

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

2009

Mason Village Post Card

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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2009 was a relatively quiet year for the Town of Mason. But if anything, it would be known as the year of recovery from both the ice storm of 2008 and the economy.

We started the year by cleaning up from one of the worst ice storms to hit the area in many years. Having been designated as a disaster area in 2008, the Town of Mason worked with FEMA to get as much help as possible in cleaning up the devastation. A complete assessment was done by the Road Agent and our FEMA representative, an important step in the clean-up process. Following federal guidelines, we advertised the required cleanup of the roadside and any related tree work. After doing due diligence in selecting the lowest qualified bidder, the Selectmen awarded Wally's Tree Service the contract to complete the work by the end of June. Much thanks to Barbara Devore for her taking the lead in gathering the volunteer information. Her efforts during the election and Town meeting proved to be invaluable. Without this undertaking, Mason's portion of the clean-up costs would have been much higher.

As the snow melted, tree crews began the arduous task of cleaning up the roadsides in an all out effort to meet the deadline set by FEMA. Broken limbs and leaning trees were cut and all the brush within the right of way was chipped. Logs left by the road side were left for the property owner in hopes of providing warmth in the next heating season.

Summer brought warmth and sunshine as well as hope. As of July first we were no longer a part of the Mascenic School District, we became our own district. The economy was on a slow road to recovery and the Town of Mason began the largest project it has undertaken in many years: building renovations and a new addition to the Mason Elementary School. Bob Bergeron, Building Committee member, could be seen on a daily basis, keeping track of this monumental project.

By September the new town Christmas tree was planted on the common next to the Mann House. This replaced the old tree that was cut down as part of the school design. A sad time when the tree, that had been a part of the center for so many years was lost to progress, but it can also be said that the new tree was a sign of a new beginning for the Town.

In November, the Town again was called to the voting booth to decide its future, relative to how we educate our young. We were asked whether we should become our own School Administrative Unit (SAU), the voters chose to leave SAU 63 and become the State's newest Administrative Unit SAU 89.

Beginning of December started the holiday season with the lighting of the new Christmas tree. A beautiful sight for all that approached the center of town after dusk. The center remains in a state of change as the school building is well under way to being transformed into a fully updated school that will serve the community for many years to come.

As the year came to a close, we lost yet another long time member of the community. Anne Calhoun Fifield passed away two days before Christmas. She and her husband Dr. Charles "Woody" Fifield (2004) were so much a part of Mason since moving here in 1960. They will be remembered for their conservation efforts both in Mason and other parts of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS**

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### **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/](http://www.mason-nh.net/townclerk/)

Email: [susan@mason-nh.net](mailto: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/TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term**

Susan J. Wagoner March 2012

**DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

Dorothy Mitchell, Appointed March 2012

**TREASURER 3 yr term**

Debra Morrison March 2012

**DEPUTY TREASURER**

Patricia A. Greene, Appointed March 2012

**SELECTMEN 3 yr term**

Mark Richardson, Chairman March 2010  
Anne Richards March 2011  
C. Christopher Guiry DMD March 2012

**DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR**

Dorothy Mitchell, Appointed March 2012

**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 2012  
Elena Kolbenson March 2011

**TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term**

Robert Larochele March 2012  
Wallace A. Brown March 2010  
Jeannine Phalon March 2011

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term**

George Schwenk March 2010  
Mark Calderan March 2011

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS**

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**FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

**PLANNING BOARD**

Pamela Lassen, Chairman	March 2012
Mark McDonald	March 2011
Dorothy Millbrandt	March 2012
Bruce Mann	March 2010
Linda Cotter-Cranston	March 2012
Joseph McGuire, Alternate	March 2012
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 2012
Michael Dulong	March 2011
Winthrop Bennett, Alternate	March 2012
Patricia Letourneau, Alternate & Clerk	March 2012
Mark Richardson, Ex-officio	

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Board of Selectmen

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Robert Larochelle, Chairman	March 2012
Robert Dillberger	March 2011
Anna Faiello	March 2011
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 2011
Charles Lanni	March 2012
Paula Babel	March 2010
Ann Moser	March 2010
Cynthia Hajjar	March 2011

**FORESTRY COMMITTEE**

Curtis Dunn	March 2012
Eric Anderson	March 2011
Matthew LeClair	March 2011
William Downs, Town Forester	
C. Christopher Guiry, Ex-officio	

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Lynn McCann, Chairman  
Elena Kolbenson

March 2012  
March 2012

**BALLOT CLERKS**

Pauline Bergeron  
Kenneth Greene  
Lauren Mann  
Florence Wilson

March 2012  
March 2011  
March 2012  
March 2010

**POLICE OFFICERS**

Barry G. Hutchins  
Steven Duval  
Aaron Thompson  
John LeBlanc, Sr.

Police Chief  
Patrolman  
Patrolman  
Part Time Police Officer

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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

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David P. Cook	ROAD AGENT
Kenneth B. Wilson	BUILDING INSPECTOR/DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER
Lynn McCann	HEALTH OFFICER
Kenneth B. Wilson	HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT
Don MacIntosh	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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Selectman	3 years
Moderator	2 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	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 by adding Article XX: Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance and Article XXI: Multi-Family Housing Overlay District Ordinance and Article 4 regarding adopting the provisions of RSA 466:30-a making it unlawful for any dog to run at large and Article 5 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 Mason Elementary School at 9:00 AM on Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.
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, as follows:

ADD new Article XX: Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance; to permit by special exception, a second dwelling unit that is secondary and accessory to the principal single-family dwelling unit. The owner must occupy one of the dwelling units, which must be within or attached to the principal dwelling unit. The purpose is to provide expanded rental opportunities, provide flexibility in household arrangements, and address workforce housing. Approved by the Mason Planning Board  
 (By Ballot)

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Mason Planning Board, to the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

ADD new Article XXI: Multi-Family Housing Overlay District Ordinance; to permit multi-family dwellings on lots within the GRAF district that take frontage on New Hampshire Route 31. Individual structures may contain 2-5 dwelling units located on lots of at least one acre per unit, not including wetlands, steep slopes and rock outcroppings. The purpose is to provide a reasonable opportunity for affordable multi-family housing as required by the workforce housing statute. Approved by the Mason Planning Board.

(By Ballot)

4. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 466:30-a which make it unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such.  
(By Ballot)
5. 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.  
(By ballot, requires 3/5 vote)
6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement not to exceed the amount of One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) payable over a term of seven years to purchase a new backhoe for the Mason Highway Department and to negotiate the first year's payment of this lease to occur in 2011. (Requires 2/3 ballot vote.)
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million five hundred fifty-four thousand, four hundred twenty-three dollars (\$1,554,423) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.
8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) payable over a term of three years to purchase and equip a new cruiser for the Police Department and to negotiate the first year's payment of this lease to occur in 2011. (Requires 2/3 ballot vote.)
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-three thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars (\$23,975) for the following purposes: replace shingles on the Mann House roof, roof the sunroom and rebuild the chimney from the roof line up, or take any other action thereto.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment 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 Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the following purposes: research bounds of Town land, lot G-61, removal of dangerous trees and RR Trail maintenance, replacement tree planting, sponsor lectures regarding wood lot ice storm damage and subsequent selective cutting, and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established or take any other action relative thereto.
12. 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.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purchase of ballistic vests for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$200) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund, previously established. This sum to come from the December 31, 2009 Fund Balance (surplus) being monies received from the 2009 sale of cemetery lots, and no amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Selectmen.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars (\$500) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This sum to come from the December 31, 2009 Fund Balance (surplus) being that amount received from the 2009 sale of highway equipment, and no amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Selectmen.
16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
18. 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.

