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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 2001

Mason can be described as a small, quiet rural New England town. As such, it has attracted many people resulting in many new homes built in 2001, with more planned for 2002. A reminder to new citizens, please check with the Selectmen's office for the Town Ordinances in relation to activities on your property, such as building permits, sign sizes, timbering and excavating operations and also wetlands protection regulations.

The Police Department was in dire need of larger quarters, so they are now housed on the second floor of the Mann House, in the office, formerly of the Building Inspector. This office will be used primarily for their business work area. The Police Office in the Town Hall will be maintained for other police activities as needed. The Building Inspector now operates out of the Selectmen's Office at his normal, by appointment, hours.

Thanks to the increase in registrations of new vehicles, the town's portion of the tax rate decreased in 2001. Hopefully the trend will continue.

We chose Arthur and Ginie (Virginia) Rafter for our back cover because of their dedication and support of the Town of Mason. Ginie is our oldest native of Mason and has been very active on many committees through the years. She is one of the founding members of the Mason Historical Society and continues to be very active with the Society. She is also our resident expert in genealogy. Arthur also has worn many hats through the years, in Mason, including Town Treasurer. In the last few years, he has helped maintain our cemeteries and town common, also been our Handyman expert for our town buildings.

Many thanks to Barbara Milkovits, our Administrative Assistant, for maintaining the Selectmen's affairs and office in good working order. All department heads deserve recognition from all of us in the town for operating within their budgets and providing the excellent services that we received.

The year 2001 was a very sad year for our quiet country with the September 11th disaster in New York City and the war that has followed. Our prayers go out to all the families touched by the disasters. Thanks to the military personnel, who are working hard to protect us and preserve the freedom and our American way of life, which we all enjoy so much. God Bless America!

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Richards

Kenneth Greene

Wolfgang Millbrandt

TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Mann House, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Telephone: 878-2070

TOWN CLERK

Office Hours: Mann House, Tuesday 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Thursday Evening 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Telephone: 878-2070

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Last Wednesday of the month

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Mann House, 7:00 P.M.
Every Tuesday
By Appointment

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Third Monday of the month

WILTON RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Hours: Tuesday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Thursday 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00 A.M. to Noon



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	MODERATOR 2 yr term
Catherine Schwenk	March 2002

	TOWN CLERK 3 yr term
Charlotte N. Hastings	March 2002

	DEPUTY TOWN CLERK
Carolyn L. Place, Appointed	March 2002

	TREASURER 3 yr term
Mary Ann Broden	March 2002

	DEPUTY TREASURER
Maria Eaton, Appointed	March 2002

	SELECTMEN 3 yr term
Anne Richards, Chairman	March 2002
Kenneth Greene	March 2003
Wolfgang Millbrandt	March 2004

	TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term
Charlotte N. Hastings	March 2002

	DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR
Carolyn Place, Appointed	March 2002

	AUDITOR 1 yr term
Patricia A. Greene	March 2002

	SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term
Karen Chemello, Chairman	March 2004
Sandra LeClair	March 2006
Joan Losee	March 2002

	LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term
Judith A. Forty	March 2004
Lynn McCann	March 2003
Linda Lamy	March 2002

	TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term
Robert Larochelle	March 2003
Wallace A. Brown	March 2004
Arthur Rafter	March 2002

	TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term
Rev. Robert Robb	March 2004
George Schwenk	March 2003

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Irene Cook, Chairman	March 2002
Robert Larochelle	March 2002
Gretchen West	March 2003
David Profit	March 2002

PLANNING BOARD

Dorothy Millbrandt, Chairman	March 2003
Bruce Mann	March 2004
William Downs	March 2002
Pamela Lassen, Alternate	March 2003
Mark McDonald	March 2002
C. Christopher Guiry, Alternate	March 2004
Wolfgang Millbrandt, Ex-officio	

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mary McDonald, Chairman	March 2004
Michael Davieau	March 2004
Robert Bergeron	March 2004
Ulysses Shields	March 2003
Harry Harper, Alternate	March 2003
Michael Dulong, Alternate	March 2003
Anne Richards, Ex-officio	

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Larochelle, Chairman	March 2003
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 2002
Marcia Osborn	March 2003
Charles Lanni	March 2003
Florence Roberts	March 2002
Stuart Sherman	March 2003

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

C. Christopher Guiry, Chairman	March 2004
Curtis Dunn	March 2003
Florence Roberts	March 2002
Eric Anderson	March 2002
William Downs, Town Forester	
Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio	

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Paula Babel, Chairman	March 2003
Wallace A. Brown	March 2004
Gretchen West	March 2002
Karen Lundstedt	March 2002

BALLOT CLERKS

Pauline Bergeron	March 2003
Rachel Petersen	March 2002
Teri Parker	March 2003
Florence Wilson	March 2004

POLICE OFFICERS

Barry G. Hutchins	Police Chief
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Thomas E. Richardson
 John Wagner
 Richard Bilodeau
 David Hinkell
 John LeBlanc, Sr.
 Eric Oleson

Patrolman
 Patrolman
 Part Time Police Officer
 Part Time Police Officer
 Part Time Police Officer
 Part Time Police Officer

EMERGENCY SERVICES

David P. Cook	Fire Chief/Warden/EMT-D
David Baker	1 ST Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Robert A. Bergeron	2nd Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden
Fredrick W. Greenwood	Captain/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Rodney Stedman	1 ST Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Roland Theriault	2 nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden
Philip Phalon Jr.	2 nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Anne Richards	Firefighter
Wallace Brown	Firefighter/Deputy Warden
Bernard O'Grady	Firefighter
Mark Richardson	Firefighter
Donna Richardson	Firefighter/EMT-D
Christopher Greenwood	Firefighter
Marcel Bernier	Firefighter
Steve Tamulonis	Firefighter
Don MacIntosh	Firefighter
Kerri Greenwood	Firefighter
David Flannery	Firefighter
Matt Crehan	Firefighter/EMT-B
Evelyn F. Ellis	Firefighter
Robert G. Lipin	Firefighter
Richard Griffith	Firefighter
Steve Hoffman	Firefighter/EMT-I/D
Steve Warshauer	Firefighter
Tom Whittier	Firefighter
Sean Crooker	Firefighter
Curtis M. Dunn	Deputy Warden
Stuart Sherman	Firefighter/EMT-I/D
Cheryl Greenwood	EMS Coordinator/EMT-D
John LeBlanc Sr.	EMT-D
Cindy Tibbetts	EMT-I/D
Jeff Partridge	EMT-B
Jeannine Phalon	First Responder
Charles Milkovits	First Responder

Explorers

Marta Casey, Kate Greenwood, Steve Dunn, Jon Lavoie, Beth Crehan, Ken Spachet

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David P. Cook
 Kenneth B. Wilson
 Lynn McCann
 Kenneth B. Wilson
 William Downs
 Wallace Brown

ROAD AGENT
BUILDING INSPECTOR/DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER
HEALTH OFFICER
HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT
TOWN FORESTER
SEXTON

MASON TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at: Mason Town Hall.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to come to the polling place at the Town Hall in Mason at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 2002 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Selectman	3 years
Auditor	1 year
Town Clerk	3 years
Tax Collector	3 years
Treasurer	3 years
Moderator	2 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	2 years

