



ANNUAL REPORT

**OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF**

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

2011

Uncle Sam's (Samuel Wilson) Boyhood Home

Photo taken by R. Peter McGinnity

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Town of Mason entered its 243rd year. And with it we were saddened by the passing of Paul Gavin long-time resident, past selectmen, entrepreneur and Norwich University graduate. March brought one of the longest town meetings in recollection six hours and fifteen minutes were spent deliberating the town budget and warrant articles. The hard and serious work of the town meeting was punctuated by a bit of comic relief with voters unanimously defeating the purchase of automatic voting machines. Although long, the town meeting punctuated the great importance of discussion and interchange amongst the voters. Fred Greenwood the new Road Agent eliminated unserviceable equipment and waged a summer long campaign improving the quality of the roads in Mason. A new material, recycled asphalt, was used in creating a stable road bed. On flat surfaces this material can be used as a permanent surface. On grades it will allow for a non permeable base for future asphaltting. The selectmen received considerable positive feedback for the road agent's efforts during the past year.

The town went through a statistical update this year. There was no surprise when the town's valuation dropped in the face of difficult economic times. The Selectmen have been focused on trying to contain costs within the town's budget in view of these very difficult times.

A flashback to 2008 came in October as the townspeople experienced a heavy wet snowfall that was measured twenty inches in some parts of the town! Power was lost for several days.

Those that had generators experienced very little interruption in daily activities. For those who didn't, life was a little more difficult. Thankfully the temperatures did not compete with the 2008 ice storm. A few trees and limbs were lost but for the most part, the aggressive trimming and cutting campaign after the 2008 ice storm prevented conditions experienced in other towns, with large numbers of lost and shattered trees.

In December just before the holiday season four new names were added to Troop 264's Eagle roster. Jack McGuire, Nathan O'Brien, Robbie Anderson, and Nicholas Calderan all celebrated their Court of Honor together at fellowship hall. The combined turn out to celebrate this occasion was over 100 people.

We thank Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk/Tax Collector for her six years of dedicated service to the Town of Mason. We wish her well in her future endeavors in Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Christopher Guiry D.M.D., Anne Richards, R. Peter McGinnity

P.S. Selectmen Anne Richards and R. Peter McGinnity and Administrative Assistant Barbara Milkovits wish to thank Dr. Chris Guiry for his nine years of service to the Town of Mason as Selectman. We appreciate his dedication and hard work in guiding the Board of Selectmen as Chairman. Thank you and Good Health and Good Luck!

TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Mann House, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Meetings: Mann House 7:30 PM
Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Telephone: 878-2070 Fax: 878-4892

Email: townofmason@myfairpoint.net

Website: www.masonnh.us

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

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 only

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 2012
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TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term

Susan J. Wagoner	March 2012
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DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Debra A. Morrison, appointed	March 2012
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TREASURER 3 yr term

Suzanne M. Kelly	March 2012
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DEPUTY TREASURER

Patricia A. Greene, appointed	March 2012
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SELECTMEN 3 yr term

C. Christopher Guiry DMD	March 2012
Anne Richards	March 2013
R. Peter McGinnity	March 2014

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Debra A. Morrison, appointed	March 2012
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SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term

Jeannine Phalon	March 2012
Charles V. Moser	March 2016
Kathleen C. Wile	March 2014

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term

Anita Crehan, appointed	March 2013
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term

Lynn McCann	March 2012
Elena Kolbenson	March 2014
Christine Weiss	March 2013

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term

Robert Larochelle	March 2012
Wallace A. Brown	March 2013
Jeannine Phalon	March 2014

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term

George Schwenk	March 2013
Mark Calderan	March 2014
Paul Downey, appointed	March 2012

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robert Larochelle	March 2014
Louise Lavoie	March 2013
Brady Schulman	March 2014

PLANNING BOARD

Pamela Lassen, Chairman	March 2012
Mark McDonald	March 2014
Dorothy Millbrandt	March 2012
Bruce Mann	March 2013
Eric Anderson	March 2013
Linda Cotter-Cranston, Alternate	March 2012
Joseph McGuire, Alternate	March 2012
C. Christopher Guiry, Ex-officio	

COMMISSIONERS – NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Timothy Kicza, Chairman	March 2012
Tim Kelly	March 2013
Michael Davieau	March 2014
Robert Bergeron	March 2013
Kathy Sheldon, Alternate	March 2012
Winthrop Bennett, Alternate	March 2012
Patricia Letourneau, Alternate & Clerk	March 2012

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Larochelle, Chairman	March 2012
Robert Dillberger	March 2014
Anna Faiello	March 2014
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 2014
Charles Lanni	March 2012
Ann Moser	March 2013
Cynthia Hajjar	March 2013
Barbara Devore	March 2013
Robert Doyle, Alternate	March 2013

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Curtis Dunn	March 2012
Eric Anderson	March 2014
William Downs, Town Forester	
C. Christopher Guiry, Ex-officio	

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wallace A. Brown	March 2014
Linda O'Grady	March 2012

Lynn McCann, Chairman, resigned	March 2012
Elena Kolbenson, resigned	March 2012

BALLOT CLERKS

Pauline Bergeron	March 2012
Kenneth Greene	March 2014
Lauren Mann	March 2012
Florence Wilson	March 2013

POLICE OFFICERS

Barry G. Hutchins	Police Chief
Steven Duval	Patrolman
Aaron Thompson	Patrolman
John LeBlanc, Sr.	Part Time Police Officer

EMERGENCY SERVICES

David Baker	Fire Chief/Warden/First Responder
Frederick Greenwood	1st Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/EMT-B
Robert Bergeron	Fire Engineer
Philip Phalon	Captain/Deputy Warden/EMT-B
Richard Griffith	1 st Lieutenant/Deputy Warden
Kenneth Spacht	2 nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/EMT-I
Anne Richards	Firefighter
Christopher Greenwood	Firefighter
Michael Daly	Firefighter
Paul Alton	Firefighter
Dean Lambert	Firefighter
Kirk Smith	Firefighter
Jim Fowler	Firefighter
Rob Ziemieki	Firefighter
Bradley Gaudet	Firefighter
Mark Arsenaault	Firefighter
Mark McDonald	Firefighter
Ernie Sullivan	Firefighter
Karl Mann	Firefighter
Eric Rantamaki	Firefighter
Cindy Tibbetts	EMT-I
Jeff Partridge	EMT-B
Jeanine Phalon	EMT-B
Rebecca Wilson	EMT-B
Tabitha Davies	EMT-B
Michelle Alton	EMT-B
Meryl Sullivan	EMT-B



Frederick Greenwood	ROAD AGENT
Kenneth B. Wilson	BUILDING INSPECTOR/DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER
Lynn McCann	HEALTH OFFICER
Kenneth B. Wilson	HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT
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 13th day of March, 2012 for the election of Town officers
pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Moderator	2 years
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 years
Treasurer	3 years
Selectman	3 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 regarding adopting the provisions of RSA
40:13 (known as SB 2), as petitioned and Article 3 regarding increasing the Board of
Selectmen to five members, pursuant to RSA 41:8-b, 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
17th day of March, 2012, to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

Article 2 and Article 3 were reviewed at public hearings on February 16, 2012.

2. 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.
3. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Board of Selectmen to 5 members, per
RSA 41:8-b. By petition.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million six
hundred forty thousand, seven hundred thirty-one dollars (\$1,640,731) which
represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual
Articles addressed.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five
thousand dollars (\$35,000) to purchase a truck for the Highway Department, or
take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) to purchase a stainless steel sander for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Nineteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$19,500) for the erection of a communications tower on town property, four thousand six hundred eighty-three dollars (\$4,683) to come from the 2011 unreserved fund balance (sum represents the sale of the 2006 Police Cruiser) with the balance of fourteen thousand eight hundred seventeen dollars (\$14,817) to come from taxation, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for road improvements, said sum is to come from the unreserved 2011 fund balance (amount is from unexpended chip seal project of last year), or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500) for the following purposes: survey of town owned lot G-61 to establish bounds for selective lot, RR Trail maintenance, tree planting and other future projects, and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
10. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Fire Station addition and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen and Fire Chief as agents to expend from this fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.
11. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Highway Barn/Garage and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen and Road Agent as agents to expend from this fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. Recommended by the Selectmen.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand four hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$3,468) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established and to authorize the transfer from the December 31, 2011 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2011 sale of highway scrap equipment for this purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.
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 and to authorize the transfer from the December 31, 2011 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2011 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize 100% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2012, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by future vote of the town meeting. Recommended by the Conservation Commission. By Petition. (Majority vote required.)