	2009	2009	2010	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2009/2010
<b>Appropriations</b>				
<b>Charges for Services</b>				
Income from Departments				
4032 · Fees-Fire Reports	0			
4033 · Fees-Police Reports	185			
4035 · Pistol Permits	380			
4042 · Detail Payments	1,225			
4044 · Court Fines	100			
Total Income from Departments	1,890			
Total Charges for Services	1,890	700	700	
From Federal Government				
4050 · FEMA	70,837			
Total From Federal Government	70,837			
From State				
4036 · Shared Revenues	0	0	6,737	
4037 · Rooms & Meals Tax Distribution	60,092	45,000	45,000	
4038 · Highway Block Grant	66,550	66,550	70,000	
4039 · State & Federal Forest Land Re.	612	612	612	
4040 · OHRV Grant	2,565	0	0	
4041 · Other State Revenues	30,281			
4045 · Other PD Grants	7,007			
Total From State	167,107	112,162	122,349	
Interfund Operating Tr. In				
4070 · from Special Rev. Funds - For. Com	2,630	2,500	8,000	
4075 · from Capital Reserve Funds				
4076 · from Trust & Fiduciary Funds	9,205	3,205	500	
4077 · Transfers from Con.Com.Funds	22,163	20,519	10,000	
Total Interfund Operating Tr. In	33,998	26,224	18,500	
Licenses, Permits, Fees				
Building Permits				
4024 · Permits, Building	2,774			
4025 · Oil Burner Permits & Others	30			
Total Building Permits	2,804	4,000	4,000	

	2009	2009	2010	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2009/2010
<b>Motor Vehicle Permit Fees</b>				
4020 · M. V. fees	231,619			
4021 · Titles	590			
4022 · M/A stickers	5,410			
4023 · Mail-in registrations	568			
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Permit Fees</b>	<b>238,187</b>	<b>215,000</b>	<b>215,000</b>	
<b>Other Licenses, Permits &amp; Fees</b>				
4026-01 · Mail in Dog License	63			
4026 · Dog Licenses	2,329			
4027 · State Dog Fees	1,065			
4026-02 · Civil Forfeiture	275			
4026 -03 · Late Penalty	58			
4028 · Vital Records	524			
4029 · Fees-BOA				
<b>Total 4026-4029</b>	<b>4,314</b>			
4030 · Fees-Planning Board				
4030-01 · Reimbrs. of Civil Engineer Fees	315			
4030 · Fees-Planning Board - Other	2,708			
4031 · Fees-HDC	59			
<b>Total 4030 · Fees-Planning Board</b>	<b>3,082</b>			
4034 · Fees-Returned Check	205			
4078 · Exaction Fees-lot A-22	0			
<b>Total Other Licenses, Permits &amp; Fees</b>	<b>7,601</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	
<b>Total Licenses, Permits, Fees</b>	<b>248,592</b>	<b>224,000</b>	<b>224,000</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>				
4060 · Sale of Municipal Property	70,968	85,000		
4061 · Interest Income	1,828	2,000	2,100	
4066 · Insurance Settlement (HWY/POL/LIB)	36,111	27,230		
4067 · Other Income	22,738	3,000	3,000	
<b>Total Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	<b>131,644</b>	<b>117,230</b>	<b>5,100</b>	
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				
4080 · Proc. from LongTermBonds,Notes				
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Revenue-Taxes</b>				
4002 · Timber Taxes	4,504	5,000	4,000	
4005 · Interest & Penalties on taxes	25,416	12,000	7,000	
4006 · Costs on taxes	909	250	250	
<b>Total Revenue-Taxes</b>	<b>30,829</b>	<b>17,250</b>	<b>11,250</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>684,897</b>	<b>497,566</b>	<b>381,899</b>	

	2009	2009	2010	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2009/2010
Capital Outlay				
6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip.				
6032-07 · WA # 6 Cruiser (3 yr.lease)	9,375	28,000		
6032-08 · WA # 7 Cruiser Equipment	17,854	17,854		
6032-09 · WA # 11 Replacement Air Bottles	4,815	5,000		
6032-10 · WA # 9 Zero Turn Mower	6,800	6,800		
Capital Outlay 2010				
6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip.				
6032-11 · WA # 7 Backhoe (7 year lease)			125,000	
6032-12 · WA # 8 Cruiser & Equip (3 yr. lease)			36,000	
6032-13 · WA # 13 Police Vests			2,000	
6032-14 · WA # 12 FD Air Bottles			5,000	
Total 6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip.	38,844	57,654	168,000	
6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings				
6034-09 · WA # 12 Culverts for Brookline Road	4,500	4,500		
6034-10 · WA # 8 Balance on NRPC Membership	10,500	10,500		
6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings 2010				
6034-11 · WA # 9 Mann House Repairs			23,975	
6034-12 · WA # 11 Forestry Committee Projects			8,000	
Total 6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings	15,000	15,000	31,975	
Total Capital Outlay	53,844	72,654	199,975	
Operating Transfers Out				
6036 · To Capital Reserve Fund				
6036-06 · WA # 10 HWY Const. Cap.Reserve	6,000	6,000		
6036-07 · WA # 13 Hwy Equip. Cap.Reserve	0	400		
6036-08 · WA # 14 Cemetery Funds	0	400		
6036 · To Capital Reserve & Trust Fund 2010				
6036-09 · WA # 10 Hwy Equip. Cap.Reserve			20,000	
6036-10 · WA # 15 Hwy Equip. Cap.Reserve			500	
6036-11 · WA # 14 Cemetery Funds			200	
Total Operating Transfers Out	6,000	6,800	20,700	
Total Capital & Operating Transfers	59,844	79,454	220,675	

	2009	2009	2010	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2009/2010
<b>Conservation</b>				
6028-01 · Conservation Commission Exp.	13,645	325	688	
6028-02 · CC Railroad Trail Maint.	8,656	1,675	1,312	
6028-02 · CU Penalty -CC	4,338			
6029-01 · Town Forests	2,630	1	1	
<b>Total Conservation</b>	<b>29,268</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>6024 · Parks &amp; Recreation</b>				
6024-01 · Parks Maint.	1,552	2,000	2,000	
6024-02 · Parks Electricity	27	100	100	
6024-03 · Toilet Facilities	471	600	600	
6024-04 · Activities/Rec.Com.	328	600	600	
6025-01 · Town Common Maint.	7,430	7,000	7,000	
6025-02 · TC Payroll Taxes	861	536	536	
6025-03 · TC Workers' Comp.	156	156	156	
<b>Total 6024 · Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>10,825</b>	<b>10,992</b>	<b>10,992</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>6026 · Library</b>				
6026-01 · Library Salaries	34,083	34,165	34,805	
6026-02 · Lib. Payroll Taxes	2,607	2,614	2,663	
6026-03 · Lib. Workers' Comp.	157	157	157	
6026-04 · Continuing Education	45	550	550	
6026-05 · Travel	293	375	375	
6026-06 · Telephone	746	900	900	
6026-07 · Technology	840	840	840	
6026-08 · Postage	84	100	100	
6026-09 · Supplies	493	500	500	
6026-10 · Dues & Fees	495	600	600	
6026-11 · Programming	292	300	300	
6026-12 · Books	3,191	3,200	3,200	
<b>Total 6026 · Library</b>	<b>43,326</b>	<b>44,301</b>	<b>44,990</b>	<b>2%</b>
6027 · Patriotic Purposes	786	450	600	33%
<b>Total Culture &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>54,937</b>	<b>55,743</b>	<b>56,582</b>	<b>2%</b>
6030-01 · Princ. Long Term Bonds & Notes	83,000	83,000	63,000	-24%
6030-02 · Interest Long Term Bonds & Note	18,180	18,240	14,768	-19%
6030-03 · Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	13,009	14,000	14,000	0%
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>114,189</b>	<b>115,240</b>	<b>91,768</b>	<b>-20%</b>

	2009	2009	2010	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2009/2010
<b>General Government</b>				
<b>6000 · Executive</b>				
6000-01 · Selectmen Salaries	2,925	2,925	2,925	
<b>Total 6000 · Executive</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>6001 · Election, Reg. &amp; Vital Stats.</b>				
6001-01 · Moderator	230	350	495	
6001-02 · Election Expenses	2,460	4,000	4,100	
6001-03 · Town Clerk/Tax Collector	20,000	20,000	20,600	
6001-18 · Municipal Agent Fees*	5,617	4,383	4,383	
6001-05 · TC/TX Deputy	6,131	8,400	8,400	
6001-16 · TC/TX Payroll Tax	2,485	2,508	2,554	
6001-06 · Assoc. Dues	40	55	55	
6001-07 · State Dog Fees	984			
6001-08 · Convention/Education	1,016	1,200	1,000	
6001-09 · Certification/Training	105	500	500	
6001-17 · TX Registry Fees	75	300	300	
6001-10 · Mileage	415	500	500	
6001-11 · Office Supplies	1,288	1,300	2,453	
6001-12 · Postage	1,092	1,200	1,990	
6001-13 · Software Maint./Update	3,385	3,385	3,580	
6001-14 · Telephone & Internet	973	972	990	
6001-19 · Other Expense	512			
<b>Total 6001 · Election, Reg. &amp; Vital Stats.</b>	<b>46,808</b>	<b>49,053</b>	<b>51,899</b>	<b>6%</b>
*This fee is paid by the State not the Town.				
<b>6002 · Financial Administration</b>				
6002-01 · Treasurer Salaries	550	550	550	
6002-02 · Auditor	8,473	8,500	8,500	
6002-03 · Admin. Salaries	36,056	36,056	37,138	
6002-04 · Part-time Admin.	3,579	5,000	5,000	
6002-05 · Payroll Taxes	3,400	3,407	3,490	
6002-06 · Workers' Comp.	782	782	782	
6002-07 · Retirement Ins.	1,952	1,900	2,004	
6002-08 · Bank Service Charges	331	200	200	
6002-09 · Conferences	35	800	800	
6002-10 · Computer Services	4,200	4,500	4,500	
6002-11 · Software Maint./Update	1,478	1,478	1,538	
6002-12 · Mileage	163	200	200	
6002-13 · Miscellaneous	325	500	500	
6002-14 · Postage	848	900	900	
6002-15 · Registry Fees	190	150	150	
6002-16 · Repairs & Maint.-Equipment	450	492	492	
6002-18 · Office Supplies	1,204	1,700	1,500	
6002-19 · Advertising	183	250	250	
6002-20 · Town Office Equipment	244	800	800	
6002-21 · Telephone	608	725	725	
6002-22 · Town Reports	1,536	1,500	1,550	
6002-23 · Tech Support	0	1,300	2,300	
<b>Total 6002 · Financial Administration</b>	<b>66,586</b>	<b>71,690</b>	<b>73,869</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>6003 · Revaluation of Property</b>				
6003-01 · Assessing	3,260	5,000	5,000	
6003-02 · Tax Map Update	700	700	700	
<b>Total 6003 · Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>0%</b>



