

# TOWN OF Madison

2016 Annual Report

*For the Fiscal Year 2014-2015*



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Dimock

# Reflections

2016 marks the end of an era with the closing of Madison Paper Industries. By the time this Town Report went to print the mill had announced that it would continue to operate until the orders that were on the books were filled, and MPI officials expected to start shutting down in the month of May. Many of the department reports contained in these pages may not reflect the closing of the mill as those reports were turned in before the announcement on March 14, 2016.

The coming years will mark a period of transition for the Town of Madison and the many pulp and paper related businesses in our area.

There are many uncertainties, including employment, property values and tax rates, but there are some aspects that make the situation a little brighter.

The Town has been working toward this day for several years.



With the development of Backyard Farms in 2008 the Town was able to secure another anchor business, providing over 200 jobs to our community. Unlike other municipalities with ties to the paper industry, Madison is not a “one-horse town”. Just 15 years ago Madison Paper made up 65% of the town’s valuation, today it only reflects 20%.

This mill closing comes at a time when Maine’s unemployment rate is low, meaning that there are jobs for those who need them, although we must acknowledge that good paying paper mill jobs are hard to replace.

And finally the property’s strongest assets are the two hydroelectric dams that can still be used to generate electricity and revenue for whomever owns them in the future. Energy costs will continue to be a driving factor for development in the future.

The Town Office and the Board of Selectmen are committed to making sure that whatever comes to be with that property along the river, it is in the best interest of the people of Madison. That means we will take a close look at the economic, environmental, and community impacts of this transition.

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# Dedication – Raymond Soucy

This year the Board of Selectmen have chosen to dedicate the Town Report to Raymond Soucy for over five decades of service to the Town. A graduate of Madison High School class of 1942, Raymond has been dedicated to serving both his country and his community.

During his four years in the Army Air Corps (1943-1946) he commanded B-24 Aircraft like those pictured here. Raymond piloted the lead B-24 in a formation flight over President Franklin D. Roosevelt's funeral procession down Pennsylvania Avenue in April 1945.



After the service he returned to Madison and began a career that included work as a mill supervisor and owner of several rental properties. In 1951 he served as Commander of the American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post #39. In 2015 State Representative Brad Farrin recognized Ray for over 70 years of membership with the American Legion.

Married on November 3rd 1956 he and his wife Lorraine raised four children (Lynn, Tim, Paul & Leo). While the kids were in high school Ray became chairman of the Sports Boosters Club. By 1973 Raymond was serving on the Madison Water District Board of Trustees. He held that seat until 1990. In 1983 he was elected to the Board of Selectmen where he served for three terms and was Chairman of the Board in 1991

and 1992. Fellow Selectman George Elias says it is worth noting that Ray played a key role in the development of the Anson Madison Starks (AMS) Ambulance Service.



Tax Assessors Cathy Wilson, Ray Soucy, Dick Bartlett and Assessing Agent Bill Van Tuinen

After his final year on the Board of Selectmen Raymond didn't stay out of public service for long. He was elected to the Madison Board of Assessors in 1993 and remained an active member of that board for over 20 years before retiring in 2014. Fellow Assessor Dick Bartlett remembers Ray to be, "very dedicated to his community service. It never was about what was good for you, for me, or for him. It was always *'doing what was right and what was good for the Town.'*"

Bartlett says, "What I really enjoyed about serving with Ray was his sense of humor. When the discussions got a little heated or intense, Ray would make a comment or maybe tease one of us and cool the debate. He liked to tease and he liked to be teased! He had the knack of knowing what to say and when to say it."

Raymond always found time to serve in other ways such as his years as a member of the Knights of Columbus, a founding member of the Madison Historical Society, a Maine State Guide, and of course his commitment to his family and friends.

It is with great pride that the Town of Madison dedicates the 2016 Annual Report to Raymond Soucy. Thank you Ray for doing your part to help keep Madison a great place to live.

# Directory of Departmental Officers

## **Town Office, Monday through Friday 7:30 to 4:00; 26 Weston Ave, PO Box 190**

### **Town Manager, Economic Development &**

**Tax Collector:** Tim Curtis 696 3971 [edd@madisonmaine.com](mailto:edd@madisonmaine.com)  
**Administrative Asst** Deb Chandler 696 3971 [admin@madisonmaine.com](mailto:admin@madisonmaine.com)  
**Bookkeeper:** Tammy Carrier 696 3971 [finance@madisonmaine.com](mailto:finance@madisonmaine.com)

### **Town Clerk, Treasurer &**

**Registrar of Voters:** Kathy Estes 696 5622 [townclerk@madisonmaine.com](mailto:townclerk@madisonmaine.com)  
**Welfare Director:** Kim Moody 696 5621 [deputyclerk@madisonmaine.com](mailto:deputyclerk@madisonmaine.com)  
**Assessors Agent:** Shirley Bartlett 318 8250 [sbartlett213@yahoo.com](mailto:sbartlett213@yahoo.com)

### **Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer &**

**Plumbing Inspector:** Bob Dunphy 474 4515 [rdunphy@madisonmaine.com](mailto:rdunphy@madisonmaine.com)  
**Recreation Director:** Chris LeBlanc 696 3395 [cleblanc@msad59.org](mailto:cleblanc@msad59.org)

## **Highway Department, Monday through Thursday 6:00 to 4:30**

**Road Commissioner:** Glen Mantor 696 5378 [highway@madisonmaine.com](mailto:highway@madisonmaine.com)  
**Foreman:** Jeff Wright [foreman@madisonmaine.com](mailto:foreman@madisonmaine.com)  
**Equipment Operators:** Peter Dow, Peter Paine **Mechanic:** Bill Pierce

## **Police (Madison Division of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office) 26 Weston Ave**

### **Monday - Friday 8:00 to 2:00; (Somerset County Communication Center covers after hours)**

**Sheriff :** Dale Lancaster 474 9591  
**Animal Control Officer:** Dave Huff 487 1632  
**Staff Sergeant :** Michael Knight  
**Deputies:** Lucas Libby, John Morris, Tyler Lafrenier, Chelsea Merry & Tad Nelson  
**Dispatcher:** Sharon Carey 696 5373

## **Fire Department (volunteer)**

**Deputy Chief Company 1:** Don French 431 1435  
**Deputy Chief Company 2:** Dan Bosworth 431 0813

## **Madison Public Library, Mon - Wed 10:00 to 7:30; Thurs- Fri 10 to 5:30; Saturday 10 to 3**

**Head Librarian** Julie Forbus 696 5626 [julie@madison.lib.me.us](mailto:julie@madison.lib.me.us)  
**Assistant Librarians:** Jane Shaw, Margot Rushton

## **Madison Electric Works, Monday through Friday 6:30 to 4:00; 6 Business Park Drive**

**Superintendent:** Calvin Ames 696 4401 [comes@madelec.net](mailto:comes@madelec.net)  
**Internal Operations Manager :** Martin Berry  
**Collections Clerk :** Carmen Wilkinson **Bookkeeper:** Robin Dimock  
**External Operations Manager** James Cornforth, Jr. **Linemen:** Scott Lloyd, Reginald Clement, Mark Mantor,  
**Meter Reader:** Lee Locke Mike Cipriano, Dylan Morin

# Board of Selectmen



Albert Veneziano  
Chairman

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

We saw many changes in the Town this past year. The closing of Madison Paper Industries has forced the Board of Selectmen to look at ways to do things in a more cost effective way in our town departments. We are hopeful that brighter days are ahead but as municipal leaders we need to take the necessary steps to make sure Madison survives these changing times. At the same time we are also trying to maintain a tax rate that is reasonable while still attracting new residents and business to our town in the midst of a financial crisis.