2012 Proposed Budget

		2011	2011	2012	% Change
		Actual	Budget	Budget	2011/2012
Revenues & Appropriations					
Charges for Services					
	Income from Departments				
	4033 · Fees-Police Reports	260			
	4035 · Pistol Permits	406			
	4042 · Detail Payments	1,680			
	4044 · Court Fines	300			
	Total Income from Departments	2,646			
	Total Charges for Services	2,646	700	1,000	
From Federal Government					
	4050 · FEMA	2,167		9,500	
	Total From Federal Government	2,167	0	9,500	
From State					
	4037 · Rooms & Meals Tax Distribution	61,742	61,742	60,000	
	4038 · Highway Block Grant	76,404	76,404	67,133	
	4039 · State & Federal Forest Land Re.	640	640	640	
	4045 · Other PD Grants	2,184	3,700	2,500	
	Total From State	140,969	142,486	130,273	
Interfund Operating Tr. In					
	4070 · from Special Rev. Funds-Forestry Funds			9,500	
	4075 · from Capital Reserve Funds	7,584	7,584	0	
	4076 · from Trust & Fiduciary Funds	0	0	500	
	4077 · Transfers from Con.Com.Funds	14,688	12,000	12,000	
	Total Interfund Operating Tr. In	22,272	19,584	22,000	
Licenses, Permits, Fees					
	Building Permits				
	4024 · Permits, Building	1,739			
	4025 · Oil Burner Permits & Others	270			
	Total Building Permits	2,009	1,500	1,500	
	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees				
	4020 · M. V. fees	220,226			
	4021 · Titles	576			
	4022 · M/A stickers	5,405			
	4023 · Mail-in registrations	479			
	Total Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	226,686	220,000	220,000	
	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees				
	4026-01 · Mail in Dog License	41			
	4026 · Dog Licenses	2,264			
	4027 · State Dog Fees	1,013			
	4026-02 · Civil Forfeiture	425			
	4026 -03 · Late Penalty	68			
	4028 · Vital Records	870			
	4029 · Fees-BOA	350			
	Total 4026-4029	5,030			
	4030 · Fees-Planning Board				
	4030 · Fees-Planning Board - Other	1,709			
	4031 · Fees-HDC	0			
	Total 4030 · Fees-Planning Board	1,709			
	4034 · Fees-Returned Check	270			
	4078 · Exaction Fees-lot A-22	0			
	Total Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	7,009	0	5,000	
	Total Licenses, Permits, Fees	235,703	221,500	226,500	

2012 Proposed Budget

	2011	2011	2012	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2011/2012
Miscellaneous Revenues				
4061 · Interest Income	863	750	800	
4067 · Other Income	9,896	5,000	5,500	
4069· LGC-Health & Wellness Grant	500			
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	11,258	5,750	6,300	
Revenue-Taxes				
4000 · Property Taxes	3,878,251			
4001 · Land Use Change Taxes	10,000	5,000	5,000	
4002 · Timber Taxes	26,092	17,500	8,000	
4005 · Interest & Penalties on taxes	34,119	24,500	7,000	
4006 · Costs on taxes	1,224	250	250	
Total Revenue-Taxes	3,949,686	47,250	20,250	
Total Income	4,364,702	437,270	415,823	
Capital Outlay				
6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip.				
6032-15 · WA # 6 HD Pickup Truck	9,862	11,531	0	
6032-16· WA # 10 HD Truck	20,468	22,000	0	
6032-17 · WA # 7 PD Cruiser	9,523	14,000	0	
6032-18· WA # 8 PD Cruiser Equipment	4,000	4,000	0	
6032-19 · WA # 5 HD Truck			35,000	
6032-20 · WA # 6 HD Stainless Steel Sander			28,000	
Total 6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip.	43,852	51,531	63,000	
6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings				
6034-13 · WA # 11 Statistical Review	12,000	12,000	0	
6034-14 WA #9 HD Sealing Projects	0	50,000	0	
6034-15 WA # 7 Comm. Tower (4683 FB)			14,817	
6034-16 WA # 8 HD Road Improvements (FB)			50,000	
6034-17 WA # 9 Forestry Committee Projects			9,500	
Total 6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings	12,000	62,000	74,317	
Total Capital Outlay	55,852	113,531	137,317	
Operating Transfers Out				
6036 · To Capital Reserve & Trust Fund				
6036-12 · WA #12 Police Cruiser Cap.Reserve	9,000	9,000		
6036-13 · WA #15 Cemetery Funds	0	133		
6036-14 · WA #16 Hwy Equip. Cap. Res.	478	7,584		
6036-15· WA # 10 FD Bldg Addition Cap.Res.			10,000	
6036-16· WA # 11 HD Barn/Garage Cap.Res.			5,000	
6036-17· WA # 12 Police Cruiser Cap.Res.			9,000	
6036-18 · WA # 13 Hwy Equip. Cap. Res. (FB)			3,468	
6036-19· WA # 14 Cemetery Funds (FB)			200	
Total Operating Transfers Out	9,478	16,717	27,668	
Total Capital & Operating Transfers	65,330	130,248	164,985	27%

2012 Proposed Budget

		2011	2011	2012	% Change
		Actual	Budget	Budget	2011/2012
Conservation					
6028-01	Conservation Commission Exp.	5,949	688	688	
6028-02	CC Railroad Trail Maint.	221	1,312	1,312	
6028-02	CU Penalty -CC	2,000			
6029-01	Town Forests	0	1	1	
Total Conservation		8,170	2,001	2,001	0%
6024 - Parks & Recreation					
6024-01	Parks Maint.	2,856	2,000	2,000	
6024-02	Parks Electricity	51	100	100	
6024-03	Toilet Facilities	617	600	600	
6024-04	Activities/Rec.Com.	110	200	400	
6025-01	Town Common Maint.	6,254	7,000	7,000	
6025-02	TC Payroll Taxes	350	536	536	
6025-03	TC Workers' Comp.	244	244	234	
Total 6024 - Parks & Recreation		10,481	10,680	10,870	2%
6026 - Library					
6026-01	Library Wages	37,293	38,260	38,260	
6026-02	Lib. Payroll Taxes	2,853	2,927	2,927	
6026-00	Lib. Retirement	1,091	1,092	1,180	
6026-03	Lib. Workers' Comp.	66	66	66	
6026-04	Continuing Education	90	300	200	
6026-05	Travel	289	375	375	
6026-06	Telephone	748	825	825	
6026-07	Technology	485	700	700	
6026-08	Postage	52	100	100	
6026-09	Supplies	491	500	500	
6026-10	Dues & Fees	585	600	600	
6026-11	Programming	305	300	300	
6026-12	Books	3,206	3,200	3,400	
Total 6026 - Library		47,555	49,245	49,433	0%
6027	Patriotic Purposes	788	600	600	0%
Total Culture & Recreation		58,824	60,525	60,903	1%
Debt Service					
6030-01	Princ. Long Term Bonds & Notes	59,854	60,436	78,458	
6030-02	Interest Long Term Bonds & Note	15,934	15,212	14,621	
6030-03	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	9,353	10,000	10,000	
Total Debt Service		85,141	85,648	103,079	20%

2012 Proposed Budget

		2011	2011	2012	% Change
		Actual	Budget	Budget	2011/2012
General Government					
6000 - Executive					
6000-01 - Selectmen		2,925	2,925	2,925	
Total 6000 - Executive		2,925	2,925	2,925	0%
6001 - Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.					
6001-01 - Moderator		335	280	545	
6001-02 - Election Expenses		2,817	3,000	3,200	
6001-03 - Town Clerk/Tax Collector		20,371	20,600	20,600	
6001-18 - Municipal Agent Fees		5,180	5,403	1,000	
6001-05 - TC/TX Deputy		8,668	9,500	9,500	
6001-16 - TC/TX Payroll Tax		2,627	2,716	2,456	
6001-21 - TC/TX Workers' Comp.				69	
6001-06 - Assoc. Dues		20	55	55	
6001-07 - State Dog Fees		1,610			
6001-08 - Convention/Education		898	1,300	1,500	
6001-09 - Certification/Training		100	300	300	
6001-17 - TX Registry Fees		125	300	300	
6001-10 - Mileage		453	450	450	
6001-11 - Office Supplies		1,637	2,403	2,403	
6001-12 - Postage		1,976	1,990	1,990	
6001-13 - Software Maint./Update		3,580	3,580	3,860	
6001-14 - Telephone & Internet		780	990	990	
6001-00- Equipment Replacement		278	500	500	
6001-19- Other Expense		1,375			
Total 6001 - Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.		52,829	53,367	49,718	-7%

2012 Proposed Budget

		2011	2011	2012	% Change
		Actual	Budget	Budget	2011/2012
6002 · Financial Administration					
6002-01 · Treasurer		550	550	550	
6002-02 · Auditor		12,370	9,500	9,500	
6002-03 · Admin. Salary		37,138	37,138	38,252	
6002-04 · Part-time Admin.		3,746	6,500	6,500	
6002-05 · Payroll Taxes		3,555	3,642	3,727	
6002-06 · Workers' Comp.		774	774	570	
6002-07 · Retirement Ins.		1,976	2,060	2,060	
6002-08 · Bank Service Charges		235	200	200	
6002-09 · Conferences		100	600	600	
6002-10 · Computer Services		4,868	5,100	5,100	
6002-11 · Software Maint./Update		1,538	1,538	1,550	
6002-12 · Mileage		156	225	200	
6002-13 · Miscellaneous		53	500	250	
6002-14 · Postage		893	900	900	
6002-15 · Registry Fees		0	100	100	
6002-16 · Repairs & Maint.-Equipment		485	495	495	
6002-18 · Office Supplies		1,222	1,500	1,500	
6002-19 · Advertising		179	225	225	
6002-20 · Town Office Equipment		34	400	400	
6002-21 · Telephone		360	600	500	
6002-22 · Town Reports		1,545	1,400	1,500	
6002-23 · Tech Support		1,644	2,300	2,300	
6002-24 · Town Website		1,239	1,200	500	
6002-25 · LGC Health & Wellness		500			
Total 6002 · Financial Administration		75,159	77,447	77,479	0%
6003 · Revaluation of Property					
6003-01 · Assessing		2,120	3,000	3,000	
6003-02 · Tax Map Update		700	700	500	
Total 6003 · Revaluation of Property		2,820	3,700	3,500	-5%
6004 · Legal Expenses		5,752	7,500	7,500	0%
6005 · Personnel Administration					
6005-02 · STD & Life Insurance		2,739	3,000	3,000	
6005-03 · Health & Dental Insurance		181,195	196,795	213,757	
6005-04 · Unemployment Taxes		503	503	621	
6005-00 · Health & Safety				500	
Total 6005 · Personnel Administration		184,436	200,298	217,878	9%
6006 · Planning & Zoning					
6006-01 · PB Advertising		348	450	450	
6006-02 · PB Training		408	80	80	
6006-03 · PB Supplies		205	182	182	
6006-04 · PB Postage		0	200	200	
6006-05 · BOA Salaries		110	400	400	
6006-07 · BOA Advertise		116	250	250	
6006-08 · BOA Postage		0	30	30	
6006-09 · BOA Supplies		145	152	152	
6006-10 · BOA Training		75	200	200	
6006-11 · Historic District Expense		0	110	110	
6006-12 · NRPC Assistant		5,960	5,000	5,500	
Total 6006 · Planning & Zoning		7,366	7,054	7,554	7%
6007 · Gen. Gov. Buildings					
6007-01 · Custodial Expense		8,263	8,242	8,242	
6007-02 · TB Supplies		991	1,100	1,100	
6007-03 · TB Heat		9,466	11,000	9,000	
6007-04 · TB Electricity		4,900	5,100	3,700	
6007-05 · TB Repairs & Maint.		26,043	22,000	24,800	
6007-06 · Records Preservation		2,000	2,000	2,000	
Total 6007 · Gen. Gov. Buildings		51,664	49,442	48,842	-1%

2012 Proposed Budget

		2011	2011	2012	% Change
		Actual	Budget	Budget	2011/2012
6008 · Cemeteries					
6008-01 · Cem. Maintenance		2,386	2,500	1,700	
6008-02 · Cem. Wages		8,322	10,000	10,000	
6008-03 · Cem. Payroll Taxes		634	765	765	
6008-04 · Cem. Workers' Comp.		275	275	273	
Total 6008 · Cemeteries		11,618	13,540	12,738	-6%
6009 · Insurance					
6009-01 · LGC-PLIT		25,546	26,325	26,500	
Total 6009 · Insurance		25,546	26,325	26,500	1%
6010 · Advertising & Assoc.					
6010-01 · NRPC		1,128	1,128	1,128	
Total 6010 · Advertising & Assoc.		1,128	1,128	1,128	0%
6011 · Other Gen. Gov.					
6011-01 · LGC Membership		1,046	1,046	1,060	
6011-02 · Abatements & Refunds		4,801	0	0	
Total 6011 · Other Gen. Gov.		5,846	1,046	1,060	1%
Total General Government		427,090	443,772	456,822	3%
Health					
6022-01 · Health Officer		0	25	25	
6022-02 · Animal Control		1,047	1,000	1,000	
6022-03 · Health Agencies, Visiting Nurse		1,500	1,500	1,500	
Total Health		2,547	2,525	2,525	0%
Highways & Streets					
6018 · Highway Town Maintenance					
6018-01 · Road Agent Salary		50,629	51,000	51,000	
6018-02 · Asst. Road Agent Wages		8,960	42,034	0	
6018-00 · Equip. Operator				36,400	
6018-03 · Equip. Operator I		34,237	40,041	36,764	
6018-04 · Equip. Operator II		32,685	38,000	38,381	
6018-05 · Other Salaries		49,311	52,025	55,000	
6018-06 · Overtime Wages		9,766	15,000	9,000	
6018-07 · Hwy Payroll Taxes		14,096	18,215	17,369	
6018-08 · Hwy Workers' Comp.		8,909	8,909	9,108	
6018-09 · Hwy Retirement		5,514	7,350	8,602	
6018-10 · Hwy Mileage		863	750	200	
6018-11 · Drug & Alc. Testing		604	600	700	
6018-12 · Consulting Engineer		0	1,500	1,000	
6018-13 · Paved Road Restoration		138,026	80,000	115,000	
6018-14 · Patch		5,276	11,250	7,100	
6018-15 · Culverts		0	4,000	3,900	
6018-16 · Calcium Chloride		0	10,000	5,100	
6018-17 · Signs & Rewards		1,292	2,400	2,400	
6018-18 · Plowing		22,933	17,280	7,750	
6018-19 · Salt		11,867	14,980	15,000	
6018-23 · Imp. Wrk. Batch & Nutting Hill Roads		804			
6018-24 · Hired Equipment		5,080	10,000	10,000	
6018-27 · Tree Work		0	1,000	1,000	
6018-28 · Guard Rails		104	1,200	400	
6018-29 · Sweeper		810	1,000	4,000	
6018-30 · FEMA - Paved Road Restoration		629			
6018-32 · Aggregate		9,048	10,000	10,000	
6018-33 · FEMA - Overtime Wages		574			
Total 6018 · Highway Town Maintenance		412,016	438,534	445,174	2%

2012 Proposed Budget

		2011	2011	2012	% Change
		Actual	Budget	Budget	2011/2012
6019 · Hwy Dept. Expenses					
	6019-01 · Building Maint.	3,697	6,500	5,000	
	6019-02 · Electricity	3,227	4,500	3,600	
	6019-03 · Telephone	1,588	2,100	2,000	
	6019-04 · Dues & Education	510	2,000	1,000	
	6019-05 · Equip. Maint.	41,901	40,000	40,000	
	6019-06 · Edges for Plowing	3,742	4,000	3,500	
	6019-07 · Tires	5,056	5,500	7,500	
	6019-08 · Chains	521	1,000	500	
	6019-09 · Chainsaw Repairs	37	350	200	
	6019-10 · Radios	1,872	1,500	1,000	
	6019-11 · Welding Equipment	771	1,500	600	
	6019-12 · Safety Equipment	3,396	1,700	2,000	
	6019-13 · Tools	1,696	1,650	800	
	6019-14 · Vehicle Fuel	29,865	26,000	36,000	
	6019-16 · Hwy Veh. & Equip.			9,862	
	6019-17· FEMA - Equipment Maintenance	824			
	6019-19 · Heating Fuel	10,391	10,000	6,000	
Total 6019 · Hwy Dept. Expenses		109,094	108,300	119,562	10%
6020 · Street Lighting		1,535	1,425	1,584	11%
Total Highways & Streets		522,645	548,259	566,320	3%

2012 Proposed Budget

		2011	2011	2012	% Change
		Actual	Budget	Budget	2011/2012
Public Safety					
6012 - Police Department					
6012-20 - Police Chief Salary		54,662	54,693	78,000	
6012-21 - 1st Patrolman		45,906	45,912	45,912	
6012-22 - 2nd Patrolman		37,059	37,183	37,183	
6012-02 - Part-time Wages		31,330	33,354	30,392	
6012-23 - On Call		10,000	10,400	0	
6012-03 - Overtime Wages		13,765	14,000	5,000	
6012-04 - Prosecutor		7,500	7,500	9,000	
6012-05 - Payroll Taxes		3,652	4,908	4,734	
6012-06 - Workers' Comp.		4,817	4,817	4,802	
6012-07 - Retirement		32,262	23,728	33,134	
6012-08 - Detail Expenses		1,740	1	1	
6012-28 - DUI/Traffic Enf. Grant		2,184			
6012-11 - Conventions & Dues		668	750	750	
6012-12 - Office Expenses		3,740	5,000	5,000	
6012-00- Heat				2,000	
6012-00 - Electricity				1,400	
6012-13 - Uniforms		4,247	2,500	2,500	
6012-14 - Equip. & Maint.		3,371	4,500	4,500	
6012-24 - K-9 Maintenance		1,202	1,500	1,500	
6012-15 - Training		2,979	3,000	5,000	
6012-16 - Cruiser lease		10,029	10,030	0	
6012-17 - Cruiser Maint.		2,151	4,500	3,500	
6012-18 - Cruiser Fuel		7,682	10,000	8,000	
6012-29 - Communication Exp.		3,865	2,000	4,000	
6012-30 - FEMA - Overtime Wages		1,492			
Total 6012 - Police Department		286,301	280,276	286,308	2%
6013 - Ambulance					
		10,513	10,513	11,039	5%
6014 - Fire Department					
6014-01 - Fire Chief Stipend		1,600	1,600	7,000	
6014-02 - FD Stipend		10,385	10,400	12,000	
6014-23 - FD Secretary		110	1,500	2,000	
6014-24 - FD Payroll Tax		8	115	153	
6014-24 - FD Workers' Comp.		673	673	789	
6014-04 - Officers' Expenses		1,471	2,400	2,400	
6014-05 - Hep.B Vac.		0	200	250	
6014-06 - Insurance		0	250	250	
6014-07 - Training		3,164	2,750	2,000	
6014-08 - Expendables		645	1,200	1,200	
6014-09 - Building Maint.		4,237	4,000	4,000	
6014-10 - Electricity		2,220	2,500	2,500	
6014-11 - Heat		2,195	2,500	2,500	
6014-12 - Telephone		884	1,200	1,200	
6014-13 - Radio Repair		0	1,500	1,500	
6014-14 - Code Books		173	400	400	
6014-15 - Vehicle Maint.		10,067	5,000	6,000	
6014-16 - Fuel		1,282	2,000	2,000	
6014-17 - Equip. Maint.		4,900	8,000	8,000	
6014-19 - EMS Supplies		1,413	1,500	1,500	
6014-20 - EMS Training		3,368	1,500	3,000	
Total 6014 - Fire Department		48,794	51,188	60,642	18%
6015 - Building Inspection					
6015-01 - Bldg. Insp. Wages		10,877	12,360	12,730	
6015-05 - Bldg. Insp. Admin.		1,360	2,900	2,900	
6015-02 - BI Payroll Taxes		891	1,176	1,196	
6015-06 - BI Workers' Comp.				500	
6015-03 - BI Mileage		740	1,100	1,100	
6015-04 - BI Expenses		1,237	1,180	1,180	
Total 6015 - Building Inspection		15,104	18,716	19,606	5%
6016 - Emergency Management		100	100	4,800	4700%