The polls will be open continuously until 7 p.m. when they shall close. You are hereby notified also to meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 13th day of March, 2002, and at the same place to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine hundred twenty-three thousand twenty dollars (\$923,020) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.
3. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of reconstructing paved roads, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in this fund, and furthermore to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-0-1).
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) to replace the present underground gasoline and diesel tanks at the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-0-1).
6. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and affirm the authority of the Selectmen to enter into that three year lease agreement, for the purpose of leasing a police cruiser for the Police Department, total cost of the new cruiser will be Twenty-eight thousand two hundred

twenty-three dollars (\$28,223), and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine thousand four hundred and eight dollars (\$9,408) for the first year's payment of the lease and four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4,900) for the cost of equipping the new cruiser, appropriating a total of fourteen thousand three hundred eight dollars (\$14,308), or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to replace the fire pump and pto on the tanker, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1,700) for the purchase of a copier for the town office, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the expenses incurred in the process of updating the Master Plan. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the update is completed or by December 31, 2003, whichever is sooner. The Planning Board sponsors this article. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six hundred fifty-one dollars (\$651) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 2001 Fund balance of that amount received from the 2001 sale of surplus Highway Department equipment for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-four cents (\$233.34) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 2001 Fund balance of that amount received from the 2001 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
13. To see if the Town will vote to deposit fifty- percent (50%) of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the Land Protection Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A: 5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. (The land use change tax comes from property taken out of Current Use taxation for development or other non-conservation purposes.) This article was previously voted at 100% of the deposit of the revenues, at the March 2000 Town Meeting. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

2/26/02	2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	02/'01
Town Officers' Salaries						
Selectmen	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	0%
Town Clerk	550	550	550	550	550	0%
Treasurer	550	550	550	550	550	0%
Auditor	300	300	300	300	300	0%
Moderator	500	500	100	100	200	100%
	4,825	4,825	4,425	4,425	4,525	2%
Fees in Lieu of Salaries						
Tax Collector	7,250	6,615	7,250	6,700	7,250	0%
Town Clerk	3,000	7,234	3,000	7,788	7,000	133%
	10,250	13,849	10,250	14,488	14,250	39%
Administration						
Administrative Ass't	22,150	22,145	23,380	23,373	24,440	5%
Part-time Assistant			2,000	26	2,000	0%
Payroll taxes	3,500	3,053	3,500	3,191	3,675	5%
Health insurance*	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Workers comp.	600	243	300	207	350	17%
Advertising	125	119	125	106	125	0%
Bank service charges	150	0	100	0	100	0%
Association dues	55	40	55	40	55	0%
State Dog Fees	0	707	0	801	0	0%
Conferences	800	367	600	282	600	0%
Computer services	1,950	2,072	2,000	2,323	2,300	15%
Mileage	225	62	200	74	200	0%
Contingency	200	133	200	-347	200	0%
Postage	1,200	965	1,200	1,058	1,200	0%
Registry fees	250	280	250	221	250	0%
Repairs & maintenance	250	0	250	115	250	0%
Retirement Ins	1,100	1,072	1,155	1,118	1,210	5%
Office supplies	1,700	1,415	1,700	1,413	1,700	0%
Telephone	700	641	700	650	700	0%
Town reports	950	941	1,134	1,134	1,191	5%
	35,905	34,256	38,849	35,786	40,546	4%
Cemetery Expenses						
Cemetery maintenance	1,500	1,928	1,500	658	1,500	0%
Cemetery salaries	8,250	7,916	8,500	9,451	9,000	6%
Payroll taxes	630	582	650	716	700	8%
Workers comp.	750	494	500	355	700	40%
	11,130	10,920	11,150	11,180	11,900	7%
Reappraisal of Property						
Assessing	2,750	2,360	2,750	2,570	2,750	0%
Tax map update	485	485	550	550	550	0%
	3,235	2,845	3,300	3,120	3,300	0%
Town Building Expenses						
Custodian salaries	3,800	4,275	6,630	5,572	6,630	0%
Supplies	125	28	100	88	100	0%
Heat	2,000	4,143	4,000	3,353	4,000	0%
Electricity	2,100	2,049	2,100	1,896	2,100	0%
Repairs & maintenance	3,500	3,715	4,000	4,763	4,000	0%

2/26/02	2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	02/'01
	11,525	14,210	16,830	15,671	16,830	0%
Employment/Insurance Expenses						
Accident Insurance	3,660	3,747	4,200	3,381	4,200	0%
Health & Dental Insurance*	36,365	36,087	56,360	51,350	83,150	48%
Unemployment taxes	750	701	300	324	375	25%
Liability insurance	20,000	16,028	18,500	15,002	19,000	3%
	60,775	56,563	79,360	70,057	106,725	34%
*Health & Dental Insurance now includes all health insurance for employees.						
Planning & Zoning						
Salaries	0	146	0	0	0	0%
Payroll taxes	0	11	0	0	0	0%
Advertising	150	387	150	650	600	300%
Training	80	135	80	10	80	0%
Board of Adjustment	894	573	960	293	945	-2%
Historic District Commission	300	56	110	43	110	0%
SW Reg. Planning/Consulting	2,857	2,857	3,844	3,144	3,662	-5%
Supplies	50	53	50	0	50	0%
Postage	150	218	150	378	400	167%
	4,481	4,437	5,344	4,519	5,847	9%
Building Inspection						
Bldg inspector-fees	1,000	2,195	2,000	2,616	2,500	25%
Payroll taxes	77	168	153	200	192	25%
Expenses	300	95	300	215	300	0%
	1,377	2,458	2,453	3,031	2,992	22%
Health & Welfare						
Health officer	25	0	25	0	25	0%
Animal control	2,000	2,378	2,000	1,408	1,000	-50%
Town poor	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000	0%
Visiting nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%
	5,525	3,878	5,525	2,908	4,525	-18%
Ambulance						
Ambulance Service Fee	3,675	3,675	3,860	3,859	3,859	0%
Supplies	1,000	1,275	1,000	86	1,200	20%
Training	1,200	883	1,200	657	1,400	17%
	5,875	5,833	6,060	4,602	6,459	7%
Library						
Library salaries	20,313	19,066	21,690	21,002	22,490	4%
Payroll taxes	1,554	1,472	1,659	1,607	1,720	4%
Worker's Comp.	65	63	55	49	70	27%
Dues, fees & educ	1,000	845	1,000	840	1,150	15%
Postage	75	75	75	75	200	167%
Programming	125	84	140	78	140	0%
Supplies	400	409	400	405	400	0%
Telephone	1,200	1,197	1,250	1,217	1,250	0%
Travel	230	248	230	235	250	9%
Books	2,800	2,802	2,800	2,869	2,800	0%
	27,762	26,260	29,299	28,377	30,470	4%

2/26/02	2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	02/01
Parks & Recreation						
Grounds improvements/repairs	300	180	300	200	300	0%
Lawn supplies	250	116	250	0	250	0%
Mowing	600	390	600	390	600	0%
Recreation area expenses	325	624	325	516	325	0%
Stone dust	200	184	200	0	100	-50%
Toilet facilities	300	375	300	383	350	17%
Trash removal	90	90	90	120	140	56%
Activities/Rec day	527	438	527	400	527	0%
Patriotic purposes	300	228	300	256	300	0%
Electricity	240	120	120	98	120	0%
	3,132	2,745	3,012	2,361	3,012	0%
Street lighting	1,000	955	1,000	835	1,000	0%
Town common	4,000	4,598	4,500	4,728	4,500	0%
Payroll taxes	306	324	345	318	345	0%
Worker's Comp	800	737	600	369	600	0%
	5,106	5,659	5,445	5,415	5,445	0%
Water Hole						
Water hole & dry hyd	500	0	500	0	500	0%
House & water hole #'s	125	125	125	125	150	20%
	625	125	625	125	650	4%
New Hampshire Municipal Asso.	635	635	755	755	755	0%
Wilton Recycling Center	51,275	51,724	45,950	45,932	36,419	-21%
Communication Expenses	19,500	19,398	19,500	19,657	19,500	0%
Legal Expenses	3,000	1,048	3,000	3,286	3,000	0%
Civil Defense	100	80	100	75	100	0%
Conservation Commission	1,750	10,650	2,000	16,301	2,000	0%
Includes Current Use Penalties paid to CC						
Election Expenses	745	1,010	609	674	700	15%
Town Forestry Committee	4,600	2,606	1	0	1	0%
Highway Town Maintenance						
Road agent salary	40,437	42,813	38,000	35,210	40,000	5%
Asst road agent salary	32,635	28,827	31,777	25,912	32,729	3%
Equipment operator	27,248	23,031	30,352	28,999	31,263	3%
Equipment operator					22,230	
Other salaries	51,100	62,315	51,100	53,036	39,933	-22%
FEMA Reimb. Other Salaries				-1,601		
Overtime wages	12,900	8,652	13,300	11,813	13,699	3%
FEMA Reimb. Overtime						
Payroll taxes	12,582	12,255	13,150	12,645	13,720	4%