	2009	2009	2010	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2009/2010
6004 · Legal Expenses	10,787	7,500	7,500	0%
6005 · Personnel Administration				
6005-02 · STD & Life Insurance	3,964	4,200	4,200	
6005-03 · Health & Dental Insurance	158,306	158,770	183,326	
6005-04 · Unemployment Taxes	229	229	258	
Total 6005 · Personnel Administration	162,499	163,199	187,784	15%
6006 · Planning & Zoning				
6006-01 · PB Advertising	668	600	600	
6006-02 · PB Training	63	80	80	
6006-03 · PB Supplies	118	50	182	
6006-04 · PB Postage	0	400	400	
6006-05 · BOA Salaries	165	660	660	
6006-07 · BOA Advertise	0	420	420	
6006-08 · BOA Postage	0	30	30	
6006-09 · BOA Supplies	118	80	152	
6006-10 · BOA Training	171	200	200	
6006-11 · Historic District Expense	67	110	110	
6006-12 · NRPC Assistant	4,805	4,933	5,000	
Total 6006 · Planning & Zoning	6,175	7,563	7,834	4%
6007 · Gen. Gov. Buildings				
6007-01 · Custodial Expense	8,242	8,242	8,242	
6007-02 · TB Supplies	974	1,100	1,100	
6007-03 · TB Heat	7,129	11,000	11,000	
6007-04 · TB Electricity	4,650	4,400	4,700	
6007-05 · TB Repairs & Maint.	20,400	20,000	22,000	
6007-06 · Records Preservation	0	2,000	2,000	
Total 6007 · Gen. Gov. Buildings	41,396	46,742	49,042	5%
6008 · Cemeteries				
6008-01 · Cem. Maintenance	2,438	2,800	2,800	
6008-02 · Cem. Salaries	13,397	10,000	10,000	
6008-03 · Cem. Payroll Taxes	1,028	765	765	
6008-04 · Cem. Workers' Comp.	157	157	157	
Total 6008 · Cemeteries	17,020	13,722	13,722	0%
6009 · Insurance				
6009-01 · LGC-PLIT	24,835	24,000	26,325	
Total 6009 · Insurance	24,835	24,000	26,325	10%
6010 · Advertising & Assoc.				
6010-01 · NRPC	1,032	1,067	1,085	
Total 6010 · Advertising & Assoc.	1,032	1,067	1,085	2%
6011 · Other Gen. Gov.				
6011-01 · LGC Membership	992	997	997	
6011-02 · Abatements & Refunds	9,716	0	0	
Total 6011 · Other Gen. Gov.	10,708	997	997	0%
Total General Government	394,731	394,158	428,682	9%
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%

	2009	2009	2010	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2009/2010
<b>Highways &amp; Streets</b>				
<b>6018 · Highway Town Maintenance</b>				
6018-01 · Road Agent Salary	51,809	51,809	53,363	
6018-02 · Asst. Road Agent Salary	40,810	40,810	42,034	
6018-03 · Equip. Operator I	39,083	39,083	40,255	
6018-04 · Equip. Operator II	38,875	38,875	40,041	
6018-05 · Other Salaries	53,102	52,025	52,025	
6018-06 · Overtime Wages	8,999	21,147	21,147	
6018-07 · Hwy Payroll Taxes	17,390	18,650	19,041	
6018-08 · Hwy Workers' Comp.	8,599	10,000	10,000	
6018-09 · Hwy Retirement	9,261	9,500	9,756	
6018-10 · Hwy Mileage	953	500	500	
6018-11 · Drug & Alc. Testing	259	600	600	
6018-12 · Consulting Engineer	315	1,000	1,500	
6018-13 · Paved Road Restoration	73,129	75,000	80,000	
6018-14 · Patch	8,290	6,500	7,500	
6018-15 · Culverts	2,782	4,000	4,000	
6018-16 · Calcium Chloride	0	12,000	1,000	
6018-17 · Signs & Rewards	1,044	1,200	1,600	
6018-18 · Plowing	15,950	17,280	17,280	
6018-19 · Salt	13,792	12,000	14,000	
6018-24 · Crusher	6,000	0	0	
6018-25 · Ice Storm Cleanup	963			
6018-25 · FEMA Ice Storm Cleanup	59,589			
6018-27 · Tree Work			1,000	
6018-28 · Guard Rails			1,000	
6018-29 · Sweeper			1,000	
<b>Total 6018 · Highway Town Maintenance</b>	<b>450,993</b>	<b>411,979</b>	<b>418,644</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>6019 · Hwy Dept. Expenses</b>				
6019-01 · Building Maint.	3,530	6,500	6,500	
6019-02 · Electricity	4,042	3,500	4,000	
6019-03 · Telephone	2,303	2,600	2,600	
6019-04 · Dues & Education	1,257	2,000	2,000	
6019-05 · Equip. Maint.	40,801	36,000	40,000	
6019-06 · Edges for Plowing	2,632	5,500	5,500	
6019-07 · Tires	4,688	5,000	5,500	
6019-08 · Chains	1,911	1,000	1,000	
6019-09 · Chainsaw Repairs	364	350	350	
6019-10 · Radios	1,231	1,500	1,500	
6019-11 · Welding Equipment	807	1,500	1,500	
6019-12 · Safety Equipment	1,738	1,700	1,700	
6019-13 · Tools	1,293	1,500	1,500	
6019-14 · Fuel	32,860	42,000	42,000	
6019-15 · Vehicle Lease	2,200	0	0	
6019-15 · Backhoe Rental	2,200			
<b>Total 6019 · Hwy Dept. Expenses</b>	<b>103,858</b>	<b>110,650</b>	<b>115,650</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>6020 · Street Lighting</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1,200</b>	
<b>Total Highways &amp; Streets</b>	<b>555,894</b>	<b>523,529</b>	<b>535,494</b>	<b>2%</b>

	2009	2009	2010	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2009/2010
<b>Public Safety</b>				
<b>6012 · Police Department</b>				
6012-20 · Police Chief Salary	53,061	53,100	54,693	
6012-21 · 1st Patrolman Salary	44,306	44,575	45,912	
6012-22 · 2nd Patrolman Salary	36,067	36,100	37,183	
6012-02 · Part-time Salaries	25,798	33,354	33,354	
6012-23 · On Call	11,047	10,400	10,400	
6012-03 · Overtime Wages	21,030	14,000	14,000	
6012-04 · Prosecutor	7,500	7,500	7,500	
6012-05 · Payroll Taxes	4,370	4,850	4,908	
6012-06 · Workers' Comp.	5,004	5,500	5,500	
6012-07 · Retirement	22,490	20,057	23,548	
6012-08 · Detail Expenses	4,188	1	1	
6012-08 · OHRV Grant Detail	1,800			
6012-11 · Conventions & Dues	145	750	750	
6012-12 · Office Expenses	6,344	5,500	5,500	
6012-13 · Uniforms	1,389	2,500	2,500	
6012-14 · Equip. & Maint.	3,568	3,500	3,500	
6012-24 · K-9 Maintenance	1,327	1,500	1,500	
6012-15 · Training	1,710	3,000	3,000	
6012-16 · Cruiser lease	0	0	654	
6012-17 · Cruiser Maint.	2,363	4,500	4,500	
6012-18 · Cruiser Fuel	6,062	10,000	10,000	
6012-26 · K-9 Trust Purchase	2,009			
6012-27 · Grant Purchase	5,000			
<b>Total 6012 · Police Department</b>	<b>266,578</b>	<b>260,687</b>	<b>268,904</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>6013 · Ambulance</b>	<b>9,768</b>	<b>9,768</b>	<b>10,012</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>6014 · Fire Department</b>				
6014-01 · Fire Chief's Salary	1,600	1,600	1,600	
6014-02 · FD Stipend	7,388	7,550	7,550	
6014-23 · FD Secretary	321	2,000	2,000	
6014-24 · FD Payroll Tax	23	153	153	
6014-24 · FD Workers' Comp.	782	782	800	
6014-04 · Officers' Expenses	1,637	2,000	2,000	
6014-05 · Hep.B Vac.	0	300	350	
6014-06 · Insurance	0	250	250	
6014-07 · Training	238	2,750	2,750	
6014-08 · Expendables	724	1,000	1,200	
6014-09 · Building Maint.	11,371	4,000	4,000	
6014-10 · Electricity	2,244	2,500	2,500	
6014-11 · Heat	1,257	3,000	3,000	
6014-12 · Telephone	1,056	1,200	1,400	
6014-13 · Radio Repair	1,844	2,000	2,500	
6014-14 · Code Books	0	200	200	
6014-15 · Vehicle Maint.	5,221	5,000	5,000	
6014-16 · Fuel	1,291	2,000	2,000	
6014-17 · Equip. Maint.	3,608	6,500	6,500	
6014-18 · FD Tanker Lease	27,510	27,510	27,510	Final Payment
6014-19 · EMS Supplies	1,488	2,000	2,200	
6014-20 · EMS Training	1,488	2,000	2,000	
6014-21 · Ins. Settlement Work	4,316			
<b>Total 6014 · Fire Department</b>	<b>75,404</b>	<b>76,295</b>	<b>77,463</b>	<b>2%</b>