2012 Proposed Budget

		2011	2011	2012	% Change
		Actual	Budget	Budget	2011/2012
6017 - Other (incl. Comm.)					
6017-01 - Communications		15,370	17,500	18,100	
6017-02 - Waterhole Maint.		0	500	1,500	
Total 6017 - Other (incl. Comm.)		15,370	18,000	19,600	9%
Total Public Safety		376,183	378,793	401,995	6%
Sanitation					
6021-01 - Wilton Recycling		49,479	49,479	46,086	
Total Sanitation		49,479	49,479	46,086	-7%
Welfare					
6023-01 - Town Poor		500	1,000	1,000	0%
Total Operating Expenses		1,530,578	1,572,002	1,640,731	4%
Total Capital & Operating Expenses		1,595,908	1,702,250	1,805,716	6%
Other Assessments					
6037 - School District Assessment		2,486,302			
6038 - Hillsborough County		178,991			

TOWN OF MASON
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance
For the year ended December 31, 2011

REVENUES:	2011	2010	2009
Highway Block Grant	76,404	70,182	66,550
Shared revenue	0	0	0
Other state revenue	640	542	30,892
Property taxes	3,878,251	3,687,765	3,189,544
Yield taxes	26,092	9,255	4,504
Land use change taxes	10,000	33,150	0
Motor vehicle fees	226,686	232,268	238,187
Penalties and interest	35,343	23,392	26,325
Licenses, permits, fees	5,207	4,455	6,615
Interest income	863	1,596	1,828
Dog licenses	3,810	3,628	3,790
Detail Payments, Fines & Grants	4,830	7,210	11,462
Rooms & Meals Tax	61,742	60,457	60,092
Conservation Commission	14,688	21,255	22,163
Forestry Committee	0	8,000	2,630
FEMA Funds	2,167	12,831	70,837
Sale of Municipal Property	0		70,968
Insurance settlement	0		36,111
Other	10,396	36,611	23,060
Total revenues	4,357,117	4,212,597	3,865,558
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	427,472	448,897	388,211
Cemeteries	11,618	13,568	17,020
Public safety	398,706	379,141	419,222
Highways	553,452	549,441	566,394
Sanitation	49,479	40,967	59,217
Health & Welfare	3,047	2,500	2,718
Education	2,486,302	2,408,407	2,075,029
Culture and recreation	66,994	100,445	91,006
Debt service	85,141	89,400	114,189
County taxes	178,991	188,997	177,491
Total expenditures	4,261,201	4,221,763	3,910,497
Excess (deficit) of revenues/ expend. revenues over expenditures	95,916	(9,166)	(44,938)
Other financing sources:			
Voided/Deletions	309		
Interfund transfers	7,584	18,245	9,205
Unexpended encumbrances	8,091	0	8,424
	15,984	18,245	17,629
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expend. over expenditures and other fina	111,900	9,079	(27,309)
Fund balance beginning	315,379	306,300	333,609
Fund balance ending	427,279	315,379	306,300

TOWN OF MASON
Combined Balance Sheet
At December 31, 2011

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consrv Comm	Forestry Comittee	All Funds
Cash	\$962,701	\$83,146	\$184,746	\$52,133	\$62,579	\$1,345,305
Deeded property	\$40,822					\$40,822
Unredeemed taxes	\$111,110					\$111,110
Uncollected taxes	\$271,758					\$271,758
Total assets	\$1,386,391	\$83,146	\$184,746	\$52,133	\$62,579	\$1,768,996
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Accounts Payable	\$0					\$0
Encumbrances	\$0					\$0
Payroll taxes payable	(\$23)					(\$23)
Due to schools	\$959,135					\$959,135
Total liabilities	\$959,112	0	0	0	0	\$959,112
Fund balances	\$427,279	\$83,146	\$184,746	\$52,133	\$62,579	\$809,883
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$1,386,391	\$83,146	\$184,746	\$52,133	\$62,579	\$1,768,996

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 2011	\$774,044
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	\$231,636
Tax Collector	\$3,964,719
Selectmen	\$216,608
Interest income TD Bank	\$820
Interest income NHPDIP	\$20
Interest income Bank of NH PoolPlus	\$23
Tax Anticipation Loans	\$580,000
Total cash available	\$5,767,870
Selectmen's orders paid	\$3,683,986
Payroll disbursements	\$531,646
Tax anticipation loans repaid	\$580,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	\$9,537
Total monies paid out	\$4,805,169
Cash on hand, December 31, 2011	\$962,701

Suzanne M. Kelly
Treasurer

TOWN OF MASON BONDS

Police Station - Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-Feb-07				\$7,972.22	\$7,972.22	
15-Aug-07	\$292,000	\$27,000	5.00%	\$7,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$41,972.22
15-Feb-08				\$6,325.00	\$6,325.00	
15-Aug-08	265,000	30,000	5.00%	\$6,325.00	\$36,325.00	\$42,650.00
15-Feb-09				\$5,575.00	\$5,575.00	
15-Aug-09	235,000	30,000	5.00%	\$5,575.00	\$35,575.00	\$41,150.00
15-Feb-10				\$4,825.00	\$4,825.00	
15-Aug-10	205,000	30,000	4.00%	\$4,825.00	\$34,825.00	\$39,650.00
15-Feb-11				\$4,225.00	\$4,225.00	
15-Aug-11	175,000	30,000	4.00%	\$4,225.00	\$34,225.00	\$38,450.00
15-Feb-12				\$3,625.00	\$3,625.00	
15-Aug-12	145,000	30,000	5.00%	\$3,625.00	\$33,625.00	\$37,250.00
15-Feb-13				\$2,875.00	\$2,875.00	
15-Aug-13	115,000	30,000	5.00%	\$2,875.00	\$32,875.00	\$35,750.00
15-Feb-14				\$2,125.00	\$2,125.00	
15-Aug-14	85,000	30,000	5.00%	\$2,125.00	\$32,125.00	\$34,250.00
15-Feb-15				\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	
15-Aug-15	55,000	30,000	5.00%	\$1,375.00	\$31,375.00	\$32,750.00
15-Feb-16				\$625.00	\$625.00	
15-Aug-16	25,000	25,000	5.00%	\$625.00	\$25,625.00	\$26,250.00
Totals		\$292,000		\$78,122.22	\$370,122.22	\$370,122.22

Highway Loader - Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
1-May-08	\$161,000	\$23,000	4.00%	\$6,332.67	\$29,332.67	\$29,332.67
1-May-09	138,000	23,000	4.00%	\$5,520.00	\$28,520.00	\$28,520.00
1-May-10	115,000	23,000	4.00%	\$4,600.00	\$27,600.00	\$27,600.00
1-May-11	92,000	23,000	4.00%	\$3,680.00	\$26,680.00	\$26,680.00
1-May-12	69,000	23,000	4.00%	\$2,760.00	\$25,760.00	\$25,760.00
1-May-13	45,000	23,000	4.00%	\$1,840.00	\$24,840.00	\$24,840.00
1-May-14	23,000	23,000	4.00%	\$920.00	\$23,920.00	\$23,920.00
Totals		\$161,000		\$25,652.67	\$186,652.67	\$186,652.67

CC Land Purchase - Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
7-Jul-09	\$80,000.00	\$6,875.91	5.50%	\$3,642.22	\$10,518.13	\$10,518.13

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

2009 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Cruiser

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-May-09	\$27,995.00					
15-May-10	\$27,995.00	\$8,995.64	3.69%	\$1,033.02	\$10,028.66	\$10,028.66
15-May-11	\$18,999.36	\$9,327.58	3.69%	\$701.08	\$10,028.66	\$10,028.66
15-May-12	\$9,671.78	\$9,671.78	3.69%	\$356.88	\$10,028.66	\$10,028.66
Totals		\$27,995.00		\$2,090.98	\$30,085.98	\$30,085.98

2011 Ford Expedition Police Cruiser

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
8-Jul-11	\$27,105.00	\$9,522.83	5.50%	\$0.00	\$9,522.83	\$9,522.83
8-Jul-12	\$17,582.17	\$8,555.81	5.50%	\$967.02	\$9,522.83	\$9,522.83
8-Jul-13	\$9,026.36	\$9,026.36	5.50%	\$496.47	\$9,522.83	\$9,522.83
Totals		\$27,105.00		\$1,463.49	\$28,568.49	\$28,568.49
				Final Pay		\$1.00

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	\$51,746,100.00
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	\$1,011,216.00
Conservation Restriction Assessment	\$16,485.00
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	\$106,881,200.00
Public Utilities (PSNH)	\$1,760,100.00
Valuations Before Exemptions	<u>\$161,415,101.00</u>

EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	\$685,100.00
Solar Exemptions	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
	<u>\$703,100.00</u>

NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE

\$160,712,001.00

NET VALUE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE (LESS UTILITIES)

\$158,951,901.00

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	64	\$32,000

2011 TAX RATE

Town	\$7.72
County	\$1.11
State Education	\$2.50
School	<u>\$13.00</u>
Total Rate	\$24.33

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report

It has been our pleasure to serve the residents of Mason this past year. We would like to summarize some of the developments during 2011.

For 2011 we licensed 473 dogs and registered 2,537 vehicles. The 2012 rabies clinic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 21. As long as we have current rabies information, you can license your dog(s) via mail.

Now that we are on-line with Vital Records, we are able to assist residents in obtaining copies of any NH vital records (births, marriages, deaths).

2011 was the second year for semi-annual tax billing. The change was implemented to help the town save money on the interest paid on the annual TAN (Tax Anticipation Note). This has significantly reduced the amount of money that the town needs to borrow.