2/26/02	2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	02/'01
FEMA Reimb. Payroll Taxes				-151		
Severance Pay			7,300	7,300		
Health insurance*	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Alcohol and drug testing	350	300	350	325	350	0%
Workers comp.	18,550	15,990	13,750	11,038	14,122	3%
FEMA Reimb. Workers' Comp.				-221		
Retirement	5,670	5,224	5,750	5,790	6,875	20%
Consulting engineer	300	600	300	450	300	0%
Reimbrs. For Consulting Engineer		-600		-450		
Mileage	1,500	1,155	1,500	540	1,500	0%
Fire equipment rental	200	0	200	0	200	0%
Calcium chloride	11,500	11,423	11,500	10,528	11,500	0%
Crusher	5,000	4,728	5,000	5,000	5,000	0%
FEMA Reimb. Crusher						
Culverts	500	503	1,000	1,032	1,000	0%
Oil - pug mill	9,000	8,544	9,000	8,758	12,000	33%
Oil - sealing	19,000	19,161	19,000	19,090	19,000	0%
Subdivision Paving Project				4,000		
Reimbrs. Subdivision Paving Project				0		
Patch	2,000	2,174	2,000	2,840	2,000	0%
Salt	4,500	3,943	4,500	4,709	5,500	22%
FEMA Reimb. Salt						
Tractor rental	100	0	100	0	0	-100%
Truck rentals	100	0	100	0	0	-100%
Plowing	11,000	7,473	12,000	8,927	12,000	0%
FEMA Reimb. Plowing						
Insurance Settlement		-7,409				
Expenditures against insurance settlement		7,409				
Signs & Rewards	1,000	531	1,000	956	1,000	0%
	267,172	259,044	272,029	256,475	285,921	5%
Highway Dept. Expenses						
Building maintenance	5,000	3,549	5,000	6,407	5,500	10%
Chains	500	482	500	225	500	0%
Chainsaw repairs	600	503	600	16	600	0%
FEMA Reimb. Chainsaw Repairs						
Dues, education and misc	900	603	950	1,350	1,200	26%
Edges for plows & graders	1,500	1,406	2,000	2,404	2,500	25%
Electricity	2,000	1,935	2,200	1,796	2,200	0%
Equipment maintenance	18,500	16,660	24,000	26,628	24,000	0%
FEMA Reimb. Equip. Maint.				-2,500		
Fuel	13,000	12,544	18,200	17,980	18,000	-1%
FEMA Reimb. Fuel						
Radios	1,200	1,220	1,200	1,402	1,200	0%
Telephone	1,000	958	1,200	908	1,200	0%
Tires	2,500	2,716	2,500	2,599	2,500	0%
FEMA Reimb. Tires						
Safety equipment	1,700	1,578	1,700	1,359	1,700	0%
Tools	1,500	807	1,500	464	1,500	0%
Welding supplies	500	479	750	718	750	0%

2/26/02	2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	02/'01
Subtotal	50,400	45,440	62,300	61,756	63,350	2%
Total Highway Expenses	317,572	304,484	334,329	318,232	349,271	4%
Police Department						
Chief's salary	40,437	34,940	35,000	34,996	40,250	15%
Fulltime Officer	31,000	31,266	26,500	27,061	32,000	21%
Third Officer	0	0	22,280	21,321	32,000	44%
Part Time Officers	35,000	38,348	24,376	13,906	19,096	-22%
Overtime			5,400	7,067	6,400	19%
Payroll taxes	3,270	3,917	3,158	2,420	3,090	-2%
Detail Expense			300	2,025	300	0%
Reimb. Detail Expense				-1,814		
Health insurance*	0	0	0	0	0	
Workers comp.	4,000	3,927	2,575	2,125	2,575	0%
Retirement	3,150	3,787	5,193	4,743	6,127	18%
Court ordered restitution		231				
Conventions & dues	300	300	300	345	300	0%
Cruiser Lease	8,760	8,744	8,760	8,744	8,760	0%
Cruiser fuel	3,000	3,689	4,500	3,763	4,500	0%
Cruiser maintenance	2,550	2,465	4,000	3,777	4,000	0%
Office expenses	3,250	3,551	3,250	3,151	3,250	0%
Training	2,050	1,922	2,500	902	2,500	0%
Uniforms	1,500	1,858	2,000	2,448	2,000	0%
Equipment & maintenance	1,550	1,419	2,000	2,028	2,000	0%
Film Development	500	41	500	16	500	0%
Total Police Department	140,317	140,405	152,592	139,025	169,648	11%
Fire Department						
Fire Chief's salary	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%
Other Stipends	5,750	5,875	6,550	6,550	6,550	0%
Workers comp.	990	737	600	405	600	0%
Utilities	3,000	2,822	3,000	2,514	3,000	0%
Telephone	1,200	672	1,200	888	1,200	0%
Radio repair	1,000	769	1,000	2,134	1,200	20%
Fuel	750	849	750	836	850	13%
Code books	200	67	200	133	200	0%
Training	2,000	2,045	2,000	1,327	2,000	0%
Equipment & Maint	4,200	4,407	4,200	4,299	4,700	12%
Fire equipment expense		10,000				
Bld maintenance	2,000	2,573	2,000	1,652	2,000	0%
Officers expenses/Dues	1,400	1,285	1,400	1,309	1,400	0%
Insurance	250	0	250	272	250	0%
Vehicle maintenance	4,000	3,603	4,000	4,602	4,000	0%
Expendables	350	405	350	244	350	0%
Hepatitis Vaccine Program	300	0	300	43	300	0%
Subtotal	28,890	37,610	29,300	28,708	30,100	3%
Fire truck bond principal	16,213	16,213	20,000	20,000	20,000	0%

2/26/02	2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	02/'01
Fire truck bond interest	10,298	10,298	8,950	8,950	8,050	-10%
Total Fire Dept.	55,401	64,121	58,250	57,658	58,150	0%
Interest Tax Notes	35,000	31,350	33,000	30,978	25,000	-24%
Abatements & Refunds		12,260		851		
Total Appropriations	822,423	829,587	873,013	840,324	923,020	6%
Increase over prior year	#REF!		6.15%		5.73%	
Total Budget Proposed	831,281		866,713		923,020	
Total Budget Voted	822,423		873,013			
Warrant Articles '98						
98#4 Highway Improvement						
98#5 Communications Link						
98#7 Highway Pickup Truck						
98#9 Fire Truck Capital Reserve						
98#10 Mann House Ramp						
98#11 Highway Plow						
98#12 Fire Dept Airpacks and Masks						
98#13 Police Radar						
98#14 Office Computer Equipment						
89#15 Transfer to Highway Cap						
Warrant Articles '99						
99#4 Fire Truck						
99#5 Highway Improvement						
99#6 Highway Cap. Reserve						
99#7 Fire Equip. Cap. Reserve						
99#8 Communications Link						
99#9 Police Cap. Reserve						
99#10 Paint Mann House						
99#11 Old Home Day						
Warrant Articles '00						
00#5 Highway Improvement	60,000	59,860				
00#6 Highway Backhoe	65,000	64,537				
00#7 Highway Cap. Reserve	0	0				
00#8 Communications Link 3rd P	10,000	0				
00#9 Municipal Buildings	50	0				
00#10 Town Web Site	0	0				
00#11 Transfer to Hwy Cap. Rese	250	250				
00#12 Cemetery Lot Sales	25	25				
00#14 Transfer to Comm. Fund	10,000	10,000				
	145,325	134,672				
Warrant Articles '01						
01#3 Highway Improvement	60,000	60,000				
01#4 Highway Pickup	10,000	9,929				
01#5 Highway Cap. Reserve	0	0				
01#6 Highway Cath. Protection	3,000	3,000				
01#7 Fire Dept. Windows	3,300	3,300				