Jack Ducharme  
Vice Chair

The Town Office has seen many changes this past year. We have said good bye to many good employees and welcomed new employees to the Town Office staff. We have also welcomed Tim Curtis as our new Town Manager. Under Tim's leadership we hope to continue the growth of the town in a positive manner.

Providing excellent customer service in the town office continues to be a goal of the selectmen while doing it in a cost effective manner. Among the biggest changes were contracting out both the police and assessing departments. We thank Sheriff Lancaster for his dedication in making the transition to Madison Division of the Somerset County Sheriff department a successful change. Providing a high level of police protection for the town at a cost we can afford is very important to the selectmen. We also thank Shirley Bartlett for the work she has done as our contracted Tax Assessor.



Mike Edgerly

I would encourage all citizens to become involved in the Madison town government. We have many committees that need community involvement. Applications are available at the town office for the Recreation Committee, Advisory Board, SCTV Channel 11 Board, Recycling Committee, and many more. During times of challenge, it would be great to see a few new faces on our various boards and committees. I would ask that you consider joining to make the town a better place to live.



Paul Fortin

I would like to express my thanks to all town employees for their commitment and dedication as we work together through challenging economic times.

I would also like to thank the citizens of Madison for the opportunity to serve them as the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert A. Veneziano  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen



Cyp Johnson

# Town Manager



Tim Curtis  
Town Manager

At the end of June 2016, I will complete my first official year as Madison’s Town Manager. I approach this job as a great opportunity to serve the people of my home town and as part of my continuing education. As the staff at the Town Office can attest, I often start conversations with the statement; “Assume I know *nothing!*” and from there the learning experience begins.

I’ve learned about road maintenance by riding in the big trucks with Road Commissioner Glen Mantor (he doesn’t let me drive). I’ve learned about property values by joining Assessing Agent Shirley Bartlett on site visits. I’ve worked closely with Code Enforcement Officer Bob Dunphy learning about property maintenance, building codes and the diligent work of the Planning Board.



Kathy Estes  
Treasurer/Clerk

In the office Finance Director Tammy Carrier, Treasurer Kathy Estes, Deputy Clerk Kim Moody, and Administrative Assistance Deb Chandler keep me on my toes (and out of trouble). They are a great staff to work with and each is committed to providing excellent customer service.

Our Deputy Fire Chiefs Don French and Dan Bosworth provide me regular updates on the status of our fire department, and Sheriff Dale Lancaster has taught a tutorial on “Policing with Purpose” both for me and for the deputies of the Madison Division.



Tammy Carrier  
Finance Director

Librarian Julie Forbus has inspired me to crack a book this year, not an easy task. And I even took a tour of the Treatment Plant with the Sanitary District Board and learned more than I could ever imagine about that process.

But I must say that much of the learning in this job comes from conversations with the residents of Madison, many of whom are more than willing to tell me what they think when it comes to local town governance, or in other words ‘the way things should be’. I truly enjoy these conversations because it allows me to learn more about what’s important to people in our town.



Kim Moody  
Deputy Clerk

There’s not just one person or one good idea that makes Madison a great place to live. Rather it’s a community of people working together to foster and implement new ideas that will continue to make our town a great place to live, work and play.

So, here’s to another year of learning together.



Debra Chandler  
Admin Assistant

Tim Curtis - Town Manager

## Feature Story: Office Joe Mitchell by Devin Mercier



I recently had the privilege to sit down with Joe Mitchell - a former corporal for the Madison Police Department - to discuss his 29 year police career, what he has been doing since, and his thoughts about the Madison community in general.

Corporal Joe Mitchell began his career in the police force as a reserve deputy officer in 1986 at the age of 38. He later became full time within the Madison Police Department in 1988. In September of 2015, Cpl. Mitchell retired from the police force leaving behind a dignified career with respect remaining throughout the community.

Mitchell's interest in police work began with his father. When Mitchell was younger and living in New Jersey, he saw his father's career as a liquor enforcement officer intriguing. During World War II, Mitchell's father did undercover work in New York City which also contributed towards his attraction to the police force.

His work began soon after his completion from the Criminal Justice Academy. He began at the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers. According to the Home's website, their mission is to "build and strengthen families and their children, instilling hope for the future and a better quality of life." Mitchell described his work with children as the most enjoyable and rewarding part of his entire career. His 10 years of work as a D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer for junior high students contributed to his passion.

As there were many highlights to his career, Joe Mitchell was quick to respond when asked about the negative parts of his work on the police force. One event that stood out in Mitchell's mind was the twelve corners accident that occurred in September of 1994 where five Madison High School students from Athens were killed in a car accident. He described the difficulty of continuing his police work after the harrowing accident by saying, "the police work in Madison did not stop after the accident" and that occurrences like this affect the entire community.

Moving forward to today, when asked about the recent realignment of the Madison Police Department to the Somerset Sheriff's Office, Mitchell has concerns that the sheriff's department is too large and that there will not be as much control at a local level as there needs to be. The former officer agrees that there seemed to be many positives with the outsourcing due to budget cuts, but that Town officials would have to make sure that the shift would not harm the community in the long run.

Mitchell continues to say that the town is in a "constant state of change." He stated that the Madison community has moved from a town of more than a dozen farms to a town with only a few farms. He felt as though it was important for the Town of Madison to view our neighboring towns when looking towards the future, expressing that the loss of the Madison paper mill may be a possibility that we have to consider.

Although Joe Mitchell may be retired from his job as a Madison Deputy, to say that his contribution to the community has also ceased would be a false statement. Mitchell remains an active member in the Madison community, as well as the communities that surround it. He is currently one of the longest serving Hunter Safety Instructors in the state of Maine who continues to teach after forty years. Mitchell also works with the adult education programs in Madison and Skowhegan as well as Valley High School. Additionally, Mitchell has taught the sea cadets and continues to work at the Fryeburg Fair along with the Public Safety Department too.

## Feature Story Continued...

As he believes education is as important aspect in a child's development, he also remains a truant officer for RSU 59.

Joe Mitchell is a man who believes in the Madison community. He has proved this by his service through the Madison Police Department, teaching Hunter Safety courses to numerous individuals, and even working with the Public Safety Department. His contributions extend far beyond his police career and the Town of Madison should be proud to have such a resident.

*Devin Mercier, Intern*

*Madison Town Office*

## Town Office Intern: Devin Mercier

For the 2015/2016 School year the Town Office is pleased to have Devin Mercier serve as the high school intern. Devin is a senior at Madison High School, where he is president of his class and has been accepted to attend Pomona College in California following graduation.

As you can see from the featured story on Joe Mitchell, Devin has outstanding communication skills and a desire to serve his community. We have been able to put Devin to work in the Town Office on a number of projects ranging from data collection to letter writing. He has lent his support to the MSW/Recycling Committee and has attended Selectmen meetings to see how his research helps develop policies.

The Town Office has been pleased to have interns from Madison High School for the last few years and Devin has followed in the footsteps of Kristen Bishop, who is a sophomore at Bowdoin College. The internship is on a volunteer basis and high school seniors may apply at the beginning of the school year.