It is with regret that I inform everyone I will not be seeking reelection in March 2012. I will be moving to Arkansas and have enjoyed being your Town Clerk / Tax Collector here for the past six years.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Debra Morrison, Deputy

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 2011	\$50
Cash received:	
Dog Licenses	2,264
State dog fees	1,013
Civil Forfeiture	425
Late Penalty	68
Mail-In Fees	520
Automobile registrations	220,226
Title fees	576
Returned checks	270
Vital fees	870
Municipal agent fees	5,405
Total cash received	231,636
Cash remitted to Treasurer	231,363
Cash on hand, December 31, 2011	\$50

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Wagoner

Town Clerk



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2011

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		LEVY FOR YEAR 2011	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2010	2009	2008+
Property Taxes	#3110	XXXXXX	\$ 301,747.61	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	XXXXXX	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXX	\$ 2,181.54	\$ 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**		(\$ 1,962.00)			
This Year's New Credits		(\$ 5,875.70)			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

FOR DRA USE ONLY

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 3,878,251.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 26,091.88	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Property Taxes	#3110				
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Credits Refunded		\$ 5,875.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 1,534.55	\$ 13,182.30	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 3,913,915.43	\$ 323,111.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

*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

12/31/2011

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2011	2010	2009	2008+
Property Taxes	\$ 3,611,549.54	\$ 180,916.80	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 20,485.00	\$ 2,181.54	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 1,534.55	\$ 13,182.30	\$ 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	\$ 126,830.81	\$ 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	(\$ 1,962.00)			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$ 35.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 515.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 266,151.46	\$ 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	\$ 5,606.88	\$ 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
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 3,913,915.43	\$ 323,111.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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

(Be sure to indicate a positive amount in the Property Taxes account if the amount is positive.)

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2011

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2011	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2010	2009	2008+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 76,511.87	\$ 23,003.86
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 135,539.83	\$ 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	\$ 2,413.97	\$ 12,776.54	\$ 5,435.70
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 137,953.80	\$ 89,288.41	\$ 28,439.56

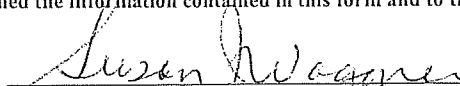
CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2011	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2010	2009	2008+
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 38,100.45	\$ 61,063.27	\$ 21,647.37
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,413.97	\$ 12,776.54	\$ 5,435.70
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 1,134.90	\$ 1,017.13	\$ 982.29
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 96,304.48	\$ 14,431.47	\$ 374.20
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		\$ 0.00	\$ 137,953.80	\$ 89,288.41	\$ 28,439.56

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? Yes

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE


 Susan J. Wagoner
DATE 1/31/2012

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	PRINCIPAL			INTEREST				TOTAL
	Beginning Balance	Fnds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Receipts (Disbursals)	Ending Balance	Fund Balance
TRUST FUNDS								
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$16,603.16	\$137.70		\$16,740.86	\$27,803.93
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$15,333.15	\$50.06		\$15,383.21	\$25,852.57
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$27,412.00	\$400.00	\$27,812.00	\$319.97	\$13.77		\$333.74	\$28,145.74
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$5,126.54	\$200.00	\$5,326.54	\$3,360.69	\$4.27		\$3,364.96	\$8,691.50
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$28,080.64	\$230.31		\$28,310.95	\$53,310.95
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$610.06	\$308.35	(\$250.00)	\$668.41	\$11,476.48
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$8,449.88	\$9.17		\$8,459.05	\$18,425.67
Steinberg/Budrewicz Recreation	\$223.00		\$223.00	\$124.26	\$0.17		\$124.43	\$347.43
Recreation-Playground	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$5.14	\$0.40		\$5.54	\$205.14
K-9 Fund	\$10,225.00		\$10,225.00	\$236.22	\$25.26		\$261.48	\$10,461.22
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$110,493.66	\$600.00	\$111,093.66	\$73,123.17	\$779.46	(\$250.00)	\$73,652.63	\$184,746.29
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS								
Highway Capital Equipment	\$9,861.05	\$1,143.90 (\$7,584.00)	\$3,420.95	\$726.37	\$3.70		\$730.07	\$4,151.02
Fire Equipment				\$3,245.79	\$5.89		\$3,251.68	\$3,245.79
Library Building	\$42,000.00		\$42,000.00	\$20,943.96	\$33.00		\$20,976.96	\$62,943.96
Police Cruiser		\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00					\$9,000.00
Highway Construction	\$1,569.00		\$1,569.00	\$2,195.81	\$1.87		\$2,197.68	\$3,691.95
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$53,430.05	\$2,559.90	\$55,989.95	\$27,111.93	\$44.46	\$0.00	\$27,156.39	\$83,032.72
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$163,923.71	\$3,159.90	\$167,083.61	\$100,235.10	\$823.92	(\$250.00)	\$100,809.02	\$267,892.63

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

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Paul Downey

George Schwenk

MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The past year has seen many changes at the Highway Department. We have welcomed seven new employees to our ranks, each of whom bring unique talents to the job. This skill mix aids us in meeting the expectations of the townspeople of Mason by being more efficient in work methods, and allowing a great deal of flexibility in scheduling.

We have begun an extensive ditching program in an effort to improve drainage on paved and gravel roads. The ditching program will continue in 2012. In addition, the highway department plans to begin replacing culverts throughout town. Many of the metal culverts have outlived their expected service life and will be replaced with a more durable type of pipe. Proper drainage is the first step in improving road surfaces. This coming year, we also plan to continue the road sealing program in an effort to save our better roads, as well as, work on reclaiming sections of roads that are unsuitable for sealing. Many people have inquired if we are going to seal roads, pave roads, or use some other form of road restoration. The answer is, "yes," to all methods. The plan is to use the method that is best suited to the conditions present to get the best value for the dollars spent.

I would like to thank the Highway Department employees and their families, as well as, the people of Mason for their support and understanding during this dynamic year.

Lastly, but most importantly, please be alert and help ensure the safety of our highway workers by slowing down when passing a work area. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Greenwood
Road Agent

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Mason saw a continued rise in criminal activity for the year 2011 with a decrease in motor vehicle offenses. Daytime burglaries continue to be our biggest challenge. Multiple residences were broken into with items in excess of \$20,000 being taken on more than one incident. We have been fortunate enough to be able to successfully track down the suspects who are currently in the judicial process. I assure you that we are doing everything possible to put an end to this type of crime as I see it as the most invasive form of criminal activity against property, to enter the home of another without consent.

All officers continued to receive several hours of continuing education which included areas such as: simunitions, which is simulated gun fire at and from the officer, Taser re-certification, motor-vehicle and criminal code update, personal defensive tactics, report writing, canine tracking and building clearing and several other areas. All of this training improves on officer knowledge which reduces overall liability for the Town of Mason.

As always I would like to thank those residents who have assisted the police in the apprehension and prosecution of those suspected of criminal acts. The Police Department always has an open door policy and I encourage any resident with any concern to please stop by. If I am not available, call 878-1111 and I will schedule a time that we can meet.

Respectfully submitted,
Police Chief Barry G. Hutchins

MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We again are looking for a couple of new members to maintain our staffing level. Four of our new members completed Firefighter Level 1 which is the state required basic firefighting course. Congratulations to them. The majority of our calls continue to be motor vehicle accidents. 2012 will be the 50th anniversary of the Mason Volunteer Fire Department. They were formed in 1962. My thanks to all the dedicated men and women of the Fire Department and to the families for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Baker Fire Chief

Mason First Responders

I would like to thank the members of the Brookline Ambulance Service and their Director, Wes Whittier, for their excellent service to the town of Mason. I especially would like to thank the Mason First Responders for responding to calls all hours of the day or night and to their families for allowing them to give their time for calls and training. This past year we picked one new EMT and three First Responders which makes staffing calls much easier.

Respectfully submitted
David A. Baker Fire Chief

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Mason Planning Board conducted two hearings this year; both lot-line adjustments with one combining 2 parcels. The Planning Board also renewed its contract with Nashua Regional Planning Commission.

Respectfully,
Chairman Pam Lassen

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Income from land use change tax	\$2,000
Income from rental.....	\$5,100
Misc. income.....	\$40
2011 Budget	\$2,000
Interest.....	\$42
Expenses.....	\$16,688
Funds on hand Conservation General Fund 12/31/11.....	\$9,162
Railroad Trail Maintenance Fund 12/31/11.....	\$232
Land Protection Fund 12/31/11	\$24,155
Stewardship Fund 12/31/11.....	\$10,351
Rental Fund– 135 Old Ashby Road 12/31/11	\$8,232
Total All Funds 12/31/11	\$52,133

Six public information seminars in memory of Florence Roberts included presentations on owls, mountain lions, orchids, salamanders, making wooden spoons from mountain laurel and a hike through the Cliff Hastings Preserve on Merriam Hill Road. Information was disseminated at Old Home Day and elections. Geo-caches have been placed in the Florence Roberts Forest on Valley Road.

Made an effort to begin dealing with invasive plants. County-provided prison labor and other volunteer efforts combined with Commission-provided supplies made a dent, which unfortunately was short-lived as the plants quickly recovered. Many thanks to local volunteers who provided lunch for the prisoners and for cooperation from the highway department for removal of bagged knotweed and autumn olive. The highway department is helping stop the spread of invasives through appropriate road-side mowing practices, but it looks like herbicide application is our only choice for true control of knotweed and autumn olive.

Handled miscellaneous yearly monitoring and maintenance requirements on conservation lands, including:

- Monitored logging operations off Darling Hill Rd. and Black Brook Rd.
- Handled a boundary violation off Starch Mill Rd.
- Installed bridge anchors on the Spaulding Brook land.
- Responded to beaver troubles on the Cliff Hastings Preserve.
- Arranged furnace repairs to the Old Ashby Rd. property (paid for by rent and tenant labor). We increased the rent on the property 12.5% this year.
- Removed broken glass and installed a gate at the Potter homestead on Greenville Rd.
- Removed storm-downed trees and branches from the railroad trail and various other trails with the much-appreciated volunteer help of the Winter Wanderers and MANE.
- Worked with PSNH to establish a revised agreement for the power-line right-of-way on conservation land off Wilton Rd.
- Began working with Bill Downs, Town Forester and Dave Baker, who maintains hay fields, on methods to preserve or restore the view on Greenville Rd.
- Worked with Mason Volunteer Fire Department to dredge pond on Greenville Rd. to make it more effective as a fire pond.
- Investigated wetland disturbance on Valley Road.
- Monitored conservation land and easements for William Doonan (Starch Mill Road), Fifield Tree Farm (Black Brook Road), Ted Stewart (Jackson Road), and Spaulding Brook property (Mitchell Hill Road).