2/26/02	2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	02/01
01#8 Police Computer	1,500	1,491				
01#9 Police Vests	1,500	1,500				
01#10 Municipal Building	5,000	5,000				
01#11 Library Cap. Reserve	5,000	5,000				
01#12 Forestry Committee	3,500	3,500				
01#13 Basketball Fund	657	657				
01#14 Transfer to Hwy. Cap. Res	50	50				
01#15 Cemetery Lot Sales	133	133				
	93,640	93,560				
Warrant Articles '02						
02#3 Hwy. Paved Roads Cap. Re	35,000					
02#4 Highway Cap. Reserve	25,000					
02#5 Fuel Tanks	27,000					
02#6 Police Cruiser Lease & Equi	14,308					
02#7 Replace Fire Pump	8,000					
02#8 Library Cap. Reserve	5,000					
02#9 Copier	1,700					
02#10 Master Plan Expense	1,500					
02#11 Transfer to Hwy Cap. Rese	651	Fund Balance				
02#12 Cemetery Lot Sales	233	Fund Balance				
	118,392					
SUMMARY						
Town Assessments						
Total Appropriations	831,281		866,713	873,013	923,020	6%
Total Warrants	145,325		118,907	93,560	118,392	0%
Less Revenues	350,069		296,853	394,861	294,882	-1%
Expenses less Revenues	626,537		688,767	571,712	746,530	8%
Other Assessments						
School District Assessment	783,360	791,642	791,642	893,688	893,688	13%
Hillsborough County	124,670	123,295	123,295	141,165	141,165	14%
	1,534,667	1,514,427	1,603,704	1,606,565	1,781,383	
Total Taxation						11%
	46,499,677	47,621,027	47,621,027	48,922,774	48,922,774	
Valuation(total - exempts)						3%
Budget Tax Rate	\$33.00					
Actual Rate	\$31.90					

TOWN OF MASON

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance

For the year ended December 31, 2001

REVENUES:	2,001	2000	1999
Highway Block Grant	58,613	56,401	55,475
Shared revenue	12,078	12,078	12,060
Other state grants	613	18,919	587
Property taxes	1,620,105	1,514,427	1,335,939
Yield taxes	26,709	24,056	27,323
Excavating taxes	0	6	
Land use change taxes	13,800	8,900	8,800
Motor vehicle fees	189,888	170,693	147,647
Penalties and interest	9,754	9,573	11,975
Licenses and permits	9,172	6,620	6,739
Interest income	29,338	45,249	45,655
Dog licenses	2,761	3,357	2,748
Court ordered restitution	0	273	
Detail Payments	1,814		
Rooms & Meals Tax	29,885	29,983	24,375
Conservation Commission	501	0	2,646
Forestry Committee	0	2,489	
FEMA Funds	4,473		
Fire Truck Bond	0		196,213
Donations (Memorial)	150	657	
Other	34,194	29,814	31,835
Total revenues	2,043,848	1,933,493	1,910,017
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	117,335	119,665	111,612
Cemeteries	11,180	10,920	11,127
Public safety	224,871	221,215	418,962
Highways	416,224	452,977	323,593
Sanitation	45,932	51,724	30,183
Health & Welfare	2,908	9,711	3,419
Education	893,688	791,642	783,360
Culture and recreation	61,612	47,920	45,930
Debt service	59,928	57,861	32,154
County taxes	141,165	123,295	124,670
Total expenditures	1,974,843	1,886,930	1,885,010
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	69,005	46,563	25,007
Other financing sources:			
Interfund transfers	1,500	31,500	29,000
Unexpended encumbrances	0	0	1,441

	1,500	31,500	30,441
Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing use	70,505	78,063	55,448
Fund balance beginning	327,819	249,756	194,308
Fund balance ending	398,324	327,819	249,756

TOWN OF MASON

Combined Balance Sheet

At December 31, 2001

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consr Comm	Forestry Comittee	All Funds
Cash	\$669,328	\$44,907	\$160,949	\$27,423	\$66,590	\$969,197
Debit Memo	0					\$0
Deeded property	31,642					\$31,642
Unredeemed taxes	32,345					\$32,345
Uncollected taxes	118,686					\$118,686
Total assets	\$852,001	\$44,907	\$160,949	\$27,423	\$66,590	\$1,151,870
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Accounts Payable	\$500					500
Escrow funds	0					0
Encumbrances	15,161					15,161
Payroll taxes payable	3					3
Due to schools	438,013					438,013
Total liabilities	453,677	0	0	0	0	453,677
Fund balances	398,324	44,907	160,949	27,423	66,590	698,193
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$852,001	\$44,907	\$154,497	\$27,423	\$66,590	\$1,151,870

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 2001	574,389
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	193,055
Tax Collector	1,624,994
Selectmen	159,951
Interest income Fleet	1,197
Interest income NHPDIP	23,126
Interest income Bank of NH	5,015
Tax Anticipation Loans	800,000
Total cash available	3,381,727
Selectmen's orders paid	1,510,103
Payroll disbursements	371,318
Tax anticipation loans repaid	800,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	30,978
Bank service charges	0
Total monies paid out	2,712,399
Cash on hand, December 31, 2001	669,328

Mary Ann Broden Treasurer

TOWN OF MASON BONDS

Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-Feb-00			4.50%	5458.21	5458.21	
15-Aug-00	196,213	16,213	4.50%	4,839.70	21,052.79	26,511.00
15-Feb-01			4.50%	4,475.00	4,475.00	
15-Aug-01	180,000	20,000	4.50%	4,475.00	24,475.00	28,950.00
15-Feb-02			5.00%	4,025.00	4,025.00	
15-Aug-02	160,000	20,000	5.00%	4,025.00	24,025.00	28,050.00
15-Feb-03			5.00%	3,525.00	3,525.00	
15-Aug-03	140,000	20,000	5.00%	3,525.00	23,525.00	27,050.00
15-Feb-04			5.00%	3,025.00	3,025.00	
15-Aug-04	120,000	20,000	5.00%	3,025.00	23,025.00	26,050.00
15-Feb-05			5.00%	2,525.00	2,525.00	
15-Aug-05	100,000	20,000	5.00%	2,525.00	25,525.00	25,050.00
15-Feb-06			5.00%	2,025.00	2,025.00	
15-Aug-06	80,000	20,000	5.00%	2,025.00	22,525.00	24,050.00
15-Feb-07			5.00%	1,525.00	1,525.00	
15-Aug-07	60,000	20,000	5.00%	1,525.00	21,525.00	23,050.00
15-Feb-08			5.00%	1,025.00	1,025.00	
15-Aug-08	40,000	20,000	5.00%	1,025.00	21,025.00	22,050.00
15-Feb-09			5.00%	525	525	
15-Aug-09	20,000	20,000	5.25%	525	20,525.00	21,050.00
Totals		196,213		55,648.00	251,861.00	251,861.00

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	11,916,300
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	443,924
Conservation Restriction Assessment	1,700
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	35,376,250
Public Utilities (PSNH)	1,300,000
Valuations Before Exemptions	<u>49,038,174</u>

EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	110,000
Solar Exemptions	5,400
	<u>115,400</u>

NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE **48,922,774**

NET VALUE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE (LESS UTILITIES) **47,622,774**

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT

	Limit	No.	Credits
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action.....	\$1,400	2	\$2,800
All Other Qualified Persons.....	\$100	53	\$5,300

2001 TAX RATE

Town	12.07
County	2.87
State Education	9.24
School	<u>9.27</u>
Total Rate	\$33.45