On behalf of the Town Office staff and the Board of Selectmen I would like to thank Devin for his service over the past year and we wish him the very best.

Tim Curtis

Town Manager



## “If I led my community...” by Jeffrey Daniels

Jeffrey Daniels is a 7th Grader in Mr. Hartwell’s home room at Madison Junior High. He submitted this essay to the Maine Municipal Association Essay Contest and was selected as one of three state wide winners. Congratulations Jeffrey!

If I lead my community I would do everything in my power to help develop it further. I would do this without taking away the "small town" feel of Madison. Many people feel they don't have a chance to state their opinions, and this should change. In order to have a successful town and a positive community, I would like to start a trade school, have a town meeting every month, and try and promote people to open businesses.

I would also like to start a trade school at the High School level to put our juniors and seniors into. This would help them in the process of being sent out into the local work force so that they would hopefully stay here after graduating. The trade school would offer a variety of programs in the many different fields of work. Some of the programs would be welding, automotives, healthcare careers, culinary, and more. Many students don't get the opportunity to have a trade school to attend, and I feel it would benefit the community.

At least once a month, I would like to hold an open meeting to the townspeople. In addition to that, I would have an office in one of the local buildings, where I would be available for the citizens to come in to me with their ideas and concerns of our town of Madison. These meetings would be held in hopes to answer any questions about the town that people have. In order to keep the town happy and thriving, I would need to put effort into these meetings to get the main concerns taken care of. I believe that these meetings would help benefit the town and would give the people a chance to speak.

I would try to get new businesses to come to our area, by offering them tax breaks and free advertisements, along with offering them community support. This community support would be done in the way of open houses and fairs to help introduce them to the citizens of Madison. I would also promote the people of the area to use their imaginations to help open businesses in areas of their educations, jobs, or trades. Some examples would be helping out the local banks to finance and support small business owners, helping with car repairs, and helping out at restaurants, clothing stores, and entertainment centers. This would help to get the community more involved.

Madison is a "family"-like community where people are used to working together, helping each other out, and supporting the town. These things all happen in the forms of school activities, town fairs, and local fundraisers. In order for me to make a change, I would need to take the people's thoughts into consideration. To me, these are all the essentials any leader would need to successfully run a town.



**Madison Historical Society**

Judy Mantor, President  
Shirley Vigneault, Vice President  
Lena Arno, Secretary and Treasurer

**East Madison Historical Society**

Glen Malbon, President  
Eric Lahti, Vice President  
Cathy Edgerly, Secretary and Treasurer

**Library Trustees (meet fourth Tuesday of the month)**

Nancy Drew (2016)                      Robert Roy (2017)  
Ann Withee-Heald (2018)              Kim Harper (2018)  
Barbara Moody (2019)

**Madison Electric Works Board of Directors (meet the last Monday of the month)**

Steven Dean, Chairman (2020)        Richard Bartlett (2018)  
Dennis Wright (2019)                George Stoutamyer (2016)  
Charles Worster (2017)

**Anson/Madison Water District (meet 2nd Thursday of the month)**

Michael Corson, Superintendent  
Chris Roy (2018)                      Allen French (2018)  
Lisa Wright (2016)                    Phil Curtis (2016)

**Planning Board**

Marc Leslie, Chair (2017)              Jeff Drew, Vice Chair (2018)  
Doug Denico (2018)                    Mary Tomlinson (2017)  
Lewis Ouilette (2016)  
Associate members:  
Mark Doty (2017)                        Brett Hagopian (2017)

**Recreation Committee**

Chris LeBlanc, Chairman (2016)        Michael Theriault (2016)  
Joseph Hayden, Jr (2018)              Scott Franzose (2018)  
Kristie LeBlanc (2018)

# Planning Board

This past year the Planning Board was able to review a wide variety of projects in Madison. A number shoreland zoning applications came before the board as several camps were upgraded around the lake, and new businesses like M&M Ice Cream, The Fireside Café and Roy's Water Park brought their plans for review.

The Board reviewed updates to the Floodplain Ordinance as well as receiving updates on proposed changes to the Madison Property Maintenance Ordinance, the Subdivision Ordinance and Building Codes. More information on the proposed ordinance changes can be found in the article on page 11.

In an effort to help the Weston Family sell their historic property along the Kennebec River, the Planning Board approved plans to subdivide the property into four parts; this will allow parcels to be used for agriculture and conservation. This would also allow for the Weston Home to be sold separately for historical preservation.

In September 2015, the board elected a new chair with Marc Leslie moving up from Vice Chair. Jeff Drew was elected to fill the Vice Chair position. Marc takes over for Doug Denico who remains on the board along with Mary Tomlinson, Lew Ouilette, Brett Hagopian and Mark Doty.

# Code Enforcement



Robert Dunphy  
Code Enforcement  
Officer

There were a total of 46 building permits issued in 2015 up from 35 the previous year. As you can see by the chart below there are a wide variety of projects underway. The number of single family homes is up from four (4) in 2014 to eight (8) this past year. If you are planning a project this year remember: a building permit is required for any outdoor project larger than 100 square feet.

In an effort to help maintain property values a total of 12 land owners were sited for violations to the Town's Property Maintenance Ordinance. In 9 of those cases the land owners respond to correct the violation within 30 days. For those few cases who refuse to meet the property maintenance guidelines, the Town has to take legal action.

Single Family Homes	8
Mobile Homes	4
Additions	8
Garages	9
Shed/Deck/Barn	9
Other	10

One case resulted in a substantial fine for the property owner. Fines are a tool to help with enforcement. It is the desire of the Town Office to become more adept at resolving property maintenance issues so that the process does not drag out in court. According to Chapter 290 of the Madison Code of Ordinances a property maintenance violation comes from a situation where the property is deemed to be unsafe or unsanitary, or creates a nuisance to those living in close proximity. The key is to be able to balance property rights with property values. Enforcement can be a tedious process, but one we hope will encourage all property owners in Madison to take pride in their homes.

# 2016 Proposed Ordinance Changes

**Chapter 490 Subdivision:** It is being recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Code Enforcement Officer to create a minimum lot size per one dwelling unit. The proposed minimum lot size shall be ten thousand (10,000) square feet with a minimum road frontage of eighty (80) feet). The purpose of creating a minimum size would be to prevent land from being divided into tiny lots with many crowded homes or buildings. The figure of 10,000 is based on the average lot size in the Madison Village Area. Any lots that are currently under 10,000 square feet would be grandfathered and not affected by this ordinance change.

**Chapter 290 Property Maintenance:** Chapter 290 was enacted in 2012 to address blighted properties. Currently the Code Enforcement Officer sends a notice of violation to home owners with 30 days to rectify the property. If nothing is done the Town can take the property owner to court to seek a judgement. The proposed changes to the ordinance are designed to enhance enforcement by allowing the CEO to add a designee such as the Town Manager to follow up and represent the Town in court, and to seek a ruling from a judge to abate properties in violation and physically remove the blight at the property owner's expense.