	2009	2009	2010	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2009/2010
<b>6015 · Building Inspection</b>				
6015-01 · Bldg. Insp. Salary	10,632	12,000	12,360	
6015-05 · Bldg. Insp. Admin.	2,890	3,000	3,000	
6015-02 · BI Payroll Taxes	883	1,148	1,176	
6015-03 · BI Mileage	866	1,206	1,206	
6015-04 · BI Expenses	970	1,017	1,017	
<b>Total 6015 · Building Inspection</b>	<b>16,242</b>	<b>18,371</b>	<b>18,759</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>6016 · Emergency Management</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>6017 · Other (incl. Comm.)</b>				
6017-01 · Communications	18,756	19,500	19,500	
6017-02 · Waterhole Maint.	426	500	500	
<b>Total 6017 · Other (incl. Comm.)</b>	<b>19,181</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>387,178</b>	<b>385,221</b>	<b>395,237</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Sanitation</b>				
6021-01 · Wilton Recycling	59,217	59,326	41,134	
<b>Total Sanitation</b>	<b>59,217</b>	<b>59,326</b>	<b>41,134</b>	<b>-31%</b>
<b>Welfare</b>				
6023-01 · Town Poor	1,218	1,000	1,000	0%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,598,132</b>	<b>1,538,743</b>	<b>1,554,423</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total Capital &amp; Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,657,976</b>	<b>1,618,197</b>	<b>1,775,098</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Other Assessments</b>				
6037 · School District Assessment	2,075,029			
6038 · Hillsborough County	177,491			
*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, 2009**

<b>REVENUES:</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Highway Block Grant	66,550	63,829	61,190
Shared revenue	0	12,078	12,078
Other state revenue	30,892	8,847	518
Property taxes	3,189,544	3,127,893	2,868,367
Yield taxes	4,504	11,718	23,407
Land use change taxes	0	12,200	70,445
Motor vehicle fees	238,187	239,650	236,601
Penalties and interest	26,325	26,627	30,998
Licenses, permits, fees	6,615	11,240	25,465
Interest income	1,828	7,123	10,243
Dog licenses	3,790	3,306	3,530
Detail Payments, Fines & Grants	11,462	14,980	4,127
Rooms & Meals Tax	60,092	59,466	55,377
Loader Bond			161,000
Conservation Commission	22,163	237,201	22,904
Con Com Bond		80,000	
Forestry Committee	2,630		978
FEMA Funds	70,837		61,270
Sale of Municipal Property	70,968	215,000	
Donations (Memorial & Other)		411	265
Insurance settlement	36,111		
Other	23,060	16,784	6,258
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>3,865,558</b>	<b>4,148,352</b>	<b>3,655,021</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
General government	388,211	398,597	463,452
Cemeteries	17,020	14,721	13,745
Public safety	419,222	411,597	376,729
Highways	566,394	645,829	763,583
Sanitation	59,217	45,326	45,600
Health & Welfare	2,718	1,500	4,095
Education	2,075,029	1,978,109	1,694,799
Culture and recreation	91,006	616,839	134,577
Debt service	114,189	106,538	77,499
County taxes	177,491	171,618	178,007
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>3,910,497</b>	<b>4,390,674</b>	<b>3,752,086</b>
Excess (deficit) of revenues/ expend. revenues over expenditures	(44,938)	(242,321)	(97,065)
<b>Other financing sources:</b>			
Interfund transfers	9,205	41,600	1,000
Unexpended encumbrances	8,424	14,000	53,774
	<b>17,629</b>	<b>55,600</b>	<b>54,774</b>
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures over expenditures and other financing	(27,309)	(186,721)	(42,292)
<b>Fund balance beginning</b>	<b>333,609</b>	<b>520,330</b>	<b>562,621</b>
<b>Fund balance ending</b>	<b>306,300</b>	<b>333,609</b>	<b>520,330</b>

**TOWN OF MASON**  
**Combined Balance Sheet**  
**At December 31, 2009**

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consrv Comm	Forestry Comittee	All Funds
Cash	\$1,036,780	\$70,744	\$181,903	\$46,348	\$70,387	\$1,406,162
Debit Memo	\$0					\$0
Deeded property	\$37,173					\$37,173
Unredeemed taxes	\$65,637					\$65,637
Uncollected taxes	\$238,060					\$238,060
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$1,377,650</b>	<b>\$70,744</b>	<b>\$181,903</b>	<b>\$46,348</b>	<b>\$70,387</b>	<b>\$1,747,032</b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

Accounts Payable	\$0					\$0
Escrow funds	\$0					\$0
Encumbrances	\$12,420					\$12,420
Payroll taxes payable	\$5					\$5
Due to schools	\$1,058,925					\$1,058,925
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,071,350</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$1,071,350</b>

<b>Fund balances</b>	<b>\$306,300</b>	<b>\$70,744</b>	<b>\$181,903</b>	<b>\$46,348</b>	<b>\$70,387</b>	<b>\$675,682</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$1,377,650</b>	<b>\$70,744</b>	<b>\$181,903</b>	<b>\$46,348</b>	<b>\$70,387</b>	<b>\$1,747,032</b>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash on hand, January 1, 2009	\$827,558
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	\$242,706
Tax Collector	\$3,263,019
Selectmen	\$617,554
Interest income TD Banknorth	\$1,619
Interest income NHPDIP	\$114
Interest income Bank of NH PoolPlus	\$95
Tax Anticipation Loans	\$1,608,000
<b>Total cash available</b>	<b>\$6,560,665</b>
Selectmen's orders paid	\$3,321,328
Payroll disbursements	\$581,548
Tax anticipation loans repaid	\$1,608,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	\$13,009
<b>Total monies paid out</b>	<b>\$5,523,885</b>
Cash on hand, December 31, 2009	<b>\$1,036,780</b>

*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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$196,213</b>		<b>\$55,648.00</b>	<b>\$251,861.00</b>	<b>\$251,861.00</b>

### 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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$292,000</b>		<b>\$78,122.22</b>	<b>\$370,122.22</b>	<b>\$370,122.22</b>

<u>Highway Loader - Principal Muni Bond</u>						
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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$161,000</b>		<b>\$25,652.67</b>	<b>\$186,652.67</b>	<b>\$186,652.67</b>

<u>CC Land Purchase - Principal Muni Bond</u>						
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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$80,000.00</b>		<b>\$25,181.30</b>	<b>\$105,181.30</b>	<b>\$105,181.30</b>



## SUMMARY OF VALUATION

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Improved & Unimproved Land	\$62,981,700.00
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	\$929,575.00
Conservation Restriction Assessment	\$19,054.00
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	\$107,094,600.00
Public Utilities (PSNH)	\$1,720,100.00
Valuations Before Exemptions	\$172,745,029.00

### EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	\$690,000.00
Solar Exemptions	\$7,400.00
	\$697,400.00

**NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE** **\$172,047,629.00**

**NET VALUE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE (LESS UTILITIES)** **\$170,327,529.00**

### 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

### 2009 TAX RATE

Town	\$5.63
County	\$1.03
State Education	\$2.10
School	\$9.99
Total Rate	\$18.75

## Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report

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It has been our pleasure to serve the residents of Mason this past year. We would like to summarize some of the developments during 2009.

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.

In September we started issuing the new style of vehicle registrations. The State has supplied the Town with 2 new printers just for this purpose.

For 2009 we licensed 432 dogs. The rabies clinic is permanently scheduled to be the third Saturday in April. As long as we have current rabies information, you can license your dog(s) via mail.

