

Mason



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Annual Report

of the Town Officers

For the Year Ending December 31

2022



Cover photo courtesy of Fire Chief Tony Burns (above)

Standing left to right: Lieutenant Kirk Smith, EMT David Baker, EMR John Ray, EMT A. Michael Brampton, Lieutenant Beau Landry, Captain Ken Spacht, Captain Jeff Partridge, EMR Katie Boots, Deputy Chief Eric Rantamaki, Driver Trainee Melissa Rantamaki

Kneeling left to right: Driver-Operator Mike Daly, Firefighter / EMR Zac Partridge, Firefighter Bryan Herrin

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Photo courtesy Barbara DeVore

Mark LeClair (in the trench) works on the drainage ditch at the Town Hall.

Selectmen's Report



On the heels of 2021's recovery, 2022 brought us both amazing progress and continuous creative financial adjustments to ensure our Town offices and services continue to function without missing a beat. We found ourselves managing a budget against higher-than-expected inflation rates, soaring gas prices, unexpected challenges and, most of all, the continued commitment of our employees, volunteers, committee members and elected officials to ensure we continue to improve and maintain the rural character of this beautiful New Hampshire town as we continue to navigate the 21st century.

In March we had a record 60% voter turnout. Article 2: Amend Article XVI: Wetlands Conservation District Ordinance to implement a 50-foot buffer was defeated (127 Yes / 461 No) was the driving force — a topic that demonstrated passion from both sides of the vote.

Our first full-time Fire Chief, Tony Burns, finished his rookie year in Mason with several challenges and accomplishments. The synergy Chief Burns has brought to our town can be found in the many achievements demonstrated by our Fire Department volunteers through training, certifications and dedication. The Governor and Council awarded the following Grant Program — American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) Locality Equipment Matching Program Award — to the Town of Mason on June 15, 2022. The grant was a total of \$50,000 for purchasing safety and emergency equipment in response to the health crisis and its negative effects. This grant was used to purchase an emergency command response vehicle.

In an environment where it is difficult to find staff, Chief Kevin Maxwell has done an outstanding job in recruiting two new officers (Gregg Miller and John Ciarcia), and with Officer Dube returning to the force part-time, we have a full department to include weekend coverage. Keep an eye out for the Mason Police Department Facebook page in the upcoming months.

A special recognition to our Road Agent, Dave Morrison, and our road crew. 2022 was extremely challenging for this department. In April we started with the battle at the fuel pump with diesel prices soaring to new levels resulting in adjustments throughout other areas of the budget. In June the fuel tanks failed inspection due to a crack discovered in the inner shell. The fuel tanks were not replaced, and the town is using other sources for fuel, including utilizing local fuel stations. Despite all these challenges, the Mason Highway Department completed all 2022 restoration projects and initiatives that included Greenville Road.

The Town of Mason received \$65,150.60 from the NH Highway Block Grant. Most of the monies were used to purchase a 2022 Dodge Ram 2500 Tradesman, equipped with a new Fisher plow. This vehicle will replace the decommissioned Highway Department vehicle 070 used by the Road Agent.

The Town of Mason applied for a grant with the Hazard Mitigation Funding program with FEMA in the fall of 2022. If approved this grant will be used to assist in the Jeds Lane Replacement Bridge Project. Awards are expected to be announced in 2023.

In the new year, we will keep working to solve problems and navigating the course in front of us. May 2023 be a happy, healthy and successful one for you, your family and our town.

Kate Batcheller, Charles Moser and John Suiter
Selectmen



Photo courtesy Tony Burns

The new emergency command response vehicle.

Town Office Hours & Meetings

Selectmen

Office Hours: Mann House, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Monday – Thursday
Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 pm
Second & Fourth Tuesday of the month
Telephone: 878-2070 Fax: 878-4892
Email: selectmen@masonnh.us
Website: www.masonnh.us

Town Clerk / Tax Collector

Office Hours: Mann House
Tuesday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Email: townclerk@masonnh.us
Telephone: 878-3768 Fax: 878-4892

Planning Board

Meetings: Town Hall, 7:00 pm
Last Wednesday of the month
Call NRPC, 417-6570, ext. 6564 for appointment

Building Inspector

Office Hours: Mann House, by appointment only
Telephone: 878-2070

Wilton Recycling Center

Hours:	Sunday and Monday	Closed
	Tuesday	7:00 am to 5:00 pm
	Wednesday	Closed
	Thursday	10:00 am to 7:00 pm
	Friday	8:00 am to 11:00 am
	Saturday	8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Elected Town Officers

Moderator 2-year term

Dotsie Millbrandt March 2024

Town Clerk / Tax Collector 3-year term

Debra Morrison March 2024

Treasurer 3-year term

Dee Mitchell March 2024

Selectmen 3-year term

Kathleen Batcheller, Chair March 2023

Charles Moser March 2024

John Suiter March 2025

Supervisors of the Checklist 6-year term

Darrell Scott March 2024

Kim Hemmer March 2023

Dane Rota March 2028

Library Trustees 3-year term

Robin Smith March 2025

Elena Kolbenson March 2023

Lynn McCann March 2024

Trustees of Cemeteries 3-year term

Ken Spacht March 2025

Jeannine Phalon March 2023

Robert B. Laroche March 2024

Trustees of Trust Funds 3-year term

Martha Ward March 2025

Constance Lacasse March 2024

Pamela McGinnity March 2023

Appointed Town Officers

Assistant Moderator

Deputy Town Clerk / Tax Collector

Suzanne Kelly March 2024

Deputy Treasurer

Mary Bardsley, resigned March 2024

Patricia Young March 2025

Planning Board

Dane Rota, Chairman March 2023

Dotsie Millbrandt, Vice Chair March 2024

Gerald Anderson, resigned March 2024

Chris Jones March 2025

Katie Boots March 2024

Charles Moser, Ex-officio March 2024

Cynthia Donovan, Alternate March 2024

Antje Skorupan, Alternate March 2025

Commissioners

Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Charles Moser March 2024

Board of Adjustment

William Fritz, Chairman March 2023

Robert Young, Vice Chair March 2023

Philip Garside March 2024

Constance Lacasse, Alternate March 2024

Mary Pierce March 2025

Landon Smith, Alternate March 2023

Karen Duff Hallett, Alternate March 2025

Historic District Commission

Board of Selectmen

Conservation Commission

Robert Larochelle	March 2024
Ann Moser	March 2025
Barbara DeVore	March 2025
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 2026
Lundy Lewis	March 2024
Charles Andersen	March 2025
Rosanna Nadeau, Alternate	March 2025
Chris Pratka	March 2025
Michelle Horowitz, Alternate	March 2026
Charles Lanni, Alternate	

Forestry Committee

Harry Spear	March 2023
Robert Bergeron, resigned	March 2024
Matthew LeClair	March 2023
Bernie O'Grady	March 2025
William Downs, Town Forester	

Recreation Committee

Wallace Brown	March 2023
Jeannine Phalon	March 2023

Ballot Clerks

Garth Fletcher	March 2024
Dee Mitchell	March 2024
Eric Millbrandt	March 2023
Connie Lacasse	March 2024
Lauren Mann	March 2024

Police Officers

Kevin Maxwell	Police Chief
Richard Fortin	Sergeant
Gregg Miller	Detective
John Ciarcia	Police Officer
John Dube	Part-time Police Officer
Michael Needham	Part-time Police Officer
Marc Prescott	Part-time Police Officer
Linda Hernandez	Administrative Assistant

Energy Commission

Kathleen Chapman	March 2022
David Morrison	March 2023
Michelle Scott	March 2023
Michele Siegmann	March 2024
Richard Stockdale	March 2023
Joseph Harney, Alternate	March 2023
Darrell Scott, Alternate	March 2023
Curt Spacht, Alternate	March 2023
Garth Fletcher, Alternate	March 2026

Town Hall Renovation Committee

Barbara DeVore	March 2025
James Dore	March 2025
Constance Lacasse	March 2024
Pamela McGinnity	March 2025
Kenneth Rafter	March 2026
Wally Brown	March 2024
Darryl Ellis	March 2025
Marty Milkovits	March 2025

Emergency Services

Anthony T. Burns	Fire Chief / EMD / AEMT / Warden
Eric Rantamaki	Deputy Fire Chief / Deputy Warden
Kenneth Spacht	Fire Captain
Jeff Partridge	EMS Captain / EMT
Michael Knowles	Lieutenant / Training Officer
Kirk Smith	Lieutenant
Beau Landry	Lieutenant / EMT
David Baker	EMR
Ashley Michael Brampton	EMT
Kathy Chapman	EMT
Michael Daly	Firefighter
Heidi Delorme	EMR
Melissa Duggan	Firefighter / EMR
Fred Greenwood	Driver-Operator
Bryan Herrin	Firefighter
Eleazar Juvera	Firefighter Trainee
Juliet Leask	Firefighter Trainee

Emergency Services (cont.)

Lee Lemoine
Zachary Partridge
Briannah Phalon
John Ray
John Suiter
Rob Ziemiecki

Firefighter
Firefighter / EMR
EMT
EMR
Firefighter Trainee
EMT



Dave Morrison
Jacob Olson
Todd Mullen
Lynn McCann
Wallace Brown
Anthony Burns
William Downs

Road Agent
Building Inspector / Health Officer
Assistant Building Inspector
Deputy Health Officer
Cemetery Sexton
Emergency Director
Town Forester



Photo courtesy Tony Burns

2023 Mason Town Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

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 Mason Elementary School, 13 Darling Hill Road, at 11:00 am on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant. To choose the following Town offices:

Selectman	3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years

The polls will be open continuously from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm when they shall close. You are hereby notified also to meet at Mason Elementary School, 13 Darling Hill Road, at 9:00 am on Saturday, the 18th day of March, 2023, to act upon remaining articles of this Warrant.

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

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen as printed in the Mason Annual Report.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of Two Million, Four Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Nine Dollars (\$2,478,909) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of repair and maintenance of the Town's roads, or take any other action relative thereto. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (18.8 cents added to tax rate.)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (11.7 cents added to tax rate.)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of purchasing a commercial grade zero-turn riding lawnmower. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (4.6 cents added to tax rate.)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) for the purpose of replacing the Library flooring. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (3.8 cents added to tax rate.)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by Selectmen.) (4.6 cents added to tax rate.)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred, Seventy Four dollars (\$7,774) for the purpose of purchasing two wireless headsets for the Fire Department to comply with hearing protection per OSHA. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (3.6 cents added to tax rate.)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (2.3 cents added to tax rate.)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to amend the stated payout agents for the Recreation Revolving Fund as previously established by Warrant Article 12 in the 2012 Annual Report. The original warrant article states: "The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the recreation commission (no further legislative body approval required)." The Amendment would state: "The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same upon order of the Board of Selectmen in the absence of a Recreation Committee. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be added to the Recreation Revolving Fund. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (3.5 cents added to tax rate.)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (2.3 cents added to tax rate.)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand, Seven Hundred, Forty Three Dollars (\$10,743) to be added to the Town Hall Renovation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. These monies were originally deposited directly to the Town Hall Renovation Capital Reserve Fund without the required Warrant Article pursuant to RSA 35:5. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (No effect on tax rate.)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600) to be added to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund previously established to come from unassigned fund balance. This represents cemetery plot sale revenue received in 2022. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (No effect on tax rate.)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority under RSA 289:2 and make all cemetery plot sales part of the General Fund. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (No effect on the tax rate.)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of maintenance on the rail trail and to further authorize withdrawal of said funds from the Forestry Maintenance Fund. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (No effect on tax rate.)

Article 18: Shall the Town readopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II for an annual tax credit on residential property of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000)? (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Article 19: Shall the Town readopt the ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

In Memoriam



Nancy Richards

Anne “Nancy” Richards passed away on April 8, 2022 aged 98. She and her husband Don moved to Mason in 1974. Ever the dedicated member of the community, Nancy joined the Mason Volunteer Fire Department in 1979 and became a state-certified firefighter in 1980, one of the first two women ever to do so in the State of New Hampshire. Nancy retired from the Fire Department in 2021. From 1990 to 2000 she served on the Board of Selectmen, the last six years as Chairperson. Nancy also served on the Mason School Board and as a Deacon of the Mason Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. She worked tirelessly with the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Daisy Girl Scouts, Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts. Nancy was a regular meal server at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, and could also be found in the church fellowship hall doing dishes after any and all events that were held there, including monthly community suppers. Whether it was leading the Board of Selectmen or rinsing dirty dishes, Nancy could always be counted on to do whatever needed to get done.

Sarah L. Fortin

On June 5, 2022 Mason lost long-time resident, weaver, baker, wife, mother and grandmother, Sarah Fortin, at the age of 71. Perhaps you have seen her hand-woven garments or wall hangings, or have eaten her cookies, cakes or other wonderful goodies. Sarah was a juried member of the New Hampshire League of Craftsmen, winning national awards and teaching. Sarah is survived by her husband Edward.

Ralph E. LeClair

Ralph E. LeClair, 76, of Mason, NH, died September 22, 2022 at his farm in Mason. He grew up in Westminster before moving to Mason in 1971. Ralph served in the United States Army from 1966–1969 during the Vietnam War. During part of that time he was stationed in Warin, Thailand, serving as a microwave communication technician. For more than 30 years, Ralph owned and operated EarthWorks by LeClair and Son Excavation Company. His greatest joy, however, was working with his family on their farm on Barrett Hill in Mason. An accomplished tradesman, Ralph could build anything he set his mind to. Today the farm is home to much livestock, as well as berries, fruit trees and vegetables. His strong work ethic has left his family with a wonderful legacy of a productive farm, an appreciation and respect for the earth

and a lifestyle for his family to enjoy for generations to come. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sandra L. LeClair, two sons, five grandchildren and a sister.

Sargent Collier

Sargent (Sarge) Collier died July 11, 2022 in Mason, NH with his beloved wife, Miki Clements-Collier, and his favorite hunting dogs at his side. He was born in Boston in 1941 and all his life pursued his loves of history, sports and the great outdoors. He hunted, trained dogs, rode horses, painted and published articles about his interests. Always a history aficionado, he became an expert on antique firearms which he researched in detail and sold on the internet. He leaves three children, four grandchildren and a sister.

Robert L. Malboeuf

Robert (Bob) L. Malboeuf, 73, of Mason, NH, passed away on April 27, 2022. He has resided in Mason since 1990. Bob started his career in law enforcement as a part-time patrolman, first in Fitchburg, MA, and then in Greenville, NH. He became a full-time officer in New Ipswich and went on to become the Chief of Police in Mason. During the course of his career he completed an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice at NH Technical Institute in Concord. After retiring as Chief, Bob spent a number of years proudly working for the Hillsboro County Sherriff's Department. Bob is survived by his wife Lisa (Scanlon) Malboeuf of Mason; a son, two daughters, a brother, a sister, six grandchildren, a great-grandchild and several nephews and nieces.

Carol Ann Bennett

Carol Ann Bennett passed away September 23, 2022. Carol Ann was a realtor by profession and one of Mason's avid horse people. She is survived by her husband, Win, two daughters and several grandchildren. Carol Ann cared deeply about animal welfare, enjoyed meeting people and enjoyed Italian cuisine. Most of all she loved horses. In her own words, "We have three... and I love to ride my little Quarter Horse mare, Sweet Pea."

Jonathan Green

Jonathan (John) Green died on December 20, 2022. A Mason resident since 2016, John taught needlework, felting and sewing at High Mowing School. He was a serious doll collector, well known and respected in the doll collecting world. A tribute to him on VirtualDollConvention.com notes that "he was no doll snob and championed lesser-known and less popular dolls, priding himself on 'collecting collections.'" Since he, too, was an artist, it is

no wonder that he loved dolls created by other artists. John was well known for educating collectors on Käthe Kruse dolls, Raggedy Ann and Edith Flack Ackley. Yet he knew about all types of dolls, literally something about everything. He called himself an encyclopedic collector. John shared his talent and experience with the Town of Mason by acting as moderator for our local candidates night presentation. Shortly before he passed away, he appeared as Santa Claus at the Mason Public Library Tree Lighting Ceremony, where he delighted many children and their parents with his gentle and understanding personality.

If you or someone you know needs help, please call 988 to connect with mental health professionals with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Veterans can press “1” after dialing 988 to connect directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline which serves our nation’s Veterans, service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and those who support them.



Photo courtesy Jen Tenney

McKayla (9) and Emily (5) Tenney meet with Santa Claus at the Christmas Celebration and Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 10, 2022.

Wally Brown's sugar shack.

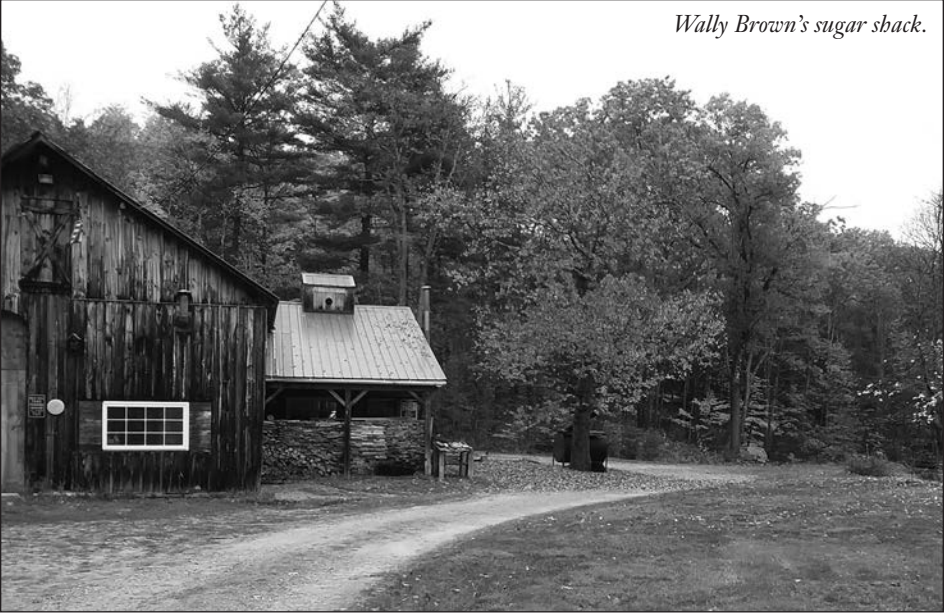


Photo courtesy Martha Ward



Photo courtesy Gwen Whitebeck

Nancy Richards at her 97th birthday drive-by celebration on April 3, 2021.

Town of Mason Proposed 2023 Budget

	Actual 2022	2022 Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	% Change 22-23
REVENUE				
TAX REVENUE				
3110 · Property Taxes	0.00		-	
3185 · Yield Tax	13,887.16	8,000.00	8,000.00	
3190 · Interest & Penalties on Taxes	22,213.95	17,000.00	17,000.00	
Total TAX REVENUE	36,101.11	25,000.00	25,000.00	
LICENSES, PERMITS and FEES				
3220 · Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	358,589.44	325,000.00	335,000.00	
3223 · M.V. Titles	694.00	0.00	0.00	
3224 · M.V. M/A Stickers	7,766.00	0.00	0.00	
3226 · M.V. Mail In Registrations	761.00	0.00	0.00	
3230 · Building Permits	10,969.72	1,000.00	4,000.00	
3231 · Oil Burner/Electrical Permits	3,072.43	1,000.00	1,500.00	
3290 · Dog Licenses				
3290-01 · Dog Licenses-Mail	162.00	100.00	100.00	
3290-02 · Dog Licenses-Civil Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3290-03 · Dog Licenses-Late fees	872.00	550.00	550.00	
3290-04 · Dog Licenses-State Decal	928.50	850.00	900.00	
3290 · Dog Licenses - Other	2,043.50	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Total 3290 · Dog Licenses	4,006.00	3,500.00	3,550.00	
3291 · Vitals	1,235.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Total LICENSES, PERMITS and FEES	387,093.59	331,500.00	345,050.00	
STATE SOURCES				
3352 · Meals & Room Tax Distribution	127,647.62	72,000.00	80,000.00	
3353 · Highway Block Grant	141,119.08	70,000.00	72,000.00	
3356 · State & Federal Forest Land Rbm	270.52	280.00	275.00	
3359 · Other State Revenues	426.25	10,000.00	0.00	
3359 · Grants - Other	55,000.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 3359 · Other State Revenues	55,426.25	10,000.00	0.00	
Total STATE SOURCES	324,463.47	152,280.00	152,275.00	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401 · Police & Fire Dept Revenue				
3401-01 · Fees-Fire Reports	15.00	0.00		
3401-02 · Fees-Police Reports	241.50	0.00		
3401-03 · Fees-Pistol Permits	225.00	0.00		
3401-04 · Police Detail Payments	0.00	0.00		
3401-05 · OHRV Fines	0.00	0.00		

	Actual 2022	2022 Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	% Change 22-'23
3401-06 · Court Fines	825.00	0.00		
3401 · Police & Fire Dept Rev - Other	0.00	500.00	500.00	
Total 3401 · Police & Fire Dept Revenue	1,306.50	500.00	500.00	
3402 · Fees-BOA	347.80	0.00	100.00	
3403 · Fees-Planning Board	1,219.10	500.00	700.00	
3404 · Fees-Returned Checks	390.00	0.00	0.00	
Total CHARGES FOR SERVICES	3,263.40	1,000.00	1,300.00	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE				
3501 · Sale of Municipal Property	11,000.00	0.00	0.00	
3502 · Interest Income	19.98	40.00	5.00	
3503 · Donations				
3503-01 · Donations-Town Hall	35,743.26	25,000.00	500.00	
3503-03 · Fire Dept Donations	1,572.55	0.00	0.00	
Total 3503 · Donations	37,315.81	25,000.00	500.00	
3504 · Insurance Settlement	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3505 · WC & Health Ins Premium Holiday	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3506 · Other Income	5,734.72	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Total MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	54,070.51	26,040.00	1,505.00	
3934 · Proceeds from LT Bonds, Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00	
INTERFUND OPERATING TRSFRS IN				
3912 · From Special Revenue Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3913 · From Capital Projects Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3915 · From Capital Reserve Funds	108,147.28	0.00	0.00	
3916 · From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	5,450.00	0.00	12,343.26	
3917 · From Conservation Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total INTERFUND OPERATING TxS IN	113,597.28	0.00	12,343.26	
Total REVENUE	918,589.36	535,820.00	537,473.26	
EXPENDITURES				
EXECUTIVE				
4130-01 · Selectboard	3,075.00	3,075.00	3,183.00	
4130-02 · Selectboard Payroll Taxes	235.27	235.24	243.50	
Total EXECUTIVE	3,310.27	3,310.24	3,426.50	3.5%
ELECTIONS				
4140-01 · Moderator	800.00	800.00	414.00	
4140-02 · Assistant Moderator	125.00	125.00	100.00	
4140-03 · Supervisors of the Check List	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,661.00	
4140-04 · Ballot Clerks & Supervisors	363.00	350.00	200.00	
4140-05 · Election Advertising	194.75	400.00	400.00	
4140-06 · Election Setup & Takedown	266.25	400.00	200.00	
4140-07 · Moderator Workshops/Mileage	0.00	250.00	250.00	

	Actual 2022	2022 Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	% Change 22-'23
4140-07 · Moderator Workshops/Mileage	0.00	250.00	250.00	
4140-08 · Election Supplies	47.48	150.00	300.00	
Total ELECTIONS	3,401.48	4,080.00	3,525.00	-13.6%
REGISTRATION & VITAL STATISTICS				
4141-01 · Town Clerk/Tax Collector	42,420.56	42,420.00	43,905.00	
4141-02 · Deputy TC/Tax Collector	943.98	2,870.16	2,870.00	
4141-03 · TC/TX Payroll Taxes	3,317.47	3,464.70	3,578.29	
4141-04 · TC/TX Workers' Comp	125.00	125.00	120.00	
4141-06 · Association Dues	60.00	60.00	60.00	
4141-07 · State Dog Fees	904.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
4141-08 · Conferences	463.00	1,623.00	1,623.00	
4141-09 · Certification/Training	0.00	435.00	435.00	
4141-10 · Mileage	597.03	1,028.00	700.00	
4141-11 · Office Supplies	1,858.49	2,000.00	2,000.00	
4141-12 · Postage	2,151.19	2,200.00	2,300.00	
4141-13 · Software Maint/Updates	5,259.00	5,199.00	5,363.00	
4141-14 · Telephone	541.62	550.00	550.00	
4141-15 · Tax Registry Fees	990.25	1,000.00	1,000.00	
4141-16 · Tax Lien/Deed Notice Fees	854.37	1,200.00	1,200.00	
4141-17 · Equipment Replacement	0.00	500.00	500.00	
Total REGISTRATION & VITAL STATS	60,485.96	65,674.86	67,204.29	2.3%
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION				
4150-01 · Treasurer	788.00	788.00	816.00	
4150-02 · Deputy Treasurer	225.00	315.00	326.00	
4150-03 · Auditors	10,900.00	10,800.00	10,800.00	
4150-04 · Administrative Asst Wages	48,300.00	52,416.00	52,000.00	
4150-05 · Payroll Taxes	4,143.40	4,009.82	4,065.36	
4150-06 · Workers' Comp	144.00	144.00	134.00	
4150-07 · Advertising	92.25	750.00	750.00	
4150-08 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	10.00	10.00	
4150-09 · Conferences/Workshops	65.00	200.00	200.00	
4150-10 · Contracted Acct'g Services	25,432.00	25,500.00	26,775.00	
4150-11 · Mileage	666.38	850.00	700.00	
4150-13 · Office Supplies	3,257.09	2,500.00	2,800.00	
4150-14 · Payroll Services	5,726.21	7,700.00	6,500.00	
4150-15 · Postage	808.41	800.00	1,000.00	
4150-16 · Registry Fees	562.57	25.00	500.00	
4150-17 · Repairs & Maint-Equipment	462.00	600.00	500.00	
4150-18 · Software Maint/Updates	3,135.88	3,250.00	3,339.00	
4150-19 · Telephone	1,399.53	1,500.00	1,500.00	
4150-20 · Town Office Equipment	0.00	300.00	300.00	
4150-21 · Town Reports	1,276.45	1,300.00	1,500.00	

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4150-22 · Town Website	2,119.99	2,100.00	2,200.00	
4150-23 · Retirement Expense	2,392.98	3,046.00	2,556.00	
4150-24 · Grant Writing Expense	1,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00	
Total FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	112,897.14	124,903.82	127,271.36	1.9%
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY				
4152-01 · Assessing	12,497.46	16,250.00	16,500.00	
4152-02 · Tax Map Update	0.00	700.00	1,200.00	
Total REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	12,497.46	16,950.00	17,700.00	4.4%
LEGAL EXPENSES				
4153-01 · Legal Expenses	10,775.61	12,500.00	15,000.00	
Total LEGAL EXPENSES	10,775.61	12,500.00	15,000.00	20.0%
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION				
4155-01 · Employer Payroll Taxes	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4155-02 · Health & Dental Insurance	198,784.84	223,574.00	251,762.00	
4155-03 · Life & Short Term Disab Ins	2,764.20	3,213.00	2,880.00	
4155-04 · Unemployment Taxes	490.50	500.00	500.00	
4155-05 · 457(b) Plan Admin Fees	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Total PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	203,539.54	229,288.00	257,143.00	12.1%
PLANNING BOARD				
4191-01 · Advertising	338.25	200.00	400.00	
4191-02 · Training	149.00	500.00	450.00	
4191-03 · Supplies	319.98	100.00	250.00	
4191-04 · Postage	0.00	25.00	0.00	
4191-05 · NRPC Service	4,070.09	5,500.00	5,500.00	
4191-11 · NRPC Reimbursements	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4191-12 · New Equipment	3,200.00	4,500.00	1.00	
Total PLANNING BOARD	8,077.32	10,826.00	6,602.00	-39.0%
ZONING BOARD				
4192-01 · Admin Expense	480.00	600.00	600.00	
4192-03 · Advertising	192.25	200.00	1.00	
4192-04 · Postage	55.55	100.00	1.00	
4192-05 · Supplies	135.68	100.00	100.00	
4192-06 · Training	500.00	500.00	1.00	
4192-10 · Historic District Expense	0.00	1.00	1.00	
Total ZONING BOARD	1,363.48	1,501.00	704.00	-53.1%
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS				
4194-01 · Contracted Custodial Services	8,334.00	8,632.00	8,632.00	
4194-02 · Maintenance Wages	11,119.57	15,914.00	16,500.00	
4194-03 · Payroll Taxes	842.15	1,217.42	1,262.25	
4194-04 · Workers' Comp	384.44	320.00	300.00	
4194-05 · Repair/Maintenance Supplies	31,399.41	25,000.00	25,700.00	

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4194-06 · Town Building Supplies	1,158.70	300.00	600.00	
4194-07 · Town Buildings Heat	10,087.34	8,200.00	10,000.00	
4194-08 · Town Buildings Electricity	2,979.34	3,000.00	3,500.00	
4194-09 · Town Vehicle Maintenance	948.11	1,000.00	1,500.00	
4194-10 · Records Preservation	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
4194-11 · Insurance Settlement Work	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4194-13 · Town Bldgs-Alarm Monitoring	0.00	0.00	2,300.00	
4194-12 · Vehicle Gas	459.99	500.00	750.00	
Total GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	67,713.05	66,084.42	73,045.25	10.5%
CEMETERIES				
4195-01 · Maintenance Wages	9,985.92	8,850.00	10,000.00	
4195-02 · Payroll Taxes	772.38	677.03	765.00	
4195-03 · Workers' Comp	430.00	430.00	420.00	
4195-04 · Maint Materials/Supplies	1,889.15	1,565.00	2,000.00	
Total CEMETERIES	13,077.45	11,522.03	13,185.00	14.4%
INSURANCE				
4196-01 · Property-Liability Insurance	33,680.00	33,137.00	36,620.00	
Total INSURANCE	33,680.00	33,137.00	36,620.00	10.5%
ADVERTISING & REG ASSOCIATION				
4197-01 · NRPC Membership	1,053.00	1,053.00	1,100.00	
ADVERTISING & REG ASSOC. - Other	0.00	1.00	1.00	
Total AD & REG ASSOCIATION	1,053.00	1,054.00	1,101.00	4.5%
OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4199-01 · NH Municipal Membership	1,334.00	1,334.00	1,367.00	
4199-02 · Abatements & Refunds/Overlays	3,922.34	2,000.00	2,000.00	
4199-03 · Tech Support & Equipment	37,787.81	39,180.00	42,000.00	
4199-04 · Internet Expense	6,469.38	6,760.00	6,760.00	
Total OTHER GENERAL GOVERN'T	49,513.53	49,274.00	52,127.00	5.8%
POLICE DEPT				
4210-01 · Police Chief Salary	79,806.51	79,806.00	82,599.00	
4210-02 · Police Officers-Full Time	7,500.00	54,075.00	65,000.00	
4210-41 · Part Time Officers > 25 hrs/wk	0.00	0.00	143,000.00	
4210-04 · Part Time Wages	142,033.88	110,900.00	11,400.00	
4210-05 · Overtime Wages	515.63	2,500.00	1,000.00	
4210-06 · Prosecutor	9,000.16	9,000.00	9,000.00	
4210-07 · Detail Expenses	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4210-08 · On Call	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4210-09 · Admin Wages	22,067.25	20,188.00	21,840.00	
4210-42 · Recruitment Expense	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	
4210-10 · Payroll Taxes	15,033.28	12,658.00	17,090.55	

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4210-11 · Workers' Comp	8,097.00	8,097.00	8,003.00	
4210-12 · Retirement	29,757.53	45,358.00	48,088.00	
4210-13 · OHRV Detail	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4210-14 · Conventions & Dues	300.00	400.00	500.00	
4210-15 · Office Expenses	1,875.80	3,000.00	2,800.00	
4210-16 · Uniforms	6,702.27	3,000.00	4,000.00	
4210-17 · Equipment & Maintenance	13,427.87	7,000.00	6,000.00	
4210-18 · Training	3,506.10	4,000.00	4,000.00	
4210-19 · Cruiser Maintenance	6,730.92	6,000.00	6,000.00	
4210-20 · Cruiser Fuel	3,672.28	10,000.00	12,000.00	
4210-29 · Telephone	6,152.18	6,200.00	6,400.00	
4210-30 · Heat	1,751.79	1,850.00	2,200.00	
4210-31 · Electricity	1,969.91	1,900.00	2,250.00	
4210-33 · Technology Expense	2,290.67	3,401.00	1,850.00	
4210-37 · Child Advocacy Center Dues	0.00	550.00	550.00	
4210-40 · DUI/Traffic Enf Grant Work	0.00	1.00	1.00	
Total POLICE DEPT	362,191.03	389,887.00	465,574.55	19.4%
AMBULANCE				
4215-01 · Ambulance	75,082.84	75,082.70	85,625.04	
Total AMBULANCE	75,082.84	75,082.70	85,625.04	14.0%
FIRE DEPT				
4220-01 · Fire Chief Wages	72,153.93	72,500.00	75,000.00	
4220-02 · On Call Wages	41,843.44	34,000.00	36,348.00	
4220-52 · Wages for Certification	0.00	0.00	15,652.00	
4220-03 · Administrative Assistant	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4220-05 · Payroll Taxes	3,229.25	3,051.33	5,065.58	
4220-06 · Workers' Comp	5,236.00	5,236.00	5,150.00	
4220-07 · Retirement	23,803.58	23,917.75	23,752.50	
4220-08 · Dues & Subscriptions	2,025.53	1,800.00	1,800.00	
4220-09 · Expendables	863.09	1,200.00	1,200.00	
4220-10 · Hep. B Vaccine	0.00	500.00	1.00	
4220-11 · FD Physicals	0.00	1,500.00	1.00	
4220-12 · Training	3,219.63	3,500.00	4,040.00	
4220-13 · Air Bottles	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4220-20 · EMS Supplies	3,145.01	3,200.00	3,000.00	
4220-21 · EMS Training	1,585.39	3,000.00	700.00	
4220-30 · Turnout Gear	7,870.63	7,500.00	12,706.00	
4220-31 · Electricity	3,052.03	2,600.00	3,600.00	
4220-32 · Heat	2,568.29	3,000.00	3,200.00	
4220-33 · Telephone	2,584.09	1,480.00	2,688.00	
4220-40 · Radio Repair	2,974.69	3,000.00	11,719.00	

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4220-41 · Code Books	1,520.50	2,500.00	1,641.00	
4220-42 · Vehicle Maintenance	10,152.61	10,000.00	14,143.00	
4220-43 · Fuel	309.20	500.00	700.00	
4220-44 · Equipment Maintenance	12,025.98	10,000.00	16,056.00	
4220-45 · Uniforms	1,609.50	1,000.00	2,000.00	
4220-46 · Office Supplies	2,536.92	2,500.00	2,500.00	
4220-50 · Waterhole Maintenance	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Total FIRE DEPT	204,309.29	199,487.08	244,665.08	22.6%
BUILDING INSPECTION				
4240-01 · Inspection Wages	8,503.45	7,500.00	9,000.00	
4240-02 · Payroll Taxes	650.52	573.75	688.50	
4240-03 · Workers' Comp	156.00	156.00	150.00	
4240-04 · Mileage	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4240-06 · Expenses	1,099.15	700.00	1,000.00	
Total BUILDING INSPECTION	10,409.12	8,930.75	10,839.50	21.4%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
4290-01 · Emergency Mgmt	1,279.57	3,000.00	1,500.00	
Total EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	1,279.57	3,000.00	1,500.00	-50.0%
COMMUNICATIONS				
4299-01 · Communications-Dispatch	36,050.00	36,050.00	36,050.00	
4299-02 · Communications-Maintenance	0.00	4,000.00	500.00	
4299-03 · Communications-Utilities	1,239.63	1,700.00	1,300.00	
Total COMMUNICATIONS	37,289.63	41,750.00	37,850.00	-9.3%
HIGHWAYS				
4311-01 · Road Agent Salary	62,004.81	62,004.00	64,174.00	
4311-02 · Road Maintainers	156,337.02	155,085.32	160,492.00	
4311-05 · Part-time Wages	24,216.37	42,000.00	24,426.00	
4311-06 · Overtime Wages	14,958.25	12,600.00	14,490.00	
4311-07 · Payroll Taxes	20,332.14	20,784.23	20,164.02	
4311-08 · Workers' Comp	11,134.00	11,134.00	10,256.00	
4311-09 · Retirement	8,658.85	10,854.47	11,693.00	
4311-11 · Drug & Alcohol Testing	1,480.00	1,500.00	1,600.00	
4311-12 · Consulting Engineer	9,605.00	1,500.00	1.00	
4311-13 · Road Restoration	214,922.63	130,000.00	160,000.00	
4311-14 · Patch	2,250.42	6,000.00	4,000.00	
4311-15 · Culverts	2,651.10	12,000.00	10,000.00	
4311-16 · Dust Control	17,558.21	17,000.00	17,500.00	
4311-17 · Signs	1,532.56	1,500.00	2,000.00	
4311-18 · Hired Plows	7,800.00	16,500.00	16,500.00	
4311-19 · Salt	15,964.45	16,500.00	18,000.00	

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4311-24 · Hired Equipment	15,366.25	14,250.00	10,000.00	
4311-27 · Tree Work	0.00	500.00	1.00	
4311-28 · Guard Rails	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4311-29 · Hired Sweeper	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4311-32 · Aggregate	32,506.29	25,000.00	30,000.00	
4311-34 · Security Monitoring	432.00	500.00	550.00	
4312-02 · Electricity	3,802.74	4,200.00	4,200.00	
4312-03 · Telephone	1,862.21	2,000.00	1,950.00	
4312-04 · Dues & Education	795.00	820.00	1,200.00	
4312-05 · Equipment Maintenance	64,684.53	50,000.00	55,000.00	
4312-06 · Edges for Plowing	6,782.96	6,500.00	7,100.00	
4312-07 · Tires	1,050.99	6,000.00	6,000.00	
4312-08 · Chains	1,733.90	2,600.00	2,600.00	
4312-09 · Chainsaw Repairs	140.26	400.00	400.00	
4312-10 · Radios	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
4312-11 · Welding Equipment	526.73	1,000.00	1,000.00	
4312-12 · Safety Equipment	2,561.06	5,000.00	5,000.00	
4312-13 · Tools	4,221.21	4,300.00	1,500.00	
4312-14 · Vehicle Fuel	48,591.93	28,000.00	40,000.00	
4312-16 · Highway Vehicle & Equipment	0.00	5,000.00	1.00	
4312-17 · Lease of Vehicles	34,361.71	34,362.00	34,362.00	
4312-19 · Heating Fuel	5,453.62	7,150.00	8,000.00	
4312-22 · Supplies	8,850.77	6,000.00	6,000.00	
4312-24 · Office Supplies	865.74	1,000.00	1,200.00	
4312-23 · Erosion Control	1,400.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
4316 · Street Lighting	1,609.63	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Total HIGHWAYS	809,005.34	725,646.02	755,462.02	4.1%
SANITATION				
4323-01 · Wilton Recycling	81,760.00	81,758.00	81,759.00	
Total SANITATION	81,760.00	81,758.00	81,759.00	0.0%
HEALTH				
4414-01 · Animal Control	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4415-01 · Health Officer	0.00	25.00	25.00	
4415-03 · Health Agencies,Visiting Nurse	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
4415-04 · NH Health Assn Dues	0.00	100.00	100.00	
4415-05 · Comm Volunteer Transportation	500.00	500.00	500.00	
HEALTH - Other	0.00	250.00	750.00	
Total HEALTH	2,000.00	2,376.00	2,876.00	21.0%
WELFARE				
4445-01 · Welfare Assistance	130.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	
WELFARE - Other	0.00	1.00	1.00	
Total WELFARE	130.00	4,001.00	2,001.00	-50.0%

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PARKS & RECREATION				
4520-01 · Parks Maint Wages	950.23	1,591.00	1,646.00	
4520-02 · Payroll Taxes	72.69	121.71	125.92	
4520-03 · Maintenance Supplies	0.00	800.00	800.00	
4520-04 · Electricity	0.00	1.00	1.00	
4520-05 · Toilet Facilities	0.00	220.00	1.00	
4520-06 · Workers' Comp	44.00	44.00	40.00	
Total PARKS & RECREATION	1,066.92	2,777.71	2,613.92	-5.9%
TOWN COMMON				
4521-01 · Common Maintenance Wages	3,147.73	5,665.00	5,863.00	
4521-02 · Payroll Taxes	240.79	520.58	448.52	
4521-03 · Workers' Comp	154.00	154.00	148.00	
4521-04 · Town Common Supplies	677.88	1,140.00	1,140.00	
Total TOWN COMMON	4,220.40	7,479.58	7,599.52	1.6%
RECREATION ACTIVITIES				
4523-01 · Recreation Activities	0.00	1.00	1.00	
Total RECREATION ACTIVITIES	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.0%
LIBRARY				
4550-01 · Library Wages	36,525.00	40,810.00	46,414.00	
4550-02 · Payroll Taxes	2,794.24	3,121.97	3,550.67	
4550-03 · Workers' Comp	82.00	82.00	78.00	
4550-04 · Continuing Education	0.00	100.00	100.00	
4550-05 · Mileage	0.00	100.00	100.00	
4550-06 · Telephone	879.38	850.00	850.00	
4550-07 · Software	1,145.60	1,500.00	1,500.00	
4550-08 · Postage	24.00	25.00	25.00	
4550-09 · Supplies	1,011.17	1,000.00	1,200.00	
4550-10 · Dues & Fees	288.80	350.00	350.00	
4550-11 · Programming	1,333.64	1,200.00	1,700.00	
4550-12 · Books	4,469.84	4,500.00	4,500.00	
4550-14 · State Library Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total LIBRARY	48,553.67	53,638.97	60,367.67	12.5%
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES				
4583 · Patriotic Purposes	480.30	500.00	500.00	
Total PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	480.30	500.00	500.00	0.0%
CONSERVATION				
4611-02 · Conservation Land Mngmnt	0.00	1,400.00	1,000.00	
4611-01 · Conservation Comm Expenses	274.99	600.00	600.00	
Total CONSERVATION	274.99	2,000.00	1,600.00	-20.0%

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ENERGY COMMISSION				
4680-01 · Membership Dues	250.00	250.00	250.00	
4680-02 · Conferences	0.00	150.00	150.00	
4680-03 · Community Education	0.00	580.00	580.00	
Total ENERGY COMMISSION	250.00	980.00	980.00	0.0%
DEBT SERVICE				
4723 · Interest Tax Anticipation Note	0.00	750.00	750.00	
4721 · Interest Long Term Bonds & Note	6,471.65	6,468.66	5,390.55	
4711 · Principal Long Term Bonds/Notes	36,300.00	36,300.00	36,300.00	
Total DEBT SERVICE	42,771.65	43,518.66	42,440.55	-2.5%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,262,460.04	2,272,919.84	2,478,909.24	9.1%
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4902-04 · FD Command Vehicle	70,266.22	0.00	0.00	
4902-05 · HD Truck	57,682.53	0.00	0.00	
4902-06 · FD-Fire Truck	65,281.34	0.00	0.00	
4902-07 · FD-Equipment	3,059.72	0.00	0.00	
4902-08 · Mower Engine	5,450.00	0.00	0.00	
4903-03 · Buildings-Town Hall Reno	19,540.00	0.00	0.00	
4909-02 · WA-HD Road Improvements	50,000.00	50,000.00	40,000.00	
4909-04 · WA Mower	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	
4909-05 · Library Flooring	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	
4909-06 · Fire Dept Headsets	0.00	0.00	7,774.00	
4909-04 · WA-Rail Trail Maintenance	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Total CAPITAL OUTLAY	271,279.81	51,500.00	67,274.00	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915-10 · To Cap Res-WA Fire Engine	50,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	
4915-20 · To Cap Res-WA HD Equip	50,000.00	50,000.00	25,000.00	
4915-40 · To Cap Res-WA Fire Equip	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
4915-50 · To Cap Res-WA Fire Station	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
4915-60 · To Cap Res-WA Town Hall Reno	30,000.00	35,000.00	10,743.26	
4915-61 · To Recreation Revolving Fund	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	
4915-62 · To Cap Res-Cemetery	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	
4919-01 · To Fiduciary Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	140,000.00	145,000.00	64,843.26	
Total EXPENDITURES	2,673,739.85	2,469,419.84	2,611,026.50	5.7%
4931 · Hillsborough County Assessment	208,373.00			
4933 · School District Assessment	2,500,755.00			

Town of Mason

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balance

Revenues	2022	2021
Fines & Grants	825	-
Rooms & Meals Tax	127,648	105,485
Highway Block Grant	141,119	74,965
Other State Revenue, incl Municipal Aid	55,697	12,415
Licenses, Permits, Fees	17,716	9,211
Motor Vehicle Fees	367,810	353,603
Dog Licenses	4,006	4,532
Interest Income	20	35
Sale of Municipal Property	11,000	-
Insurance Proceeds	-	11,767
Property Taxes	4,288,261	4,114,524
Yield Taxes	13,887	6,925
Penalties and Interest	22,214	21,954
Donations	37,316	-
COVID-19 Related Grants	-	-
Other (incl Health Ins Premium Holiday)	5,735	34,379
Total Revenues	5,093,254	4,749,795
Expenditures		
General Government	581,385	557,169
Public Safety	690,561	591,258
Highways	809,005	612,057
Sanitation	81,760	84,364
Health & Welfare	2,130	2,115
Education	2,500,755	2,381,661
Culture and Recreation	54,847	51,005
Debt Service	42,772	43,949
Capital Outlay	271,280	58,442
County Taxes	208,373	201,218
Total Expenditures	5,242,868	4,583,238
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures	(149,614)	166,557
Capital Reserves & Interfund Transfers:		
Funds In	113,597	-
Funds Out	(140,000)	(55,000)
	(26,403)	(55,000)
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures and other financing	(176,017)	111,557
Fund Balance Beginning	706,072	594,515
Fund Balance Ending	530,055	706,072
Amount voted from surplus	(250,000)	(210,000)

Town of Mason Bonds

Highway Building Bond

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
31-May-18	\$ 363,000	\$ 36,300	2.97%	\$ 10,781.10	\$ 47,081.10	\$ 47,081.10
31-May-19	326,700	36,300	2.97%	9,702.99	46,002.99	46,002.99
31-May-20	290,400	36,300	2.97%	8,624.88	44,924.88	44,924.88
31-May-21	254,100	36,300	2.97%	7,546.77	43,846.77	43,846.77
31-May-22	217,800	36,300	2.97%	6,468.66	42,768.66	42,768.66
31-May-23	181,500	36,300	2.97%	5,390.55	41,690.55	41,690.55
31-May-24	145,200	36,300	2.97%	4,312.44	40,612.44	40,612.44
31-May-25	108,900	36,300	2.97%	3,234.33	39,534.33	39,534.33
31-May-26	72,600	36,300	2.97%	2,156.22	38,456.22	38,456.22
31-May-27	36,300	36,300	2.97%	1,078.11	37,378.11	37,378.11
Totals		\$ 363,000		\$ 59,296	\$ 422,296	\$ 422,296



Photo courtesy Dotsie Millbrandt

The starch mill dam sluice in Russell-Abbot State Forest. Photo taken by Rob Millbrandt in March 2020. Look at the big gear in the lower right!

Treasurer's Report



This year has seen a drastic decline in our economy resulting in the increased costs of everything from gas and utilities, to services and maintenance, and all goods. Added to these costs, the Town faced special challenges of several large equipment failures.

It is with this in mind that I would sincerely like to commend our Police Chief, Kevin Maxwell; Fire Chief, Anthony Burns; Highway Dept., Dave Morrison; Librarian, Judy Forty and; our Selectpersons, Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser and John Suiter for their herculean efforts to work together and stay within their budgets.

My continued special thanks to Brenda Wiley, Town Accountant, for her support and help throughout the year.

Dee Mitchell
Treasurer



Photo courtesy Deb Morrison

Full moon at 3 am

**BALANCE SHEET AND TREASURER'S REPORT
2022**

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET									
ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Recreation Revolving	Conserv. Funds	Police Revolving	Escrow Accounts	Forestry Fund	All Funds
Cash	\$ 1,601,859	\$ 600,122	\$ 184,181	\$ 5,445	\$ 113,622	\$ 37,154	\$ 9,985	\$ 92,293	\$ 2,644,661
Accounts Receivable	\$ 200								\$ 200
Due from interfunds	\$ 57								\$ 57
Due from grants	\$ 50,000								\$ 50,000
Unredeemed taxes	\$ 51,947								\$ 51,947
Uncollected taxes	\$ 146,048								\$ 146,048
Deeded Property	\$ 13,416								\$ 13,416
Total Assets	\$ 1,863,527	\$ 600,122	\$ 184,181	\$ 5,445	\$ 113,622	\$ 37,154	\$ 9,985	\$ 92,293	\$ 2,906,329
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES									
Accounts Payable	\$ 26,042								\$ 26,042
Due to interfunds	\$ 7,630								\$ 7,630
Escrow Liability	\$ -						\$ 9,783		\$ 9,783
Deferred Revenue	\$ 64,035								\$ 64,035
Due to schools	\$ 1,160,755								\$ 1,160,755
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,258,462	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,783	\$ -	\$ 1,268,245
Fund Balances	\$ 605,065	\$ 600,122	\$ 184,181	\$ 5,445	\$ 113,622	\$ 37,154	\$ 202	\$ 92,293	\$ 1,638,084
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$ 1,863,527	\$ 600,122	\$ 184,181	\$ 5,445	\$ 113,622	\$ 37,154	\$ 9,985	\$ 92,293	\$ 2,906,329

TREASURER'S REPORT		
Cash on hand, January 1, 2022		\$ 1,795,369
Cash receipts:	Town Clerk	\$ 372,949
	Tax Collector	\$ 4,410,613
	Selectmen	\$ 425,698
	Transfers	\$ 261,519
	Interest Income	\$ 48
Total cash available		\$ 7,266,196
Selectmen's orders paid		\$ 5,664,337
Total monies paid out		\$ 5,664,337
Cash on hand, December 31, 2022		\$ 1,601,859

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mitchell
Treasurer



Mason loves its old barns.

Photo courtesy Kevin Maxwell

Summary of Valuation

Improved and Unimproved Land	\$68,799,900
Assessed Value of Current Use & Conservation Restriction	\$613,180
Buildings (Mobile Home Included)	\$137,364,500
Public Utilities (PSNH/Eversource)	\$7,004,300
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Valuations Before Exemptions	\$213,781,880

Exemptions

Elderly Exemptions	\$430,000
Solar Exemptions	\$22,000
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Net Value for Tax Rate	\$213,329,880
Net Value for State Education Tax Rate	
(Less Utilities)	\$206,325,580

War Service Tax Credit

	Limit	#	Credits
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action	\$2,000	4	\$8,000
Surviving spouse (RSA 72:29-a)	\$700	1	\$700
All other qualified persons	\$500	57	\$28,500

2022 Tax Rate

Municipal	\$7.59
County	\$0.98
Local Education	\$10.56
State Education	\$1.20
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Total Rate	\$20.33

Trust & Capital Reserve Fund Report

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Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Boynton Fund		1/1/1856						\$24,174.99
Type: Trust	Purpose: Educational Purposes			How Invested: Savings Account				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$11,063.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,063.07	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$12,928.61	\$183.31	\$0.00					\$13,111.92

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Cemetery Land Improvement Fund		1/1/1977						\$2,357.51
Type: Trust	Purpose: Cemetery Trust (Other)			How Invested: Savings Account				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$6,976.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,450.00	\$1,526.54	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$783.45	\$47.52	\$0.00					\$830.97

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Cemetery Maintenance Fund		1/1/1970						\$22,479.26
Type: Trust	Purpose: Cemetery Trust (Other)			How Invested: Savings Account				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$19,895.97	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,195.97	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$2,113.77	\$169.52	\$0.00					\$2,283.29

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Educating Educationally Disabled Children		1/1/2010						\$153,674.68
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)			How Invested: Savings Account				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$130,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$2,661.10	\$1,013.58	\$0.00					\$3,674.68

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Ellen A Worcester Wilson Fund		1/1/1987						\$56,410.77
Type: Trust	Purpose: Discretionary/Benefit of the Town			How Invested: Savings Account				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$30,983.03	\$427.74	\$0.00					\$31,410.77

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund		3/12/2018						\$65,594.59
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)			How Invested: Savings Account				



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Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,547.56	\$64,452.44
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$794.73	\$347.42	\$0.00	\$1,142.15			

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	1/1/1972	\$1,975.01

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA) **Purpose:** Capital Reserve (Other) **How Invested:** Savings Account
34/35)

Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,059.72	\$1,940.28
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$16.90	\$17.83	\$0.00	\$34.73			

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund	1/1/2012	\$5,080.56

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA) **Purpose:** Capital Reserve (Other) **How Invested:** Savings Account
34/35)

Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$47.83	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,047.83
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$0.06	\$32.67	\$0.00	\$32.73			

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Healthcare Capital Reserve	12/20/2021	\$50,152.92

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA) **Purpose:** Capital Reserve (Other) **How Invested:** Savings Account
34/35)

Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$0.11	\$152.81	\$0.00	\$152.92			

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Highway Building Fund	1/1/2012	\$14.87

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA) **Purpose:** Capital Reserve (Other) **How Invested:** Savings Account
34/35)

Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$14.76	\$0.11	\$0.00	\$14.87			

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Highway Construction Fund	1/1/2002	\$3,972.10

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA) **Purpose:** Capital Reserve (Other) **How Invested:** Savings Account
34/35)

Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$1,569.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,569.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			



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\$2,372.98

\$30.12

\$0.00

\$2,403.10

Fund Name		Date Of Creation					Fund EOY Balance	
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund		1/1/1972					\$94,910.46	
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)			How Invested: Savings Account			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$44,553.29	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$94,553.29	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$16.64	\$340.53	\$0.00	\$357.17				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation					Fund EOY Balance	
Hildreth Fund		1/1/1992					\$19,427.42	
Type: Trust		Purpose: Poor/Indigent			How Invested: Savings Account			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$9,966.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,966.62	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$9,313.49	\$147.31	\$0.00	\$9,460.80				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation					Fund EOY Balance	
John W. Jones		10/28/2021					\$6,055.54	
Type: Trust		Purpose: Cemetery Perpetual Care			How Invested: Savings Account			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$6,008.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,008.65	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$0.97	\$45.92	\$0.00	\$46.89				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation					Fund EOY Balance	
Levi W. Mitchell		10/28/2021					\$2,096.82	
Type: Trust		Purpose: Cemetery Perpetual Care			How Invested: Savings Account			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$2,080.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,080.58	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$0.34	\$15.90	\$0.00	\$16.24				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation					Fund EOY Balance	
Library Building Fund		1/1/1990					\$66,369.17	
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)			How Invested: Savings Account			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$42,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,000.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$23,865.93	\$503.24	\$0.00	\$24,369.17				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation					Fund EOY Balance	
Martha L. Jones		10/28/2021					\$4,159.00	
Type: Trust		Purpose: Cemetery Perpetual Care			How Invested: Savings Account			



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Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$4,126.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,126.80
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$0.67	\$31.53	\$0.00	\$32.20			

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund	1/1/2011	\$204.28

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)	How Invested: Savings Account					
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$194.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$194.80
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$7.93	\$1.55	\$0.00	\$9.48			

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Police Equitable Sharing Expendable Trust	3/12/2017	\$1,561.01

Type: Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Purpose: Police/Fire	How Invested: Savings Account					
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$1,286.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,286.27
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$262.90	\$11.84	\$0.00	\$274.74			

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Police Supplemental Expendable Trust	3/12/2017	\$5,235.69

Type: Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Purpose: Police/Fire	How Invested: Savings Account					
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$4,820.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,820.91
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$375.08	\$39.70	\$0.00	\$414.78			

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Recreation	1/1/2008	\$216.63

Type: Trust	Purpose: Parks/Recreation	How Invested: Savings Account					
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$14.99	\$1.64	\$0.00	\$16.63			

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
School Building and Ground Maintenance	1/1/2010	\$50,919.56

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)	How Invested: Savings Account					
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$40,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			



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\$609.29

\$310.27

\$0.00

\$919.56

Fund Name		Date Of Creation					Fund EOY Balance	
Stearns Fund		1/1/1884					\$27,323.98	
Type: Trust		Purpose: Educational Purposes			How Invested: Savings Account			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$10,469.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,469.36	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$16,647.43	\$207.19	\$0.00	\$16,854.62				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation					Fund EOY Balance	
Steinberg/Budrewicz Recreation Fund		1/1/2001					\$366.12	
Type: Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)		Purpose: Parks/Recreation			How Invested: Savings Account			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$223.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$223.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$140.34	\$2.78	\$0.00	\$143.12				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation					Fund EOY Balance	
Town Hall Renovation		3/26/2020					\$24,722.82	
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Beautification			How Invested: Savings Account			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$13,834.72	\$30,129.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,500.00	\$24,463.98	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$13.93	\$244.91	\$0.00	\$258.84				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation					Fund EOY Balance	
Unanticipated Tuition Cost Fund		1/1/2010					\$82,530.67	
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Educational Purposes			How Invested: Savings Account			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$55,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80,000.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$2,094.45	\$436.22	\$0.00	\$2,530.67				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation					Fund EOY Balance	
Whitaker Locke Fund		1/1/1976					\$12,316.28	
Type: Trust		Purpose: Library			How Invested: Savings Account			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$10,808.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,808.07	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$1,414.83	\$93.38	\$0.00	\$1,508.21				

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

Constance Lacasse, Martha Ward, Pamela McGinnity

Town Clerk / Tax Collector Report



This past year brought us three elections and the Town Meeting. We continued the protocols we initiated for the 2021 town election, which went smoothly.

We registered 2,545 motor vehicles, 34 boats and 432 dogs.

We extended our Tuesday hours from 10 am to 7 pm, have kept Wednesday from 10 to 5 pm and Thursday 10 to 4 pm. The drop box is still available on the porch to use for renewals, taxes, dog licenses, etc. during the hours we're closed and is checked every morning. Please remember that absentee ballots may not be left in the drop box but must be either mailed or hand delivered.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation. Please don't hesitate to call 878-3768 with any questions.

Make sure you go masonnh.us for updated information on closings, calendar events, etc. If you'd like to be on the town clerk email list and receive notifications of closings, tax info, etc., please let me know (this is a private list and we send emails out BCC). And don't forget to check out the tax kiosk where you can view, print, calculate outstanding interest, see your assessment and when your taxes were paid by going to www.nhtaxkiosk.com. You can now view and print your tax card from the town website as well.

Deb Morrison

Mason Town Clerk / Tax Collector



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Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2021	Year: 2020	Year: 2019	
Property Taxes	3110		\$153,600.58			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185		\$916.14			
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$3,164.36)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2021		
Property Taxes	3110	\$4,289,739.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$23,000.00			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$5,897.16			
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
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Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	3110	\$10,094.93			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
-					
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$1,005.06	\$6,822.62		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$4,326,571.79	\$161,339.34	\$0.00	\$0.00



Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$4,143,624.73	\$106,469.86		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$15,520.00			
Yield Taxes	\$5,897.16	\$916.14		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$1,005.06	\$6,103.12		
Penalties		\$719.50		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$47,063.72		
-				
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made				
	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$2,380.93	\$65.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
-				
Add Line				
Current Levy Deeded	\$2,880.00			



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080				
	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$148,566.24	\$2.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$7,480.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?	(\$782.33)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
Total Credits	\$4,326,571.79	\$161,339.34	\$0.00	\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$155,265.91
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$51,946.66



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2021	Year: 2020	Year: 2019
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year	\$0.00	\$43,619.60	\$23,732.16	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$50,660.30			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$220.51	\$3,504.48	\$4,509.61	
-				
Add Line				
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$50,880.81	\$47,124.08	\$28,241.77

Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Redemptions	\$0.00	\$10,946.46	\$18,570.45	\$18,633.46
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Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$220.51	\$3,504.48	\$4,509.61	
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Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$6,257.49	\$6,558.84	\$5,098.70
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$33,456.35	\$18,490.31	
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$50,880.81	\$47,124.08	\$28,241.77

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$155,265.91
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$51,946.66

Assessing Department Report



The Town of Mason assessing office had a busy year in 2022. There were over 125 properties visited that had outstanding building permits or had ongoing construction as of April 1, 2021. These properties were adjusted accordingly. We continued to process all timely filed abatement requests for the tax year 2022.

Data verification of all properties will continue this year. We expect to visit another 250 properties. Our goal is to verify the physical data to ensure the assessments are accurate. If no one is at home, we will take the opportunity to verify the exterior measurements of all primary improvements (buildings, etc.).

If an adult is home at the time of the visit, the representative from the assessor's office will ask to verify the interior information via a tour provided by the adult (if deemed safe). At no time will a representative enter a property where a minor is the only person home. In the event a property is posted *No Trespassing*, the representative will knock on the door to seek permission to verify the physical data. In the event no one is home, there will be no attempt to verify the exterior data. The assessing official will make another attempt at a later date. If the property is *posted and gated* the assessor's office will not enter the premises. However, there will be a letter sent requesting an appointment to verify the physical data. If the property owner doesn't respond to the request, the assessor will estimate the features of the property to the best of his ability. It is of the utmost importance to have accurate data to ensure all property owners in Mason are assessed equitably.

Mason conducted a town-wide reassessment pursuant to RSA 75:8-a in 2021. The real-estate market has been robust since the last town-wide revaluation was in 2021. The results from the annual Dept. of Revenue Administration ratio study for 2022 will be available in the first quarter of 2023. The next town-wide reassessment is scheduled for 2026.

Please take the time to review your property record and if you have questions please call the selectmen's office to schedule an appointment to meet with a representative of the assessing office.

I would like to thank you for your continued cooperation.

Todd Haywood, RES, CNHA
Mason Assessing Agent

Highway Department Report



We made it to January 5 before we had freezing rain, and first plowing was two days later. We plowed another nine storms and salted and sanded approximately 18 more days before winter was finished with us. We had plenty of equipment repair to be done and patching of gravel roads from the recurring thaws.

Roy, Sean and Kevin took advantage of online classes to get training when they could. Roy achieved Road Scholar II, Sean and Kevin Road Scholar I.

We started spring grading on March 14 as the mud dried out. This year we changed from calcium chloroxide to magnesium chloroxide for dust control application. The magnesium is less corrosive to equipment and costs less.

By April we had begun sweeping roads, cleaning culverts and water passes, opening culverts plugged by beavers and patching paved roads. May 2 we had another .7 miles of Greenville Rd. reclaimed and a few days later an excavator with a hydraulic hammer pounded ledge under and on the sides of the road to improve drainage. We hauled a lot of this broken ledge material to the pit and it was later hammered into a smaller size to be run through the crusher to make new gravel for the road base.

The crew spent a lot of time filling and reshaping Greenville Rd. before the new gravel was added. Supply chain problems caused a delay in acquiring the type of culvert we were planning to use, but fortunately we had enough stock to replace the five pipes needed. About this time fuel prices took a big jump.

In August new gravel was hauled to Greenville Rd., spread and rolled. Mason Highway fine-tuned the edges, filling in where needed.

We had two or three meetings with residents of Jeds Lane, the selectmen and Right Angle Engineering about replacing the bridge there. The plan has not yet been finalized.

On June 21 we discovered an internal leak in our underground storage tank for gas and diesel. We decided to pursue getting our diesel through the State of NH at the Greenville state shed and our gas at the Country Mile. The state will give us financial assistance to remove the old tank in the spring of 2023.

When things dried up in July we cleaned a major drainage ditch on Batchelder Rd. working with two landowners to drain runoff away from the road and into the woods instead of the field.

On August 2 we shimmed parts of Townsend and Wilton Rds. Prices had risen since last year's estimate so we got as many of the worst spots as possible.

Roadside mowing started in the middle of August on select roads. We plan to do more this coming year.

The reclaimed part of Greenville Rd. was paved on September 12 and approximately 350 feet of Jackson Rd. was done on the 20th.

We worked with the Mason Fire Department to blow out six culverts on Hurricane Hill Rd. that had been filled with gravel from washouts.

On October 3 we traded our 2011 Ford F250 Ford pickup for a 2022 Ram 2500 with surplus money from the state.

Part of Depot Rd., all of Brookline Rd. and Babb Meadow Lane were crack-sealed in early October.

Two culverts were installed on Starch Mill Rd. just north of Abbott Hill to avoid the ponding and washouts that have occurred there for years. We attempted to catch up on grading between storms.

November 16 saw the first snow with another heavy squall blowing through on the 20th. We had three more plowing events and four sandings before the end of the year, and were still dealing with beavers when the water wasn't frozen.

On December 23 we had up to three inches of rain which caused local flooding on Abbott Hill and Wilton Rds., and washouts on Jackson, Morse, Reed and Churchill Rds. A large pine fell across Starch Mill Rd. near the Sand Pit Rd. intersection and took down all the utility wires. There was also wire damage on Mitchell Hill and Greenville Rds.

We spent the last week of 2022 patching up dirt road washouts, pot holes, ruts and washboards where we could between thaws and freezes.

Thanks to my crew who make it all possible and the help from the town offices. A special thank you to Garth Fletcher for all his help monitoring the highway barn electrical usage and his handy maps of culverts and water sheds.

Dave Morrison

Road Agent

Mason Police Report



This was an exciting and productive year as we finalized the restructuring of our department to better utilize the talents of available officers who have joined the Mason Police. Originally, we had three full-time positions and then a few officers who worked very part time. We were able to eliminate one of the full-time positions and bring on two very experienced officers each in a 27 hour-a-week capacity.

However, we were still short one full-time officer, with that position being vacant for about a year. In November we filled that opening with Officer John Ciarcia who comes to us with five years of full-time experience. This brings the department to full staff, and this combination of officers, along with several part-time officers, makes us extremely well-rounded as an agency and will serve the town well.

As always I am very proud to be able to serve the Town of Mason in the capacity of Police Chief and continue to be blessed by the outstanding support from both the residents as well as the Board of Selectmen.

Chief Kevin Maxwell

Calls for Service

911 Hangup Calls	7	Fingerprinting	14
Alarms	17	Fraud	2
Animal Complaints	29	Give Advice	42
Dog Bites	2	Gunshots	0
Arrests	8	Harassment	0
Assaults	1	MV Accidents	13
Assist Citizen	17	Fatalities	0
Assist Other Agency	48	MV Hit & Run	0
Burglary – Residential	0	MV Complaint	13
Burglary – Commercial	2	OHRV Complaints	2
Check Conditions	37	Police Information	47
Civil Standby	12	Pursuit	4
Criminal Mischief	4	Prowler	0
Criminal Threatening	4	Serve Restraining Order	4
Criminal Trespass	8	Stolen MV	0
(non-quarry)		Suspicious MV	10
Disabled Motor Vehicles	26	Suicidal Subjects	1
Domestic Disturbance	1	Serve Paperwork	20

Suspicious Activity	8	VIN Verification	23
Thefts	4	Welfare Checks	14

Mason Fire-EMS Department Report



2022 was quite a year of growth, development and success for the Fire Department. The team has worked very hard this year to provide service and further their education to better serve the townspeople. The team put in a total of 2,592.3 man-hours for the year. These hours combine training, call response, public safety education and additional duties they performed. Although our membership is still critically low, the remaining membership has stepped up as best they can with the limited time available.

We went from the ongoing pandemic to record high inflation that caught everyone off guard. We lost Engine 3 in the spring when it failed pump service testing. Luckily we were able to find a used truck we could afford at the North Walpole Fire Department and put that into service. In June we were notified we received a \$50,000 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery Grant. This grant went to the purchase of our first command vehicle, with 71.4% of the project funded by the grant. That vehicle was placed in service in November.

Through all this change the department ran 226 calls for service. The EMS side ran 138 calls for service while the fire side ran 88 calls for service. Responses for the fire calls break down as follows:

Calls for Service

Structure Fires (chimney fire)	1	MV Accidents / Fires	20
Brush Fires	5	Wires Down / Trees on Wires	11
Illegal Burns	2	Public Safety Education	5
Alarm Activations	12	Assist EMS	6
Mutual Aid	8	Other	16

Training was led by Captain Spacht and Lieutenant Knowles. The team logged a combined total of 1,490.25 hours of training in 2022 that included bimonthly training and CDL training. One member completed Firefighter I and four completed the National Registry for Emergency Medical Responder. Training will be focused on dual Fire/EMS certification as we move forward with our limited manpower.

In closing I would like to thank the dedicated staff of the Fire-EMS Department for protecting the Town of Mason. We would also like to thank

the citizens of Mason for their support over the years and moving forward. Follow our department Facebook page for updates and photos of training. If you would like to join our team, please contact me at firechief@masonnh.us.

Anthony (Tony) Burns
Fire Chief

Mason Fire-EMS First Responders Report



While every year brings new challenges such as rising call volume, 2022 saw us expand our roster as well. We responded to 138 emergency calls in 2022 — another record year — and a 20% increase over 2021. Thankfully we added six new EMS members and should add several more in 2023. As is typical, motor vehicle crashes, falls and breathing difficulties remained high-frequency events.

We thank Paul Alton and Ken Spacht for their years of exemplary service as they retired from the department and EMS side, respectively.

We also welcome those members who chose to become certified in EMS: Katie Boots, Tony Burns, Melissa Duggan, Beau Landry, Zachary Partridge and John Ray. These additions bring our roster to one Advanced EMT, six EMTs and six Emergency Medical Responders.

Building on the physical capacities we increased last year, we added two CPR trainers to the department, which now allows us to conduct these trainings in-house.

The Brookline Ambulance Service continues to be our transport provider. We train with their members and our firefighters to practice skills relevant to situations we regularly encounter.

If you are interested in volunteering for your Mason community, email ems@masonnh.us. No prior experience is necessary, and we will provide the required training, supplies and support. You can make a difference in someone's life.

Stay safe and healthy,
EMS Captain Jeff Partridge

Calls for Service

Chest pain/cardiac	9	Covid-19	4
Fall/lift assist	15	Syncope/weakness/AMS	14
Other injuries	10	MVC	16
Psychological/intoxicated	2	Assault	0

Search	1	No patient/false alarm	12
Difficulty breathing	22	Diabetic	1
Various pain	24	Fire standby	3
Other medical	23	Other	10

Time period: daytime 40%, nights 25%, weekends 35%

Transports: 88 (73%)

Hollis Communication Center, Hollis, NH



The mission of the Hollis Communications Center is to promote and ensure the safety and security of all members of the community through the application of high-quality public safety standards. These services are provided in a manner that promotes satisfaction and professionalism to all members of the community while exhibiting compassion, commitment and excellence.

The Communications Center is located in the Police Station at 9 Silver Lake Road. It is your link to all town services during emergency and non-emergency situations. The Center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our staff consists of a Communications Manager, Communications Supervisor, seven full-time and four part-time Communications Specialists. We operate under the direction of the Communications Advisory Board which includes the Hollis Police Chief, Fire Chief and DPW Director. The Communications Center is also pleased to provide dispatch service to the towns of Brookline and Mason on a contractual basis.

The Communications staff plays a vital role in communicating between the units in the field and the public. We answer 911 calls for police, fire and EMS for the towns of Hollis, Brookline and Mason. We also answer all police department telephone lines and the ring-down line for the Hollis Department of Public Works. We handle radio communications with all Police, Fire, EMS and Public Works units, as well as speaking with citizens that walk into the Hollis Police Department with complaints or requests for service. In 2022 the Communications Center answered a total of 51,573 calls for service.

We continue to offer our internship program to individuals who are interested in a career in public safety dispatching. The program concentrates on giving students the knowledge and practical skills in call taking, radio communications skills, stress management, multitasking and records management.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Communications Specialist Robert “Bampie” Gavin. Bob started his career with Hollis in 2008, employed both full-time and part-time right up until his passing on July 15,

2022. Bob was a very dedicated member of the communications team and will be sorely missed.

In 2022 we began the process of a telephone systems upgrade within the communications center. This includes all of the multiple incoming phone lines for the towns we serve. With these upgrades it will increase the capability of dispatch operations with additional features. In addition to the telephone upgrades, due to phasing out of the copper phone lines, all incoming lines were successfully switched to fiber. With the switch over to fiber we have had to create redundancies, adding cellular capability within the communications center.

We continue to work with our served public safety agencies as well as our surrounding agencies situational awareness and interoperability solutions.

The communications center is very much committed to keeping our personnel current in training. Training that our specialists completed this year includes ICS 100, ICS 200, Scenario-based All Hazards Radio Communications, Eversource Prioritization Portal Training and the Mutualink network. These training programs have been very beneficial to all dispatchers.

In addition to the in-house training programs, several personnel attended outside classes during the year. These included ACPO CTO training, APCO PSTC1, Bilingual training, FEMA Communications Unit Leader Recertification Technician (COMT), Interpersonal Communications Skills, Cyber Security Awareness, Responding to Suicidal Subjects and the NHSP/NCIC Spots three-day certification.

The Hollis Communications Center has completed the second year of a three-year commitment to provide contracted emergency and routine dispatch services to the towns of Brookline and Mason.

PERSONNEL	EXPERIENCE	PART-TIME PERSONNEL	EXPERIENCE
Manager Richard Todd	42 Years	Communications Specialist Robert Gavin (In Memoriam)	11 Years
Supervisor Kassidy Walker	8 Years	Communications Specialist John DuVarney	47 Years
Communications Specialist Rick Nicosia	8 Years	Communications Specialist Jack Stawasz	1 Year
Communications Specialist Wesley Mansfield	2.5 Years	Communications Specialist Michell McQuade	2 Years
Communications Specialist Mark Pepler	7 Years		
Communications Specialist Brittney Rodrigue	10 Months		
Communications Specialist Peter D'Ortona	6 Months		

The communications center continues to do outreach to all of our served communities to educate citizens and first responders how the communications center operates and what the center can do for their agencies.

Because the world of communications and emergency services interoperability is always changing, the communications center works closely with the New Hampshire Office of Interoperability. The NH Statewide Interoperability Commission was formed to provide guidance to this office. This Commission works with all federal, state and local entities to keep all of the emergency services updated on what is changing in the field of LMR (Land Mobile Radio) and LTE (Long Term Evolution) emergency communications.

The Town of Hollis has an ordinance regarding home and business alarm systems. It is a requirement for all locations that have alarms to register them with the Hollis Communications Center. This provides information to emergency responders such as the type of alarm, alarm company and emergency contact numbers. Should you need to register your alarm or merely update your information, feel free to contact the communications center at any time.

Several years ago the Town of Hollis implemented a Senior Citizen Response Program which has proven to be very successful. Individuals who sign up for this program will be given a specific time to call the communications center daily. If we don't receive a call from you, we will call your residence. If there is no answer, a police officer will be sent to your residence to make sure all is ok. This program also gives us specific medical conditions that you have and will assist the medical responders prior to their arrival. Individuals who would like to sign up for this program are asked to contact Manager Richard Todd or Supervisor Cassidy Walker at the Hollis Communications Center 603-465-2303.

On behalf of the Hollis Communications Center staff, I would like to thank the Communications Advisory Board, all emergency services and the citizens of Hollis, Brookline and Mason for their continued support.

Richard A. Todd
Communications Manager
Hollis Communications Center
Serving Hollis, Brookline and Mason

Community Volunteer Transportation Company



CVTC extends our appreciation for Mason's continued support in 2022. CVTC Volunteer Drivers and Staff remain ready to serve your residents who

don't drive or have a car with needed rides to important healthcare services, food resources, and humans service appointments. We do not just give a ride. CVTC improves health outcomes and the well-being of Mason residents by providing access to healthcare, healthy foods and companionship.

CVTC requests \$500 in continued support for the Volunteer Driver Program in 2023. This past year, we were unable to fulfill the ride requests because no driver was available or the rider cancelled their request. Currently our census of volunteer drivers is increasing and unmet need is decreasing to single digits. Please don't give up on our services.

CVTC remains grateful for your faith and trust in our service to the residents of Mason. Please contact me with any questions you may have at (603) 821-4081 or ellen@cvtc-nh.org.

Ellen A. Avery
Executive Director

Service Data from July 2021 through June 2022

Categories	Mason	All 34 Towns	All Towns Prev. Year
Residents requesting rides	4	325	267
Number of rides requested	5	3253	2516
Town Ranking by number of rides requested	25		
Miles driven by Volunteer Drivers	0	96,491	82,920
Volunteer donated hours of service	0	4669	4110
CVTC Volunteer Driver(s) from the Town	0		59
Medical appointment rides	5	2036	1,591
Food shopping rides		908	667
Social services, pharmacy, post office, bank	0	309	258
Value of miles reimbursed = \$0.585 per mile (Federal Rate)	\$0	\$60,307	\$46,334*
Value of Volunteer hrs. at \$18.00/hour (NHDOT)	\$0	\$84,042	\$73,980

Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services



In 2022 Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. The following information represents HCS's activities in Mason during the past 12 months.

Services Offered	Services Provided
Nursing	100 visits
Physical Therapy	52 visits
Occupational Therapy	25 visits

Medical Social Work	3 visits
Home Health Aide	8 visits

Other services available to Mason residents include:

- Hospice end-of-life care at home and bereavement support for family members
- Palliative Care
- Foot Care Clinics

The actual cost of the above services provided in 2022 with all funding sources is \$46,000. These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2023 Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services is requesting an appropriation of \$1,500 to continue to provide home care services in Mason. Thank you for your support of home care services in Mason.

For information about services, residents may call (603) 532-8353, (800) 541-4145 or visit www.HCSservices.org.



Town Hall Renovation Committee



Committee members are Jim Dore, Chair and Secretary; Wally Brown, Barbara DeVore, Darryl Ellis, Connie Lacasse, Marty Milkovits, Pam McGinnity and Ken Rafter. Committee information and meeting minutes are available on the town's website and may be accessed via the Boards and Committees drop-down list on the Mason home page.

The Historic Building Assessment completed in January 2019 by Weller Michal Architects, Inc. is available for review under the same directory listing. The town established the Town Hall Renovation Committee (the "Committee") to act as an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen. Our primary function is to provide fundraising ideas, attend and work fundraising events, provide input on interior and exterior design elements, research available State and Federal grants, support grant writing and help coordinate construction.