**Chapter 165 Building Construction:** The Board of Selectmen and the Code Enforcement Officer have recommended two changes to Chapter 165. The first would increase minimum set-backs from 5 feet to 15 feet. The second recommendation would create a stiffer penalty for building without a permit. A permit is required for any building projects that encompass more than 100 square feet. Permits cost \$20. Currently the fine for building without a permit is \$40. The recommended change would be to create a fine for building without a permit of 10% of the project cost but no less than \$250. *For example if a resident were to have a deck built without a permit that is valued at \$5,000 then the fine for building without a permit would be \$500.*

**Chapter 26 Cemetery:** The final change would be to update definition of single grave to match current practice at the Forest Hills Cemetery. The current definition reads as follows:

*SINGLE GRAVE: A plot designated to contain the remains of one adult human being or two children at the discretion of the Town, or the cremated remains of six (6) human beings, provided such remains are the members of the same family or anyone approved for interment within said lot by the owner of said lot.*

For many years it has been the practice of the sexton to allow for 2 cremation urns to be buried in the same grave as a full sized casket. Therefore in order to match the ordinance to current practice it is recommended to change the definition to the following:

*SINGLE GRAVE: A plot designated to contain the remains of one adult human being and two cremated remains of human beings; or two children and two cremated remains of human beings; or cremated remains of eight (8) human beings, at the discretion of the Town, provided such remains are the members of the same family or anyone approved for interment within said lot by the owner of said lot.*

# Madison Division of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Madison for entrusting the Somerset County Sheriff's Office with the responsibility for law enforcement and safety in your community. I believe that policing should be done with a purpose. The Sheriff's Office combines an intelligence-based policing model with a community-based model.

I also believe that policing can only be successful with the assistance of the community that we serve. Since July 1st 2015, we have worked purposefully to provide the law enforcement needs that best serve the citizens of Madison.

**School Safety:** School safety checks are now a consistent part of each deputy's daily patrol during day shift. This past year deputies participated in a lock-down drill with Principal Scott Mitchell at Madison Elementary. This was an excellent opportunity to collaborate on the best practices to keep students and staff safe.

**Drug Crimes:** The Sheriff's Office executed several drug-related searches in Madison including confiscation of heroin, cocaine, Oxycodone, prescription drugs, cash and vehicles. These searches resulted in charges of aggravated trafficking, unlawful possession and violating conditions of release. Drug-related crime affects everyone in a community, and the Sheriff's Office will continue to dedicate resources to these investigations.

**Madison Division Office:** Sharon Carey joined the Madison Division as an Administrative Assistant and is available to work with the community from the office at 26 Weston Ave. Office hours are from 8am to 2pm Monday through Friday. The County Communications Center can be reached at any time by calling 696 5373 or 474 6386.

**Patrol:** Three of the deputies originally assigned to the Madison Division have accepted positions with other law enforcement agencies, one deputy retired and another has separated from employment. The Somerset County Sheriff's Office welcomes Lucas Libby, John Morris, Tyler Lafrenier, Chelsea Merry and Tad Nelson as deputies for the Madison Division. Deputies perform proactive patrols in the camp areas to reduce incidents of vandalism and break-ins. When time and conditions allow, deputies perform foot patrols in the downtown Main Street area.

**Grant Funding:** In an effort to reduce costs the Sheriff's Office has secured funding to equip each patrol vehicle with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and Narcan kits for drug overdose treatment. Grant money has also funded the upgrading of Watchguard patrol vehicle video systems.

The Madison Division has also taken advantage of grant funding dedicated to Operating Under the Influence and speed-related details. These details enable the deputies to take a proactive approach to traffic safety with the goal of reducing accidents, injuries and fatalities.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale P Lancaster

Sheriff

# Anson/Madison/Starks Ambulance Service

Dear good Citizens of Madison, another year has passed. The Ambulance Service responded to 1678 total calls in 2015. 752 or 45% originating in Madison. We were able to provide another year of service without raising the cost to taxpayers. The number one reason for ambulance calls this year was for breathing problems. There are many reasons for breathing problems, with COPD and Pneumonia being at the top. Fluid retention, Heart problems, Asthma, Colds, Flu, Allergies and Anxiety are some of the more common issues that can also bring on serious breathing problems. So, when should you call an Ambulance for breathing problems? If you experience shortness of breath suddenly all at once, this could be a symptom for a pulmonary embolism or a pneumothorax, both very serious life threatening problems. Also, if the SOB is accompanied by chest pain, fainting or nausea this could be a serious heart problem. If the SOB is gradual over a few days and continues to worsen or if you're regular breathing medications do not give you the relief they usually do, or you find yourself unable to do your usual activities, call. If you experience any breathing problems that interfere with your normal ability to function or that alarm you call 911. Do not wait as these symptoms rarely go away on their own.

I hope you all have a Great year!

George Demchak, Director



# Madison Fire Department

After serving for 18 months as Chief of Madison Fire, Shawn Howard announced his resignation effective December 31, 2015. Chief Howard took over the top spot at the Madison Fire Department while still fire captain in Skowhegan. Once he was named fire chief in Skowhegan, the work load of doing both jobs became too much. Deputy Chiefs Don French and Dan Bosworth have stepped up to handle additional duties and a new Chief will be voted on by department personnel this summer.

Madison firefighters saw steady activity in 2015 with a total of 195 calls in and around the community.

<b>Vehicle Accidents - 55</b>	<b>Medical Assist - 24</b>	<b>False Alarms - 24</b>	<b>Public Assist - 21</b>	<b>Canceled Dispatch - 16</b>
<b>Power Lines/Trees - 16</b>	<b>Smoke/Odor - 12</b>	<b>Building Fires - 8</b>	<b>Vehicle Fires - 5</b>	<b>Water Incidents - 5</b>
<b>Outside Fires - 3</b>	<b>Brush Fires - 2</b>	<b>Chimney Fires - 2</b>	<b>Burning no Permit - 1</b>	<b>Furnace Malfunction - 1</b>

For the third year in a row the department has applied for funding for new equipment through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant offered through FEMA. The 2015 application was for nearly \$80,000 to purchase two sets of extrication equipment more commonly known as the “Jaws of Life” and also to install heavy duty gear washing equipment at the Company 2 Firehouse in East Madison. This washing equipment will help remove harmful toxins from the firefighters gear. In 2014 the department received over \$160,000 to purchase new breathing apparatus tanks. With a budget of only \$100,000 for the entire Fire Department these grants are an essential tool to keep our firefighters safe and effective.

# Madison Highway Department

To the citizens of Madison,

Thank you for your support of the Highway Department. This past winter was fairly typical as crews kept busy by plowing and moving snow and working around the clock as needed to keep roads safe. During the spring, summer and fall the Department stays busy with a number of projects.

Spring Cleanup generates over 100 tons of brush to be hauled off, and leaves collected during the fall are composted at the Ash Street Brush Site. That compost is available to the public at no cost.

Project	Labor Hours	Equip Hours	Misc Costs
Kincaid Road Rebuild/Ditching	400	423	\$7,519 Gravel
Longley Road Rebuild/Ditching	126	126	\$1,150 Gravel
River Road Culvert Work	465	160	\$16,949 Culverts & Gravel
Adding Loam to new Sidewalks Main St.	20	17	
Ward Hill Shoulder Clean Up	40	40	
East Madison Veterans Memorial	68	24	
Weston Ave Ice Rink/Volleyball Courts	155	102	

The Highway crew consists of Foreman Jeff Wright, Peter Paine, Peter Dow, and Bill Pierce, with Jay Watt as winter full time and Larry Lightbody as winter and summer mowing help.