Since we are on-line with Vital Records, we are able to assist residents in obtaining NH vital record copies.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

*Dee Mitchell, Deputy*

### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

<b>Cash on hand January 1, 2009</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Cash received:</b>	
Dog Licenses	2,329
State dog fees	1,065
Civil Forfeiture	275
Late Penalty	58
Mail-In Fees	631
Automobile registrations	231,619
Title fees	590
Returned checks	205
Vital fees	524
Municipal agent fees	5,410
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>242,706</b>
<b>Cash remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b>242,706</b>
<b>Cash on hand, December 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$50</b>

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan J. Wagoner*

*Town Clerk*



### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of                     MASON                     Year Ending                     12/31/2009                    

**DEBITS**

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		LEVY FOR YEAR 2009	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2008	2007	2006+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$ 366,427.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 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**		( \$ 97.00 )			
This Year's New Credits		( \$ 332.83 )			

**TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR**

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 3,189,544.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 4,504.34	\$ 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		\$ 332.83			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 381.59	\$ 13,126.04	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$ 3,194,332.93</b>	<b>\$ 379,553.04</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

\*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

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### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2009

**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2009	2008	2007	2006+
Property Taxes	\$ 2,951,837.21	\$ 293,425.94	\$ 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	\$ 4,150.74	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 381.59	\$ 13,126.04	\$ 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	\$ 71,471.06	\$ 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	( \$ 97.00 )			

**ABATEMENTS MADE**

Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 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
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080**

Property Taxes	\$ 237,706.79	\$ 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	\$ 353.60	\$ 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*	\$ 0.00	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 3,194,332.93</b>	<b>\$ 379,553.04</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

\*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2009

**DEBITS**

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2009	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2008	2007	2006+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 66,675.33	\$ 8,690.35
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 77,290.01	\$ 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	\$ 804.08	\$ 10,676.31	\$ 1,336.97
<b>TOTAL LIEN DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 78,094.09</b>	<b>\$ 77,351.64</b>	<b>\$ 10,027.32</b>

**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2009	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2008	2007	2006+
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 20,037.99	\$ 56,736.71	\$ 7,127.95
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 804.08	\$ 10,676.31	\$ 1,336.97
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,554.23	\$ 1,562.40
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 57,252.02	\$ 8,384.39	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL LIEN CREDITS</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 78,094.09</b>	<b>\$ 77,351.64</b>	<b>\$ 10,027.32</b>

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? Not for 2009, but will be starting 2010

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Susan J. Wagoner DATE 1/19/2010  
Susan J. Wagoner

**REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST			TOTAL Fund Balance		
	Beginning Balance	Fnds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned		Receipts (Disburseals)	Ending Balance
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>								
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$16,291.25	\$202.95		\$16,494.20	\$27,557.27
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$15,073.57	\$189.52		\$15,263.09	\$25,732.45
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$26,678.67	\$400.00	\$27,078.67	\$1,380.19	\$264.10	(\$1,000.00)	\$644.29	\$27,722.96
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$4,759.87	\$200.00	\$4,959.87	\$3,152.99	\$149.98		\$3,302.97	\$8,262.84
Eileen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$27,468.46	\$418.78		\$27,887.24	\$52,887.24
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$592.32	\$228.48	(\$250.00)	\$570.80	\$11,378.87
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$8,003.42	\$322.64		\$8,326.06	\$18,292.68
Steinberg/Budrewicz Recreation	\$223.00		\$223.00	\$119.37	\$3.39		\$122.76	\$345.76
Recreation-Playground	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$1.90	\$2.37		\$4.27	
K-9 Fund	\$11,530.00	(\$2,205.00)	\$9,325.00	\$71.70	\$122.11		\$193.81	
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	\$110,698.66	(\$1,605.00)	\$109,093.66	\$72,155.17	\$1,904.32	(\$1,250.00)	\$72,809.49	\$181,903.15
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>								
Highway Capital Equipment		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$709.55	\$8.58		\$718.13	\$1,218.13
Fire Equipment				\$3,211.96	\$23.83		\$3,235.79	\$3,235.79
Library Building	\$42,000.00		\$42,000.00	\$18,998.65	\$1,544.47		\$20,543.12	\$62,543.12
Highway Construction		\$6,000.00						
Highway Construction	\$1,569.00	(\$6,000.00)	\$1,569.00	\$2,122.95	\$54.57		\$2,177.52	\$3,746.52
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b>	\$43,569.00	\$500.00	\$44,069.00	\$25,043.11	\$1,631.45	\$0.00	\$26,674.56	\$70,743.56
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	\$154,267.66	(\$1,105.00)	\$153,162.66	\$97,198.28	\$3,535.77	(\$1,250.00)	\$99,484.05	\$252,646.71

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*

## MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

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2009 was very busy with the cleanup from the December 2008 ice storm, as well as our regular work. We first assessed the damage for cleanup. Then a plan was developed, and a bid specification was written and put out. There were more than half a dozen bidders. FEMA representatives came and spent two weeks assisting with the estimates for the FEMA reimbursements. With what seemed like a mountain of paperwork to fill out for the state and FEMA, we were successful in being reimbursed 75% of the cleanup costs from FEMA, and 12.5% from the State of N.H. The town owes a big thanks to Barbara Milkovits and Barbara Devore for gathering info from townspeople who helped with the emergency cleanup work. Thank you also goes to everyone who helped during and after the ice storm. FEMA allowed us to credit much of this work towards the town portion of costs, allowing a larger amount of money to come from FEMA. The cleanup bid was awarded to Wally's Tree Service from Jaffrey. The cleanup was completed within the time frame allotted. There is still some work to be done by us as we go through our regular work season.

With the wet spring and summer, grading was done when we had a dry day or two. Water is a tough adversary when maintaining dirt roads. We had to add many yards of crushed gravel to the dirt roads to try and keep them drivable. The town is very fortunate to own a gravel and sand pit for materials. We are able to crush the gravel ourselves to keep costs down. With the wet spring and summer, we did not apply any calcium chloride to the dirt roads. Unfortunately, with the budget constraints for the coming year, the money for calcium chloride will have to be used to cover price increases in other areas of the budget. There will be no calcium chloride applied to the dirt roads during the 2010 grading season.

When we received word that the Block Grant money from the state was being cut, the 2009 paving project was put on hold until the Selectmen made sure that the town was financially able to pay for it. The project was then rescheduled, and a small part of Old County Road, and another piece of Brookline Road was paved. The plan is to continue on Brookline Road this year.

Thank you to all the citizens who assisted us during the year, and especially during and after the ice storm. Thank you also to the other departments in town. Thanks to the Mason Selectmen and their assistant, Barbara Milkovits for their guidance and help throughout the year.

Sincerely,

*Road Agent David P. Cook*

## MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2009 showed an increase in criminal activity in Mason as a direct result of the economic situation. We do, however, continue to remain way below the area average for home burglaries. Four residents reported that their homes were burglarized with three ending in the successful prosecution of the individuals responsible. I believe this is a direct result of having officers proactively patrolling where they are visible to the public. Thank you to the residents that continue to report suspicious people and vehicles as that allows us the ability to identify them and possibly prevent a crime from occurring.

Sadly we continue to have a rise in drug offenses. Marijuana, cocaine and heroin are consistently found during motor vehicle stops. We retired K9 Hunter due to his age and health issues so that he could spend some time as a pet which he is currently happily doing. We then purchased and trained a Belgium Malinois named Akih through the grant funds received in 2008. In less than six months K9 Akih has been directly involved in several drug arrests for marijuana, cocaine and heroin; the seizure of over \$70,000 in US currency and the possible seizure of one home and motor vehicles. The Town of Mason has been notified by the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency that we are entitled to a portion of the currency seizure and any funds received through the auction of any property under the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program. The \$70,000 alone equals approximately 25% of the Mason Police Department operating budget. I believe that any steps taken to stop the use and distribution of illegal drugs is an asset to the Town of Mason and the K9 program has proven to be a valuable tool for this process.

I have submitted a warrant article for the purchase of a new cruiser. The oldest of our vehicles is a 2006 with approximately 90,000 miles. Through past experience we have found that when we exceed three years and 100,000 miles as a daily use emergency vehicle, we start to see significant mechanical expenses. Driving conditions in Mason in emergency situations definitely take their toll on our vehicles.

Thank you for your support and as always, remember that the Mason Police Department has an open door policy for any concerns or questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Police Chief Barry G. Hutchins*

## MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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### **The Mason Fire-EMS Department needs help!**

**W**e are in desperate need of new members! Our membership numbers are way down. We rely on volunteers from town for our manpower. Please consider coming to a training session, or talking to a member or myself about joining. Men and Women over the age of 18 are welcome. No previous training is needed, as we will train you. The Department also has an explorer program through the Boy Scouts for youths ages 14-18. This is a great program that allows young men and women to safely experience the emergency services for a possible career.

While call volume was down this year, the members were kept busy with training and equipment maintenance. The members were trained this summer with mutual aid towns to build teamwork as well as water supply skills. The Department also trained in farm accident rescue, auto extrication, fire attack, and self-contained breathing apparatus.