The Committee has parsed the renovation into three main phases covering the drainage and foundation in the first, the roof in the second and the remainder of the building in the third. We estimate the total costs today to be in excess of \$350,000. To fund the renovation, the Committee is conducting fund-raising activities, asking for donations, applying for grants when available and seeking resident approval via warrant articles when necessary.

The Committee started the year with a bank account balance of \$13,790. During 2022 the Committee received \$30,376 from fund-raising activities and donations, as well as \$5,000 from the State of NH Moose Plate Grant proceeds. As of December 31, 2022; the Committee's fund balance is \$25,815.92, including \$10,743.26 in receipts that were moved to the Town's General Fund pending approval of a warrant article in March 2023 to move them back into the Committee's Renovation Fund. This was done in order to comply with the NH Department of Revenue Administration regulations requiring voter

Drainage extension (by Earthworks) making its connection from the Town Hall to existing pipes on the Town Common.



Photo courtesy Jim Dore

approval of any funds moved into a town trust fund.

In addition to our fund balance, we have \$5,000 pending from the Moose Plate Grant and \$5,000 pending from a Freedom's Way National Heritage Area Strategic Partnership Grant.

Renovation work began in 2022 with the start and completion of a \$25,500 Town Hall drainage work project contracted to Earthworks by LeClair and Sons (Earthworks), which was paid for with renovation funds. We intend to finish the foundation phase early in 2023 when Earthworks rebuilds the piers supporting the beams which are supporting the Town Hall floor.

The Committee intends to pursue additional fundraising, including participation in several grant writing opportunities in 2023 in anticipation of completing additional renovation projects on the Mason Town Hall building in 2024 and beyond until the restoration is complete.

Jim Dore
Committee Chair

Nashua Regional Planning Commission Annual Report



NRPC provides comprehensive transportation, land use, environmental and economic development planning services and delivers extensive mapping and data assistance. As an NRPC member, the Town of Mason accessed a wide range of benefits in 2022, including:

Discounted New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation Books

In conjunction with the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives, NRPC offers the annual New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation Book to communities at a sizable discount over retail price.

- Mason's Total Cost Savings in 2021: \$1,644.90

Online GIS: nrpcnh.mapgeo.io

MapGeo, NRPC's Live Maps App, is the Town's public GIS property viewer.

- Estimated Annual Software Cost Savings: \$3,000

Development Review and Planning Services: Under contractual agreement Mason utilizes NRPC's hourly "circuit rider" services to assist the Planning Board, including assistance to applicants in submitting subdivision or site plan

applications, written reviews of submissions to the Planning Board, attendance at hearings and work sessions to assist and answer questions, and support to the board and town staff in preparing notices, draft amendments and warrants for Town Meeting.

Traffic Counting: arcg.ia/Ovm8q: Under contract with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation or by local request, NRPC conducted two vehicular traffic volume counts in Mason to support travel demand modeling and prediction and to assist local and regional planning decision-making.

NRPC extends heartfelt thanks to citizens and staff who support regional planning, including Commissioner Charlie Moser and Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Representative Dave Morrison.

Jay Minkarah
Executive Director

FY23 Dues: \$1,053

Moderator's Annual Report



Elections held in 2022 included the Town Election in March, the State Primary in September and the General Election in November.

The March election brought about a change in the election team. Dotsie Millbrandt was elected Town Moderator after serving six years as a Supervisor of the Checklist. The March town meeting marked Catherine Schwenk's 36th year serving as Town Moderator — a post she had held since 1986. That's remarkable! We thank Catherine for her diligent and always-professional service over the decades.

The March election and the State Primary were held in the Town Hall. There were no specific Covid protocols in effect, but we continued to improve the voter traffic flow that was redesigned last year to minimize possible Covid exposure. November's General Election was held in the Mason Elementary School multipurpose room.

A hearty thank you goes to our election team. Linda Cotter-Cranston, Garth Fletcher, Sandy LeClair, Scott MacGarvey, Lauren Mann and Dee Mitchell served as Ballot Clerks. Tony Burns, Rick Hough and Ann Moser served as Greeters. Our Assistant Moderator of the day was Louise Lavoie. The Selectmen manned the No Voter ID table and filled in where needed. Also, we thank Dee Mitchell for reconciling the voter rolls and Town Clerk Deb Morrison and Assistant Clerk Suzanne Kelly for calculating the final vote tallies late into the evening.

The Supervisors of the Checklist survived the turnover of two-thirds of its members, with head Supervisor Darrell Scott bringing new members Dane Rota and Kim Hemmer up to speed in time for the fall elections. The Supervisors have a complex job that gets little attention, and we thank them for their efforts.

A special thanks goes to Wally Brown and Jon Jonis for setting up and taking down all the booths, tables and the exit steps at the Town Hall, and to the Mason Elementary School staff for hosting the November election.

Last but not least, a heartfelt thank you goes to the two dozen ballot counters who tabulated the votes at the end of the day. They represent a greater range of townspeople than us mostly retired folks who work the polls during the day, and that brings greater visibility to the process.

In a thank-you note to the ballot counters, I asked if they had found the experience rewarding and, out of curiosity, asked if they'd like to be replaced by a vote-counting machine. A representative response was, "I enjoyed the experience. I believe part of our rural character is being able count ballots in person. It is also a great time to build camaraderie with our neighbors." Nobody voted for the machine.

Dotsie Millbrandt
Moderator, Town of Mason

Forestry Committee Report



The Forestry Committee did not meet as scheduled due to Covid-19, however, we cooperated with Mason Conservation Commission so their Trails Committee could design and build trails through the 71-acre Walter Valentine Town Forest, which has extensive frontage on both Wilton and Greenville Roads. You can enter the trail by the Tree Forest sign on the northern side of Wilton Road. Clearly marked trails are named in honor of Walter Valentine, who donated the land; his father, Cedric, who was a long-time resident of Mason; and Dana, Walter's wife. Other trails include the Porcupine Trail and Logging Road Trail. A map of Town Forest Trails is on the town website at www.masonnh.us.

The Forestry Committee is very grateful to the Conservation Commission's Trails Committee for designing and creating 6,450 feet of trails in the Valentine Town Forest.

Harry Spear
Chairman

Conservation Commission Report



In January the Mason Conservation Commission contracted with forester Patrick Kenny to develop a forest management plan for the Bronson Potter Lands, the Mitchell Brook Wilderness and the Mitchell Hill Conservation Land. The goal is to sustainably manage these lands over the long term for selective timber harvesting with wildlife habitat enhancement and open space recreation. Ten percent of these lands will be designated as potential old growth wilderness to let nature take its course over time.

NH Fish and Game published a state-wide map of Wildlife Corridors and Priority Habitat Blocks this spring. It shows that large areas of Mason, especially the northern and eastern regions of town, are Priority Habitat Blocks connected by Primary Wildlife Corridors. Mason is outstanding!

The Commission and Planning Board worked together on an informational mailing about the proposed 50-foot wetlands buffer amendment to Mason's Wetland Protection Ordinance. Although the amendment failed to pass at the voting, wetlands themselves continue to be protected by state, federal and local laws.

The Commission worked with the family who is building the Twig Lane E-31 subdivision to protect the black gum basin swamps found on their property. These are unusual plant communities where rare centuries-old black gum trees grow, among the longest-lived hardwood trees. The Commission is grateful for the Emanouil family's support of conservation through their planning. They also granted to the town 7.8 acres along the Railroad Trail and ownership of most of the quarry parking lot easement area.

This spring the Fifield Tree Farm, with its 508-acre conservation easement granted to the town by the Fifield family, was sold to new owners Matt and Amanda Cannon of Autumn Frost Farm. The Cannons worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to make a Conservation Plan for agriculture, as required by the conservation easement. The Commission welcomes the Cannons to Mason, and greatly appreciates their understanding of the conservation easement.

The NH Land Conservation Investment Program (LCHIP), which holds executory interest in this easement, awarded Mason CC \$400 for good stewardship in conservation easement monitoring.

The Commission agreed to continue the current hay lease on Greenville Rd. with Ken Spacht for five years. He will visit the Commission once a year with records of field maintenance, such as cutting back invasive plants.

An unusual stone structure was discovered in the northern part of Bron-

son's Overlook; neither a foundation nor a loose pile of fieldstones, but a solid structure with straight walls. It was sited with long sight lines to the east and south. Could it be an indigenous ceremonial structure? Paul and Denise Pouliot, leaders of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki (the tribe whose area includes this region) were invited to assess the structure with Mark Doperalski, the NH State Archaeologist. They were 80% certain that it was built by colonial settlers to get stones off the field.

In cooperation with Mason Police and the Town Clerk, the Commission developed a resident permit system for quarry parking and purchased 500 hang tags for vehicles which people can pick up as they get their registrations or do other town business. During the summer the Commission sampled water in the quarry monthly to be tested for bacteria. Each test was within acceptable limits for recreational use.

This was the 10th anniversary of Drug Take Back Day as a cooperative venture of the US Drug Enforcement Administration, Mason Police Department and Conservation Commission. During the 20 annual nation-wide collection days in October and April, over 500 pounds of drugs were collected in Mason. The Conservation Commission is very appreciative that Police Chief Kevin Maxwell continues to support this effort as it keeps drugs out of the hands of children and teens, plus keeps them from entering Mason's precious water supply.

Throughout the year, the Commission was concerned with some land use problems which could harm water quality. Crushed cars off Laurel Hill Rd., excessive land clearing on Churchill Rd. (more than 100,000 square feet without an Alteration of Terrain permit from NHDES) and sediment caused by runoff from a driveway, and Scripps Lane filling in a significant wildlife pond off Scripps Lane. The Board of Selectmen, the Highway Department and the NH Department of Environmental Services were helpful toward addressing these ongoing situations when CC brought them to their attention.

The Commission contracted with Eric Andersen to repair washouts on the Railroad Trail south of Depot Rd. and Scripps Lane at the quarry emergency access. Both sites were damaged by beaver activity and has been addressed by the addition of beaver deceivers.

During the year the Commission reached out to some landowners of priority lands abutting existing conservation lands. We have not yet had responses to our letters inquiring if they want to consider donating or selling their land for conservation.

The trail volunteers were very busy this year. They designed and opened up new trails, rejuvenated existing trails and did routine maintenance on a

The Trailblazers Committee was presented with the Golden Bow Saw Award (okay, not the actual name) for blazing new trails in Mason for the Conservation Committee.

Top row (l to r): Trish Cross, Bob Larochelle and Jeff Messer

Bottom row (l to r): Kathy Chapman, Richard Stockdale, Crew Leader and holder of the Golden Bow Saw Curt Spacht, Darrell Scott and Bob Dillberger.

Not pictured are Jayden Rowell, Miki Collier and David Juknievich.



Photo courtesy Dotsie Milbrant

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

For Year Ended December 31, 2022

INCOME:

Interest Income	\$	74
LCHIP Income	\$	500
Land Use Change Tax Income	\$	7,530
Rental Income	\$	6,750
TOTAL INCOME	\$	14,854

EXPENSES:

Land Management	\$	2,808
Miscellaneous Repairs	\$	3,600
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	6,408

FUNDS ON HAND at 12/31/2022:

Conservation General Fund	\$	67,534
Land Protection Fund	\$	10,125
Old Ashby Road Rental Fund	\$	26,009
Railroad Trail Maintenance Fund	\$	1,208
Stewardship Fund	\$	8,746
TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND at 12/31/2022	\$	113,622

total of 10.5 miles of trails. They led a work day with a group of students to improve drainage on the main trail through the Bronson Potter south land. The Commission consulted with the Forestry Committee to plan new trails at the Valentine Town Forest to connect with trails made on the Charles Crathern Conservation Land. The volunteers then opened up these trails and marked them. They improved trails at Florence Roberts Forest with stepping stones in wet areas.

The year ended with a celebration of the trail volunteers, recognizing all their work on conservation lands and town forest trails with Certificates of Appreciation to each volunteer and a “Golden Bow Saw” to crew leader Curt Spacht. Retired CC member Bob Dillberger was also honored for his decades of service to Mason conservation as described in last year’s report.

When the trails are fully mapped they will be posted on the CC maps section of the Town of Mason website.



Photo courtesy: Diane Rota

Planning Board members, town officials and interested parties conduct a site walk in March of Twig Lane — Mason’s newest public road.

Mason Planning Board Annual Report



In 2022 the Board acquired a large-format scanner to convert archival records to digital format and store in the town's database. The Board completed conversion of records from 2018–2021 following the acquisition.

The Board drafted, held hearings and submitted a warrant article to establish a 50-foot buffer around existing wetlands, but the warrant article was defeated in the March Town Election.

For 2023 the Planning Board's objectives include amending the subdivision, excavation and site review regulations to comply with state statutes passed during 2022; implementing an online application process with fillable forms; continuing digital archiving of paper public documents in the town's cloud servers and; investigating policy options regarding use of detached accessory dwelling units of residential dwellings.

The Board received, approved or continued review of five applications in 2022, as summarized below.

Summary of 2022 Land Use Decisions

Hearing Number	Applicant(s)	Type	Decision
22-1	BLC Holdings, LLC	E-31/36 Subdivision	Approved
22-2	Martin Ruggiero	J-60 Site Plan	Approved*
22-3	Andrea Iodice	L-17-1 Site Plan	Approved**
22-4	Hector Bermudez	G-69-1 Site Plan	Approved
22-5	Ronald Ilomaki	J-10 Subdivision	Continue

* Pending resolution of ZBA ruling

** Pending resubmission of recordable plat with administrative correction

Dane Rota
Chairman

Buildings & Grounds Report



In February Jon Jonis was hired to help out on buildings and grounds and has done a great job. We restored the hand railings on the ramp of the Mann House, some siding was replaced on the back of the library and spot painting was done throughout the Mann House.

Some restoration work was done on the gazebo; new railings were installed and some touch-up painting was done as well.

The Town Hall drainage project was completed and it works very well. Some rain storms came through and it stayed dry under the Town Hall. Some painting was also done.

This summer we had to replace the motor on the 12-year-old Ex-Mark mower. It should be good for a few more years.

Wallace A. Brown
Buildings & Grounds

Report of the Cemetery Trustees



During 2022, the cemeteries received routine maintenance. Pratt Annex and Prospect Hill Cemetery fences received a new coat of paint. Pole Hill and Prospect Hill Cemeteries both underwent some much-needed tree trimming. There were a total of seven burials.

Residents of Mason interested in purchasing cemetery lots at Prospect Hill Cemetery may contact Sexton Wallace A. Brown at (603) 320-9450.

Jeannine Phalon, Robert Larochele, Ken Spacht
Cemetery Trustees

Mason Energy Commission Report (MEC)



According to MEC's charter under RSA 38-D, with duties described by RSA 38-D-4, MEC focuses on municipal energy use and community education on energy matters. The following is a summary of what MEC worked on in 2022.

With respect to municipal energy use, "You can't manage what you can't measure!" MEC is overseeing a project to monitor electrical consumption at the highway department and fire department. DeVincentis Electric very gen-

erously donated their labor to install Emporia monitors that collect data about electricity use and were donated by MEC members. Department heads can log in via smart phone or desktop computer to monitor electric use in their buildings. See www.masonnhenergy.org/energy-us for current and historical data summarized by the MEC.

The data from the highway department has allowed detection of a broken pipe which was causing the well pump to run continuously. Had this not been detected the pump would have continued to overwork for months, likely resulting in an expensive early failure of the pump. Knowledge is valuable!

Considering that the single largest energy cost in Mason goes towards keeping the town vehicles on the road, MEC collected information about electric vehicle (EV) municipal fleet management from other towns and counties such as Peterborough; Westport, CT; Boulder, CO; Bargersville, IN and; Leon County, FL. MEC received spreadsheets, slideshows, etc. from each of these sources about their use of municipal EVs. It is clear that other towns across the country have made progress in the transition to EVs and have successfully introduced them into their fleets. MEC summarized the results of their study in an informal presentation to the Mason BOS.