Glen Mantor - Road Commissioner

## Tree Warden's Report



To the residents of Madison,

Large trees that are located near buildings usually require the use of a bucket truck to be taken down and the costs associated with that kind of work average around \$650. In 2015 seven (7) trees were removed by contracted services for a total cost of \$4,450.

If there are any trees in the Town right of way that need to be removed please call the Town Garage at 696 5378 and leave a message. You may also contact the Town Manager at 696 3971.

Thank you,

Glen Mantor - Tree Warden

# Town Clerk's Report

This has been a very busy year in the clerk's office. The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Moses system continues to be beneficial to many of our residents. Please note that all recreational licenses, snowmobile, ATV and boat registrations can be done on-line, stickers will be mailed to you by the state. The state is continuing to make cuts in each department, and IF&W no longer mails applications for deer and moose permits. IF&W is encouraging customers to apply for both Moose and Any-Deer permits using the on-line application process. The town office will print some applications for those without Internet access. IF&W has gone back to the one year law books.

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<b>Sporting Licenses (Hunting/Fishing)</b>	<b>Boats &amp; Personal Watercraft</b>	<b>Snowmobiles</b>	<b>ATVs</b>
630	318	312	259

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**An important message to our senior residents:** all Maine residents over the age of 70 can purchase a lifetime license for an \$8.00 fee. Other lifetime licenses are available for 65 and over through the IF&W for various fees. Stop by the town office for an application.

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<b>Births 2014-2015</b>	<b>Deaths 2014-2015</b>	<b>Marriages 2014-2015</b>	The state is requiring the vital records office to become self sufficient; with this comes additional costs to all vital records.
44	53	28	

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Certified copies have increased to \$15.00, additional copies of the same record at the same time is \$6.00 and Marriage licenses are now \$40.00.

Genealogy research is still very active in our community. We do not limit when this type of research may be done, however if you are doing a great deal of research, we do ask that you call ahead and set up an appointment. A written request is required for all searches of Vital Records, birth, marriage, and death records. The search fee is \$4.00 per name/event. The fee may be waived at the clerk's discretion.

The Town Clerk's office licensed 130 unaltered dogs, 531 neutered or spayed dogs for a total of 661 dogs, plus 2 kennel licenses.

**Elections** are always a busy time of year for the Clerk's Office. State Elections are held twice a year, November is the General Election and June is the Primary and Local Elections. The Town of Madison has two tabulator machines to use during elections. There continues to be a few adjustments that need to be done, but for the most part the new process was well received by the residents. This year in the June election a total of 638 votes were cast. In the November election a total of 1956 votes were cast. Absentee ballots are available 30-45 days prior to elections. If anyone is interested in being an Election Clerk call the Town Clerks office @ 696-5622, between the hours of 7:30 and 4:00.

June 8, 2015 was the Annual Town Meeting. Local Elections were held on June 9, 2015.

I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Madison for all your support during the election and through out the year. It has been a pleasure to serve as your town clerk. I would like to take this time to thank you for your continuous support.

Kathy Estes - Municipal Clerk

# Board of Appeals

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

The Madison Board of Appeals is authorized, pursuant to state statute and municipal ordinance, to entertain appeals of decisions made by the Madison Planning Board. Accordingly, the Board of Appeals only meets when it has a matter before it. Due to the congenial nature of Madison residents, sometimes months or years pass without a meeting of the Board of Appeals.

For instance, the Board of Appeals had no matters come before it in 2015.

Members of the Board of Appeals serve as volunteers and receive no compensation for their time or expenses. The Board would like to thank the residents of the Town of Madison for giving us the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Ketterer, Chairman

# Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

The single-stream curbside recycling program continues to grow. Residents recycled 87.33 tons of mixed paper, glass, metal cans, and plastics, up from 74 tons in 2014. The town receives revenue for corrugated cardboard and 115.86 tons were collected, up from 102 tons in 2014. The tonnage of material landfilled or disposed of at waste-to-energy facilities was 1,980 tons. Greater participation in the curbside program could significantly reduce this and improve upon Madison's recycling rate of 17.65%.

The "Colorcycle" Color Marker Recycling Program is gaining traction. Spent markers are recycled for use in the production of biofuels. Residents and businesses are encouraged to drop spent markers off at any Madison school or the town office.

Nine households participated in the regional Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day, held annually the first Saturday in October. Unwanted medications and electronics were also collected at the event. There is no charge to Madison residents for participation, but pre-registration is required.

The committee is seeking new members and interested residents to promote recycling throughout Madison (this includes East Madison). Any interested residents are encouraged to contact the town office for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Drew

Kathy Lightbody

Devin Mercier

Mary Tomlinson, Chair

Chris Roy, Ex-Officio Member

Albert Veneziano, Selectman Liaison



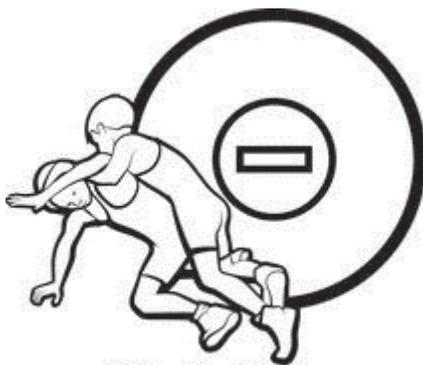
# Recreation Committee

The Madison Recreation Committee is proud to work with parents and students to offer year round activities including soccer, cheerleading and football in the fall, baseball and softball in the spring and basketball and wrestling in the winter.

In addition, there are plenty of outdoor activities in the winter such as skating at the Weston Avenue Ice Rink and snowshoeing and cross country skiing on the trails behind Madison High School. Each summer there is a recreation program for kids from Anson and Madison that runs during the month of July. More information can be found at the MadisonMaineRec page on Facebook.



The 2015 Madison Rec Basketball Program saw a total of 142 participants. The 2nd annual Round Robin tournament was held in February with 12 teams competing in 15 games. Special thanks to Rec Basketball Commissioner Kristie LeBlanc and the many volunteer coaches who graciously donated their time and expertise to the success of the program: Roger Stinson, Jason and Erin Furbush, Beth Bolten, Al Veneziano, Bob Marandola, Scott King, Travis Andrews, Scott Franzose, Al Bonito, Angela Greenwood and Greg Murray.



In a first for Madison Recreation, the High School hosted a youth wrestling tournament that featured over 220 participants from all around the state. Wrestlers competed in various weight classes from grades Pre-K to Grade 2, Grades 3 to 5, and Grades 6 to 8. Funds raised from the event were put toward the purchase of a new wrestling mat to support the growing participation in youth wrestling.

# Abnaki Sno-Riders

The Abnaki Sno-Riders Club would like to thank the landowners of the town of Madison. Without them there would be no snowmobile club or trails to ride on. All the landowners on our trails were contacted and permission was granted for access. The signs were put up, trails marked. The bridge up the River Road across from the boom house needed longer support poles and re-planking. This was done with the help of Shawn, Shayne, Ron, David, and Eric Walter with his loader/backhoe.

We have held meetings and fund raisers throughout the year. We had a hunter's breakfast the beginning of November and didn't have the turnout we had hoped for, but that what happens when you move the date that has been in place for years. If we are able to have one next year, it will definitely be on the first day of hunting season! We have made and sold turkey pies at the beginning of November and December and have made more in March. We will be holding an appreciation dinner for our landowners and their families, in May, to thank them again for their permission to use their land for the trails.

