

## MASON TOWN MEETING — MARCH 2, 1976

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Moderator McCaffery. Town and school warrant read through Article 2 — to choose all necessary Town and School officers. Polls declared open.

Article 1. Voting hours 2:00-7:00 p.m. Polls closed 7:06 p.m. Votes counted. 128 ballots cast for Selectmen — 3 years — only office open. Ray Parker 103 — Fred Dow 23 — Chester Gould 2.

School Board, 3 years, Walter Ammon, 115; Moderator, Marie McCaffery, 14, John Preston, 11; Auditors, Laurence Ackerman, 94, Fernande Blackburn, 81.

School voting represents Mason's vote of Mascenic School total.

Town meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. Warrant read by Moderator. Prayer offered by Rev. Barker. Rules of procedure stated. The following were nominated from the floor:

Auditor, 1 year — Cedric Valentine.

Library Trustee, 3 years — Joanne Parker.

Library Trustee, 1 year — Barbara Cumback.

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years — Donald Armington.

Trust Fund Trustee, 3 years — James Rowse.

Moved and seconded and passed for clerk to cast one vote for above nominations. All the above officers sworn in by Moderator.

Article 2. Parker moved, seconded and voted to consider Article 2 after Article 16.

Article 3. Selectmen and treasurer authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Town proceed with the preparation of a tax map at a price not to exceed \$10,000, appropriating \$6,400 in addition to \$2,600 previously designated for the purpose, authorizing the withdrawal of the amount required from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Article 5. It was voted to place \$1,000 in Capital Reserve Fund for tax map. Selectmen quoted estimate of \$8,000, not to exceed \$10,000.

Article 6. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Town purchase T. A. Eaton's half interest in the Baldwin Lot (83 acres) for \$27,000, to raise and appropriate \$6,750 and to authorize the withdrawal of such sum from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, with the interest not to exceed \$450 to be raised by taxation, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,250 representing the balance of the purchase price, such \$20,250 balance to be financed over a three year period by means of serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33 of the RSA (1955), as amended, and authorizing payments of the principal to be paid from Revenue Sharing whenever possible.

Article 22. Voted to consider Article 22 before Article 7, sub-

ject matter related. Voted to change "Government Surplus Highway Equipment Fund" to "Highway Capital Equipment Fund" after passing amendment to insert the word "Capital".

Article 7. Government war trucks (2) wearing out. Only one now operating, other weary. Moved and seconded to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$9,000 (3 yearly payments) to purchase highway equipment. Discussion on possible purchase of dump truck (used). Private use only — 11,000 miles — no winter plowing, excellent shape. Question moved in affirmative. Motion passed.

Article 8. Voted affirmatively \$1,750 to install gasoline dispensing facility for municipal vehicles, police, fire, highway. Gas today .60 — pump price plus time and travel — 5,000 gal. this year. Tank price .38/gal. Possible state price 32½ cents. Tank installation at fire house. Dept. keys to record each dept. uses.

Article 9. Passed in affirmative to raise and appropriate sum of \$1,250 for surveying southern boundary of Greenville and Mason. Greenville to do the days, sharing expense. Moore House and land in dispute. Old boundary markers wiped out.

Article 10. Town voted to raise Selectmen's salaries \$100 each. Assessing duties involved.

Article 11. Town Clerk voted \$100 salary increase. Increased work load.

Article 12. Voted \$1,000 to celebrate Nation's Bicentennial.

Article 13. Voted \$250 for maintenance and/or construction of water holes for fire protection.

Article 14. Voted \$5,000 to pay note covering fire truck.

Article 15. Voted \$1,000 to be placed in Capital Reserve Fund for future police cruiser.

Article 16. Voted \$1,000 to be placed in Highway Capital Equipment Fund.

Article 2. Following little discussion, question was moved, voted affirmatively for budget of town to raise and appropriate \$107,785 to defray town charges for coming year.

Article 17. Voted to establish cemetery lot price at \$400 including \$200 perpetual care. Lots to be divided as needed, \$50 per grave, ½ for perpetual care.

Article 18. Voted to establish town conservation fund to allow unexpended money to accumulate year by year.

Article 19. Voted to restore historical name Nutting Hill Rd. to what is now Arnold Rd.

Article 20. Voted to exclude from Social Security positions of election officials and workers whose income is less than \$50 per quarter.

Article 21. Voted to establish Historic District Commission as per RSA 31:89 with appointments made by Selectmen.

Article 22. Acted on earlier.

Article 23. Will cost town nothing. May cost individuals something. Motion to table in affirmative.

Article 24. Voted town to adopt provisions of RSA 72:62 for tax exemption on solar heating or cooling system. Exemption determined by Selectmen.

Article 25. Voted to authorize \$6 for fire inspection of buildings, \$4 to inspector, \$2 to town.

Voted to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

A true copy of Town Meeting Action.

C. F. H. CRATHERN, Clerk