property	\$63,244					\$63,244
Unredeemed taxes	\$75,366					\$75,366
Uncollected taxes	\$366,330					\$366,330
Total assets	\$1,332,497	\$68,612	\$182,854	\$52,157	\$72,775	\$1,708,896

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Accounts Payable	\$761					\$761
Escrow funds	\$0					\$0
Encumbrances	\$11,850					\$11,850
Payroll taxes payable	\$5					\$5
Due to schools	\$986,272					\$986,272
Total liabilities	\$998,889	0	0	0	0	\$998,888

Fund balances	\$333,609	\$68,612	\$182,854	\$52,157	\$72,775	\$710,007
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$1,332,497	\$68,612	\$182,854	\$52,157	\$72,775	\$1,708,895

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 2008	\$988,404
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	\$243,554
Tax Collector	\$2,957,660
Selectmen	\$709,512
Interest income TD Banknorth	\$5,924
Interest income NHPDIP	\$830
Interest income Bank of NH PoolPlus	\$369
Tax Anticipation Loans	\$1,420,000
Total cash available	\$6,326,253
Selectmen's orders paid	\$3,461,890
Payroll disbursements	\$604,282
Tax anticipation loans repaid	\$1,420,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	\$12,523
Total monies paid out	\$5,498,695
Cash on hand, December 31, 2008	\$827,558

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	\$16,213	4.50%	\$4,839.70	\$21,052.79	\$26,511.00
15-Feb-01			4.50%	\$4,475.00	\$4,475.00	
15-Aug-01	180,000	20,000	4.50%	\$4,475.00	\$24,475.00	\$28,950.00
15-Feb-02			5.00%	\$4,025.00	\$4,025.00	
15-Aug-02	160,000	20,000	5.00%	\$4,025.00	\$24,025.00	\$28,050.00
15-Feb-03			5.00%	\$3,525.00	\$3,525.00	
15-Aug-03	140,000	20,000	5.00%	\$3,525.00	\$23,525.00	\$27,050.00
15-Feb-04			5.00%	\$3,025.00	\$3,025.00	
15-Aug-04	120,000	20,000	5.00%	\$3,025.00	\$23,025.00	\$26,050.00
15-Feb-05			5.00%	\$2,525.00	\$2,525.00	
15-Aug-05	100,000	20,000	5.00%	\$2,525.00	\$25,525.00	\$25,050.00
15-Feb-06			5.00%	\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00	
15-Aug-06	80,000	20,000	5.00%	\$2,025.00	\$22,525.00	\$24,050.00
15-Feb-07			5.00%	\$1,525.00	\$1,525.00	
15-Aug-07	60,000	20,000	5.00%	\$1,525.00	\$21,525.00	\$23,050.00
15-Feb-08			5.00%	\$1,025.00	\$1,025.00	
15-Aug-08	40,000	20,000	5.00%	\$1,025.00	\$21,025.00	\$22,050.00
15-Feb-09			5.00%	\$525.00	\$525.00	
15-Aug-09	20,000	20,000	5.25%	\$525.00	\$20,525.00	\$21,050.00
Totals		\$196,213		\$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	\$27,000	5.00%	\$7,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$41,972.22
15-Feb-08				\$6,325.00	\$6,325.00	
15-Aug-08	265,000	30,000	5.00%	\$6,325.00	\$36,325.00	\$42,650.00
15-Feb-09				\$5,575.00	\$5,575.00	
15-Aug-09	235,000	30,000	5.00%	\$5,575.00	\$35,575.00	\$41,150.00
15-Feb-10				\$4,825.00	\$4,825.00	
15-Aug-10	205,000	30,000	4.00%	\$4,825.00	\$34,825.00	\$39,650.00
15-Feb-11				\$4,225.00	\$4,225.00	
15-Aug-11	175,000	30,000	4.00%	\$4,225.00	\$34,225.00	\$38,450.00
15-Feb-12				\$3,625.00	\$3,625.00	
15-Aug-12	145,000	30,000	5.00%	\$3,625.00	\$33,625.00	\$37,250.00
15-Feb-13				\$2,875.00	\$2,875.00	
15-Aug-13	115,000	30,000	5.00%	\$2,875.00	\$32,875.00	\$35,750.00
15-Feb-14				\$2,125.00	\$2,125.00	
15-Aug-14	85,000	30,000	5.00%	\$2,125.00	\$32,125.00	\$34,250.00
15-Feb-15				\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	
15-Aug-15	55,000	30,000	5.00%	\$1,375.00	\$31,375.00	\$32,750.00
15-Feb-16				\$625.00	\$625.00	
15-Aug-16	25,000	25,000	5.00%	\$625.00	\$25,625.00	\$26,250.00
Totals		\$292,000		\$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	\$29,332.67
1-May-09	138,000	23,000	4.00%	\$5,520.00	\$28,520.00	\$28,520.00
1-May-10	115,000	23,000	4.00%	\$4,600.00	\$27,600.00	\$27,600.00
1-May-11	92,000	23,000	4.00%	\$3,680.00	\$26,680.00	\$26,680.00
1-May-12	69,000	23,000	4.00%	\$2,760.00	\$25,760.00	\$25,760.00
1-May-13	45,000	23,000	4.00%	\$1,840.00	\$24,840.00	\$24,840.00
1-May-14	23,000	23,000	4.00%	\$920.00	\$23,920.00	\$23,920.00
Totals		\$161,000		\$25,652.67	\$186,652.67	\$186,652.67

CC Land Purchase - Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
7-Jul-09	\$80,000.00	\$6,875.91	5.50%	\$3,642.22	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-10	\$73,124.09	\$6,496.31	5.50%	\$4,021.82	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-11	\$66,627.78	\$6,853.60	5.50%	\$3,664.53	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-12	\$59,774.18	\$7,230.55	5.50%	\$3,287.58	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-13	\$52,543.63	\$7,628.23	5.50%	\$2,889.90	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-14	\$44,915.40	\$8,047.78	5.50%	\$2,470.35	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-15	\$36,867.62	\$8,490.41	5.50%	\$2,027.72	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-16	\$28,377.21	\$8,957.38	5.50%	\$1,560.75	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-17	\$19,419.83	\$9,450.04	5.50%	\$1,068.09	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
7-Jul-18	\$9,969.79	\$9,969.79	5.50%	\$548.34	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13
Totals		\$80,000.00		\$25,181.30	\$105,181.30	\$105,181.30

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	\$63,660,200.00
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	\$893,526.00
Conservation Restriction Assessment	\$19,054.00
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	\$105,219,900.00
Public Utilities (PSNH)	\$1,795,100.00
Valuations Before Exemptions	\$171,587,780.00

EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	\$660,000.00
Solar Exemptions	\$7,400.00
	\$667,400.00

NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE **\$170,920,380.00**

NET VALUE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE (LESS UTILITIES) **\$169,125,280.00**

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	66	\$33,000

2008 TAX RATE

Town	\$6.10
County	\$1.00
State Education	\$2.29
School	\$9.11
Total Rate	\$18.50

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 2008.