The grooming started off a little slow with both groomers needing repairs and a minuscule amount of snow, and as you know stayed that way all winter. The trail coming up from the boat landing was washed out to the point of nearly impassable and was repaired, rebuilt by Corey and the crew of M. L. Lloyd & Sons. They did a great job and their help is very much appreciated especially by those traveling that trail. The trails need to be brushed back most everywhere but otherwise were in great shape ready for snow. We had great reports on the trails we were able to groom, in person and on our Facebook page.

If you haven't joined our club please join us next year, we can always use your help. You don't even have to own a sled or ride, all are welcome. The club appreciates all the support we have received from each and everyone who has helped and donated their time. We appreciate the financial support from the businesses and individuals in the area. We are hoping that next year will bring out even more volunteers to help get the trails ready for riding.

## **OFFICERS 2015-2016**

President	Shawn Newton	(207) 749-2160
Vice President	David Hay	(207) 314-6096
Secretary	LeeAnne Newton	(207) 431-0266
Treasurer	David Campbell	(207) 431-8544
Trail Master	Shawn Newton	(207) 749-2160
Director	Penny Hay	(207) 399-7511
Director	Dawna Campbell	(207) 696-8888

# Somerset Community Television (Channel 11)



Somerset Community TV 11, also known as Channel 11 is in its second year under the management of John Harlow. The station continues to improve in providing municipal, cultural, educational and local governmental content on TV, Facebook and YouTube. This year we increased our community taping by 200 hours, and plan to continue those efforts in the coming year.

SCTV 11 has cameras available to be borrowed by the public for filming of events, as well as a newly renovated studio that can be used during our office hours. The public's use of both of these resources helps us generate even more content from the community.

SCTV 11 has been operating on a digital server, which gives us greater control over programming and allows us to insert shorter clips periodically in the schedule. With these adaptations, SCTV 11 aims to keep up with the ever changing world we live in. With advances in technology and our evolving communities SCTV 11 intends to have a place in the future.

## Madison/Anson Senior Citizens

To the Citizens of Madison,

The Madison Anson Senior Citizens had another great year, with a trip to Boothbay to see the tall ships. We had lunch and did some shopping as well. As we went to leave we got caught up in the parade route and saw the whole thing in our seats. It was such fun. In the fall we did a leaf peeping trip to Rangeley with a stop at the Red Onion for lunch. I'm not sure what this year will bring, but it will be fun I'm certain.

We meet on Tuesdays at the VFW, starting with beano at 9:00am. Coffee, tea and snacks are offered. We try to have lunch by 11:30. No cost for the meal but donations are always welcome. Everyone over 55 is always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mercier Bishop (628 4329)

Elizabeth Coro (696 4270)



# Madison Public Library



Julie Forbus  
Head Librarian

The Madison Public Library is a busy place with patrons and visitors checking out books and videos, using the public computers or accessing the internet with their wireless devices. Total checkouts for the 2015 calendar year are as follows:

Print books	13,490
Digital audiobooks	781
<u>E-books</u>	<u>918</u>
Total	15,189



Jane Shaw  
Assistant Librarian

Internet use continues to increase as more and more information, job applications, entertainment and everyday paperwork becomes available—sometimes *only* available—online. Public computer sign-ins topped last year's numbers, and wireless use is always busy, before, during and after business hours. A new copier and new(er) computer for the card catalog were purchased to help with the reading and printing needs of the community.

Fortunately, we had only one major repair this year. Last winter, the water line froze and had to be dug up outside to be thawed; the interior pipes have since been redone to allow thawing the line from inside the building. We are making good progress in our effort to address regular maintenance issues instead of emergency repairs.



Margot Rushton  
Assistant Librarian

The ramp and front entrance railing were both repaired by members of the Highway department. They are both safe and in good working order and we wish to thank the Highway department once again. Other repairs include a new fiberglass door for the ramp entrance (as the metal door had rusted through) and improved lighting in the stairwell and downstairs hallway.

Donations received in memory of a dedicated patron allowed us to purchase four new chairs for the foyer, host an extra presenter for our summer reading program, give out gift bags to 70 children at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Celebration Santa visit, and even establish a cake pan collection!

Business hours are as follows:

Mon Tue Wed	10AM – 7:30PM
Thu Fri	10AM – 5:30PM
Sat	10AM – 3:00PM

We are fortunate to live in a very generous community. As always, my thanks to the patrons and taxpayers of Madison, Anson, North Anson, Starks, Athens and Embden and to our trustees. Your generous financial support and timely advice is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Forbus  
Head Librarian

# People Who Care Food Cupboard

To the citizens of Madison,

We continue our mission to nourish and feed those in our community that are unable to do so on their own due to limited financial resources.

The cupboard is located in the basement of the former Old Point Ave. School. We are open every Wednesday from 9 to noon. Families that qualify may come once a month, on a Wednesday of their choice, to pick up a supplemental supply of food.

In 2015, we served a monthly average of 118 families from the town of Madison. We are serving Madison, Anson, North Anson, Embden and New Portland. Our total monthly average for all towns served was 216 families and 535 individuals. Many of these are seniors and children. We filled a total of 2597 household requests from all the towns we served for the year.

On a daily basis, volunteers are rescuing food and stocking shelves. We rescued 82,909 lbs of food with a value of \$142,603 through the Good Shepherd Retail Store Donation Program. We spent over \$38,388 on purchased food. We get weekly donations from Back Yard Farms, North Star Orchards, Wal-Mart and Madison's Hannaford. We are in need of volunteers that can lift and have vehicles to do pick-ups at retail stores.

We continue with the Mainers Feeding Mainers Farm to Pantry Program through Good Shepherd. This program supplies us with fresh vegetables during the growing season. Much of this has to be picked up.

We are thankful for our community donations and food drives. We are receiving monthly donations from St. Sebastian Thrift Shop as well as monthly food donations from Christ the King Parish. Our local schools have had successful food drives and the Madison Junior High continues to donate money from their annual Valentine Cake walk. Madison Business Alliance donated proceeds from their annual Chili Cook Off.

Thank you to all the banks, churches, businesses, individuals and to all those that I've missed that have donated to our mission. Without this generosity, the cupboard would not be able to serve those in need.

We are all volunteers and there are no paid personnel. A big thank you to the volunteers that work so hard and go unrecognized.

People Who Care Food Cupboard has started a Facebook page to keep the community informed of what's going on. We encourage everyone to check it out and share.

Thank you to all those that have supported our mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Santiago, Board Chair



*Barbara Santiago recognizes Steven Clukey's 19 years of service to the Food Cupboard*

# General Assistance

To the citizens of Madison,

Each municipality in the State is responsible for helping to provide the basic needs of their poorest residents through General Assistance Programs. Each year the Town sets aside money from the budget as a match to the General Assistance funds received from the state. These funds can be granted to qualifying individuals to help with heat, rent, electricity, food, household & personal care items, medication and burials.

In the current fiscal year the Town budgeted \$15,000 for General Assistance. With the lower cost of heating oil and a warmer winter, that budget was able to be stretched further than usual.

When applying for General Assistance it's important to know that the Town is considered a last resort and if there are other resources available those would have to be exhausted before the Town can provide assistance.

This past Holiday season several churches, schools and businesses provided hundreds of dollars worth of gifts, stockings and meals distributed to those in need through the Town Office. Thanks to all for their generosity.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to call 696 3971.