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 31, 2001

	Levies of: 2001	Prior
Uncollected Taxes, Jan.1, 2001		
Property Taxes		\$74,184.20
Land Use Change Taxes		
Yield Taxes		1,912.14
Returned Check Taxes		3,162.87
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$1,620,104.69	
Land Use Change Taxes	13,800.00	
Yield Taxes	26,709.17	
Interest & fees	39.14	719.11
Returned Checks		25.00
Overpayments:		
Property Taxes	572.91	
Yield Taxes		
Interest & fees		21.84
Interest Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes	226.68	3,053.57
Costs Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,661,452.59	\$83,078.73
Remitted To Treasurer During Year:		
Property Taxes	\$1,500,680.70	\$74,184.20
Land Use Change Taxes	13,800.00	
Yield Taxes	26,709.17	1,798.83
Interest On Taxes	265.82	3,374.77
Costs		419.75
Overpayments	572.91	
Conversion to Liens		
Returned Check Taxes		3,162.87
Returned Checks		25.00
Abatements Allowed:		
Property and Land Use Taxes	737.57	
Yield Taxes		113.31
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 2001		
Property Taxes	118,686.42	
Land Use Change Taxes		
Yield Taxes		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,661,452.59	\$83,078.73

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
For the year ended December 31, 2001

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:		
	2000	1999	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		\$17,259.85	\$13,186.03
Taxes Sold to Town	\$24,590.81		
Interest & Costs Collected After Sale	94.68	625.00	4,822.28
Overpayment			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$24,685.49	\$17,884.85	\$18,008.31
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$5,972.75	\$3,532.87	\$13,186.03
Interest & Cost	94.68	625.01	4,822.28
Overpayment			
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			
Deeded to Town			
Unredeemed Taxes Year End	18,618.06	13,726.98	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$24,685.49	\$17,884.86	\$18,008.31

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 2001	\$50
Cash received:	
Dog licenses	\$2,063
Automobile registrations	\$185,481
Title fees	\$632
Filing fees	\$2
Returned checks	\$150
Certified mail	\$4
State dog fees	\$698
Marriage licenses	\$228
Overpay	\$23
Municipal agent fees	\$3,775
Total cash received	\$193,055
Cash remitted to Treasurer	\$193,055
Cash on hand, December 31, 2001	\$50

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Hastings

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST			TOTAL Fund Balance
	Beginning Balance	Fnds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned (Disbursals)	Ending Balance
TRUST FUNDS						
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$10,987.29	\$1,053.06	\$12,040.35
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$12,717.46	\$1,088.52	\$13,805.98
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$22,312.00	\$466.66	\$22,778.66	\$4,556.77	\$1,116.59 (\$1,500.00)	\$4,173.36
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$2,576.54	\$233.34	\$2,809.88	\$1,745.38	\$334.47	\$2,079.85
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$16,692.09	\$1,969.60	\$18,661.69
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$648.46	\$513.14 (\$595.62)	\$565.98
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$4,756.94	\$679.73	\$5,436.67
Bassett Communications	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$197.16	\$432.69	\$629.85
Steinberg/Budrewicz Recreation		\$657.00	\$657.00		\$2.36	\$2.36
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$102,195.66	\$1,357.00	\$103,552.66	\$52,301.55	\$7,190.16 (\$2,095.62)	\$57,396.09
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS						
Highway Capital Equipment						
Town Reevaluation	\$1,400.00	\$651.00	\$2,051.00	\$3,453.35	\$844.36	\$4,297.71
Fire Equipment				\$3,046.29	\$143.74	\$3,190.03
Library Building	\$17,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$2,564.84	\$108.20	\$2,673.04
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$18,400.00	\$5,651.00	\$24,051.00	\$9,154.07	\$1,541.30	\$10,695.37
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$120,595.66	\$7,008.00	\$127,603.66	\$70,520.10	\$9,827.76 (\$2,095.62)	\$78,252.24
						\$205,855.90

• 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

George Schwend

Reverend Robert Robb

MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The winter season of 2001 was very busy for the Highway Department with many inches of snow. We were also graced with late season snowstorms that taxed our resources for clearing the town roads. We were forced to do some major repair work on our equipment, including replacing the transmission in our 1984 Dump truck. We also had to rebuild our 1980 loader snowplow.

After the snowstorm that occurred March 5 through March 7 2001, our area was declared eligible for reimbursement for snow removal expenses from FEMA. We applied for and received almost \$4500.00 from FEMA.

When spring arrived we went from mud to dust in the course of about two weeks. We were able to grade and put calcium chloride on our dirt roads before it became too dry to grade.

We had to replace several of our over 300 culverts due to failure of the culverts. Two of these culverts were on Townsend Road, in preparation for shimming and sealing. We ditched, shimmed, and chip sealed approximately 2 miles of Townsend Road.

The road upgrade project was completed on a portion of Mitchell Hill Road and Abbott Hill Road. This included some tree work as well as drainage and culvert work. For 2002 I am asking the Town to approve a plan where we recycle and rebuild a portion of a road that is already paved and is beyond the realm of our normal maintenance program.

We were able to purchase and equip a "new" used one ton pickup that was approved at town meeting in March. This truck replaced a 1977 4x4 pickup, which was sold by bid. This truck is the same as the two other 4x4 pickups that we already have. This allows us to keep one set of spare parts and filters on hand.

We sent several members of our department to different schools during the year. Assistant Road Agent David Morrison was recognized as a Road Scholar 1. This means that he attended 30 hours of training in classes that pertain to highway operations. Congratulations David.

We mowed some of the roadsides and a large portion of the railroad trail for the Conservation Commission. This roadside mowing helps with site distances and allows the winter sun in to help melt off ice and snow.

Thanks to all the other town departments for their help during the year. Also thanks to all the citizens who assisted us during 2001. Many thanks to our Highway employees for their dedicated service to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Cook

Road Agent

UPGRADING of HIGHER VOLUME GRAVEL ROADS to PAVED ROADS (A PLAN!)

- 1998 Wilton Road – COMPLETED!
- 1999 Project Not Voted
- 2000 Part of Campbell Mill Road – COMPLETED!
- 2001 Part of Abbott Hill Road and Part of Mitchell Hill Road – COMPLETED!
- 2002 Reclaiming Paved Roads
- 2003 Part of Hurricane Hill Road
- 2004 Part of Starch Mill Road and Part of Abbott Hill Road
- 2005 Part of Campbell Mill Road
- 2006 Part of Hurricane Hill Road
- 2007 Marcel Road
- 2008 Part of Campbell Mill Road and Part of Hurricane Hill Road
- 2009 Nutting Hill Road from the Greenville line to the intersection of Batchelder Road

REPORT of the BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The following summarizes the Zoning Board of Adjustment activities in 2001:
3 Special Exceptions were approved as follows:
Article XVI Section E-2 Wetland Crossing: Bridge construction
Article VIII Section 2-C Business use in General Residential Area: Car storage & towing facility
Article VIII Section 2-A Business use in Historic District: School at the Mason Congregational Church

I want to thank all the members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for their hard work and dedication. We have all worked very hard over the past year, struggling to maintain a balance between the preservation and harmony of our community with the need to support growth and expansion. We are looking forward to the implementation of the new Master Plan, hoping for more clarity to guide us through the challenging future, providing a more robust set of guidelines, more accurately reflecting the desires of our community. We are continuously seeking more volunteers for the Board. Please contact the Chairman if you would like to be part of this team.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McDonald
Chairman

REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

In 2001 the Mason Planning Board completed hearings to create six new lots from five existing lots, to make three lot line adjustments, and to approve one site plan.

In September, we initiated a two-year project to update the Mason Master Plan. 95 residents attended the kickoff meeting! Committees were formed to study specific issues, and have been meeting throughout the fall and winter. Committee reports will be an integral part of the Master Plan. The Southwestern Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) will provide basic statistical information about Mason and the surrounding region.