The Boy Scouts completed site restoration work and built a kiosk at the Bronson Potter homestead on Greenville Rd. Thanks to Nick Calderan for carrying out this fine work as his Eagle Project.

Began the process of arranging repairs to the Jackson Rd. railroad trestle bridge. Options considered include concrete slabs and traditional wood structures. Slabs are more resilient but wood is generally acknowledged as aesthetically superior. Considering options and other delays created time to apply for a Trails Bureau grant to help defer costs. Work is ongoing and should be completed in 2012.

Began work with Mason Police Department on a drug take-back program for April 2012 as part of ongoing efforts to preserve and protect Mason's groundwater.

Continued work on Mason's Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), the first step in developing a town-wide conservation plan. Presented status and plans for remaining work to the Selectmen and the town at a public presentation in Town Hall. The NRI is scheduled for delivery early in 2012 (watch the *Mason Grapevine* for an announcement).

The continued support of Mason citizens concerned about the environment and preserving Mason's rural character is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Conservation Commission

MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

The Forestry committee has been exploring and evaluating stands of timber for selective cutting this year on several different parcels land. It was determined that timber prices have not been high enough to optimize the yield in a selective cut. Evaluation of stands of timber continues and the prices of timber will continue to be monitored.

There was a great deal of interest and research in invasive species last year. The committee authorized a test section, in a heavy infestation of Japanese Knotweed along the railroad bed. Research revealed there was a difference of opinion among state agencies regarding the method of eradication of Japanese Knotweed. It was decided to postpone the treatment of this infestation until there was consensus among the agencies. The committee will continue to monitor the infestation and an accepted method of eradication by a commercial specialist.

A commitment to the railroad bed maintenance program will continue to ensure access and recreation to this valuable asset in town

Respectfully submitted,

Mason Forestry Committee

HOME HEALTHCARE, Hospice & COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason
January 1, 2011- December 31, 2011
Annual Report

In 2011, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. Services included 15 nursing visits and 31 physical therapy visits. The cost of service provided with all sources of funding is projected to be \$7,379.00. 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 532-8353 or 1-800-541-4145 or visit www.HCSservices.org.
Our outreach program is available to talk with seniors and families about home care options at no charge. Thank you for your support of home care services.

**Mason Public Library
Financial Report for 2011**

Receipts	Town Budget	Checking Acct
Town Appropriations	\$49,245.00	
Donations		\$ 535.00
Fundraising		28.25
Whitacker-Locke Trust Fund Interest		250.00
Fees and Fines		182.76
Checking Account Interest		10.53
TOTAL	\$49,245.00	\$1,006.54

Expenditures

Salaries	\$37,293.02	
Payroll Tax	2,852.68	
Worker's Comp.	66.00	
Continuing Educ.	90.00	
Travel	289.46	
Telephone	748.29	
Technology	485.22	
Postage	51.94	
Supplies	490.60	\$28.48
Dues & Fees	585.00	
Programming	305.03	315.15
Books	3,206.34	710.04
Library Retirement	1,091.27	
TOTAL	\$ 47,554.85	\$1,053.67

Return to Town General Fund - appropriations not used	\$1,690.15
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Checking Account – People’s United Bank

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2011		\$10,685.20
Ending Balance - December 31, 2011		\$10,638.07
		\$(47.13)

Investment and CD Accounts as of 12/31/11

Wellington Shields Investment	\$ 8,612.08
Pam Steinberg Memorial Fund People’s Bank CD	\$1,247.79
“Friends” Building CD	\$622.15
EO Jones Library Fund	\$7,523.78
TOTAL	\$18,005.80



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Mason, NH 03048
Tel: 878-3867
Fax 878-6146

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

masonlib@myfairpoint.net

Annual Report

The Mason Public Library remains a vital resource to the community. The MPL provides a diverse selection of new and classic books for all ages as well as a variety of magazines, audio books, and movies. We offer access to all the collections of the State of 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 continues to offer a variety of programming such as Storytime, Noon Book Club, the Summer Reading Program, and the traditional Holiday Greening. We remain the primary library support to the Mason Elementary School by providing weekly class visitation by all classes.

New this year is "Overdrive", the State of New Hampshire's system for downloadable e-books and audio books to your computer, Nook, Kindle, or other supported device. Please call or stop by the library for a demonstration and your personal access codes.

We are grateful for the efforts of dedicated employees, volunteers, and trustees. Mostly, we appreciate the patronage and support of you, the tax payers and residents of Mason.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Trustees Elena Kolbenson, Lynn McCann, Christine Weiss

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been thirty (30) Building Permits issued during 2011. They were issued for the following and the total valuation is also listed:

2	Permanent Dwellings	\$331,022
2	Decks Added to Dwellings	6,252
2	Porches Added to Dwellings	16,137
1	Attached Garage	88,796
1	Garage	18,322
1	Upgrade Kitchen	3,861
1	Upgrade House	34,000
1	ADU Apartment w/Certificate to Rent	19,871
1	Finish Attic	4,738
3	Barns	39,239
1	Septic Repair	3,000
2	Electrical Service Upgrade	6,000
1	Electric for Pool	3,000
1	Electric for Pool & Generator	3,000
3	Electric for Generators	9,000
2	Sauna/Hot Tub	6,000

1	Electric for Barn	3,000
3	Sheds	9,761
1	Pavilion	3,000
	TOTAL	\$607,999

There have been 3 Oil Burner and/or Oil Storage Permits and 4 gas burner and/or gas storage permits issued. A permit is required for installing and operating oil and gas burning equipment that includes replacement oil burners and/or storage tanks.

Some residents do not understand when a Building Permit is required. Please refer to the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance, Article VII. I will be happy to help with any questions.

The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being updated and new numbers issued. It would be beneficial if all residents would use their correct house numbers and post the numbers using three-inch high reflective numbers, facing both directions.

Permanent boundary markers have to be checked on lots without an existing dwelling, before a Building Permit can be issued. If the lot has been created by a subdivision, every iron pin, drilled hole and granite bound that is shown on the plat must be checked. This was approved at the March 2004 Town Meeting.

In addition to the Building Inspection duties, I, also, at the Selectmen's request, act in the capacity as Code Enforcement Officer and following up on zoning issues.

I would like to thank my Deputy, Eric Anderson who has filled in for me as needed during the year and especially during my time in the hospital.

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

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

(O)ther than the snowstorm we had just before Halloween, cemetery maintenance was pretty normal. The cemeteries were fertilized in April and were mowed regularly through June, July and August. August was very dry until tropical storm Irene hit just before Labor Day.

We started leaf removal and then received 18 inches of snow. We waited about a week for the snow to melt and we were able to finish picking up leaves. The only damage from the snowstorm was some broken branches and a small tree uprooted in Pratt Cemetery.

Residents of Mason interested in purchasing cemetery lots at Prospect Hill Cemetery may contact Wallace A. Brown, Sexton, at 878-1481 for details.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Trustees

Wallace A. Brown, Jeannine Phalon, Robert Larochelle

Resident DEATHS for the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Jan. 1	Richard Gagne	Mason, NH
Jan. 16	Eino Anderson	Tilton, NH
Feb. 2	Rachel Livingston	Nashua, NH
May 7	Francis Gavin Sr.	Mason, NH
Aug. 2	Wharton Sanders III	Mason, NH
Aug. 25	Sherman Rhodes	Mason, NH
Sep. 17	Barbara Engheben	Merrimack, NH

BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Apr. 16	Mary E. Beinar
May 13	John Richard Korsman
June 8	Nancy J. Pelletier
June 18	Anna Louise McKinnon
Aug. 23	Annalee Whittle
Nov. 18	Ruth Arlene Martin
Dec. 8	Debra Mattson

TOWN of MASON RESIDENT MARRIAGES
for the year ending December 31, 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
June 18	Tyson D. Sawyer	Mason, NH
	Emilie A. Phillips	Mason, NH
June 25	Don R. Ladow	Mason, NH
	Deann B. Valliere	Mason, NH
July 17	Ernest R. Sullivan II	Mason, NH
	Meryl F. Smith	Mason, NH

July 22

Bruce E. Ward
Linda D. Calkins

Mason, NH
Mason, NH

**BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2011**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Sep. 6	Alexander Andrew Wile	Nashua, NH	Mark Wile Alanna Wile
Nov. 26	Cora Rose Finch	Nashua, NH	Jason Finch Maila Finch



**TOWN of MASON ELECTION MARCH 8, 2011
at the MASON Town Hall, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Road**

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, called the Town Election to order. The polls were declared open at 11:02 AM. Seventeen absentee ballots were opened by the Moderator at 1pm. Checklist total was 993 (990 plus 3 newly registered voters). The polls were closed at 8:08 PM after 441 had voted.

The ballot clerks were Florence Wilson and Pauline Bergeron in the morning and Lauren Mann and Kenneth Greene for the afternoon into the evening. The Supervisors of the Checklist were Jeannine Phalon, Charles Moser and Deputy Anita Crehan. The Moderator installed Kathy Wile and Bill Weiss as Deputy Supervisors.

The following ballot counters were previously installed: George Schwenk, Douglas Whitbeck, Lauren Mann, Nancy Richards, Jim DeMarco, Sally Wilson, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Dorothy Millbrandt, John Lewicke, Linda Cotter-Cranston, Ken Green, Jeannine Phalon, Pauline Bergeron, Bill Weiss and Trish Cross.