Kim Moody - Welfare Director

# Anson/Madison Water District

To our valued Customers and Residents, It is my pleasure to submit the Fourth Annual Report for year ending December 31, 2015. A full report covering all operations, maintenance, construction, and other expenditures for Anson & Madison Water District, with a full statement of the financial position and transactions for the year is available as a separate publication at the District's Office and at the Town Offices of Anson and Madison.

- During 2015 we had a peak of 1,728 customers,
- One (1) break on the transmission main between the treatment plant, located in the town of Embden, and the lower village of the town of Anson.
- One (1) break on the intake main between the source supply and the treatment plant.
- Two (2) distribution main breaks
- Thirty One (31) Frozen services.

In 2015 the District applied for Federal Funding through the U.S.D.A Rural Development to replace approximately four miles of the transmission main from Union St. in N. Anson to the intersection of Rt. 201A and Hilltop Rd. in Anson.

Monthly Board of Trustees meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the business office located at 13 South Maple Street in Madison.

Michael Corson - Superintendent AMWD

# Anson/Madison Sanitary District

2015 has been another great year with many accomplishments. Anson-Madison Sanitary District Board of Trustees invested over \$700,000 in capital projects.

- Control room construction
- Heating / Ventilation and Cooling system upgrades
- Pumping Stations control system upgrades
- Process piping upgrades
- Chemical system upgrades
- Completed replacement of sewer and storm water systems on Ingalls Street

These projects were funded by cash reserves and did not require the District to assume additional debt. Currently, the AMSD has a debt obligation of approximately \$1,000,000 to be paid down through 2026.

Over the past few years, the District has explored additional revenue streams to help stabilize sewer rates. By taking advantage of the treatment facility's additional unused capacity, the District has been able to accept trucked in waste from a variety of sources, including: septage, process wastewater from Backyard Farms, process wastewater from Ducktrap River's facility and leachate from Waste Management's Crossroads Land-fill among others. Plant staff have been very cooperative in making this happen and have invested a great deal of effort managing the additional workload. It is a much busier place with over 2,300 trucks per year hauling waste into the facility. These waste streams have generated additional revenue to help offset sewer rate increases. The District has not had a rate increase in over ten years.

The Trustees meet at the Treatment Plant on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm and the public is always welcome to attend. The Trustees also conduct an annual meeting with selectmen to discuss items of mutual concern and to share plans and coordinate projects. We encourage any citizen who resides within the District and has an interest in serving as a Trustee for the District to call 696-5211 for further information.



*From left to right: Dale Clark, Gary Cowan, Kristina Gossman, Jason Dixon, Peter Elias, Paul Lynch, Eric Fancy*

Anson-Madison Sanitary District Trustees are pleased to report that the treatment facility has maintained another year of 100% environmental compliance, bringing the total to ten consecutive years. This accomplishment is the result of rate payers' financial support of various capital improvement projects and operational expenses. Also, we would like to thank Woodard & Curran's team of employees for their diligent work and commitment to protecting the water quality of the Kennebec River and surrounding environment for all to enjoy.

# Madison Historical Society

## The Madison Historical and Genealogical Society Old Point Avenue Facility Madison, Maine

To the citizens of the Town of Madison:

The Madison Historical and Genealogical Society had a successful year with some changes made in the rooms.

We held an Open House in May with a display of the itinerant painter Willis Pelton's paintings owned or loaned to the Society and several people from the area brought their Pelton paintings. More than 100 people attended this Open House.

Our second Open House was a river display in lieu of having a float in the 2015 Madison/Anson Days parade which had theme of the Kennebec River. This display showed many photos of logging, the mills, piers and booms and ice cutting and many of the required tools were on display.

The last Open House was in early December when the rooms were decorated in an old fashioned theme including an early schoolroom and an early kitchen and several old sleds and games and toys under one of the many Christmas trees.

The Society entertained visitors from several states and many Maine towns. We still receive many items from the public to add to the museum collection.

We continue to hold meetings on the third Saturday or each month at 10:00 A.M. at the Old Point Facility. The rooms are open every Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., weather permitting, and we encourage the public to visit the museum and research room. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Judith Mantor at 696-5810 or Lena Arno at 474-0991.

Respectfully submitted,

Lena C. Arno

Secretary

# East Madison Historical Society

We have had a fairly busy year at the East Madison Historical Society.

We have acquired more lumber and dimension timbers for our new building thanks to our wonderful members. Hopefully construction on the new building will be underway by the time you read this report. On May 13th of 2015 we had an Open House and we held evening meetings each month from June through October. This year Gary Malbon was elected President of the Board of Directors and Eric Lahti was elected Vice President.

The Society had visiting hours at the History House next to the East Madison Fire Department from 1pm to 4pm every first and third Thursday's in August, September and October. We hope to expand our hours this year.

We were very pleased with our annual June Yard Sale and we had a good turn out for East Madison Days on July 18th and 19th. The festivities included a Baked Bean Supper, Yard Sale and Lunch at the Fire Station. Due to the weather there was no parade, but there's always this year!

This past October we wrapped up our activities with a Chili & Chowder Supper. Also, this past fall we planted daffodil bulbs at the New Memorial and we hope to be putting flower beds in as well.

You are invited to come and visit the History House and see what East Madison is doing this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Edgerly, Secretary & Treasurer

East Madison Historical Society

# Lake Wesserunsett Monitoring Program

The Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) continued sampling the lake for the 34th consecutive year in 2015. Will Reed, Bob McLaughlin and John Bonsall were joined by a new volunteer Jay Conway. John is preparing to take over the monitoring program from Will in 2017. Here are some of the highlights:

- Water temperatures at the surface ranges from 60 degrees on May 25th to 78 degrees on August 19th.
- Dissolved oxygen levels are measured from the surface to the bottom five times during the summer and the levels were high enough to support all species of fish at all depths.
- Open water season was 251 days in 2015 or 69% of the calendar year. Ice-Out was April 23, 2015 and Ice-In was December 30, 2015. For the past 30 years the average open water season has been 236 days or 65% of the calendar year. As recently as 2014 the open water season was 214 days. Length of the open water season can affect lake productivity.

In conclusion, the results from 2015 are encouraging. However, observed erosion of gravel roads and driveways and increased development can threaten the lake's water quality. It's up to each of us to take personal responsibility to protect this valuable resource.

# Lake Wesserunsett Association

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Madison:

The members of Lake Wesserunsett Association wish to thank the citizens of Madison for their continued support of our programs to maintain and enhance water quality and improve the experience of those who use this wonderful resource. Association activities include: the courtesy boat inspection program for invasive plants, placing and maintaining navigational markers and sampling and testing water quality. We also provide information to lake property owners and lake users on best practices to keep the lake in good health.

The LWA operates the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program with funds from a state grant, an appropriation from the town and membership dues. In 2015 our inspector conducted 861 inspections and logged 424 hours manning the boat landing. Part of the program is the education of boaters about invasive plants and encouragement for them to conduct their own inspections when they enter or leave any body of water. This is essential as there is not full time coverage at this or any other launch site in the state. No invasive plants were found this year.

Placement of navigational markers is another important function that helps insure the safety of all users of the lake. One disturbing trend is that some boaters do not understand the marking system or choose to ignore markers. This can result in property damage and serious personal injury. Please refer to the Maine Boating Law Book for an explanation. Another issue is that some boaters ignore the 200 foot no wake zone along shores. Please remember that not all hazards are marked and fluctuation in water levels can change conditions.