I would like to thank the Firefighters for taking the time to protect the Town of Mason and its residents. A Big Thanks to the members' families for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*David P. Cook Fire Chief*

**Fire Calls 2009**

Brush fire/smoke investigation	3	Chimney fires	3
CO detector activation	1	Fire alarm investigation	5
Gas spill	1	Illegal burn	1
Motor vehicle accidents	14	Missing person	1
Smoke in the house	1	Structure fire	1
<b>Total calls</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Mutual aid given</b>	<b>9</b>
		<b>Mutual aid received</b>	<b>4</b>
		<b>Total Man-hours</b>	<b>483</b>

## Mason First Responders

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Sadly this year I must report that one of our members, Stu Sherman, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. We all will miss him.

This year we had several members who recertified as EMTs and renewed their State of N.H. Provider's license. This is a two-year cycle that includes 40 hours of continuing education, as well as a 24-hour refresher class, and an 8-hour practical skill test. This allows us, as EMTs, to remain well versed on new medical information and to retain our skill level. This training is in conjunction with Brookline Ambulance Service which transports our patients. Members continue to attend outside training also.

I would like to thank all the members and their families for their time and dedication. Thanks also to the Brookline Ambulance Service and the Ambulance Director for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*David P. Cook Fire Chief*

Motor vehicle accidents	15	Cardiac	2
Lift assists	6	Poisoning	1
Falls	4	Untimely death	1
Seizure	4	Stroke	1
Childbirth	1	Dog bite	1
Diabetic emergency	1	Fainting	4
Fractures	2	Difficulty breathing	3
Lacerations	6	Home illness	6
Second ambulance needed	1		
<b>Total calls</b>	<b>59</b>		

# HOME HEALTHCARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason  
January 1, 2009-December 31, 2009

In 2009, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. Services included 60 nursing visits, 5 physical therapy visits, 5 occupational therapy visits, 8 medical social visits, and 55 home health aide visits. The cost of service provided with all sources of funding is projected to be \$17,715.00. 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
- Customized Care –homemakers and respite care
- Geriatric Care Management
- Hospice care for patients and bereavement support for family members –in the home, in nursing home and assisted living facilities.

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
- Foot Care clinics

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-seven (37) Building Permits issued during 2009. They were issued for the following and the total valuation is also listed:

5	Permanent Dwellings	\$569,158
7	Additions to Home	103,028
3	Decks/Porches Additions to Home	16,033
2	Garages	21,480
1	Garage Addition to House	49,561
3	Electrical Service Upgrade	9,000
1	Plumbing Upgrade	3,000
2	Barns	18,258
1	Barn Addition	3,000
1	Airplane Hangar	43,092
1	Radio Tower	30,000
4	Septic Repair	12,000
1	House Move	
4	Mason School	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$877,610</b>

Of the five permanent dwellings, two were renewal permits. Of the seven additions to homes, two were renewal permits. Of the two barns, one was a renewal permit. The one garage addition to house was a renewal permit. The airplane hangar was a renewal permit. For the estimated costs of the house move and the four permits issued to the Mason School, see the Mason School District Report. There have been 3 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 shown on the plat, must be checked. This was approved at the March 2004 Town Meeting.

In 2009 I reviewed and adjusted the Census Bureau map. I also revised and corrected the Census address list, which is needed for the 2010 Census.

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

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2009 was a quiet year for Planning Board applications, with two minor subdivisions and two lot line adjustments completed. However, 2009 was anything but quiet.

The New Hampshire Workforce Housing Law (RSA 674:58-61), passed in the summer of 2008, took effect on January 1, 2010. The law says, in essence: "All municipalities must provide reasonable and realistic opportunities for the development of workforce housing, including rental and multi-family housing. Workforce housing of some type must be allowed in a majority of land areas where residential uses are permitted, but multi-family housing is not necessarily required to be permitted in a majority of such areas."

For a Town that prides itself on its "rural character" zoned for agriculture, forestry and single family dwellings, this portends a significant change in town zoning. To study how Mason could comply with the new laws, the Planning Board established a Workforce Housing Committee. Several Mason residents volunteered. This committee met from March through November, considering a variety of ideas. The Committee made a presentation to the Planning Board in the summer, submitted a formal Workforce Housing report to the Board in September, and held a Workforce Housing Information Night for townspeople in November. The Board gives a hearty thank you to committee members Trish Cross, Bob Dillberger, Rob Doyle, Cynthia Hajjar, Bob Larochelle, Jim Tucker and Sue Wagoner as well as Planning Board liaison Dotsie Millbrandt. It is your time spent researching information, attending meetings, writing reports and preparing presentations that have put Mason in a good position to succeed with this daunting task.

The end result of the Workforce Housing efforts are two proposed amendments to the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance, Article XX, Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance and Article XXI, Multi-Family Housing Overlay District Ordinance. These address the requirement to provide opportunities for multi-family housing and rental housing to be built in Mason. As for workforce

housing opportunities for single-family, owner occupied housing, 42% of Mason's housing is assessed at levels that fall within the workforce housing range, so no further changes are necessary at this time. The proposed amendments will be presented on the ballot to be voted on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, during the daytime voting hours. Please vote for them!

<u>Month</u>	<u>Hearing</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Type of application and outcome</u>
Feb. 2009	09-01	Arne S. Murto Trust	1 lot subdivided into 2 lots
Feb. 2009	09-02	Karin Eisenhauer	1 lot subdivided into 2 lots
Apr. 2009	09-03	Town of Mason Mason Congregational Church George Schwenk	Lot line adjustment
Apr. 2009	09-04	Eric & Kimberly Anderson	Lot line adjustment

Respectfully,  
*Planning Board*

## REPORT of NRPC ACTIVITIES for the TOWN OF MASON

This is the second 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 Senior Regional Planners performs the circuit rider duties. The Board has indicated they would like assistance from NRPC staff on their Capital Improvement Program and other projects in the coming year.

### Regional Projects

The following are projects that are underway in the NRPC region. In most cases, these projects will include Mason and will directly benefit the community.

## Land Use and Environment

- ❖ NRPC Energy Program – In 2008, NRPC began a multi-year project to provide support to local energy committees. During the fall of 2009, NRPC began working with Mason to conduct an inventory of the energy use in town facilities and buildings. The NRPC will then assist the town in identifying strategies that can save energy at each facility and develop a road map of the steps the energy committee should be taking to achieve energy and cost savings at town facilities and buildings. This project will extend through 2010.
- ❖ Workforce Housing – During 2009 NRPC updated the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. This document is a planning tool for town Planning Boards that identifies the amount of housing that will be needed in the community by 2015. The Town Planning Board can use the Regional Housing Needs Assessment to determine if it is planning for an adequate supply of housing for all income groups in the community. NRPC also provided tools that the town can use in updating its housing policies including assessment tools and model ordinances.

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Beginning balance 01/01/09 Total all funds .....	\$68,490
Income from land use change tax .....	\$4,338
Income from rental .....	\$4,800
Income from State Grant .....	\$6,756
Donations .....	\$ 282
2009 Budget .....	\$2,000
Interest .....	\$ 179
Expenses .....	\$40,495
Funds on hand Conservation General Fund 12/31/09 .....	\$7,287
Railroad Trail Maintenance Fund 12/31/09 .....	\$233
Land Protection Fund 12/31/09 .....	\$20,028
Stewardship Fund 12/31/09 .....	\$12,019
Rental Fund– 135 Old Ashby Road 12/31/09 .....	\$6,781
<b>Total All Funds 12/31/09 .....</b>	<b>\$46,348</b>

It was a mixed bag of various events and accomplishments this year, a little of everything. Of greatest note and also greatest sadness is the passing of Stu Sherman, a long-time and enthusiastic Commission member. Despite battling cancer, Stu managed to attend meetings and help with Commission business almost to the end of his time. He is and will be missed.

Early in the year, we (like the rest of New England) spent a fair amount of time and money recovering from the 2008 ice storm which rendered the railroad bed trail impassable. Aided by volunteers, including the Winter Wanderers (snowmobile club) and MANE (horse club), and a Trails Bureau grant to pay for contract work, we managed to open the trail in time for a full summer season.

Also in the first half of the year, the Commission continued work started last year on groundwater protection with assistance from Mark Archambault of Nashua River Watershed Association. However, the Selectmen did not approve of using the state's groundwater reclassification

program, ending that process for now. The Commission intends to pursue other methods for groundwater protection.

So some things didn't go as we might have liked. On the other hand, this year we began our public education series in memory of Florence Roberts who served on the Commission for 35 years. The series is coordinated, advertised, and facilitated by Barbara DeVore (who isn't an official Commission member but might as well be). Five sessions, one each covering owls, invasive insects, invasive plants, N.H. wildlife, and planting native plants met with enthusiastic audiences. More to come this year.

Motivated by requests to make use of Potter land, we formed a subcommittee to develop a (long overdue) natural resources inventory (NRI) for the town. Once complete, the NRI will be the basis for future management plans and decisions regarding land use. The NRI subcommittee is well on its way, having collected GIS (computer-based) data describing all significant natural resources in town. As part of this effort, we distributed a survey to collect from townsfolk information about wildlife species observed within town boundaries.

