

TOWN MEETING March 14, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. The Town Clerk read the warrant through Article 2.

Polls were declared open at 12:05 pm. Checklist total was 687. Polls were closed at 7:05 pm, after 109 had voted. There was one absentee ballot.

Results were as follows:

Selectman for 3 years:	Wolfgang Millbrandt	97
Treasurer for 1 year:	Jeanne Hamel	103
Auditor for 1 year:		
Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years:	(Write In) Linda Goss	19
Library Trustee for 1 year:	Deborah Bishop	102
Library Trustee for 3 years:	Linda Martin-Berke	102
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years:	Wallace A. Brown	105
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:	Bonnie C. Evans	106
School Board Member for 3 years:	Rachel Petersen	

The meeting was re-opened at 8:00 pm. Mrs. Schwenk reviewed the procedure we would follow. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits.

Note was made of the following errors or omissions in the Town Report. Page 5, Supervisor Constance Lacasse's term ends March 2000. Article 3, third line, strike out "plow and". Article 5, second line, strike out "five" and insert "ten".

Page 24, fifth line from the bottom, strike out "1993" and insert "1994".

Omissions in Deaths and Burials:

March 2 Harlan West Mason Prospect Hill

May 14 Gertrude Edna Everett Bridgeton, ME Pratt Annex

Colors were presented by Kerri Greenwood and John F. LeBlanc, Jr., members of the Mason fire Department Explorers. Invocation was given by the Reverend Bonnie C. Evans, and Christopher Greenwood led us in the Pledge of allegiance.

Reading of the Warrant was waived. There were 102 voters present. Jeffrey MacGilvray, State Representative, brought greetings from the Legislature.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or borrowing , or otherwise the sum of Six Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$652,078) for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mrs. Schwenk proceeded to review the line items of the budget. Under Ambulance: A motion was made, seconded and passed to amend Workmen Comp. by eliminating the sum of \$1400 and putting in 0. Under Library: A motion was made, seconded and passed to amend Dues, Fees and Education by changing the \$520 to \$620. Under Wilton Recycling Center: A motion was made, seconded and passed to increase the amount from \$30,326 to \$31,089. A short discussion was held on the line item for Town Forestry Committee. It was explained that the \$7500 would be an in and out item, and that they would not be allowed to spend more than what came in. Mrs. George Schwenk questioned whether or not the members of this committee

should be elected. Mrs. Schwenk reviewed RSA 31:112 which said members would be appointed.

Under Highway Maintenance: A motion was made, seconded and passed to change plowing from \$14,000 to \$11,000. under fire Department: A motion was made, seconded and passed to change Other Stipends from \$6,000 to \$5,750. A motion was made, seconded and passed to change Workmen's Comp. from \$600 to \$900. At this time, Mr. Donald Richards made a motion to express our thanks to former Fire Chief Bruce Berry. He served 23 years on the Department, the last nine as Chief. A standing ovation was given.

Article 2. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$648,681 for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing. This included decreasing the Ambulance by \$1400, increasing the Library by \$100, increasing Recycling by \$765, reducing Highway Maintenance by \$3000, decreasing Fire Department by \$250, and increasing Fire Department by \$390.

Article 3. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease agreement of \$43,056 for the purchase of a new truck, cab, chassis, dump body, plow mount, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,352 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This was by secret ballot. 94 yes, 3 no.

At this time election results were given and announcements were made of the upcoming Rabies Clinic and that the Boy Scouts were hosting a "Blue Bird" presentation on March 31st. Mr. Paul Gavin spoke of the upcoming reconvened school meeting and urged voters to attend to support our town in this matter. It was suggested that we do not adjourn our meeting, but reconvene until April 11th.

Mrs. Schwenk thanked all who helped in many ways to organize and make our Town election and meeting proceed with no problems.

Article 4. A motion was made, seconded and passed to postpone action on this article until after the count was reported on Article 3.

Article 5. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purchase of ten self contained breathing air packs and spare bottles. \$10,000 of the \$20,000 is to come from general taxation and the balance from borrowing.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. A motion was made, seconded and passed to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 6. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4800 for the purchase of two video cameras to be used in the police cruisers.

Article 7. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 for the purchase of computer equipment and software for police use.

Article 8. The town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 for the purchase of a fifty-two volume collection of From Sea to Shining Sea, a collection of books about the states for children's reference, and fifteen volumes of Cornerstones of Freedom, children's historical reference books in order to update the Mason Public Library's collection in Juvenile Social Studies and History.

Article 9. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1080 from surplus. These amounts received in 1993 and 1994 from the sale of Highway Department equipment to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve fund.

Article 10. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83.33 from surplus. These amounts received in 1994 from the sale cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund.

Article 11. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Road agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department and with monies received, to be placed in the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.

Article 12. The Town voted to discontinue the Police Capital Reserve Fund created in 1978. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund. **Article 13.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a long term communications contract.

Article 14. The Town voted to allow the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Moderator to set the polling hours, such power having been taken away by a ballot vote at this year's state election.

A motion was made by Mr. Millbrandt, seconded by Mrs. Richards, to restrict reconsideration of Articles 2 through Article 14. This motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Schwenk, seconded by Mrs. Richards, to adjourn the Town Meeting until after April 8th.

We voted to adjourn Town Meeting until after April 11th at 8:00 pm.

Reconvened Town Meeting April 11th, 1995

Moderator Catherine Schwenk reconvened the adjourned Town Meeting at 8:00 pm. There were 17 voters present.

Mrs. Anne Richards led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The town Clerk was asked to read the minutes of the March 14th meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. A motion was made and seconded and we voted to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

We adjourned at 8:13 pm. Sine Dai
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Sept. 6, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. She gave instructions to the voters and any non voters present. She called attention to the fire and emergency exits. Selectmen Anne Richards and Clifton Hastings were introduced as well as Charlotte N. Hastings Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. There were 691 on the voting list, 19 voters and one non voter present. Selectman Richards led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase of five self contained breathing air packs and spare bottles, or take any other action relative thereto. Ten Thousand (\$10,000) of the Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) is to come from general taxation and the balance from borrowing.

A motion was made by David Cook and seconded by Fred Greenwood to amend this by striking the number five and replacing with the number ten. This motion passed.

Article 1. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purchase of ten self contained breathing air packs and spare bottles. \$10,000 of the \$20,000 is to come from general taxation and the balance from borrowing. This was done by ballot vote. 18 yes, 1 no.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. We voted to adjourn at 7:34 pm.

We adjourned at 7:34 pm. Sine Dai.
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk