

MASON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ELECTION, JUNE 7, 2016

Mason Town Hall, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd., Mason, NH

Moderator Catherine Schwenk declared the polls open at 11:04 AM. The total number of voters on the checklist was 1,006. There were twenty-one (21) newly-registered voters and 17 absentee voters. A total of 406 residents voted, representing a 39 percent turnout. The Moderator administered the oath of office to Assistant Moderator Mary McDonald and Democratic Ballot Clerk Judy Forty. By noon there had been 59 ballots cast.

During the 2014 legislative session the legislature made changes to the “Voter ID Law” (RSA 659:13).

What Type of ID Will I Need to Vote?

- Driver’s license issued by any state or federal government
- Non-driver ID card issued by NH DMV or motor vehicle agency of another state
- Photo ID card for “voting identification only” issued by NH DMV (RSA 260:21)
- United States armed services identification card
- United States passport or passcard
- NH student ID card
- A photo ID not mentioned above, but determined to be legitimate by the moderator, supervisors of the checklist, or clerk of a town, ward or city. If any person authorized to challenge a voter does so under this provision, the voter shall be required to fill out a challenged voter affidavit before obtaining a ballot.
- Verification of the voter’s identity by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or clerk of a town, ward or city (not a ballot clerk). If any person authorized to challenge a voter does so under this provision, the voter shall be required to fill out a challenged voter affidavit before obtaining a ballot.

An acceptable photo ID must have an expiration date or date of issuance. The ID will remain valid five years beyond the expiration date unless the voter is 65 or older in which case an acceptable photo ID may be used without regard to expiration date. The name on the ID shall substantially conform to the name on the checklist.

In accordance with information received at the 2012 State Primary Election from David Scanlon, Deputy Secretary of State, “Observers may view and photograph the election results but shall not handle any election materials.”

Ballot clerks who had previously taken the oath of office included Pauline Bergeron, Dorothy (Dee) Mitchell, Kenneth Greene and Judy Forty. Ballot counters included Garth Fletcher, Ron Dube, Judy Forty, George Schwenk, Gwen and Douglas Whitbeck, Linda Cotter-Cranston, Dave Morrison, Carolyn Place, Tom Mitchell and Connie and Gerard LaCasse. Dee Mitchell and Mary McDonald were the reconcilers. The Select Board did not count any ballots.

The results of the Special Town Election are as follows:

Results of **Article 1** — Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment as proposed by the Board of Selectmen to the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance of 1967, as follows:

Amend Article VIII, Paragraph A.2.c by adding at the end of said paragraph, after the close parenthesis and before the period the following:

“and seasonal outdoor entertainment use (limited to three (3) or less events per week from Memorial Day Weekend to and including Columbus Day Weekend, ending no later than eleven (11) PM holidays and weekends and (ten) 10 PM on weekdays).”

Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes 240 No 165 (Article 1 passes)

Moderator Catherine Schwenk declared the polls closed at 7:05 PM. Ballot counting began at 7:15 PM and concluded at 7:45 PM.

Debra A. Morrison
Town Clerk