We used the final portion of our record preservation grant money to have additional records professionally restored. Feel free to ask to see them during business hours. 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 2008 we licensed 423 dogs. The rabies clinic was successful and is now set for the future, to be the third Saturday in April. As long as we have current rabies information, you can license your dog(s) via mail. In June we went on-line with the NH Department of Motor Vehicles. We can process both the Town and State portion for vehicles up to 26000 pounds and issue additional varieties of plates such as conservation, farm, and vanity. Now that we are on-line with Vital Records we are able to assist residents in obtaining vital record copies no matter where the event took place.

We have extended our hours to 10 AM-4 PM on Tuesday and Thursday as well as maintaining Wednesday evening and the last Saturday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Dee Mitchell, Deputy

Siobhann Jones, Assistant Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 2008	\$50
Cash received:	
Dog Licenses	2,311
Mail In Fees	949
Automobile registrations	233,253
Title fees	637
Filing fees	5
Returned checks	125
Vital fees	424
State dog fees	978
Overpay	10
Municipal agent fees	4,878
Total cash received	243,570
Cash remitted to Treasurer	243,570
Cash on hand, December 31, 2008	\$50

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Wagoner

Town Clerk



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2008

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2008	2007	2006	2005+
Property Taxes	#3110	XXXXXX	\$ 240,414.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 688.78
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	XXXXXX	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXX	\$ 219.36	\$ 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
Prior Years' Credits Balance**		\$ 0.00			
This Year's New Credits		(\$ 6,142.41)			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 3,126,529.00	\$ 1,364.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 11,718.30	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Property Taxes	#3110				
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Credits Refunded		\$ 6,045.41			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 10.49	\$ 13,377.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 3,150,360.79	\$ 261,024.72	\$ 0.00	\$ 688.78

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

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's taxes pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

**The amount is already included in the warrant and therefore in line #3110 as a positive amount for this year's levy.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2008

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2008	2007	2006	2005+
Property Taxes	\$ 2,758,269.00	\$ 161,768.82	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 11,718.30	\$ 219.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 10.49	\$ 13,377.00	\$ 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
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 85,646.98	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
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	\$ 1,833.00	\$ 12.56	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 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	\$ 688.78

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 366,427.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 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
Property Tax Credit Balance*	(\$ 97.00)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 3,150,360.79	\$ 261,024.72	\$ 0.00	\$ 688.78

*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.
(Be sure to indicate a positive amount in the Property Taxes actually remitted to the treasurer.)

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2008

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2008	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2007	2006	2005+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 63,713.54	\$ 25,745.05
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 92,295.89	\$ 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	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 954.11	\$ 7,469.37	\$ 4,816.01
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 93,250.00	\$ 71,182.91	\$ 30,561.06

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	2008	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2007	2006	2005+
Redemptions	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,966.72	\$ 44,316.01	\$ 16,193.31
Interest & Costs Collected #3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 954.11	\$ 7,469.37	\$ 4,816.01
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,653.84	\$ 10,707.18	\$ 9,551.74
Unredeemed Liens End of FY #1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 66,675.33	\$ 8,690.35	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 93,250.00	\$ 71,182.91	\$ 30,561.06

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? NO

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE

Susan L. Wagoner
Susan L. Wagoner

DATE 1/22/09

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST			TOTAL		
	Beginning Balance	Fnds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Receipts (Disbursals)	Ending Balance	Fund Balance
TRUST FUNDS								
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$15,544.08	\$747.17		\$16,291.25	\$27,354.32
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$14,375.86	\$697.71		\$15,073.57	\$25,542.93
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$25,878.67	\$800.00	\$26,678.67	\$1,826.36	\$753.83	(\$1,200.00)	\$1,380.19	\$28,058.86
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$4,359.87	\$400.00	\$4,759.87	\$2,992.68	\$160.31		\$3,152.99	\$7,912.86
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$26,025.56	\$1,442.90		\$27,468.46	\$52,468.46
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$678.46	\$313.86	(\$400.00)	\$592.32	\$11,400.39
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$7,313.47	\$689.95		\$8,003.42	\$17,970.04
Steinberg/Budrewicz Recreation	\$223.00		\$223.00	\$110.74	\$8.63		\$119.37	\$342.37
Recreation-Playground		\$200.00	\$200.00		\$1.90		\$1.90	
K-9 Fund		\$11,530.00	\$11,530.00		\$71.70		\$71.70	
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$97,768.66	\$12,930.00	\$110,698.66	\$68,867.21	\$4,887.96	(\$1,600.00)	\$72,155.17	\$182,853.83
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS								
Highway Capital Equipment				\$658.08	\$51.47		\$709.55	\$709.55
Fire Equipment				\$3,124.23	\$87.73		\$3,211.96	\$3,211.96
Library Building	\$37,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$17,479.58	\$1,519.07		\$18,998.65	\$60,998.65
Highway Construction	\$11,569.00	(\$10,000.00)	\$1,569.00	\$1,659.79	\$463.16		\$2,122.95	\$3,691.95
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$48,569.00	(\$5,000.00)	\$43,569.00	\$22,921.68	\$2,121.43	\$0.00	\$25,043.11	\$68,612.11
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$146,337.66	\$7,930.00	\$154,267.66	\$91,788.89	\$7,009.39	(\$1,600.00)	\$97,198.28	\$251,465.94

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief:

Mark Calderan
George Schwenk
Stuart Sherman

MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Mason Highway Department started January off with the loss of one of our newer dump truck/sanders. It was parked at a truck repair shop in Greenville for some repairs, when the building exploded; destroying the building and our truck. Working with the insurance company we were able to find a replacement truck that was set up properly, and purchase it. We were able to get the replacement truck in service within one month. With 39 winter storms marking the winter of 2007-2008, a road salt shortage developed, and before we could find an alternative supplier, we were out of salt. This allowed ice to build up on the paved roads, which soon became full of potholes.