We wish to bid best wishes to Ms. Carol Ogilvie, who has been our planning expert from SWRPC for the last fifteen years, as she has taken a new position with the NH Office of State Planning. We will miss her.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Millbrandt
Chairman

AUDITOR'S REPORT - 2000

I have audited all Town departments, budgeted or assigned financial responsibilities in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and their financial statements reflect an accurate assessment of the Town's financial position.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Greene
Town Auditor

MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDERS

The Mason First Responders continue to grow in membership. We still number 16, which includes First Responder, Basic, and Intermediate levels. There were a total of 65 calls. Bob Malboeuf retired from the emergency services after serving several years with Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service and the Mason First Responders. We wish him the best.

Training with both Brookline Ambulance personnel every month and our own Fire Department enables us to respond with a coordinated effort to provide the most efficient and appropriate care possible. I would like to thank the Brookline Ambulance attendants for their continued dedication and assistance to those of us in Mason. We could not provide the service we do without their help.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Greenwood
First Responder Coordinator

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the year 2001 the Mason Police Department responded to 877 calls for service and initiated 629 motor vehicle stops. This is an increase of approximately 277 calls for service and 229 motor vehicle stops from the year 2000.

As explained to the Board of Selectmen during the onset of becoming your police chief, I am a firm believer that a strong police presence is a deterrence of crime. During the last quarter of 2001, the towns surrounding our community were plagued with a series of burglaries while Mason remained relatively untouched. When the intersection of Routes 31 and 124 is historically the sight of at least one major motor vehicle accident, we were able to make it through the year with only minor accidents at this intersection. This, I attribute directly to a proactive police presence throughout the town which also resulted in numerous DWI and Transportation of Drugs arrests, in turn, making the roads safer for Mason residents.

Officer William Johnson left the department for employment with the Hollis Police Department. We wish Will the best of luck. Eric Olesen and Rick Bilodeau joined the department with a combined level of experience of over 25 years in law enforcement. Thomas Richardson, John Wagner, John LeBlanc and Dave Hinkell continue to provide service with a combined experience rate of over 35 years in law enforcement. Even though, in my opinion, this clearly shows the knowledge of the department, Mason officers continued their training by attending numerous classes in 2001 to include the following: Law Enforcement Leadership; Advanced DWI Prosecution; Firearms Instructor Re-Certification; Response to Terrorism Weapons of Mass Destruction Instructor; School Safety Officer; Stress in Law Enforcement; Driving Safety; Use of Force; Weapons Retention Techniques; Oleoresin Capsicum (pepper spray) Re-Certification; Critical Incident Procedures; Infant & Adult CPR; EMT Re-Certification.

In looking at the year 2002 proposed budget you will see that the only increases to it are salary related. I have prepared and submitted salary comparisons to the Board of Selectmen which reflect a high end comparison of both the surrounding towns of Mason and those towns in the State of New Hampshire that are close to Mason in population. If you should want to review these comparisons, you may receive them directly from the Board of Selectmen at 878-2070 or myself at 878-1111 or 1-800-562-8201. I only respectfully ask that before you make a decision please allow me the opportunity to explain the content and the background of these comparisons.

In closing, I thank you for another year of continued support on behalf of the police department and ask that you remember the victims of September 11th, 2001 in your prayers. If you should have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at the above numbers. Your welcoming attitudes make our pursuit to provide you with the best protection and service much easier.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry G. Hutchins
Police Chief

MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In the spring of 2001 the Mason Fire Department and the Mason First Responders were trained in farm accident rescue using our new rescue airbags. In the fall of 2001 the department used the rescue airbags to successfully rescue a person who was trapped under a piece of farm machinery.

The department members were again able to make a lot of the minor repairs to the fire apparatus and equipment, which saves the Department money. Thanks to everyone who made this possible

With the dry conditions this year that carried into 2002, the forest fire danger was and may continue to be high into 2002.

As of January 1, 2003 the state has outlawed the burning of household trash. This means there will be no more backyard incinerators for this purpose. As we issue incinerator permits this year we will be handing out the fact sheets provided by the state.

Please use caution when using candles or any open flame heating or lighting unit.

Remember that a written permit is needed for outside burning including incinerators, when there is no snow cover. These may be obtained by calling the dispatch center on the non-emergency number **1-800-562-8201**. The emergency number for the Town of Mason as well as the whole state is **911**. This number is for emergency use only. If you dial this number by accident, please stay on the line to explain this to the call taker who answers. We have an enhanced **911** system in the state of NH which displays your address on a computer screen in front of the call taker.

I would like to thank the officers and personnel of the Mason Fire Department for their dedication and help over the past year. Also thanks to the Highway Department, and the Police Department, the Mason Selectmen and Barbara Milkovits for their constant guidance and help. Most importantly, I need to thank the families of the entire Emergency Service Personnel for their continued support, without which we could not continue to operate.

TRAINING

Total Number of drills	31
Total man-hours for training	1500

2001 Calls

Car Fires	3	Smoke Investigations	7
Auto Accidents	8	Chimney Fires	4
Structure Fires	4	Brush Fires	5
Haz-Mat Call	1	School Fire Drills	2
Fuel Leak	3	Police Assist	1
Wires Down	1	Illegal Burn	1
Alarm Activation	5	Missing Person Search	2
Lock Out	1	Mutual Aid Given	11
Mutual Received	13	Total number of calls	58
Total Man-hour	1238		

Respectfully submitted

David P. Cook
Fire Chief

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Income from land use change tax	\$13,300
2001 Budget	\$2,000
Expenses	\$2,501 (\$2,288 for RR trail maintenance)
Funds on hand	\$4,675 (Remaining from 1995 timber cut)
Railroad Trail Maintenance Fund	\$130
Land Protection Fund	\$22,617

In January Bob Larochelle helped Forester Dan Cyr to layout Conservation Commission property lines abutting a logging operation on lot D-31.

We explored the possibility of turning part of old Walker Brook road from a Class 6 road to a Class A trail to facilitate installing a gate to prevent garbage dumping. The landowners expressed concerns about this course of action, because future development on the Class A trail would be prohibited. The Commission did not go further with this.

In March Liz Fletcher, Stuart Sherman and Marcia Osborn went to the Natural Resource Inventory seminar. They are now armed with lots of information to start the process of getting Mason's inventory together.

After talking with abutter Chris Guiry in May, the Commission hosted a walk on the Spaulding Brook Conservation Land with County Forester John Nute; to explore possible forest management options. The Commission is interested in logging the edges of the power lines to promote wildlife habitat.

Liz Fletcher alerted landowners on old Walker Brook Road that a sizable container full of waste oil had been left on their land. The owners removed the oil. This area is subject to constant trash dumping problems.

The Commission is currently working with three landowners to arrange the granting of Conservation Easements to protect potentially 700 acres of land. The land use change tax money is a key factor in making these easements possible, because the land to be permanently protected needs to be surveyed.

From September through December Commission members attended various meetings and committees as part of the ongoing process of updating the 1980 Master Plan.

In December the Commission met with Laura Pfister of the Office of State Planning for advice on Conservation Easements, and LCIP land monitoring. Laura toured three Conservation parcels with the help of Bob Larochelle. She commended the Commission for its conservation efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Conservation Commission

HOME HEALTH CARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason
January 1, 2001- December 31, 2001
Annual Report

In 2001, Home Health Care and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. The following information represents a projection of HCS's activities in your community in 2001. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 2001 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

SERVICE REPORT

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Services Provided</u>
Nursing	41 Visits
Physical Therapy	0 Visits
Speech Pathology	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	0 Visits
Homemaker	0 Hours
Home Health Aide	0 Visits
Medical Social Work	0 Visits
Prenatal Care	1 Client
Health Promotion Clinics	1 Clinic
Total Unduplicated Residents Served:	17

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 2001 with all funding sources is projected to be \$5,493.00.

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. Town support in 2000 totaled \$740.00.

For 2002, we request an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to continue to meet the home care needs of Mason residents. Thank you for your consideration.