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

Selectmen for 3 years: Robert Peter McGinnity 201
Mark Hager 174

Selectmen for 2 years: Shane Robinson 192
Anne Richards 202

Treasurer for 1 year: Suzanne Kelly 365

Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Jeannine Phalon 366

Library Trustee for 3 years: Elena Kolbenson 367

Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years: Kathy Wile 376

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: 5 write in votes for Mark Calderan
11 write in votes for George Schwenk

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, as follows:

AMEND Article IXX: Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance; Item IV, Location of Telecommunications Facilities; to replace “view to ____.” with “scenic view”, so the sentence reads, “In no case, however, shall such a facility be sited in a location that would impact any scenic view.”

The purpose is to clearly state that scenic views shall not be impacted by the location of a telecommunication facility. Approved by the Mason Planning Board.

Yes 294 No 124 Article 2 carries

The results of **Article 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:

AMEND new Article IXX: Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance; Item VII, Conditional Use Permits; to replace “every 3 years” with “annually”, so the sentence reads, “Permits shall be renewed annually.” The purpose is to require renewal of Conditional Use Permits annually, to better monitor for changes affecting compliance. Approved by the Mason Planning Board.

Yes 255 No 158 Article 3 carries

The results of **Article 4** – To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the TOWN on the second Tuesday of MARCH or whenever as required by RSA 40:13. By petition. (By ballot, requires 3/5 vote) Yes 255 No 185 264 Needed to pass. Article 4 fails

Mason School District Results:

District Clerk 2 Years – Rebecca Partridge 353

District Treasurer 3 Years – Susan Wagoner 377

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The results of **Article 2** – Shall the Mason School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Two Million Nine Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$2,954,526.00), Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Million Nine Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$2,957,136.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Mason School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. **NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.** The School Board recommends this warrant article. **(Majority vote required.)**

Yes 313 No 103 Article 2 carries

The results of **Article 3** – Shall the Mason School District raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Educating Educationally Disabled Children Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010) with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2011, unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1. The School Board recommends this warrant article. **(Majority vote required.)**

Yes 216 No 203 Article 3 carries

The results of **Article 4** – Shall the Mason School District raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Unanticipated Tuition Cost Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010) with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2011, unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1. The School Board recommends this warrant article. **(Majority vote required.)**

Yes 194 No 224 Article 4 fails

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

MASON TOWN MEETING MARCH 12, 2011 at the Mason Elementary School, 13 Darling Hill Road

At 9:00AM the Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, came to the microphone and requested that non voters 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, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table: Selectmen - Anne (Nancy) Richards, Robert (Pete) McGinnity, and Dr. Christopher Guiry; and Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk.

The Moderator acknowledged Rick Griffith and Jeannine Phalon for setting up the Mason Elementary Multi-Purpose room. She also thanked the tireless election workers – ballot clerks and counters, Supervisors of the Checklist, Town Clerk, Susan Wagoner, Deputy Town Clerks Dee Mitchell and Deb Morrison, School District Clerk, John Lewicke, the Select Board and Select Board Assistant, Barbara Milkovits.

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 seconder; 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 may request a ballot vote on any article.

The Moderator announced the results of the Town elections and the school district. Total votes cast were 441 out of a total of 993. She declared the winning candidates elected to their respective office.

Selectmen for 3 years: Robert Peter McGinnity 201
Mark Hager 174

Selectmen for 2 years: Shane Robinson 192
Anne Richards 202

Treasurer for 1 year: Suzanne Kelly 365

Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Jeannine Phalon 366

Library Trustee for 3 years: Elena Kolbenso

Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years: Kathy Wile 376

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: 5 write in votes for Mark Calderan
11 write in votes for George Schwenk

The following articles were voted on at the polls on Tuesday March 8, 2011

Results of the 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, as follows:

AMEND Article IXX: Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance; Item IV, Location of Telecommunications Facilities; to replace “view to ____.” with “scenic view”. so the sentence reads, “In no case, however, shall such a facility be sited in a location that would impact any scenic view.” The purpose is to clearly state that scenic views shall not be impacted by the location of a telecommunication facility. Approved by the Mason Planning Board.

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Yes 194 No 224 Article 4 fails

The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 9:05 AM.

There were 126 voters and 8 non voters.

The colors were presented by the following members of the Mason Boy Scout Troop 264 all of whom are Eagle Scout candidates: Jack McGuire, Nathan O'Brien, Nicholas Calderan and Robbie Anderson. It was a distinct pleasure by the Moderator to present Morgan J. Siegmann who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Morgan is an outstanding student and member of the National Honor Society. He has taken many advance placement courses. Among his many accomplishments is his athletic ability as a cross country runner. The colors were posted and the Moderator thanked Mark Calderan, Scoutmaster.

The Moderator acknowledged the retirement of Wolfgang Millbrandt after his almost thirty years involvement in Town affairs as Selectmen and School Board member for the Mascenic School Board and then as member of the newly constituted Mason School District. Our friendly curmudgeon has kept us fiscally sound and addressed many issues important to our Town.

She also acknowledged another resident, John Lewicke, who has volunteered as a Mascenic School Board and School District Clerk pro-tempore for the founding years of our school district.

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

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

On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously to permit the Town Assessor, Richard Rockwood and Ken Hajjar, a representative from LHS (Voting Machine) to address the assembly.

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 sixty three thousand, six hundred fifty seven dollars (\$1,563,657.00) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.

There was much discussion related to salaries and benefits. Harvey Jodoin presented an amendment and it was seconded by Shawn Jodoin to line item #6005-03 Health and Dental Insurance \$196,795.00, "to see if the town of Mason will vote to provide 100% of medical and dental insurance benefits for full-time employees who are single and to provide 80% of medical and dental insurance benefits for those with spouses or dependents. This change in benefits to occur April 1st 2011, with annual contributions of 10% in 2011 and 10% in 2012".

The motion to move the previous question which stopped debate failed Yes 38 No 47. Debate continued. There was a request from Martha Jacques, Pat Letourneau, Stanley Brown, John Lewicke, and Bernie O'Grady to require a ballot vote for the Jodoin amendment.

Polls opened at 11:00AM and closed 11:05AM. Total ballots cast 118: Yes 28 No 90

This amendment fails.

Dr. Christopher Guiry moved to amend line item #6005-03 and it was seconded by Carol Iodice "to see if the Town will vote to require new full time employees to pay 20% of medical benefits starting in 2011". A standing vote was taken. Yes 62 No 38 This amendment carries.

Pamela Lassen made a motion and seconded by Philip Phalon to amend the Health and Dental benefits line item #6005-03 to read "to provide 100% Health Insurance to full time employees with the offer of \$1,000.00 annually to any who wish to opt out (decline Town insurance)". The motion to move the previous question which stopped debate carries. The Lassen amendment fails.

Robert McGinnity, Selectman, moved and it was seconded by Dr. Christopher Guiry to amend line item #6021-01 under Sanitation-Wilton Recycling Center to strike the sum of \$41,134.00 and insert \$49,479.00 (a difference of \$8,345.00). The amendment carries.

Carol Iodice made a substitute motion and it was seconded by Constance Lacasse on line item #6005-03 Health and Dental Insurance "to see if the Town will vote to require all new employees of the Town of Mason to pay 20% of their medical benefits starting March 14, 2011". The polls opened at 11:48AM and closed at 11:55AM Yes 57 No 53 The amendment carries.

Article 5, the Town budget, as amended to \$1,572,002.00 carries.

Note: Due to multiple ballot vote requests, several articles were advanced before returning to article 5. Discussion on this article continued for more than 3 hours. The Town Meeting lasted 6 hours with no lunch break.

Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded by Robert McGinnity to advance Articles 11 and 13.

Article 11: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) for the purpose of conducting a Statistical Update of property values, as required by the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town Assessor, Richard Rockwood, spoke to this issue explaining that this is a requirement of the State of NH and that, if the Town voted this down, the State would then come in and bill the Town for the cost of their doing the re-assessment. Article 11 carries.

Article 13: Robert McGinnity moved and it was seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00) to purchase a voting machine, or take any other action relative thereto.

Ken Hajjar, representative of LHS Associates, demonstrated the optical ballot reader. The cost of the machine was lowered to \$4,500.00 and the cost per election would be \$400.00 per election to program the card plus the cost of the ballots. Dr. Christopher Guiry made an amendment and it was seconded by Robert McGinnity to strike \$6,500.00 and insert \$4,500.00 for the purchase of the machine. The amendment carries. Article 13, as amended, failed unanimously.

Dr. Christopher Guiry made a motion and it was seconded by Anne Richards to advance the

deliberation of Article 14.

Article 14: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to authorize 20% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited in the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. The remaining 80% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 will be deposited in the Town's General Fund. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2011, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by future vote of the town meeting.

(Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Robert Bergeron made a motion and it was seconded by Ken Spacht to amend the article to read "To see if the Town will vote to authorize 100% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited in the Town's General Fund. If adopted, this article shall take effect April 1, 2011 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by future vote of the Town meeting. (Majority vote required.)"

There was much discussion on the amendment. There were multiple requests for a secret ballot on the amendment and original article. The following residents request a ballot vote for Article 14: Martha Jacques, Pat Letourneau, Stanley Brown, Michael Goen, Bernie O'Grady, Michael McGuire, Donald Hodges, Susan Wagoner, Debra Morrison, Dee Mitchell, Barbara Milkovits, Susanne Wolpert and Martin Milkovits.

The polls were opened at 12:38PM to vote on the amendment. The polls closed at 12:58PM

There were 96 ballots cast. Yes 29; No 67. The amendment fails.