We had our first year of experience with a hay lease granted to Dave Baker to mow the field along Greenville Road. Our goal is to keep the field open to preserve the lovely view from the hilltop. The lease arrangement seems to work well, with the lease price just about equal to the cost and effort of haying and maintaining the area.

And we finally completed clean-up of the Potter homestead on Greenville Road. The structures and remaining trash are gone. Thanks to the Mason road crew for helping fill in with road scrapings.

Throughout the year, we worked with the Boy Scouts on three conservation-related Eagle Scout projects: a trail on the Florence Roberts Forest (with Chris Elliott; complete), a kiosk at the Florence Roberts Forest entrance (with Dan McGuire; underway), and a series of park-style commemorative benches at several conservation lands (with Robert Guiry; in progress). Look for the kiosk to be complete and the benches to appear later in 2010.

This fall we started the process of replacing signs along the railroad trail that describe the restriction on OHRV use. The signs have all "gone missing." Looks like this will be an ongoing source of expense and frustration. (For those who don't know, each sign costs the Commission \$27. Two signs are needed at each road crossing for a total of \$324, plus labor costs for installation.)

And lastly, we acquired the deed to the Esau Stanley parcel along Campbell Mill Road. The area will be known as the Esau "Ace" Stanley, Jr. Wildlife Refuge in memory of the son of the generous individual who donated the property. Thanks again to the Stanley family for their gift!

Respectfully submitted,

*Conservation Commission*

## Forestry Committee Report

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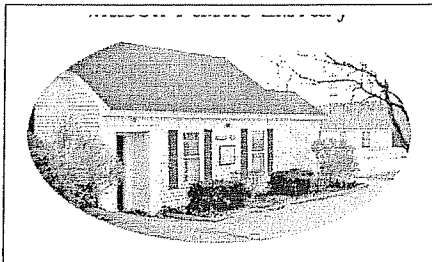
The Forestry Committee has paid for several projects in the aftermath of the 2008 ice storm. There was considerable limb and tree damage around the Pleasant View Cemetery that was not included by the contractor for general debris removal. Precarious limbs and trees presented a threat to the cemetery grounds. A specialty tree removal company with appropriate equipment was brought in to remove the dangerous trees and limbs. Further, replacement Blue Spruce and

Sugar Maple trees were purchased for placement in conjunction with the renovation and addition to the Mason Elementary School. Several of the previously planned Committee projects were postponed to evaluate the impact of the ice storm damage. Several current projects in the Forestry Committee's proposed budget will deal with the lingering ice storm effects. Also a lecture is planned for general public consumption that will aid private landowners in remediation planning and future timber harvesting in their woodlots.

A new federal program has increased the reimbursement price of biomass fuel chips. This should have a significant effect on selective cut timber harvesting on town properties. By increasing the reimbursement, cull and damaged trees will produce income rather than detracting from a timber sale. An additional effect will be the total betterment of the timber stand by encouraging better quality trees to grow faster.

Respectfully submitted,

*Forestry Committee*



**Mason Public  
Library**  
16 Darling Hill Road  
Mason, NH 03048  
Tel: 878-3867  
Fax 878-6146  
[masonlib@myfairpoint.net](mailto:masonlib@myfairpoint.net)

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

Our library continues as a vital resource to the community. The Mason Public Library provides a wide selection of new and classic books for all ages as well as a variety of magazines, audio books, and digital/video movies. We have access to the vast collections of the State New Hampshire Library System through the Inter-Library Loan program. We provide DSL Internet access to the public via our community access computer. The library offers a variety of programming such as Storytime, the Noon Book Club, and the Summer Reading Program. We have renewed our commitment to the Mason Elementary School by providing individual class visitation.

We are grateful for the efforts of dedicated employees, volunteers, and trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

*Library Staff and Trustees*

**Mason Public Library  
Financial Report for 2009**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Town Budget</b>	<b>Checking Acct</b>
Town Appropriations	\$ 44,301.00	
Donations		\$ 59.95
Fundraising (book and bake sale, cookbooks, book bags)		531.85
Whitacker-Locke Trust Fund Interest		250.00
Fees and Fines		240.45
Checking Account Interest		10.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 44,301.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,092.84</b>

**Expenditures**

Salaries	\$ 34,083.11	
Payroll Tax	2,607.13	
Worker's Comp.	157.00	
Continuing Educ.	45.00	
Travel	292.60	
Telephone	745.52	
Technology	840.00	
Postage	84.00	
Supplies	493.12	47.79
Dues & Fees	495.00	
Programming	291.96	25.00
Books	3,191.37	179.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 43,325.81</b>	<b>\$ 251.79</b>

<b>Return to Town General Fund - appropriations not used</b>	<b>\$975.19</b>
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**Checking Account - Ocean Bank**

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2009		\$10,391.39
Ending Balance - December 31, 2009		10,437.72
		<b>\$ 841.05</b>

**Other Accounts held by the library**

Wellington Shields & Co., LLC- balance Nov. 30, 2009	<b>\$ 7,412.37</b>
Ocean Bank CD in memory of Pam Steinberg (December)	<b>\$1,203.06</b>
Ocean Bank CD donated by former "Friends" of MPL	<b>\$602.36</b>



## REPORT OF BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

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By May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009, the town common and cemeteries were cleaned up from the December 2008 ice storm.

Damaged trees next to the Police Station and Library were removed by a tree service. The apple tree next to Bode was heavily damaged. The tree was trimmed and is now doing very well. Due to the school project, the Christmas tree had to be removed from the common. In July a new tree was planted in front of Captain Mann's Store.

Siding was replaced on the front of the Mann House, and most of the building was painted. Siding was also replaced on the Town Hall and more painting was done.

The past several years, the Wolf Rockers Square Dance Club has spent money on the Town Hall: new drapes and blinds for the windows, varnish for the floor and new metal chairs. In 2009, the old lights were replaced with more efficient lights. It was very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Buildings and Grounds Manager*  
*Wallace A. Brown*

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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Many loads of brush were removed from the cemeteries. We didn't lose any trees and all of the monuments were free of damage from the December 2008 ice storm.

In Prospect Hill Cemetery 20 yards of loam was spread to level off low spots. The new lawn mower performed very well and will serve the town for many years.

Residents of Mason interested in purchasing a cemetery lot at Prospect Hill may contact Wallace A. Brown, sexton, at 878-1481 for details.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Cemetery Trustees*

### DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death or Burial</u>
Apr. 4	Clare Coy	Mason, NH
Jul. 8	Rachel Petersen	Mason, NH
Jul. 26	Carl Selmer Jr.	Merrimack, NH
Aug. 9	Lawrence J. Masarik	Wilton, NH

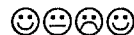
Aug. 27	Stuart R. Sherman	Boston, MA
Nov. 9	Juliette Holland	Mason, NH
Nov. 17	Robert E. Cooper	Fitchburg, MA
Dec. 25	Albert Schlemmer	Peterborough, NH

**TOWN of MASON RESIDENT MARRIAGES**  
for the year ending December 31, 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Jul. 18	Batiste D. Crosby Tara L Bates	Mason, NH Mason, NH
Jul. 30	Henry R. Holland Kimberly M Sturm	Mason, NH Mason, NH
Aug. 16	Bruce E. Cunningham Diane M. Vietro	Mason, NH Mason, NH
Aug. 29	Michael C. Pelletier Lori A. Desjardins	Mason, NH Mason, NH

**BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON**  
for the year ending December 31, 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Apr. 30	Devin Hunter Woods	Manchester, NH	Michael Woods Melissa Woods
May 13	Reilly Jane Cox	Nashua, NH	Darrell Cox Tracy Cox
May 19	Landen Allan Jodoin	Nashua, NH	Mark Jodoin Elisha Jodoin
Aug. 31	Tanner Mackenzie Seaton	Peterborough, NH	Jesse Seaton Jennifer Seaton
Sep. 15	Ella Ray Iannuzzo	Nashua, NH	Jason Iannuzzo Kelly Iannuzzo
Oct. 2	Lillian Brunet Sheehy	Nashua, NH	John Sheehy Lindsay Sheehy
Oct. 8	Julianne Hope Fowler	Peterborough, NH	James Fowler Harmony Fowler
Dec. 8	Ian Scott Bundas	Nashua, NH	Jason Bundas Diane Bundas



## TOWN of MASON ELECTION MARCH 10, 2009

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, called the town election to order. The polls were declared open at 11:04 AM. Seven absentee ballots were opened by the Moderator at 1pm. Checklist total was 1007. The polls were closed at 7:09 PM after 379 had voted.