Remarkably, the mud season passed without much trouble. Once we got into the summer season it became apparent, however, that the pattern of storms was continuing from the winter. There were many summer downpours that filled in our water passes and culverts with sand and debris. The backhoe spent most of the summer keeping up with these drainage issues. The weather had taken a toll on the paved roads in the form of major potholes and broken pavement. The patch crew was trying to fill all the holes all summer. Our regular dirt road grading and graveling was greatly hindered by the amount of rainstorms. We were able to deal with several drainage issues and culvert replacements on our dirt roads.

The intersection of Churchill Road and Rte. 124 was improved by a local business as a result of conditions set by the Planning Board. This greatly improved the safety of this intersection, by lowering the grade, and straightening out the approach.

Our summer paving project was the section of Brookline Road from Depot Road to Scripps Lane. This has improved the road surface, allowing a better ride as well as allowing the plows to scrape the road surface cleaner in the winter.

This fall we were able to bring in a portable crusher, and make a large supply of crushed gravel for top dressing on the dirt roads, and for use on other road projects. We were able to haul some crushed gravel onto the roads; however, the fall rains limited the amount hauled.

December brought us cold weather and then a severe ice storm. The Mason Highway Department worked during the storm to try and keep the roads open. When this task became too dangerous, the crews were pulled back in until such time as it was deemed safe to resume the work of clearing the roads. With the help of some local contractors, we were able to open at least a path through most all town roads within a few days. Then the task was to prepare for two large snowstorms. Working around the downed power, phone lines, and utility poles, we were able to plow most of all the town roads. As the power crews worked in town, we worked with them to assist in reaching the problem areas. While the snow has covered most of the brush, the problem will have to be addressed when it melts. The clean up along the town right-of-way will be ongoing well into the summer. The Federal Government has declared The State of New Hampshire a disaster area. As such, we will be eligible to be reimbursed for some of the cleanup costs. I would like to thank the other town departments for their help during the past year. Also thanks to the Selectmen and their Administrative Assistant for their help with the administrative details.

Please remember, if you must plow snow across the road, clean up after yourself.

Sincerely submitted,

Road Agent David P. Cook

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

During 2008 we experienced an increase in domestic related incidents such as assaults and threats along with an increase in theft related incidents. Sadly this is the normal progression of a declining economy. Marijuana, crack cocaine and heroin continue to be drugs frequently found during investigations and motor vehicle stops. Large numbers of dirty hypodermic needles continue to be found along route 31 and Brookline road so please use caution when walking in these areas and report the location to the police if any are located. As always, please make sure to report any suspicious vehicles or persons. Your reports are what bring us into the area to make contact with criminals.

Officer Eric Godfrey was deployed with the Army for most of 2008. He was able to return for about one month before being deployed again. Officer Godfrey is still currently deployed and we wish him and his family the best of luck.

The proposed budget for 2009 shows no increase. A warrant article has been entered for a new cruiser as the 2004 cruiser was totaled in a motor vehicle accident during the December ice storm. It was my intention to try and get one more year out of the 2004 but that was not possible. This is a piece of equipment that we must have, to properly perform our duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Police Chief Barry G. Hutchins

MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Captain Roland Theriault retired after 11 years on the Mason Fire Department. He came to our Department from the City of Nashua Fire Rescue Department, where he retired after 24 years. His experience and knowledge in firefighting, as an officer and an advisor to the Fire Department Explorers will be missed.

Sadly, this year we had a fire in town that resulted in a death. This is the first in my 33 years with the Mason Fire department.

The Mason Fire-EMS Department also took an active role in the ice storm effort by opening the Fire station during the evenings for people to get water and to get warm. A listing for the shelter in Milford was also available at the fire station. The members also went around town to see some of our elderly population to make sure they were all right.

We sent three new members to Firefighter Level 1 training this year. This training involves all the basics of firefighting, and takes about six months meeting two nights a week, and at least one weekend a month.

The Department desperately needs some new members. If you would like to volunteer, please contact any member, or call the Chief @ 878-2279 Day or Night.

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.

With all the brush down from the ice storm, I would like to remind everyone that a written permit is required to burn brush if the ground is not completely covered with snow. Please call the dispatch center @ 1-800-562-8201 for info on getting a permit.

Respectfully Submitted,

David P. Cook Fire Chief

Fire Calls 2008

Motor vehicle accidents	14	Structure fires	1
Chimney fires	2	CO Detector activations	2
Ambulance assists	1	Skidder fire	1
Mutual Aid Given	13	Alarm activations	6
Electrical fires	4	Brush fires	1
Illegal burns	2	Calls cancelled	2
Oil spill	<u>1</u>	Horse rescue	1
Total Calls	51	Total man-hours	945
		In house training hours	987
		Level 1 training hours	<u>390</u>
		Total training hours	1377

Mason First Responders

During the fall of 2008, we had three members who were "First Responders" take a bridge class to become EMTs. This allows them to be licensed as a State of NH EMS provider. We continue to train with the Brookline Ambulance Service, which transports patients for Mason. This builds teamwork between the departments that assists us to provide great EMS service for the town.

Members attended outside training seminars including water rescue, wilderness rescue, pediatric emergencies, stroke emergencies, and street drugs.