MEC continues to maintain its membership in Clean Energy NH and learn about what other towns in NH are doing with respect to municipal fleets, charging stations and other energy usage issues.

In 2020 the town took advantage of a NH Saves program to replace incandescent lighting with LED fixtures and lights in four town buildings. The program costs are spread out over several years of electrical bills. The loan repayments are at the approximate level of the expected savings of reduced electrical use due to the new LED lights. However, the loan repayments were incorrect and resulted in overpayments to Eversource. MEC was able to engage with Eversource to get to the source of the computer billing errors. In a few more years the town will see the full savings of the LED lighting.

With respect to community education (a) MEC directs people to the very useful and timely information available at www.masonnhenergy.org about EVs, weatherization, construction siting and alternative energy possibilities, among many other topics; (b) MEC hosted an author interview and book signing event at a local bookstore. The book selected was *100% Solution*, and the event was hybrid, both in-person and on Zoom; (c) Although not strictly within the charter of the MEC, but squarely in the category of community service, MEC was asked by the Conservation Commission to help again this year with trash pickup in Mason, and MEC members enthusiastically agreed. We assisted with coordinating the effort by providing maps, status reports,

picking up the blue bags and handing them out, and generating publicity for the event. Over 35 people picked up approximately 40 bags of trash over 30 miles of roads in Mason. A-1 Services in Mason provided the dumpster to haul it all away; (d) MEC continues to promote the Hillsborough County Area Renewable Energy Initiative (HAREI), a do-it-yourself (DIY) solar panel installation assistance group for homeowners, by assisting with “solar raisers” in southern New Hampshire.

MEC goals for 2023 include continuing to monitor energy usage in town buildings, continuing to promote use of and the funneling of energy information to the masonnenergy.org website, continuing to follow developments in the EV world and provide that information to town leaders, connecting town businesses with energy grant programs and assisting town departments in achieving energy savings with the help of federal and state funds if possible.

MEC meets on the first Monday of the month from 7 to 9 pm. The meetings are hybrid, meaning that attendees can meet either in person or on Zoom. Visitors are welcome. Anyone interested in being a part of this dynamic committee, where action items get done, good humor abounds and planning goes with dreaming of the best is welcome to contact the committee.

Current members and alternates include Kathy Chapman and Michele Siegmann, Co-chairs; Michelle Scott, secretary; Dave Morrison, Richard Stockdale, Curt Spacht, Darrell Scott, Garth Fletcher and Joe Harney.

Mason Public Library Report



The Mason Public Library had an outstanding 2022! We can tell you the story with numbers. Our total circulation for the year was over 7,000 items — an increase of 44% from last year. Approximately 600 books were shared through our Inter-Library Loan System. This system allows the library to send and request books, free of charge, from other libraries throughout the State. 1,000 downloadable items, books, audio, movies and magazines were borrowed from the New Hampshire Downloadable Book System. This service is available to any Mason resident with a valid library card. The Mason Public Library welcomed over 3,500 patrons, students and participants of all ages to our library and programming activities this year.

Five weeks of outside play dates were set up to encourage play-based learning and hands-on activities. We discovered “Oceans of Possibilities” and held a Whales and Seals educational program by partnering with the University of New Hampshire, Sea Grant and Marine Docents. Tot Time, held on Tuesday mornings, was established for our youngest patrons and their care-

givers. Our Children’s Room comes alive with songs, little feet and lots of free play activity. We welcomed the Mason Elementary School students back, after being unable to visit during the pandemic. I’m not sure who was more excited, the students or the librarians.

Involvement with the community is an important part of who we are at the library. The “take and make” crafts kits and curbside pick-up continues to be a valuable resource allowing patrons to pick up materials when convenient. Our community participated in “Make a Blanket Day” with those blankets being donated to Project Linus. There was once again light on the Solstice. We were happy to share 115 gift bags with books and goodies that were handed out to the children during the Annual Tree Lighting in December.

The success stories of 2022 at the Mason Public Library were attained with the help, devotion and generosity of our volunteers, patrons and the Mason Community. We strive to be the very best we can be with new ideas, community outreach and programs. Your support makes this all a possibility. Thank you to our Board of Trustees — Lynn McCann, Elena Kolbenson, Robin Smith and Children’s Librarian Courtney Landry.

The Mason Public Library extends well beyond our walls. Come see just how “big” our little library is. All are welcome!

Judy Forty

Director



Photo courtesy Judy Forty

The Mason Library welcomes in 2023.

Library Statistics – 2022

	2022 Actual	Budget 2022	Over(Under) Budget
LIBRARY EXPENDITURES:			
4550-01 · Library Wages	36,525.00	40,810.00	(4,285.00)
4550-02 · Payroll Taxes	2,794.24	3,121.97	(327.73)
4550-03 · Workers' Comp	82.00	82.00	-
4550-04 · Continuing Education	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
4550-05 · Mileage	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
4550-06 · Telephone	879.38	850.00	29.38
4550-07 · Software	1,145.60	1,500.00	(354.40)
4550-08 · Postage	24.00	25.00	(1.00)
4550-09 · Supplies	1,011.17	1,000.00	11.17
4550-10 · Dues & Fees	288.80	350.00	(61.20)
4550-11 · Programming	1,333.64	1,200.00	133.64
4550-12 · Books	4,469.84	4,500.00	(30.16)
Total LIBRARY	48,553.67	53,638.97	(5,085.30)

Town of Mason
Mason Public Library
Municipal CD – Building Fund
Ending Balance 12/31/22: \$643.72
Peoples United Bank

Town of Mason NH
Mason Public Library – EO Jones
Municipal Money Market
Ending Balance 12/31/22:
\$12,234.32

Wellington Shields: \$15,112.27
loss (\$947.05)

Town of Mason
Mason Public Library
MT&T Bank
Municipal Interest Checking
Ending Balance 12/31/22: \$8,638.87

Town of Mason
Mason Public Library
Municipal CD – Pam Steinburg
Ending Balance 12/31/22: \$1,292.54



Uncle Sam (aka Dave Morrison) makes an appearance at the school's Flag Day Ceremony in June.



Photo courtesy Judy Forty

Building Inspector Report



There have been 54 permits issued during 2022. Listed below are the number and type of permits issued:

- 31 Building permits, five of which are new homes
- 12 Electrical / solar / generator permits
- 11 Gas furnace / oil tank permits

Application for building, electrical and plumbing permits can be found on our town's website at www.masonnh.us. Please call the Selectmen's office at 878-2070 or email buildinginspector@masonnh.us with any questions regarding building, electrical and plumbing permits.

If you are unsure of when a permit is required, please refer to the Mason Planning Ordinance available through the website or the Selectmen's office.

Jacob Olson

Mason Building Inspector



Storyteller Lee Siegmann shares the story of The Night Before Christmas at the Annual Tree Lighting Event in December.

Town of Mason Vital Records

For Year Ending December 31, 2022

Resident Marriages

Date	Name	Place of Marriage
June 4	Dany J. Michaud Jacki R. St. Cyr	New London
July 16	Jason G. Huot Reneé S. Taylor	Mason
Aug. 19	Nathaniel E. Williams Rachel G. Skillings	Plymouth
Aug. 20	Steven P. Wilson Lisa L. Bitomske	Mason

Births in the Town of Mason

Date	Name	Place of Birth	Parents
Feb. 13	Corbin Brian Fairchild	Nashua	Charles Fairchild III Sarah K. Hurlburt
June 7	Edith Kirby McGonagle	Milford	Kyle T. McGonagle Abigail A. McGonagle
June 21	Allisyn Rose Ikenberry	Nashua	Brad D. Ikenberry Amy C. Joyce
Aug. 24	Maddox Richard Holman	Nashua	Myles R. Holman Meredith L. Holman
Sept. 5	Natalie Catherine Chesnell	Manchester	Stephen M. Chesnell Jennifer K. Chesnell
Oct. 18	Beckett Jeremy Booth	Peterborough	Justin M. Booth Shelby I. Bent
Dec. 16	Beau Michael Peach	Nashua	Michael L. Peach Claudia M. Peach

Resident Deaths for the Town of Mason

Date	Name	Place of Death
Jan. 4	Jason E. Sabotka	Nashua
Jan. 9	Paul D. Parker	Nashua
Jan. 28	Larry D. Martel	Nashua
Feb. 27	Kimberly M. Holland	Mason
April 8	Anne (Nancy) Richards	Mason
April 27	Robert L. Malbeouf	Mason
May 10	Norman F. Jarvis	Mason
June 5	Sarah L. Fortin	Mason
July 11	Sargent Collier	Mason
Aug. 5	Susan G. Robbins	Unknown
Sept. 22	Ralph LeClair	Mason
Sept. 23	Carol Anne Bennett	Mason
Dec. 5	Richard P. Cleveland, Jr.	Unknown
Dec. 18	Jonathan Green	Mason

Burials in the Town of Mason

Date	Name	Cemetery Location
May 3	Robert Malboeuf	Prospect Hill Cemetery
May 14	Norman Jarvis	Prospect Hill Cemetery
June 21	Robert Polk	Prospect Hill Cemetery
July 11	Gertrude Flagg	Prospect Hill Cemetery
Aug. 13	Susan Roberts	Prospect Hill Cemetery

Town of Mason and Mason School District Election

March 8, 2022

Held at the Mason Elementary School, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.
Mason, New Hampshire

Moderator Catherine Schwenk declared the polls open at 11:02 am. The total number of voters on the checklist was 999. There were forty (40) newly registered voters and 36 absentee voters. A total of 598 ballots were cast, representing a 60 percent turnout. Daniel Mederos of the Attorney General's Office came to evaluate the election procedures.

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

Moderator

Dotsie Millbrandt 333

Catherine Schwenk 187

Selectman – 3 year

C. Christopher Guiry 235

John Suiter 330

Selectman – 1 year

Kate Batcheller 473

Supervisor of the Checklist

Dane Rota 451

Library Trustee

Robin Smith 482

Trustee of Cemeteries

Ken Spacht 13 [*write-in votes*]

Trustee of Trust Fund

Martha Ward 451

The results of the Mason School District Election on Article 1 are as follows:

School Board Member (vote for not more than two)

Sean Irlbacher 168

Colin Robinson 282

Dr. Christopher Guiry 277

School District Treasurer

Christine Irlbacher 415

Results of **Article 2** — Shall the Mason School District accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen as printed in the Annual Mason School District Report?

Yes 415 / No 94 / Article 2 carries

Results of **Article 3** — 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 purpose set forth therein, totaling Three Million Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seventy Dollars (\$3,219,070.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Thirteen Dollars (\$3,175,013.00) 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 article 5-0.

Yes 332 / No 209 / Article 3 carries

Results of **Article 4** — Shall The Mason School District raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the previously established Educating Educationally Disabled Children Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010), with such amount to be funded from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 01? No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this warrant article 5-0. (Majority vote required.)

377 / No 165 / Article 4 carries

Results of **Article 5** — Shall The Mason School District raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established Healthcare Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2020) with such amount to be funded from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 01? No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this warrant article 5-0. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 343 / No 199 / Article 5 carries

Results of **Article 6** — Shall The Mason School District raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established School Building and Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (established

in 2010), with such amount to be funded from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 01? No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this warrant article 5–0. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 358 / No 164 / Article 6 carries

Results of **Article 7** — Shall The Mason School District raise and appropriate Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the previously established Unanticipated Tuition Cost Capital Reserve Fund (established 2010), with such amount to be funded from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 01? No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this warrant article 5–0. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 320 / No 204 / Article 7 carries

Absentee ballots were opened at 1:00 pm.

Ballot clerks were Linda Cotter-Cranston, Garth Fletcher, Sandy LeClair and Dee Mitchell.

All ballot counters took the oath of office and included Jon and Nancy Bryan, Linda Cotter-Cranston, Patricia Cross, Garth Fletcher, Peter Goldsmith, Sandy LeClair, Pam McGinnity, Tom Mitchell, Dave Morrison, Jeanine and Philip Phalon, Emilie Phillips, Michelle Scott and Patricia Young. No member of the same household sat at the same counting table. Dee Mitchell was the checklist reconciler.

Moderator Catherine Schwenk declared the polls closed at 7:04 pm.

Debra A. Morrison
Mason Town Clerk

Mason Town Meeting

March 12, 2022

Held at the Mason Elementary School
13 Darling Hill Rd., Mason, New Hampshire

Moderator Catherine Schwenk came to the microphone and called the 2022 Town Meeting to order at 9:04 am. She requested that nonvoters wear nonvoter credentials and sit in the first row to the Moderator's left. There was no request for interpretive services. She indicated the fire and emergency exits and then introduced those sitting at the head table: Select Chair R. Peter (Pete) McGinnity, Selectman Charles (Charlie) Moser, Selectman Kate Batcheller and Town Clerk Debra (Deb) Morrison.

There were 72 voters and 2 nonvoters present with 1,039 names on the checklist, representing a seven (7) percent turnout.

The Moderator acknowledged that preparation for this meeting is a coordinated effort of many individuals and requested a round of applause for their efforts.

The Moderator then reviewed the procedure for voters. Voters wishing to speak should use the microphone and address any questions to the Moderator. Residents need to give their name at the microphone when recognized. All amendments and substantive motions must be in writing (please also print your name) and signed by the maker and seconder.

Five voters may make a written request for a secret ballot vote prior to a voice vote or division vote per RSA 40:4A. Voters and seconders must be present at the meeting to request a secret ballot vote.

Every voter is entitled to speak on a debatable motion unless the meeting, 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.

The Moderator then announced the results of the Town and School District elections held on March 8. Total votes cast were 598 out of a total of 1,038, representing a 58 percent turnout. She declared the winning candidates elected to their respective offices.

Moderator: Dotsie Millbrandt 333

Selectman (3 year): John Suiter 330

Selectman (1 year): Kate Batcheller 473

Supervisor of the Checklist: Dane Rota 451

Library Trustee: Robin Smith 482

Trustee of Cemeteries: Ken Spacht 13 [*write-in votes*]

Trustee of Trust Funds: Martha Ward 451

The following articles were voted on at the polls on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Mason School District Results

School Board Member (3 year): Colin Robinson 282

School Board Member (3 year): Dr. Christopher Guiry 277

School District Treasurer: Christine Irlbacher 415

Results of **Article 2** — Shall the Mason School District accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen as printed in the Annual Mason School District Report?

Yes 415 / No 94 / Article 2 carries

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Yes 320 / No 204 / Article 7 carries



The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Catherine Schwenk. Afterwards, Charlie Moser acknowledged Catherine for her 36 years acting as the Town Moderator. Catherine is also a certified parliamentarian. She was presented with a certificate of appreciation, flowers and a beautiful little gold gavel necklace.

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

In regards to voting by ballot, it was clarified “to please come out of your seats to the center aisle and receive a yes/no ballot. Come down the center aisle to the ballot box. It is your responsibility to place your vote in the box. You may pocket the other half of the ballot or put it in the wastebasket. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.”

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of Mason Planning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article XVI: Wetlands Conservation District Ordinance to implement a fifty-foot buffer around delineated wetlands, to define certain fertilizer use limitations within the wetlands buffer; to address wetlands and wetlands buffer performance standards; to address what wetlands areas or buffers are exempt from the wetlands district ordinance; and to confirm that legally pre-existing uses in the Wetlands Conservation District shall not be prohibited from continuing, and how such uses may be expanded.

Yes 127 / No 461

Article 2 fails.

Article 3: Kate Batcheller moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen as printed in the Mason Annual Report.

Article 3 carries unanimously.

Article 4: Pete McGinnity moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of Two Million, Two Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$2,272,920) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Jack Flanagan questioned line item #4191-12 [Planning Board new equipment] amount of \$4,500. Will it allow the Planning Board to digitize documents? Dane Rota: The Mann House is currently storing records and it's an issue the town needs to address. There's a potential fire hazard. The town has a new website which can also hold these documents, but records are scattered all over. Jack: Are other departments using this? Yes.