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Mason NH 03048
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878-6146 FAX
masonlib@monad.net

Hours
Tuesday and Thursday 1-8P
Wednesday 9A-5P
Saturday 1-4P
All year!!!

<http://www.personal.monad.net/~masonlib>

Annual Report

This was a year of reflection and rediscovery of priorities – family, friends and community. The library asked for community feedback about our hours and program offerings. Several changes were made to reflect your responses including new hours, more adult programming, revamped story-times, and quarterly newsletters.

We applied for and received a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) that challenged us to raise \$300 in donations in order to get \$1200 worth of Children's Books. You again met and exceeded our expectations. Late October, CLiF presented the new books to the children of Mason.

We offered a variety of programs to the community - Preschool Story-times, Poetry Contest and Annual Tea, Craft Night, Book Discussions, Book and Bake Sale, Raffle, Summer Reading Program, Reading Awards Event, Individual Computer Skills Training and our Winter Holiday Program.

We continue to provide a public access computer with Internet access. We also provide FAX service. As a member of the Hillstown Coop, new videos arrive each month for your borrowing enjoyment. If there is a particular book that you are looking for that we do not own, it can be requested through our inter-library loan (ILL) system within the State of NH at no charge to you.

Our Third Annual Memory Tree shone brightly this holiday season. This year patrons purchased a white light and a red ribbon with personal words of gratitude or remembrance. Many people remembered heroes in their lives. The MPL would like to honor their heroes, our loyal patrons and sponsors who have donated their time, money and expertise. We are grateful for your support.

This is your public library. Visit, borrow, participate, volunteer!

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Forty
Linda Lamy
Lynn McCann
Library Trustees

Mason Public Library Financial Report for 2001

Checking Account Balance - January 1, 2001 (adjusted for outstanding checks)	4143.35
Checking Account Balance - December 31, 2001 (adjusted for outstanding check)	5434.89

Receipts

Town Budget		29299.00
Donations (Gift from Steinberg's=\$1000, CLiF Tree=\$600,Memory Tree = \$125, Other =\$195.73)	1920.73	
Fundraising (Book Sales, Bake Sale, Raffle, Poetry Contest)	561.40	
Investment Income (Whitacker-Locke)	595.62	
Fees and Fines (overdue books, copies from printer, FAX, lost books)	513.13	
Reimbursement to library for books	214.69	
Checking Account Interest	20.55	
Library Account		3826.12
TOTAL		33125.12

Expenditures

Salaries	21009.34
Payroll Tax	1606.67
Workers Comp	48.51
Dues and Fees	440.00
Continuing Education	400.00
Postage	75.00
Programming (77.83 from Town Appropriations + 231.66 from Library Account)	309.49
Supplies (405.30 from Town Appropriations + 13.50 from Library Account)	418.80
Telephone	1217.12
Travel	235.20
Technology (from Library Account)	176.00
Books, Magazines and Software (2869.26 from Town Funds + 843.42 from donations, fundraising, and fines/fees)	3712.68
CD - in Memory of Pam Steinberg – at Granite Bank	\$1000.00
TOTAL	30648.81

Return to Town General Fund	914.77
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Library Statistics for 2001	Catalogued Books	Paperbacks	Audios	Videos
Added to Collection	511	186	67	83
Added by Donation	277	165	63	83
Added by Purchase	234	21	4	0
Lost or Withdrawn	333	112	19	94
Total Collection	9879	1187	282	529

Total Borrowers	747	Total Items Borrowed	8468
Programs	64	ILL: Borrowed	313
Program Participants	650	ILL: Lent	176
Computer Use	176		

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been forty-nine (49) Building Permits issued during 2001. They were issued for the following (and the total valuation is also listed):

10	Permanent Dwelling	\$866,733
7	Additions to Home	116,163
6	Porch /Deck Additions to Home	43,843
1	Garage Addition to Home	16,947
2	Garages	15,369
9	Barns	60,641
3	Barn Additions	13,141
3	Finished/Attic/Cellar	35,951
4	Sheds	18,178
1	Airplane Hangar	43,092
1	Bridge	12,760
2	Septic Repair	6,000
		<u>\$1,248,818</u>

Of the ten permanent dwellings, one was a replacement after a fire. There have been eight Oil Burner Permits issued. A permit is required for installing and operating oil-burning equipment that includes replacement oil burners and/or oil tanks.

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

The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being updated and new numbers issued. It would be beneficial if all residents would use their correct house numbers and have them on their mailboxes or posted in full view.

As Deputy Health Officer I have had to inspect homes for possible sewage discharge. All was found to be in order.

I hold Office Hours at the Mann House on Tuesday evenings by appointment. Please call 878-2894 for your appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth B. Wilson
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The year 2001 was a busy year as the grass grew well for most of the year. We painted the new fence on the lower part of the new addition on Prospect Hill Cemetery.

We removed aboveground stones on both Pleasant View and Pole Hill Cemeteries to make mowing easier on the mowing machines. We removed all the leaves in all cemeteries and cut dead trees and brush.

We are planning in the near future to replace the fence in the old First Cemetery on Meetinghouse Hill Road.

The new section of Prospect Hill Cemetery is now completed. We should all be very grateful to Sandra Gray for this beautiful and timely addition to this cemetery. Lots of all sizes are now available and anyone interested in buying one should contact Wallace Brown at 878-1481.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Rafter

Wallace Brown

Robert Larochelle

Cemetery Trustees



DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 2000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Parents' Names</u>
Oct. 2	Herbert C. Laurenson	Nashua	Thomas Laurenson Sarah Haines

for the year ending December 31, 2001

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Parents' Names</u>
Jan. 23	James R. Graham	Nashua	James Graham Mary Fogarty
Feb. 9	George W. Cook	Milford	George Cook Ella Brooks
Mar. 24	Jennifer L. Nixon	Mason	Robert Nixon Danuta Marunicz
Apr. 2	Cedric Valentine	Peterborough	Charles Valentine Josephine Sparrow
July 25	Antonin Tutter	Mason	Vaclav Tutter Anna Studnickova
Sept. 9	Donald E. Webb	Mason	Arthur A. Webb Margaret Coughlin

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2001

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
May 18	Paul A. Gauffin	Mason
	Nadezhda I. Lysykh	New Ipswich
June 9	Christopher T. Getter	Brookline
	Lisa L. Pierce	Mason
June 16	David S. Morrison	Mason
	Debra A. Davies	Mason
June 30	Vincent Carwellos	New Ipswich
	Julie A. Dingee	Mason
July 28	David H. Santoro	Mason
	Margo L. Kates	Mason
Sept. 29	Guadalupe M. Gagnon	Mason
	Judith W. Enright	Mason
Oct. 5	Lom U. Dombayev	Mason
	Olga A. Baiadina	Mason
Dec. 21	Jonathan M. Standley	Mason
	Colleen J. Gillis	Mason
Dec. 31	Jay M. Hebert	Mason
	Lois R. Lachapelle	Mason
Dec. 31	Mark D. Hager	Mason
	Stephanie Syre	Mason

BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Oct. 19	Mikayla Joy Turilli	Peterborough	Roy Turilli Christine Turilli
Oct. 21	Alyssa Marie Thibodeau	Nashua	Jeffrey Thibodeau Melissa Thibodeau
Nov. 18	Zackery Alexander Partridge	Nashua	Jeffrey Partridge Rebecca Partridge

for the year ending December 31, 2001

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Jan. 26	Jonathan Le-Anh Arsenault	Leominster	Mark Arsenault Le, Anh
Mar. 17	Evelyn Grace Thayer	Manchester	Jainen Thayer Heather Thayer
Mar. 17	Kian Alexander Thayer	Manchester	Jainen Thayer Heather Thayer
Mar. 19	Maxwell Antonin McDonald	Nashua	Mark McDonald Mary McDonald