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

Motor vehicle crashes	15	Falls	9
Diabetic emergencies	2	Cardiac	4
Fainting	3	Unresponsive	1
Stroke	2	Back Pain	4
Home illness	7	Lift assist	3
Difficulty breathing	8	Cardiac arrest	1
Fire standby	3	Seizure	1
Fracture	2	Laceration	1
Heat exhaustion	1	Dislocation	1
Allergic reaction	<u>1</u>		
Total calls	69		

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Cook Fire Chief

HOME HEALTHCARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

**Report to the Town of Mason
January 1, 2008-December 31, 2008**

In 2008, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. Services included 81 nursing visits, 33 physical therapy visits, 9 occupational therapy visits, 5 medical social visits, and 30 home health aide visits. The cost of service provided with all sources of funding is projected to be \$22,360.00. 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.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been thirty-eight (38) Building Permits issued during 2008. They were issued for the following (and the total valuation is also listed):

9	Permanent Dwellings	\$1,067,820
2	Additions to Home	24,253
4	Remodel/finish rooms in homes	80,735
5	Decks/Porches Additions to Home	22,417
5	Garages	44,393
1	Garage Addition	6,000
2	Sheds	56,604
7	Barns	101,634
1	Barn Addition	6,537
2	Septic Repair	<u>6,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,416,393

Of the nine permanent dwellings, three were renewal permits. Of the two additions to homes, one was a renewal permit. Of the seven barns, three were renewal permits. There have been 2 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. If the lot has been created by a subdivision, every iron pin, drilled hole and granite bound that is shown on the 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

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Mason Planning Board reports there were no new applications presented in 2008, although there were several 2007 applications completed early in the year. They are listed below.

The most notable activity of 2008 was the approval by Town voters of two amendments to the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance. At the March 11, 2008 town meeting, the voters approved a citizen petition amendment to the Town of Mason zoning ordinance. It changed the definition of lots in the GRAF zone to: **"...A conventional lot shall be 350 feet of frontage on a class V highway or better and the minimum lot area shall be 174,240 sq. ft. (4 acres) per dwelling unit."** In September, the Planning Board sponsored this amendment to clarify the status of existing three-acre lots in the GRAF zone: **Notwithstanding the frontage and lot area imposed by this section, a lot approved by the Planning Board prior to March 11, 2008 shall be deemed conforming to the minimum lot size and frontage requirements of the GRAF zone."**

All towns in New Hampshire are assigned into regional planning districts. Mason had belonged to the Southwest Regional Planning Commission since its inception. This year, we petitioned the State to transfer our town to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC), which has excellent facilities and a stable staff to guide our town. The first order of business with the new planning commission was to formalize the *Mason Planning Board Rules of Procedure*, a document that describes procedures for holding meetings, accepting applications, rendering decisions, keeping records, and Right-To-Know compliance. We also began to discuss the preparation of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which more clearly identifies a schedule for purchasing capital equipment for the town to allow for a more comprehensive evaluation of town projects and debt structures. Finally, with the guidance of the NRPC, we drafted an amendment to the Floodplain Ordinance for compliance with FEMA standards.

Month	Hearing	Applicant	Type of application and outcome
Jan 2008	07-13	Foster Revocable Trust	1 lot subdivided into 2 lots
Feb 2008	07-11	Dimension Spas Unlimited	1 lot subdivided into 2 lots
Jun 2008	07-12	Martin Ruggiero	Site Plan Review
Aug 2008	07-14	Cynthia Hajjar	Lot line adjustment

Respectfully,
Planning Board

REPORT of NRPC ACTIVITIES for the TOWN OF MASON

This is the first annual report of Nashua Regional Planning Commission on activities for the Town of Mason. Although Mason only joined NRPC as of July 1, 2008, there are several activities and projects that have been undertaken. Also described below are projects and activities that are underway region-wide that may be of benefit to the town.

Projects for Mason

- ❖ GIS Data Development for Mason - NRPC is one of the leaders in the use and application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). These computerized mapping systems are used for highly sophisticated mapping and analysis of all types of geographic data related to land and water, transportation, the environment or public health and safety. Since Mason joined NRPC as a new member, NRPC has been working to develop a complete library of GIS data sets for

the town. Computerized map coverages that have been developed or updated include complete parcel mapping for the entire town, zoning, building locations throughout the entire town, streets and roads, conservation lands, flood plain, wetlands, land use, and water features among others. All these data sets are now complete and are available to the town and also for the preparation of specific map products upon town request.

- ❖ Standard Map Series - NRPC staff is also developing standard maps for Mason. There will be standard maps for Land Use, Roads and Town Features, and Conservation and Natural Features. The maps will be printed and two sets provided to the town. In addition, the maps will be available online at NRPC's website for downloading and use. The standard maps will also serve as the base or background for other map products.
- ❖ Mason Circuit Riding Planner - One of the services that Mason has selected is to have an NRPC Circuit Riding Planner. In this service, one of NRPC's highly experienced planners, Assistant Director Kerrie Diers, acts as the town's professional planner on an hourly basis. Ms. Diers assists the planning board with general planning services such as updating the rules of procedure and drafting proposed zoning and regulatory changes, as well as specific review of development applications. The Board will be working with NRPC staff on a Capital Improvement Program in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. Williams

Executive Director
Nashua Regional Planning Commission

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Income from land use change tax.....	\$12,200
Income from sale of Whitaker house, etc.	\$215,000
Income from bond.....	\$80,000
Income from rental.....	\$7,200
2008 Budget.....	\$2,000
Interest.....	\$5,399
Expenses.....	\$539,257
Funds on hand Conservation General Fund 12/31/08.....	\$2,149
Railroad Trail Maintenance Fund 12/31/08.....	\$232
Land Protection Fund 12/31/08.....	\$36,112
Stewardship Fund 12/31/08.....	\$11,698
Rental Fund- 135 Old Ashby Road 12/31/08.....	\$1,966
Total All Funds 12/31/08.....	\$52,157

A year of many accomplishments, many irons in the fire from recent years past that have finally been struck.

The big news of course is the fruition of our long-standing plan to sell the Whitaker house (part of the Potter bequest) and purchase from Mr. Steve Moheban a 282-acre property in the northeast corner of town. Mr. Moheban and his business partner purchased the Whitaker house for \$215,000, the money being immediately returned to him, along with additional moneys from our bond (authorized by Town Meeting this year) and other Commission funds, to purchase his property. Many thanks to all involved in bringing this deal to a close, and especially to Mr. Moheban for his patience and understanding.