Liz Fletcher and Ann Moser of the Conservation Committee gave a presentation of the Town's current conservation holdings and discussed the future plans of the commission.

The polls were then opened on the original article at 1:30PM and were closed at 1:37 PM 89 votes were cast. Yes 47 No 42 The original Article 14 carried.

Article 6: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of thirty nine thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$39,825.00) to purchase a pickup truck for the Mason Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen thousand one hundred nineteen dollars and twenty cents (\$14,119.20) for the first year's payment. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Dave Morrison, Interim Road Agent, moved and it was seconded by Barry Hutchins "to amend the article to strike out the \$39,825.00 (thirty nine thousand eight hundred twenty five dollars) and insert \$32,525.00 (thirty two thousand five hundred twenty five dollars) appropriate the sum of eleven thousand five hundred thirty one dollars and twelve cents (\$11,531.12) for the first year's payment". The amendment carried. Article 6 as amended carried unanimously.

Article 9: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of chip sealing on Town roads, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Dave Morrison, Interim Road Agent, and Curt Dunn, Roads Committee Chairman discussed the condition of the roads and possible solutions. Article 9 carries unanimously.

Dr. Christopher Guiry made a motion and it was seconded by Anne Richards to advance Article 7.

Article 7: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) payable over a term of three years to purchase a new cruiser for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) for the first year's payment. (Requires 2/3 ballot vote and the polls open 1 hour.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

The polls were open at 1:52PM and closed at 2:52PM. There were 81 ballots cast. 54 were needed to pass. Yes 66 No 15 Article 7 carried.

On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry and seconded by Robert McGinnity it was VOTED to put

Article 8 aside until after the results of the ballot vote of Article 7.

Article 8: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for the purpose of equipping the new Police cruiser, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen. Article 8 carried unanimously.

Article 10: Robert McGinnity moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to purchase a truck for the Highway Department, with the funding as follows: Seven thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars (\$7,584.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose and the balance to come from general taxation, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen. Robert McGinnity made a motion and it was seconded by Dr. Christopher Guiry to amend the article and strike the amount of \$30,000.00 and insert \$22,000.00. The amendment carries. There was discussion on having a demonstrable maintenance plan for all the vehicles. Motion to move the previous question which stops debate, carries. Article 10 as amended carries.

Article 12: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Police Cruiser and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen and the Police Chief as agents to expend from this fund. Recommended by the Selectmen. Chief Barry Hutchins spoke to the article explaining the common sense of planning ahead for planned obsolescence of cruisers. Article 12 carries.

Article 15: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of the sum of One hundred thirty-three dollars (\$133.00) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund, previously established and to authorize the transfer from the December 31, 2010 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2010 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 16: Robert McGinnity moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars (\$7,584.00) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 2010 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2010 sale of highway equipment for this purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen. Article 16 carries.

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 relative thereto. This article shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by future vote of the town meeting.

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 relative thereto. This article shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by future vote of the town meeting.

Article 19: On motion of Robert McGinnity 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 relative thereto. This article shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by future vote of the town meeting.

On motion of Charlie Moser, and seconded by many voices, the meeting was adjourned Sine Dai at 3:05 PM.

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

TOWN of MASON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 1, 2011
at the MASON Elementary School, Multi Purpose Room
13 Darling Hill Road, Mason

While waiting for the voters to register with the Supervisors, the Moderator allowed Steven Hoffman to speak to the assemblage regarding the Mason Broadband Committee. He asked people to complete the survey which would help the committee determine the pattern of broadband in the Town. Barbara DeVore detailed the menu of the upcoming Community Supper on October 13. The Supper is by the community and for all in the community.

At 9:00AM the Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, came to the microphone and requested that non voters 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, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table: Selectmen - Anne (Nancy) Richards, Robert (Pete) McGinnity, and Dr. Christopher Guiry; and Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk. The Moderator thanked the many citizens involved with preparing for this Special Meeting – the Select Board, the Select Board Secretary, the Supervisors of the Checklist, the Town Clerk, the Deputy Town Clerk and Rick Griffith who set up the room for the meeting.

The Moderator reviewed the procedures for voters: Voters wishing to speak should use the microphone and address any questions to the chair. Every voter is entitled to speak on the article. A voter is entitled to speak a second time on the article provided all voters who wish to speak have spoken.

The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 9:07AM. There were 121 voters and 4 non-voters. Anne Richards led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Robert Peter McGinnity moved and it was seconded that the Town vote to elect its Road Agent to a one (1) year term commencing in March 2012 and each year thereafter (by petition).

A number of residents spoke to the issue at hand.

1. Robert Peter McGinnity expressed his concern that if the Road Agent were to be elected each year that it may impact the ability to plan for long term planning and consistency.
2. Charles Moser, who circulated the petition, then addressed the assemblage and explained that the purpose of the warrant article was to take accountability from the Selectmen and give it back to the residents. He sees this meeting as a vote of no confidence in the Selectmen. There was no intent to create personal issues between David Morrison and Fred Greenwood.
3. Christopher Woerner next spoke against the article. His argument was that it was not right for the Road Agent to be constantly wondering whether he would have a job each year.
4. Gary Ellsworth spoke in favor of Fred Greenwood's position as Road Agent. He also stated he had been on the Road Committee set up by the Selectmen and that he had been involved with the road plan proposed by the Committee.
5. Peter LeCount then presented two (2) amendments to the article. The first read "Elections subsequent to the first one-year term shall be for a three -year term". The second read "Candidates for Road Agent shall provide, for review by each Mason voter, written information documenting experience and technical qualifications for the position as detailed in the Town's Road Agent job description.
6. Moderator Schwenk addressed Mr. LeCount's request for amendments by stating that because of several questions about the warrant she had spoken with the NH Attorney General's office. It is the opinion of the Attorney General and the Secretary of State that the warrant article may not be amended as this is a statutory requirement. The statute

also requires a majority vote by ballot. There is no statutory requirement to hold the polls open for an hour on this issue.

7. John Lewicke then questioned the rush to have a Special Town Meeting when they could have just petitioned to have the warrant on the ballot in March.
8. In answer to Mr. LeCount's second amendment request Dr. C. Christopher Guiry explained to the meeting that all due diligence was done to fill the Road Agent position. It was advertised in various public media and applicants were required to submit a detailed job experience record each of which was reviewed by the Selectmen. The Selectmen then interviewed all applicants before selecting Mr. Greenwood.
9. Douglas Whitbeck reminded the residents that the reason they were all there is the condition of the roads. He too was concerned about the one (1) year term. He mentioned that other towns also elected their Road Agents and it seems to be successful.
10. Rick Hough, a new resident, asked how long Mr. Greenwood has been Road Agent and wanted a job description.
11. Fred Greenwood then spoke on some issues which may arise from electing the Agent each year – namely the workers' concern with potential constant changes and the fact that a group of voters could get together and be able to elect their favorite person.
12. Carol Anne Bennett spoke about the condition of the roads in general. She was also in favor of electing the Road Agent for more than a one (1) year term.
13. David Baker then pointed out that the NH RSAs are specific and do not differentiate between an elected or appointed Road Agent. Under either scenario, the Road Agent would work for the Selectmen.
14. Kerri Griffith said she considered the roads have improved since Mr. Greenwood has been Road Agent. She appreciated the fact that he is on a learning curve and that he is trying new ways to improve the roads and also save the Town money.
15. After all voters who wanted to speak had spoken, Charles Moser spoke as to the reason for the one (1) year term vs. the three (3) year term. He felt the benefit of the one (1) year term is that if the elected Road Agent did not perform to standards, he could be gone in a year. If the Agent was acceptable, the residents could continue to re-elect him every year. If the residents felt that this process was not viable at all, they could revert back to an appointed Road Agent by warrant article on the next year's ballot.
16. Finally Dr. C. Christopher Guiry iterated that accountability always reverts back to the Selectmen. He expressed concern for continuity and that the morale of the highway staff needs to be carefully considered. He felt Mr. Greenwood was an excellent candidate given the length of time he has been doing the job and the budget he had had to work within.

The Moderator gave instructions on the voting process and declared the polls open at 9:35AM. After all the voters had an opportunity to cast their vote, the polls were declared closed at 9:42AM.

Stanley Brown questioned whether the polls could be open for an hour? The Moderator said that the requirement was only for a bond issue at a Town meeting.

While waiting for the results of the voting, Dr. C. Christopher Guiry spoke to the concerns and questions that had been expressed at the meeting. He encouraged everyone to attend any Selectmen meeting if they have any questions or concerns about Town management. He also explained the budget process, starting with the start of budget season in October and ending in January. He mentioned that there were two (2) openings on the Financial Advisory Committee which works with the Selectmen on the budget.

Debra Morrison also spoke and expressed her displeasure at the comportment of the Selectmen in the spring regarding the Road Agent issue and her husband, David Morrison. She addressed the accountability of the Selectmen and that, in her opinion; they failed the Town on this issue. However, she acknowledged that Mr. Greenwood was doing the best job he can.

The results of the vote are: Yes 31 No 90 The article failed and will not be included on the March 2012 ballot.

On motion of Robert Peter McGinnity, and seconded by many voices, the meeting was adjourned Sine Dai at 9:51AM.

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

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PLODZIK AND SANDERSON 2010 AUDIT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mason as of and for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements 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.

In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mason as of December 31, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Associates

1811 History Highlights

There were two marriages performed by Rev. William Eliot.

There were nine marriages performed by Rev. Ebenezer Hill

Births – from December 31, 1810 to December 31, 1811 – 30

Deaths – There were 12 deaths; ranging in age from two days old to seventy-five years old.

Moderator Timothy Dakin

Town Clerk John Blodgett

Selectmen John Blodgett, Joses Bucknan, Samuel Smith, Jr.

Treasurer: Selectmen

Representative: Deacon R.W. Weson

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