Jack Flanagan: Dave did a great job with the highway budget but we underspent it. Pete: There are a number of factors that contribute to not spending the whole amount like covid, extremely wet weather, etc. This year will increase because of gas with other increases coming. By law we cannot overspend our budget so we need to overbudget just a little. The town got more than \$220K back which went to reduce the tax rate.

John Lewicke: The state's rainy-day fund has a surplus and some of that will come back to the towns.

Pete: Our total operating budget with a 4% increase is lower than other towns around us.

Jack Flanagan recognized Pete's service to the town as selectman since his term expired this year.

Article 4 carries.

Ann Moser wanted to note that April 23 is town cleanup day and to meet at the church at 9 am. Blue bags can be picked up at Charlie Lanni's shop and the highway department will pick them up on the roads.

Article 5: Charlie Moser moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 154:5, to establish a 3-year term for the position of Mason Fire Chief, who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Charlie said that over the last several years other towns have discussed the need for a full-time chief due to various reasons. In Mason no one wanted to come up the ranks and take the position. He introduced Tony Burns, the new fire chief, who will also be serving as the emergency management director.

Article 5 carries.

Article 6: Kate Batcheller moved and it was seconded to if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Chief Burns: The average truck starts at \$300K unequipped. Grants will be explored and will help defray costs. Trucks are now required to be less than 20 years old with enclosed cabs, which can cost \$700K to a million dollars. Let's do this incrementally. The new trucks will be all-wheel or four-wheel drive.

Article 6 carries unanimously.

Article 7: Pete McGinnity moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Mike Bromberg asked how much a new grader would cost. Pete: Between \$350-\$400K.

Article 7 carries unanimously.

Article 8: Charlie Moser moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of repair and maintenance of the Town's roads, or take any other action relative thereto. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Charlie said that this has been a recurring warrant article for several years. A couple of years ago a five-year plan was developed which was quite successful. We're going to concentrate a little more on our dirt roads.

Article 8 carries unanimously.

Article 9: Kate Batcheller moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Article 9 carries unanimously.

Article 10: Pete McGinnity moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Article 10 carries unanimously.

Article 11: Charlie Moser moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of maintenance on the rail trail and to further authorize withdrawal of said funds from the Forestry Maintenance Fund. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Article 11 carries unanimously.

Article 12: Kate Batcheller moved and it was seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Town Hall Renovation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) revenue to come from the NH Moose Plate Grant and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) revenue to come from a private citizen donation. This article would be non-lapsing. No monies to come from taxation. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by Selectmen.)

Article 12 carries.

The Moderator reminded everyone of town cleanup day and then added, “Thank you for electing me for the last 36 years. I’ve enjoyed teaching you parliamentary procedure. You’ve all graduated.”

On motion of Michael Bromberg and duly seconded, Town Meeting was adjourned Sine Dai at 9:54 am.

Following Town Meeting, Moderator Catherine Schwenk administered oaths of office to Dotsie Millbrandt, John Suiter, Martha Ward and Kate Batcheller.

Debra A. Morrison

Mason Town Clerk

Mason, New Hampshire, State Primary Election

September 13, 2022

Held at the Mason Town Hall, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.
Mason, New Hampshire

Moderator Dotsie Millbrandt declared the polls open at 11:01 am. The total number of voters on the checklist was 1,037. There were five (5) same-day voters registered and 18 absentee voters. 64 Undeclared voters voted Republican and 45 Undeclared voters voted Democrat. A total of 322 residents voted: 212 Republicans and 110 Democrats, representing a 31 percent turnout.

Ballot clerks were Dee Mitchell (am), Kate Batcheller and John Suiter (pm), Lauren Mann (am) and Garth Fletcher (pm).

The Moderator administered the oath of office to the following ballot counters: Hector Bermudez, Nancy Bryan, Patricia Cross, Rob Doyle, Liz and Garth Fletcher, Karen Hallett, Richard Hough, Louise Lavoie, Lauren Mann, Tammy McCracken, Pam and Pete McGinnity, Tom Mitchell, Charlie Moser, Steve O'Neill, Emilie Phillips, Scott Rodrigue, Brady Schulman, Michelle Scott, Rachel Tadeo and Patricia Young.

The State Primary Election results are as follows:

Republican

Governor

Karen Testerman	18	Richard A. McMenamon II	2
Julian M. Acciard	7	Thaddeus P. Riley	24
Jay Lewis	3	Chris Sununu	154

US Senator

Gerard Beloin	1	Vikram Mansharamani	11
John Berman	2	Andy Martin	2
Donald C. Bolduc	88	Chuck Morse	42
Bruce Fenton	25	Tejasinha Sivalingam	0
Dennis Lamare	2	Kevin H. Smith	35
Edmond Laplante, Jr.	0	<i>[There were 3 write-in candidates]</i>	

Representative in Congress

Michael Callis	4	Lily Tang Williams	51
George Hansel	47	Scott Black	3
Jay Mercer	5	Robert Burns	81
Dean A. Poirier	8		

Executive Councilor

Anne Copp 32
Dave Wheeler 163

State Senator

Kevin A. Avard 180

State Rep. District #36

Diane Pauer 123
John Lewicke 149

State Rep. District #45

Colton Skorupan 131
Jack Flanagan 68

Sheriff

Christopher Connelly 168 [*There were 2 write-in candidates*]

County Attorney

John J. Coughlin 166

County Treasurer

David G. Fredette 158 [*There was 1 write-in candidate*]

Register of Deeds

Edward J. Sapienza 32
Dennis C. Hogan 76
Elizabeth Ann Moreau 48

Register of Probate

John A. Graham 155 [*There was 1 write-in candidate*]

County Commissioner

Robert H. Rowe 153 [*There was 1 write-in candidate*]

Delegate to State Convention #36

Thomas Humphreys 152 [*There were 5 write-in candidates*]

Delegate to State Convention #45

Eric Pauer 156 [*There was 1 write-in candidate*]

Democratic

Governor

Tom Sherman 99

US Senator

Paul J. Krautmann 4

John Riggieri 1

Maggie Hassan 104

Representative in Congress

Ann McLane Kuster 109

Executive Councilor

Shoshanna Kelly 99

State Senator

Melanie Levesque 106

State Rep. District #36

Brian Rater 77

Brendan Denehy 86

State Rep. District #45

Karen E. Calabro 100

Sheriff

[There were 0 write-in candidates]

County Attorney

Nicholas Sarwark 11 *[write-in votes]*

County Treasurer

Richard Manzo 11 *[write-in votes]*

Register of Deeds

Mary Ann Crowell 100

Register of Probate

William Bryk 98

County Commissioner

Julie Radhakrishnan 97

Moderator Dotsie Millbrandt declared the polls closed at 7:05 pm.

Debra A. Morrison

Mason Town Clerk

Mason, New Hampshire, State General Election

November 8, 2022

Held at the Mason Elementary School, 13 Darling Hill Rd.
Mason, New Hampshire

Moderator Dotsie Millbrandt declared the polls open at 8:00 am. There were 1,036 voters on the voter checklist. A total of 776 residents voted, representing a 73 percent turnout. There were 47 absentee ballots cast and 20 newly registered voters.

The Moderator announced that absentee ballots would be opened in accordance with RSA 659:50 and were subsequently recorded beginning at 1:00 pm per RSA 659:49.

Ballot clerks were Lauren Mann and Dee Mitchell in the morning, Garth Fletcher and Scott MacGarvey in the afternoon.

Elizabeth Brown from the Attorney General's office reviewed the election facilities and process and found no issues.

During the ballot count process, it was announced that no counters from the same household are to sit together at the same table.

The following ballot counters have taken the oath of office: Nancy Bryan, Linda Cotter-Cranston, Patricia Cross, Cynthia Donovan, Rob Doyle, Devan Fletcher, Garth Fletcher, Janice French, Rick Hough, Lauren Mann, Pam McGinnity, Pete McGinnity, Tom Mitchell, Dave Morrison, Ann Moser, Charlie Moser, Steve O'Neill, Emilie Phillips, Brady Schulman, Michelle Scott and Patty Young.

The New Hampshire General Election results are as follows:

Governor

Tom Sherman	252	
Chris Sununu	493	
Kelly Halldorson	12	
Karlyn Borysenko	9	<i>[There was 1 write-in candidate]</i>

US Senator

Maggie Hassan	310
Donald C. Bolduc	433
Jeremy Kauffman	29

Representatives in Congress

Ann McLane Kuster 315
Robert Burns 448

Executive Councilor

Shoshanna Kelly 272
Dave Wheeler 482

State Senator

Melanie Levesque 289
Kevin Avard 467

State Representatives District #36

Brian Rater 257
Chris Wheeler 258
Diane Pauer 414
John Lewicke 450

State Representatives District #45

Karen E. Calabro 287
Colton Skorupan 459

Sheriff

Christopher Connelly 708 [*There were 2 write-in candidates*]

County Attorney

Nicholas Sarwark 259
John J. Coughlin 468 [*There was 1 write-in candidate*]

County Treasurer

Richard Manzo 277
David Fredette 445

Register of Deeds

Mary Ann Crowell 289
Dennis C. Hogan 451 [*There was 1 write-in candidate*]

Register of Probate

William Bryk 280
John A. Graham 455

County Commissioner

Julie Radhakrishnan 276
Robert H. Rowe 462

Constitutional Amendment Question #1

Yes 384
No 311

Constitutional Amendment Question #2

Yes 189
No 518

The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:07 pm.

As followup to the election, a representative from the Secretary of State’s office came on November 15, 2022 to pick up all ballots cast by the Town of Mason, including absentee ballots, for a recount of certain offices. These ballots will not be returned to the town, but will be sent to archives for storage.

Debra A. Morrison
Mason Town Clerk



2022 sees the official naming of Dead Moose Swamp on Abbott Hill Rd.

Wilton Recycling Center Report



We had an uneventful past year but we're looking forward to a productive new year. We continue to have marketable materials thanks to your dedication to sorting your recyclables and your commitment to continue to recycle.

Several of the local Lions Clubs have provided a collection box for plastic bags, etc. which sits by the office stairs. They are all working together with the Trex program to recycle numerous types of plastic film. Trex will provide a free park bench made from Trex lumber for every 500 pounds of plastic that is turned in. Each town using the Wilton Recycling Center will receive the reward of a park bench as each 500 pounds are progressively collected. Brochures are available by the collection box. Please join in with helping us achieve our goals while eliminating more plastic out of the waste stream.

In this same area is a collection box for the hard plastic six-pack can carriers and a one-gallon steel can to collect bread wrapper clips. Several people are collecting these items and creating projects to recycle the plastic at the MAXT Makerspace in Peterborough. These are great projects to help the environment and handy to do while visiting us.

We are hoping to complete several projects this coming year. One will be to replace the roof on the main building. We have done patching over and over again the past several years but we are at the point where it needs to be replaced. Our priority is to keep our materials dry and clean so we will continue to have top quality commodities. Also the three-sided building that the construction containers sit under needs major repairs. The back wall, sides and the roof in the back over the fueling space will need to be completely rebuilt. These issues have been long overlooked and now the time has come to address them.

Markets continue to flex but we're hoping for a steadier year going forward. About the only one sure thing is that trash continues to flow in! We continue to see an increase in the effort to recycle in all areas. The non-ferrous metal program is doing well thanks to your attention to keeping those metals set aside.

Questions? Just ask. We appreciate your support and are always open for suggestions. We look forward to seeing you when you visit.

Recycling Center Manager Carol Burgess and Staff



December 19, 2022

James A. Sajtka, CPA*

Sheryl A. Prati, CPA**

Michael J. Campos, CPA, MACCY

Karen M. Lascelle, CPA, CVA, CFE

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Mason
16 Darling Hill Road
Mason, NH 03048

Dear Members of the Board:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mason for the year ended December 31, 2021 and have issued our report thereon dated December 2, 2022. Professional standards require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated December 7, 2021 our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion(s) about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Town of Mason solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you in our engagement letter dated December 7, 2021.

Compliance With All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our Firm, as appropriate and our Firm, have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

We follow the AICPA Ethics Standard Rule 201 and in conjunction with the Firm's Quality Control Document, we annually review with all engagement staff potential conflicts and obtain an independence certification. In addition, we inquire on each engagement about potential conflicts with staff. We have not identified any relationships or other matters that in the auditor's judgment may be reasonably thought to bear on independence.

PLODZIK & SANDERSON, P.A. *Certified Public Accountants*

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Significant Risks Identified

We have identified the following significant risks:

- Management override of controls;
- Improper revenue recognition;
- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- The use of QuickBooks as the Town's accounting software.

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Town of Mason is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2021. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are:

Management's estimate of the allowance for uncollectible property taxes are based on historical data and information known concerning the assessment appeals. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the uncollectible property taxes in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are based on assumptions of future events, such as employment, mortality and estimates of value of reported amounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the other postemployment benefit liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources are based on the assumption of future events, such as employment, mortality, and healthcare cost trend, as well as estimates of the value of reported amounts. We evaluated key factors and assumptions used to develop the other postemployment benefits liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the other postemployment benefits in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Significant Unusual Transactions

There are no significant or unusual transactions identified during our audit.

Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying those uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future period financial statements to be materially misstated, even though the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements currently under audit.

Adjustments proposed and approved were primarily of a routine nature which management expects the independent auditors to record as part of their year-end procedures. A list of these adjustments for the general fund, police detail, and planning board are attached to this letter.

Disagreements With Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 2, 2022.

Management Consultations With Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Town of Mason's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Key Audit Matters

We have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate.

Other Audit Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the Town of Mason we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the Town, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Town of Mason's auditors.

Stale Dated Checks (repeat)

Upon review of the general fund reconciliation, it was noted that there were several stale dated checks listed on the outstanding check listing. Stale dated checks should be reviewed and reissued if determined necessary to ensure that cash reconciliations and general ledger balances are accurate. We recommend that the Town review the bank reconciliations monthly for any stale dated outstanding items and follow up as deemed necessary.

Expenditure Budget

Upon review of the Town's budget, it was noted that the budget for expenditures in the Town's general ledger did not agree to the final budget as approved by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. All budgetary figures entered into the Town's general ledger should agree to the budget as approved by the DRA. We recommend going forward that the expenditure budget be entered in accordance with the approved budget from the DRA.

Planning Board Tracking

During review of accounts receivable auditor noted that the planning board is failing to properly track planning board fees and estimates for the project. the town should have a formal breakdown of fees and expenditures to show what belong to the Planning Board fund and what belong to the General Fund. We recommend that the Town adopt a proper form that breaks down fees and expenditures.

Other Matters

Implementation of New GASB Pronouncements

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued several pronouncements that have effective dates that may impact future financial presentations. Management has not currently determined what, if any, impact implementation of the following statements may have on the financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 87, Leases, issued in June 2017, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. This Statement will improve accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases.

GASB Statement No. 92, Omnibus 2020, issued in January 2020, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements.

GASB Statement No. 94, Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements, issued in March 2020, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. The objectives of this Statement are to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements.

GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements, issued in May 2020, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. The objectives of this Statement are to provide guidance on accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements for government end users.

GASB Statement No. 97, Certain Component Unit Criteria and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans – an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84 and Supersession of GASB Statement No. 32, issued in June 2020, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. The objectives of this Statement are to increase consistency and comparability related to reporting of fiduciary component units, mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, and enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 deferred compensation plans.

We applied certain limited procedures to the following, which is/are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements:

- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Pensions,
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

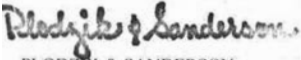
Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the combining and individual fund schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Board of Selectmen and management of the Town of Mason and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully,



PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

Attachment:

Gov Letter Attachment – Journal Entries