Of similar note is the land gift from Drs. Lipin and Ellis of a 47-acre parcel along the railroad bed trail. The tract harbors a beautiful stream course and valley, and rich wetland habitat. At the donors' request, the area will be known as "Downs Forest" in recognition of Bill Downs who has

been instrumental in managing their land holdings. The town greatly appreciates this generous gift.

Working closely with the Fifield family and NH Land and Community Heritage Program (LCHIP), we completed the Fifield Tree Farm Conservation Easement this year, forever protecting 506 forested acres crossed by a mile of Spaulding Brook, as Woodie Fifield envisioned. Over 6 miles of trails are available to the public for low-impact travel (no motors or wheels). Much thought and time went into crafting this easement to assure that it will be workable in perpetuity. LCHIP supported the project with a \$57,000 grant, which represents a small fraction of the conserved land's value. The Town is very grateful to the Fifield family for carrying out Woodie's vision for this beautiful corner of Mason, and to LCHIP for persevering as the details were worked out.

And the good news keeps coming. Thanks to a Trails Bureau grant, we built a new bridge on the railroad bed trail at Black Brook. Most of the grant match came in the form of volunteer construction labor, and we extend a heart-felt thank you to the Winter Wanderers Snowmobile Club and Mason Area Neighborhood Equestrians Club for their work. The new bridge replaces one destroyed by flood in 2007, is strong, safe, and attractive, and will withstand seasonal high water. In fact, you could drive a truck over it (we did!).

In a more contemplative vein, we realized our goal of using proceeds from last year's yard sale (and thanks to all who helped) to purchase a headstone for Bronson Potter's grave. The stone commemorates his unforgettable sub-trestle aerial excursion. If you have a moment, stop by and say thanks to the "Crimson Baron".

In other Potter-related news, we finalized a lease-agreement for the A-frame house on Old Ashby Rd., where the current tenant will continue to live in a financially self-sustaining relationship with the town. (Rent from the property goes in a special fund dedicated to property expenses. In addition to rent, the tenant pays the town property taxes assessed on the house and associated land.) The tenant will handle (and has handled) many of the maintenance costs personally, and assisted us in much-needed repairs to septic and heating systems.

In addition to these completed items, we have several ongoing projects underway. We're working with DES and NRWA on a state-sponsored groundwater reclassification program to increase protection for and awareness of important town water sources. We've received donations for improvements to the Florence Roberts Forest, and continue to work with the Boy Scouts and others to establish trails and a parking area. The Commission is working with Barbara DeVore to provide environmental education programs to honor Florence Roberts; our first, "Eyes on Owls," was a great success. And the legal process continues to move forward on the gift from Mr. Esau Stanley of a Campbell Mill Road parcel.

Respectfully submitted,

Conservation Commission

Forestry Committee Report

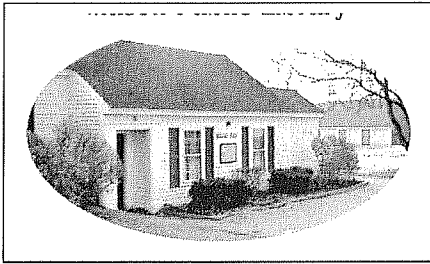
The Forestry Committee continues to encourage accepted land management and forestry practices for the Town. This will be a challenging time in view of the considerable damage the public and private forested areas of the Town have sustained due to the December ice storm. The snow that followed the storm has hidden a lot of the debris. The amount of damage will be apparent after the spring thaw and an inventory can be conducted to estimate its severity. One aspect of the aftermath will be serious. The threat of forest fire due to the amount of drying fuel will be a persistent problem for the next several years.

Mr. Jonathan Nute, the County Forester, will conduct seminars around the County on strategies of dealing with the storms impact.

The Forestry Committee will consider the Town's specific needs as well as plan for maintaining the continued health of Mason's timber and wildlife habitat.

Respectfully submitted,

Forestry Committee



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

2008 was another record year for our Library. We saw a significant increase in Library usage. We have seen an increase in our circulation as well as use of the state wide Inter Library Loan System. We counted 10,794 items borrowed from our Library this year, an 18% increase over last year. Inter Library Loan items accounted for another 717 items. This represented a 50% increase in this service. In kind, we lent 239 items to other libraries, a 6% increase.

We continued to offer a variety of well received programs. There were several sessions of Story Times for preschoolers. The Ground Hog Day search was a big success. The Summer Reading Program "G'Day for Reading" was well attended. The Noon Book Club and the Mom's Book Group met on a regular basis. The "Twig's Tweens" continued to meet through October. The "Tweens" assisted in many of the library programs for children. The annual tradition of the Greening of Mason continued on the first Saturday in December. Everyone enjoyed the holiday stories, songs and crafts.

The Library participated in the Old Home Day celebration on Saturday, September 13th. This event celebrated the birthday of "Uncle Sam" Wilson and the dedication of the Bode Statue in honor of Elizabeth Orton Jones. The staff honored former local authors C.W. Anderson, Elizabeth Orton Jones, and Bronson Potter.

The Trustees compiled The Rural Character cookbook. They assembled many great recipes submitted by Mason residents and friends. We still have copies available for sale in the library.

This year, we said farewell to long time volunteer Joanne LeCount. She is missed by everyone, especially the young children that she interacted with on Wednesday mornings. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of our 2 volunteers, Jenny Greenwood and Anita Crehan. Anita has been instrumental in helping us get closer to our goal of automation by bar coding and entering card catalog info into the State Library system. We welcomed a new employee, Judy Forty. Judy brings with her many years of related experience, most recently as a former trustee.