May 23	Jake David Williams	Peterborough	Keith Williams Rebecca Williams
June 4	Emma Jade Lavery	Nashua	William Lavery Jennifer Lavery
June 25	Arthur Matthew LeClair	Gardner, MA	Matthew LeClair Beth LeClair
June 28	Renee Ann Vidito	Nashua	William Vidito Sandra Vidito
Aug. 30	Caleb Patrick Lampron	Nashua	Michael Lampron Jill Lampron
Sept. 27	Kaytlin Erinn Patterson	Nashua	Richard Patterson Kimberly Patterson
Oct. 1	Samuel Nathan Nadeau	Nashua	Mark Nadeau Melanie Nadeau
Oct. 22	Maxwell Philip Phalon	Nashua	Philip Phalon Jeannine Phalon
Oct. 23	Emily Elisabeth McGowan	Nashua	Richard McGowan Susan McGowan
Nov. 28	Gage Carter Jalbert	Nashua	Timothy Jalbert Jennifer Jalbert
Nov. 28	Caitlin Holley Jalbert	Nashua	Timothy Jalbert Jennifer Jalbert
Dec. 14	Catherine Thelma Burroughs	Nashua	John Burroughs Anna Burroughs-Merrill



TOWN ELECTION MARCH 13, 2001 TOWN MEETING MARCH 14, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. Polls were declared open at 11:00 A.M. Checklist total was 779. Polls were closed at 7:08 P.M. after 240 had voted. This included 6 absentee voters.

Results of the elections were as follows:

Selectman for 3 years: Wolfgang Millbrandt 194
Auditor for 1 year (write-ins): Patricia A. Greene 5
Library Trustee for 3 years (write-ins): Judith A. Forty 28
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years: Wallace A. Brown 222
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: no winner
Trustee of Trust Funds for 1 year: Reverend Robert Robb 216

The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:33 PM. She reviewed the procedure that we would follow. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits. She introduced those sitting at the head table. Thanks were expressed to all whom were involved in the election process. She made note of the citizens who had passed away this past year. This included Cindy Budrewicz, Pamela Steinberg and Catherine Chandler. Barbara Milkovits,

Administrative Assistant, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Richard Eaton, our local State Representative, brought us greetings.

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the Warrant.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight hundred sixty-six thousand seven hundred thirteen dollars (\$866,713) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed. The line items were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to increase the Highway equipment maintenance from \$19,000 to \$24,000. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to increase the cruiser maintenance from \$3,000 to \$4,000. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to create a new line item under Police Department, Detail Expenses \$300. This motion passed.

Article 2. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight hundred seventy-three thousand thirteen dollars (\$873,013) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed. This included the changes noted above.

Article 3. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to upgrade gravel roads to paved roads.

There was some discussion as to the paving of dirt roads. This year's work is to be done on parts of Abbott Hill and Mitchell Hill Roads. The motion to stop debate carried. This was by standing vote. 69 yes, 32 no.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to purchase a pickup truck for the Highway Department from government surplus and equip the truck with a snowplow, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to strike "from government surplus" from the article. This motion passed.

Article 4. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to purchase a pickup truck for the Highway Department and equip the truck with a snowplow.

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 Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. A motion was made and seconded and passed to postpone Article 5 indefinitely.

Article 6. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to upgrade the cathodic protection on the town's gas and diesel tanks, as required by the Department of Environmental Services.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand three hundred dollars (\$3,300) to purchase and install eight replacement windows at the fire station, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to change the number 11 to 8.

Article 7. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand three hundred dollars (\$3,300) to purchase and install eleven replacement windows at the fire station. The vote was unanimous.

Article 8. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purchase of a computer system for the Police Department. The vote was unanimous.

Article 9. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purchase of three bulletproof vests for the Police Department. The vote was unanimous.

Article 10. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5000) for the engineering and design for the new town office building.

David Cook explained the plans of the Building Needs Committee. They are considering a 50'x 90' barn-type addition to the Mann House.

Article 11. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5000) to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve. The vote was unanimous.

Article 12. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for the following purposes: \$1,500 for the maintenance of the Mason Railroad Trail for recreation and forest fire protection purposes, \$1,000 for the planting and maintenance of trees on town property, and \$1,000 for the additional clearing work on the field area on town owned lot L-36. Such funds will come from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established for that purpose. The vote was unanimous.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town of Mason Basketball Fund, for the purpose of building and maintaining a basketball court for the Town, and to appropriate the sum of Six hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$657) from the December 31, 2000 Fund Balance to be placed in this fund, and furthermore to appoint the Board of Selectmen and the Recreation Committee as agents to expend from the Basketball Court Fund. These funds were donated in memory of Pamela Steinberg and Cynthia Budrewicz.

A motion was made and seconded to add "in addition to appoint the Mason Recreation Committee and the Mason Little League to work in the best interest of the Town to build said basketball court and a second baseball field on town owned lot C-17". This motion failed to pass.

Article 13. The Town voted to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town of Mason Basketball Fund, for the purpose of building and maintaining a basketball court for the Town, and to appropriate the sum of Six hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$657) from the December 31, 2000 Fund Balance to be placed in this fund, and furthermore to appoint the Board of Selectmen and the Recreation Committee as agents to expend from the Basketball Court Fund. These funds were donated in memory of Pamela Steinberg and Cynthia Budrewicz.

Article 14. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty dollars (\$50) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the

use/transfer from December 31, 2000 Fund balance of that amount received from the 2000 sale of surplus Highway Department equipment for this purpose. The vote was unanimous,

Article 15. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$133.33) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 2000 Fund balance of that amount received from the 2000 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. The vote was unanimous,

Article 16. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department. The vote was unanimous.

Article 17. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department. This vote was unanimous.

Although the warrant had been completed the Town Meeting returned to the defeated ball field amendment. A number of questions were raised including whether the meeting could take up an item not on the town warrant. The Moderator explained a method to resolve the impasse. She would rule on the question. They could challenge her ruling. If the ruling was not sustained, then Mr. Place could make a motion. The ruling of the Chair was not sustained. Mr. Mark Place moved that "the Town give permission to build a new baseball field at the old location". A motion was made and seconded and passed to insert "adjacent to". The motion as amended carried. (This was not the original motion to amend Article 13.)

The meeting adjourned sine dai at 9:45 PM Sine Dai.

Charlotte N. Hastings Town Clerk

Arthur & Ginie (Virginia) Rafter

Arthur and Ginie Rafter have been married fifty years and have spent many of those years volunteering and working for the Town of Mason.

Arthur's activities through the years have included School Board member at the time of the building of the first addition to the old school, Town Treasurer, on the Highway Department restoring bridges and culverts after the 1986 flood, as Cemetery Trustee working on the new addition to Prospect Hill Cemetery, charter member of the Mason Volunteer Fire Department, charter member of the Mason Historical Society, Vice Chairman for the 1968 bicentennial Committee, and charter member of the Wolf Rockers Square Dance Club. He also held the position of Treasurer (for 27 years!) and Deacon for the Mason Congregational Church.

Ginie, our oldest native of Mason, has also dedicated herself to the Town in many ways as Mason Schoolteacher, Library Trustee, Town Auditor, Fruitdale Grange member (following in the tradition of her mother Lena Miller), Mason Bicentennial Committee member, Mason School Club member and Mason Historical Society member. She also served the Congregational Church as Sunday school superintendent and teacher, Trustee, Deaconess, Clerk, and on the Ladies Aid Committee.

The Rafters continue to be active on the Mason Historical Society, helping to preserve our Town history as well as encouraging interest in the town. We thank them for all their service to the Town of Mason.



1801 History Highlights

Moderator	Timothy Dakin	
Town Clerk	John Blodgett	
Treasurer	Selectmen	
Selectmen	John Blodgett	
	Joses Bucknam	
	Artemus Manning	
Representative:	Col. James Wood	
Marriages:	8	Six ceremonies were performed by Reverend Ebenezer Hill, two by Reverend William Eliot.
Deaths:	7	Included two infant children. Highest number of deaths were from consumption.
Births:	4	

All the above information was taken from the Town History - 1749 to 1858 by John B. Hill.