The Moderator administered the oath to the following ballot counters:  
George Schwenk, Douglas Whitbeck, Mary McDonald, Rachel Petersen, Lauren Mann, Nancy Richards, Dee Mitchell, Chris Guiry (counted School Ballots only), Jim DeMarco, Sally Wilson, Connie Lacasse, Mark Richardson, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Dorothy Millbrandt, Pauline Bergeron, Dorothy Minior, John Lewicke and Joan Losee.

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

Town Clerk/TaxCollector for 3 years: Susan Wagoner 332  
There was 1 write-in vote

Treasurer for 3 years: Debra Morrison 322

Selectmen for 3 years: C. Christopher Guiry 233  
There were 12 write-in votes

Library Trustee for 3 years: Lynn McCann 20 write-in vote  
There were 8 write-in votes

Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Robert Larochelle 5 write-in votes  
There were 8 write-in votes for other people

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: Stuart Sherman 31 write-in votes  
There were 11 write-in votes for other people

The results of **Article 4** – Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town on the second Tuesday of March or whenever as required by RSA 40:13? By petition

Yes 219 No 149 Needed 221 to pass. Article failed

### Zoning Questions:

The results of **Article 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.

Yes 269 No 98

The results of **Article 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.

Yes 247 No 112

Mason School District Results:

Clerk – John Lewicke 5  
There were 7 write-ins

Treasurer – Susan J. Wagoner 324  
There were 4 write-ins

The results of **Article 3** – Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the School District on the second Tuesday of March (3/5 majority ballot vote required). (By Petition)

Yes 219 No 157 Needed 225 to pass. Article failed

Mascenic School District: (Towns of Greenville, Mason, and New Ipswich)  
School Board Member (term expires 6/30/2009) –

Wolfgang Millbrandt 21 (declined position)  
John Lewicke 13 (declared elected)

*Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk*

### MASON TOWN MEETING MARCH 11, 2009

At 7:28 PM 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 second; 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. Five voters must request a ballot vote on any article.

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.

Dr. Christopher Guiry asked the Town Meeting to acknowledge Catherine Schwenk for her 25 years of service as Moderator for the Town of Mason and the School District.

There were 113 voters and 1 non-voter.

The Moderator announced the results of the Town elections and the school district. Total votes cast were 379. She declared the winning candidates elected to their respective office.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years: Susan Wagoner 332  
There was 1 write-in vote

Selectmen for 3 years: C. Christopher Guiry 233  
There were 12 write-in votes

Treasurer for 3 years: Debra Morrison 322

Library Trustee for 3 years: Lynn McCann 20 write-in votes  
There were 8 write-in votes

Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Robert Larochelle 5 write-in votes  
There were 8 write-in votes for various other people

Trustee of Trust Funds 3 years: Stuart Sherman 31 write-in votes  
There were 11 write-in votes for various other people

The results of the election on **Article 2** the NH Floodplain insurance  
Yes 269 No 98

The results of the election on **Article 3** NH Floodplain new construction insurance  
Yes 247 No 112

The results of **Article 4** – Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town on the second Tuesday of March or whenever as required by RSA 40:13? By petition  
Yes 219 No 149 Needed 221 to pass

Mason School District Results:

Clerk – John Lewicke 5  
There were 7 write-ins

Treasurer – Susan J. Wagoner 324  
There were 4 write-ins

The results of **Article 3** – Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the School District on the second Tuesday of March (3/5 majority ballot vote required). (By Petition)  
Yes 219 No 157 Needed 225 to pass

Mascenic School District:(Towns of Greenville, Mason, and New Ipswich)  
School Board Member (term expires 6/30/2009) –  
Wolfgang Millbrandt 21 (declined position)  
John Lewicke 13 (accepted)

There were no errors or omissions in the town report. There was a misprint on page 30. The total fund balance was not printed for the Recreation Playground Fund \$201.90 and the Kindergarden Fund \$11,601.70. The totals are correct. Principal Fund Created and Expended:  
The Highway Capital Fund Created and Expended \$30,400

The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:32 PM.

The colors were presented by Daniel McGuire, Nathan O'Brien, Nicholas Calderan, and Robbie Anderson of Boy Scout Troop 264 .

It was a distinct pleasure by the Moderator to present Tom McGuire who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Tom is Mason's Boy Scout Troop 264 newest Eagle Scout. His Eagle project was to construct a bridge over Spaulding Brook on Mason Conservation land. He is a senior and honor student at Dublin School and the captain of the cross country team.

There was no objection to waiving the reading of the Warrant.  
Senator Peggy Gilmour addressed the body without objection. She briefly discussed the outstanding community spirit during and after the December ice storm.

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

Mark Richardson proposed an amendment to correct the 6021-01 figure by \$9,000.00, to be \$59,326.00. The amendment carried unanimously.

Bernie O'Grady asked for a show of hands of residents who use the Wilton Recycling Center. By a show of hands, over 95% of the voters present use the Wilton Recycling Center.

The new proposed budget, as amended, of \$1,538,743.00 carried unanimously.

**Article 6:** Anne Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town 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.)

The Moderator declared the polls open at 8:31pm and closed at 9:31pm.

While the ballots were being cast, Barbara DeVore addressed the body about the ice storm and FEMA's role. FEMA has financial assistance available for the Town. The assistance will be based on the number of volunteer hours and type of machinery residents used to assist in the cleanup. To date there are almost 600 hours donated.

The total number of voters was 108. Yes 96 No 12 Needed to pass 72  
The article carried by the 2/3 vote.

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

Chief Hutchins proposed, and it was seconded, to amend the amount for the equipment to be \$17,854.41. The amendment carried. The motion as amended carried.

**Article 8:** On motion of Dr Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously 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 balance of costs resulting from the Town of Mason joining NRPC.

**Article 9:** Anne Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town 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.

The Moderator called for a hand count and it carried. Yes 63 No 32

**Article 10:** Mark Richardson moved and it was seconded that the Town 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. The motion carried.

**Article 11:** On motion of Dr Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to purchase five new air bottles for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 12:** On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously 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.

**Article 13:** On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously 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 the transfer from the December 31, 2008 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2008 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose.

**Article 14:** Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town 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. The motion carried.

**Article 15:** Anne Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town 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.

The motion carried.

**Article 16:** Mark Richardson moved and it was seconded that the Town 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?

Robert Larochelle and Elizabeth Fletcher spoke to the issue.

John Lewicke and Michael Bromberg proposed the following amendment:

"to authorize the Conservation Commission to propose expending funds....". After much discussion the amendment failed.

Two residents checked the complete RSA on their Blackberry and read the statute to the Town Meeting. After much additional discussion Robert Bergeron moved the question. The Moderator requested a hand count. Yes 26 No 44 The article failed

**Article 17:** On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the

Highway Department, or take any other action thereto.

**Article 18:** On motion of Anne Richards 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, or take any other action thereto.

**Article 19:** On motion of Mark Richardson 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, or take any other action thereto.

On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously to accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen as printed in the annual district report.

On motion of Michael Bromberg, and seconded by many voices, the meeting was adjourned Sine Dai at 10:02 PM.

*Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk*

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## PLODZIK AND SANDERSON 2008 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, 2008 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.

*Plodzick & Sanderson*  
*Professional Association*



## 1809 History Highlights

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There were three marriages performed by Rev. William Eliot.

There were thirteen marriages performed by Rev. Ebenezer Hill.

Births – 33

Deaths – There were 8 deaths; three over seventy years old.

Moderator	Timothy Dakin
Town Clerk	John Blodgett
Selectmen	John Blodgett
	Joses Bucknam
	Samuel Smith, Jr.
Treasurer:	Selectmen
Representative:	Jason Wood Esquire

The law of the state required the towns to make provision for the feeding of the militia on that field, at the regimental musters. It was the custom of the Selectmen to make a schedule of the provisions required and let the furnishing by auction, to the lowest bidder. Several of these schedules are recorded. That of 1809 is copied as a sample. "*Provisions for the soldiers, at the muster of Temple, on October the 6, 1809, Viz: one hundred weight of good beef, to be well cooked, that is, either roasted or baked; one bushel of good wheat, made into good bread, and one bushel of good rye, made into good bread; twenty-five weight of good cheese; five gallons of good West India Rum; five rounds of good lofe sugar, one barrel of good new cider; all to be at the mustering field, at Temple, by the time that the battalions meet on Friday, the 6 of October, 1809*" bid off by Josiah Russell at \$24.50.

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

In 1809, they voted to *Moove the Schoole*. After much heated discussion, they measured the distances between four of the houses and determined the precise point equidistant to all (which fell about two hundred feet to the south of the building under dispute). Instead of moving the existing school house, however, they decided to build a new one. The Clerk of the district recorded in full detail the *Estermation of the meterails...to bould and complete said Destrict Schoole House* which would be twenty feet *Squaire* with *92 Squires* of glass in the windows. It was finished sometime in the year 1810 at a cost of *140 Dolars*.

The above information came from the **Mason Bicentennial 1768-1968** by the Mason Bicentennial Book Committee, Elizabeth Orton Jones, Editor.

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