We appreciate your patronage and look forward to seeing you in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Staff and Trustees

**Mason Public Library
Financial Report for 2008**

Receipts	Town Budget	Checking Acct
Town Appropriations	\$ 44,734.00	
Donations		\$ 75.00
Fundraising (book and bake sale, cookbooks, book bags)		858.10
Elizabeth Orton Jones Estate Fund		3,752.24
Whitacker-Locke Trust Fund Interest		400.00
Fees and Fines		303.06
Checking Account Interest		9.92
TOTAL	\$ \$44,734.00	\$ 5,398.32

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 31,000.01	
Payroll Tax	2,512.78	
Worker's Comp.	159.00	
Continuing Educ.	193.93	
Travel	300.00	
Telephone	819.10	
Technology	841.53	
Postage	0	
Supplies	407.50	10.96
Dues & Fees	600.00	
Programming	279.58	863.45
Books	3,196.92	173.02
TOTAL	\$ 40,310.35	\$ 1,047.43

Return to Town General Fund - appropriations not used	\$4,423.65
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Checking Account - Ocean Bank

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2008		\$8,933.51
Ending Balance - December 31, 2008		13,268.65
		\$ 4,350.89

Other Accounts held by the library

Shield & Sons Mutual Fund - balance December 31, 2008	\$ 5,883.39
Ocean Bank CD in memory of Pam Steinberg (12/13/08)	\$1,179.28
Ocean Bank CD donated by former "Friends" Of MPL	\$594.47

REPORT OF BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

Most of our time this year was spent on the Mann House. All of the siding was replaced on the sun room behind the Mann House. On the front side of the Mann House, the front door unit and the sill under the front door were replaced. Also the siding was replaced from the bottom of the wall to the top of the first floor windows.

We also did some painting on the Town Hall. The ice storm damaged the entrance to the Library and broke a window on the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Buildings and Grounds Manager

Wallace A. Brown

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

As in the past three years we had a lot of rain in June and July. We were kept busy cutting the grass.

In the fall the snow held off long enough for us to get the leaves picked up in all of the cemeteries. The ice storm caused quite a lot of damage. All of the head stones did not sustain damage. We were able to start cleaning up some of the brush until we got too much snow. This project will continue in the spring of 2009.

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, 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death or Burial</u>
Jan. 6	Arlene Broadbent	Nashua, NH
Feb. 29	Paul John Koivula, Jr.	Gardner, MA
Apr. 1	Everett Randall	Mason, NH
Apr. 1	Beverly Young	Mason, NH
Apr. 29	Ellsworth Brown	Peterborough, NH
May 21	Alfred L. Elliott	Littleton, MA
Jul. 6	Marie Ellen Robinson	Jaffrey, NH

Jul. 15	Joanne Lecount	Mason, NH
Sept. 18	Roland Pelletier	Worcester, MA

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Mar. 20	Michael Wolfe Jaimie Millay	Mason, NH Mason, NH
Aug. 8	David Eaton Amanda Deane	Mason, NH Mason, NH
Aug. 9	Stanley Archambault Laurie Houghtaling	Mason, NH Mason, NH
Dec. 19	Dennis Avery Wendy Carey	Mason, NH Mason, NH

BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Feb. 29	Thomas Robert Schongar	Peterborough, NH	William Schongar Jennifer Schongar
Apr. 24	Hunter Logan Jones	Nashua, NH	Steven Jones Dawn Jones
Aug. 2	Cole Atkinson Williams	Peterborough, NH	Clayton Williams Theresa Williams
Dec. 9	Lisa Melanie Finch	Nashua, NH	Jason Finch Maila Finch
Dec. 12	Jacob Andrew Babin	Nashua, NH	David Babin Marci Babin

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Adam Pepin	Apr. 18	Paul Pepin Rebecca Pepin

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TOWN of MASON ELECTION MARCH 11, 2008

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, called the town election to order. The polls were declared open at 7:01 AM. Three absentee ballots were opened by the Moderator at 1pm. Checklist total was 940. The polls were closed at 7:13 PM after 394 had voted.

The Moderator administered the oath to the following ballot counters:
George Schwenk, Douglas Whitbeck, Mary McDonald, Rachel Petersen,
Lauren Mann, Anne (Nancy) Richards (counted school ballots only), Dorothy Mitchell, Dr.
Christopher Guiry, Pauline Bergeron, Florence (Sally)Wilson, Barbara DeVore, Mark Richardson,
Wolfgang Millbrandt, Joan Losee, and Charles Moser

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

Moderator for 2 years: Catherine Schwenk 355
There was 1 write-in vote
Town Clerk for 3 years: Susan Wagoner 357
There were 3 write-in votes
Selectmen for 3 years: Anne (Nancy) Richards 314
There were 20 write-in votes
Tax Collector for 3 years: Susan Wagoner 356
There were 3 write-in votes
Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years: Kathy Chapman 349
There were 2 write-in votes
Library Trustee for 3 years: Elena Kolbenson 343
There was 1 write-in vote
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Jeannine Phalon 340
There were 17 write-in votes
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: Mark Calderan 63 write-in votes
There were 10 other write-in votes

The results of **Article 2** – the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance question 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.

Yes 182 No 164

The results of **Article 3** – to see if the Town is 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.

Yes 289 No 50

School Board Results:

Article 2 – Budget: Yes 821 No 749
Article 3 – Collective Bargaining Agreement: Yes 849 No 725
Article 4 – Call Sp Meeting re #3: Yes 896 No 645
Article 5 – Collective Bargaining Agreement Cost Items: Yes 842 No 720
Article 6 – Call Sp Meeting re #5: Yes 861 No 680

Article 7 – Mason Withdrawal: Yes 946 No 617
Article 8 – Withdrawal from SAU: Yes 1020 No 524
Total ballots cast: 1540 Necessary to pass 3/5 vote RSA 194:c2
Received 65.81%
Article 9 – Replace Boiler at Appleton School: Yes 1114 No 455
Article 10 – Place \$75,000 in Capital Reserve Fund: Yes 842 No 709
Article 11 – Accept Reports: Yes 1210 No 305

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

MASON TOWN MEETING MARCH 12, 2008

At 7:30 PM the Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, came to the microphone and requested that non voters should wear non voter credentials and sit in the first row to the Moderator's left. There was no request for interpretive services. She then 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: Selectmen - Anne (Nancy) Richards, Mark Richardson, and Dr. Christopher Guiry; Town Clerk, Susan Wagoner and Wally Brown, Audio Specialist.

The Moderator reviewed the procedures for voters: Voters wishing to speak should use the microphones and address any questions to the chair; all amendments and substantive motions must be in writing and signed by the maker and seconded; every voter is entitled to speak on a debatable motion unless the body by a two-thirds vote has ordered discussion stopped; a voter is entitled to speak a second time on the same question provided all voters who wish to speak have spoken.

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.

The two March 12th birthdays were acknowledged – George Schwenk and David Baker

Dr. Christopher Guiry announced the Florence Roberts' bequeathing of the 40 acres on Valley Road to the Town of Mason a timeless gift and a unity of purpose. There will be no clearing or selective cutting allowed.

There were 130 voters and 4 non voters.
There was no objection to Richard Rockwood, the Town's Assessor, speaking to the meeting regarding Articles 9 and 18.

The Moderator announced the results of the Town elections and the school district. Total votes cast were 394. She declared the winning candidates elected to their respective office.

Moderator for 2 years: Catherine Schwenk 355
There was 1 write-in vote

Town Clerk for 3 years: Susan Wagoner 357
There were 3 write-in votes

Selectmen for 3 years: Anne (Nancy) Richards 314
There were 20 write-in votes

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There were 17 write-in votes

Trustee of Trust Funds 3 years: Mark Calderan 63 write-in votes
There were 10 write-in votes

The results of the election on Article 2 the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance question

Yes 179 No 31

The results of the election on Article 3 combining the office of Town Clerk and Tax Collector question

Yes 289 No 50

School Board Results:

Article 2 – Budget: Yes 821 No 749

Article 3 – Collective Bargaining Agreement: Yes 849 No 725

Article 4 – Call Sp Meeting re #3: Yes 896 No 645

Article 5 – Collective Bargaining Agreement Cost Items: Yes 842 No 720

Article 6 – Call Sp Meeting re #5: Yes 861 No 680

Article 7 – Mason Withdrawal: Yes 946 No 617

Article 8 – Withdrawal from SAU: Yes 1020 No 524

Total ballots cast: 1540 Necessary to pass 3/5 vote RSA 194:c2

Received 65.81%

Article 9 – Replace Boiler at Appleton School: Yes 1114 No 455

Article 10 – Place \$75,000 in Capital Reserve Fund: Yes 842 No 709

Article 11 – Accept Reports: Yes 1210 No 305

There were no errors or omissions in the town report.

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

The colors were presented by J. Robert Guiry, Christopher Elliot, Daniel McGuire, Nathan O'Brien, Nicholas Calderan, Thomas McGuire, Robert Anderson and Shawn O'Grady of Boy Scout Tr. 264. It was a distinct pleasure by the Moderator to present Cristina Calderan, the President of the Mascenic Student Council, member of the Honor Society and a leader in three sports, to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Dave Cook was recognized by the Moderator. He read a letter thanking the Highway Department workers, the Police officers, the Building Inspector, the Selectmen, the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant, the Emergency Director, the private contractors and the residents of the town for their patience and understanding during the major road repairs caused by the April 2007 floods.

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

Article 4: Mark Richardson moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million five hundred thirty-five thousand, one hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$1,525,138) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.

Mark Richardson proposed an amendment to correct the discrepancy between the dollar figure and the written figure of the budget. This amendment carried unanimously.

Mark Richardson proposed an amendment to correct the 6030-02 figure by \$5033 to be \$21033. This carried unanimously.

Dave Cook proposed an amendment to change the total of lines 6018 and 6019 by a total of \$50,000. This carried unanimously.

The new proposed budget, as amended, of \$1,580,171.00 carried unanimously.

Joe McGuire made a motion and it was carried to advance Article 17 to be heard prior to Article 5.

Article 17: Mark Richardson moved and it was seconded that the Town 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.)

After much discussion Robert Lavoie, in memory of Don Richards, moved the previous question which carried unanimously. There was no objection by Garth Fletcher. This motion was defeated.

Article 5: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town 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. After much discussion, the polls were opened at 9:14 pm and closed at 10:14pm. The motion carried with 110 Yes and 20 No.

Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded to move articles 9 and 18 to be heard next. The motion carried.

Article 9: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town 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. (Required by the Department of Revenue to maintain equitable property valuations and certification.)

Mr. Rockwood, the Town's assessor, spoke to this issue to explain the process. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 18: Dr Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to modify a restrictive covenant imposed on Tax Map B, Lot 24 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.

Mr. Rockwood spoke to this issue.

Robert Lavoie made a motion to amend this to insert before garage to read "2 car" and after garage to read "maximum". The amendment was defeated.

The original motion was defeated.

Article 6: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve, previously established.

Article 7: Mark Richardson moved and it was seconded that the Town 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.

Mark McDonald, Chairman of the Planning Board, spoke to this issue explaining the reasoning behind changing from South West Region Planning Commission to Nashua Regional Planning Commission. The motion carried

Article 8: On motion of Dr Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously 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. Such funds will come from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established.

Article 10: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Article 11: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town 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. By petition.

Charles Moser spoke to this issue – the celebration will be for the 240th year of the charter and also the birthday of Uncle Sam Wilson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Article 12: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the purchase of a new copier for the Town Office.

Article 13: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously 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.

Article 14: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously 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.

Article 15: On motion of Dr Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously 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.

Article 16: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously to accept the donation of a thermal imaging camera from the Mason Fire Department Association.

Article 19: Mark Richardson moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to support the following finding:

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.

After much discussion, a motion to move the previous question carried. The motion carried by hand count - Yes 38 No 27

Article 20: The withdrawal article on the school district warrant carried and Mason may withdraw. On motion of Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the Town postpone indefinitely the vote in favor of the withdrawal of the Town of Mason from the Mascenic Regional School District in accordance with RSA 195:25.

Article 21: 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.

Article 22: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department.

Article 23: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen and the Police Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Police Department.

On motion of Anne Richards and seconded by many voices, the meeting was adjourned Sine Dai at 11:10 PM

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

PLODZIK AND SANDERSON 2007 AUDIT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mason, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as of December 31, 2007 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Mason's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

TOWN of MASON Presidential Primary Jan 8, 2008

The polls were declared open at 8:00AM.

There were 35 walk-in new voters and 29 absentee voters. A total of 668 residents voted.
377 Republicans, 291 Democrats

The Presidential results:

Republican:	
Giuliani	20
Huckabee	45
Hunter	3
McCain	109
Paul	43
Romney	136
Thompson	6
Write-ins	4

Democratic:	
Clinton	108
Edward	60
Kucinich	2
Obama	91
Richardson	25
Write-ins	4

The Vice Presidential results:

Republican:	
Barnes	49

Democratic:	
Bryk	16
Stebbins	48

The polls closed at 7:12 PM

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

TOWN of MASON NH Primary September 9, 2008

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, declared the polls open at 7:03AM.

The total number of voters on the checklist was 946. There were 7 walk-in new voters and 6 absentee voters. A total of 306 residents voted.

176 Republicans, 130 Democrats

The Mason Planning Board Article:

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to Article 5, Paragraph B, Section 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Mason Zoning Ordinance as follows:

"Notwithstanding the frontage and lot area imposed by this section, a lot approved by the Planning Board prior to March 11, 2008 shall be deemed conforming to the minimum size and frontage requirements of the GRAF zone."

The results were: Yes – 256 No – 46

The Mason School District results:

School Board member Exp March 2010:	John Lewicke 144
	Mary McDonald 145
School Board member Exp March 2011:	Wolfgang Millbrandt 258
School Board member Exp March 2012:	Donald Hodges 248
School Moderator Exp March 2012:	Catherine Schwenk 272
School Treasurer Exp March 2011:	No Candidate
School Clerk Exp March 2011:	No Candidate

The NH Primary results:

Republican:

Governor	Joseph Kenney	128
US Senator	Tom Alciere	27
	John Sununu	142
US Representative	"Bob" Clegg	65
	Jennifer Horn	56
	Alfred L'Eplattenier	9
	"Jim" Steiner	3
	Grant Bosse	5
Executive Council	Stephen Stepanek	73
State Senate	Paul LaFlamme Jr	66
State Representative	Donald Ryder	60
	Richard Drisko	61
	Carolyn Gargas	60
	Matthew Jacobs	58
Sheriff	James Hardy	68
County Attorney	Marguerite Wageling	66

County Treasurer	"Bob" Burns	66
Register of Deeds	Christine Infantine	17
	Annette Jacques	7
	"Bill" Boyd	13
	Pamela Coughlin	29
Register of Probate	"Bob" Rivard	69
County Commissioner	Carol Holden	53
	Pamela Manney	14
Delegate to State Convention	John Lewicke	18 write-ins
Total Write-ins: 25		
Democratic:		
Governor	John Lynch	116
	"Katy" Forry	13
US Senator	Raymond Stebbins	28
	Jeanne Shaheen	98
US Representative	Paul Hodes	112
Executive Council	Debora Pignatelli	108
State Senator	"Peggy" Gilmour	98
State Representative	Melanie Levesque	92
	"Art" Sweed	74
	Stephanie Ashbaugh	75
	Linda Avard	73
Sheriff	Harold Wheeler	92
County Attorney	No Candidate	
County Treasurer	Christopher Pappas	92

Register of Deeds	Paula Borbotsina	26
	Benjamin Clemons	17
	Louise Wright	38
	Arthur Beaudry	9

Register of Probate	Graham Smith	88
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County Commissioner	Shannon Bernier	88
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Total Write-ins 10

The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:16 PM.

Ballot counting ended at 11:15PM

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

TOWN of MASON, NH General Election Nov. 4, 2008

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, declared the polls open at 6:59 AM.

The total number of voters on the checklist was 968 – 304 Republicans, 212 Democrats and 452 Undeclared. There were 47 walk-in new voters and 70 absentee voters. A total of 870 residents voted.

The ballot clerks were Rachel Petersen, Pauline Bergeron, Lauren Mann, Florence Wilson, Jenny Greenwood, Carolyn Place, Dorothy Mitchell and Susan Wagoner.

The results:

Republican:

President – McCain		457
Governor – Kenney		286
US Senator – Sununu		433
US Representative – Horn		413
Executive Councilor – Stepanek		423
State Senator – LaFlamme, Jr.		361
State Representatives		
	Ryder	356
	Drisko	394
	Gargas	376
	Jacobs	360
	Levesque	362
	Sweed	278
	Ashbaugh	284
	Avard	275
Sheriff – Hardy		422
County Attorney – Wageling		386
County Treasurer – Burns		386
Register of Deeds – Coughlin		397
Register of Probate – Rivard		412
County Commissioner – Holden		396

Democratic:

President – Obama		385
Governor – Lynch		490
US Senator – Shaheen		361

US Representative – Hodes	338
Executive Councilor – Pignatelli	325
State Senator – Gilmour	293
State Representatives	
Levesque	362
Sweed	278
Ashbaugh	284
Avard	275
Sheriff – Wheeler	307
County Attorney – Wageling	301
County Treasurer – Pappas	331
Register of Deeds – Wright	311
Register of Probate – Smith	304
County Commissioner – Bernier	318
Other Candidates:	
President Independent – Nader	4
President Libertarian – Phillies	2
President Libertarian – Barr	6
Governor Libertarian – Newell	38
US Senator Libertarian – Blevens	51
US Representative Libertarian – Lapointe II	37
State Senator Independent – Hall	111
Write ins	
President	6
US Representative	1
Executive Councilor	1
County Attorney	3

The polls closed at 7:13 PM.

The Moderator installed the following ballot counters:

Dorothy Millbrandt, Doug Whitbeck, Thomas Mitchell, Constance LaCasse, Paula Babel, Linda Cotter-Cranston, Charles Moser, Barbara Milkovits, Dorothy Minior, Carolyn Place, Jenny Greenwood, Mary McDonald, Mark Richardson, Dr. Christopher Guiry, Anne (Nancy) Richards, Dorothy Mitchell, Lauren Mann, Rachel Petersen, George Schwenk, Pauline Bergeron and Florence Wilson.

The ballot counters finished at 10:30 pm.

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

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1808 History Highlights

There were three marriages performed by Rev. William Eliot.

There were two marriages performed by Rev. Ebenezer Hill

Births – from December 31, 1807 to December 31, 1808 – 23

Deaths – There were 15 deaths; ranging in age from two days old to seventy-five years old.

Moderator	Timothy Dakin
Town Clerk	John Blodgett
Selectmen	John Blodgett
	Joseph Merriam
	Joseph Saunders
Treasurer:	Selectmen
Representative:	Deacon R.W. Weson

Church Statistics: Reverend Ebenezer Hill received an extra \$100 added to his salary again. Two people joined the church by profession. There were 105 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

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