The water quality testing in 2015 produced encouraging results. Total phosphorus was down this year after a spike last year which may have been caused by heavy rainfall and runoff in 2014. If this is the case, it points to the need to maintain vegetative buffers and to do all we can to control erosion from roads, lawns and shorelines. Minimizing the use of fertilizers and pesticides can do much to maintain good water quality.

Loons are an iconic feature of Maine lakes and Wesserunsett has a stable population. The annual population averages around 11-12 adults and 1-2 chicks. Last year the count was 11 adults and one chick. Two chicks were hatched but one was lost to snapping turtle predation.

We also monitor ice-in and ice-out dates. A trend for at least the last twenty years has been for later freeze-ups and earlier ice-outs. The longer period of open water may have consequences for the lake of unknown nature. We are attempting to determine what these may be. This year for example, the boating season lasted well into December as fishermen and recreational boaters took advantage of the beautiful Fall weather.

In 2016, we plan to continue our programs to provide stewardship for the lake. We are fortunate to have such a valuable resource within our boundaries. We thank the town in advance for continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric R. Lahti

Vice President, LWA

# Tax Assessing



Shirley Bartlett  
Assessing Agent

This year the responsibility of assessing property values was transferred to the Board of Selectmen. As Assessors, the board met on 6 different occasions to review abatement requests, review changes to the law and to set the tax rate for the fiscal year.

The Assessors contracted with Shirley Bartlett of Bartlett Assessing Services to be the assessing agent for the Town of Madison. General questions about taxes can be answered at the Town Office number of 696 3971. Shirley is in the Town Office every Monday and can be reached at 207 318 8250 [sbartlette213@yahoo.com](mailto:sbartlette213@yahoo.com).

**Valuation:** The Town of Madison saw a slight increase in valuation in 2015, attributed mainly to Central Maine Power’s substation project on East Madison Road. The chart to the right shows the Town valuation as of April 1, 2015. The closure of Madison Paper Industries will be reflected in the valuation to be set in August of 2016.

## Valuations as of April 1, 2015

Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$319,412,700.00
Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation	\$59,890.00
Total Taxable Valuation	\$379,303,100.00

**Homestead Exemption:** If you have owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April first you may apply for this program. This year the exemption increases from \$10,000 to \$15,000. If you already receive this exemption you do NOT have to apply to receive the additional \$5,000. While this will provide approximately \$100 worth of tax relief to the property owner, the Town will lose upwards of \$54,000 worth of tax revenue from the extra exemption.

Fiscal Year 2015 - \$19.50
Fiscal Year 2014 - \$19.50
Fiscal Year 2013 - \$17.53
Fiscal Year 2012 - \$16.91
Fiscal Year 2011 - \$16.25
Fiscal Year 2010 - \$16.00
Fiscal Year 2009 - \$16.25
Fiscal Year 2008 - \$16.25
Fiscal Year 2007 - \$16.30
Fiscal Year 2006 - \$18.06

**Personal Property:** Over 200 businesses in Madison declare their business equipment as personal property each year. That equipment includes furniture, fixtures, and machinery used in the operation of business. Personal property is taxed at the same rate as applied to taxable real estate. Forms are available at the Town Office to make adjustments for any new or deleted property. It is important to keep town records current in order to maintain a fair and equitable assessment for all taxpayers.

**Tax Rate:** For the second year in a row the tax rate was set at \$19.50 per thousand. As the chart to the left indicates the tax rate has leveled off since the increase in 2014 due to the loss of \$150,000,000.00 in valuation from Madison Paper Industries. The paper mill’s closure will have an impact on the tax rate but that will be determined in August of 2016 when the valuation and budgets are finalized.

# Advisory Board



On April 6, 2016 the Advisory Board met with the Board of Selectmen to finalize the proposed budget to bring to Town Meeting. The budget can be found on pages 61-63 in the Town Report. Coming in at about \$40,000 less than last year, the proposed budget adds funding for some small paving projects and removed funding for curbside recycling pickup.

2016 Advisory Board members include: Lynn Andrews, Doug Denico, Jeff Drew, Jeff Foss, Jim Ireland, Michelle LeBlanc, Todd LeRoy, Ron Moody (Chair), Ken Moore, Lew Ouillette, Rob Shibley, Robin Turek, Cathy Wilson and Tim Worster.

# Tax Collection

For the current fiscal year \$7,396,410.45 was committed for taxes to be raised to fund the budgets approved for the school, county and municipal governments. The taxes were committed to Tax Collector Nancy Gove in August of 2015. In November of 2015, Nancy resigned from her position with the Town of Madison to pursue new opportunities. At that point the Board of Selectmen appointed Town Manager Tim Curtis to serve as the tax collector through the remainder of the fiscal year.

**Tax Club:** For the 7th consecutive year the Town is pleased to offer taxpayers in good standing the opportunity to join the Tax Club. Sign up forms are available at the Town Office. Tax Club members receive a monthly payment book and are not charged interest on the outstanding balance. Payments are due by the 5th of each month.

**Updates:** Residents who have a change in address regarding where their tax bill should be sent must make sure Town records are updated. Keep in mind that property bought or sold after April first of the current year remains in the name of the previous owner until records are updated in the following year.

**Unpaid Taxes:** Each year the good people and businesses of Madison do their civic duty by paying their taxes on time. But due to a variety of circumstances, there are some property owners that fall behind. The following pages provide the public record of uncollected taxes in the Town of Madison. This uncollected portion represents approximately 4% of the total tax commitment.

If taxes remain unpaid for 3 years then the Town assumes ownership as Tax Acquired Property. Each year the Board of Selectmen is responsible for selling this acquired property, often through public auction. While it can be an arduous process it does allow for the back taxes to be paid and for the property to be returned to the market for future tax revenues.

### 2010 Real Estate Taxes

Name	Amount
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$344.99
<b>Total 2010 Real Estate Taxes</b>	<b>\$344.99</b>

### 2011 Real Estate Taxes

Name	Amount
PETERS, KENNETH E	\$558.61
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$352.40
<b>Total 2011 Real Estate Taxes</b>	<b>\$911.01</b>

### 2012 Real Estate Taxes

Name	Amount
HARRINGTON, DONALD E	\$423.94
PETERS, KENNETH E	\$586.03
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$371.37
<b>Total 2012 Real Estate Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,381.34</b>

### 2013 Real Estate Taxes

Name	Amount
BERRY, DAVID & STATTIE	\$543.39
COCHRAN, JUDITH A.	\$1,409.21
HARRINGTON, DONALD E	\$440.48
LAVOIE, HEIDI E	\$481.27
LEBLANC, ROBERT M.	\$547.45
LEYVA, DONNA M	\$1,100.31
LUCKERN, SCOTT A.	\$1,816.80

Name	Amount
MALBON, RUSSELL E. III	\$491.99
MARTINS, SUZANN CAMIRE	\$429.50
METHE, EDWARD	\$1,099.49
PETERS, KENNETH E	\$609.63
PLOURDE, CHRISTOPHER & MERRY, JODI	\$759.51
RICHARDSON, MARY	\$328.97
ROURKE, THOMAS L. & RENEE M.	\$641.54
SAMAROO, KELLY	\$999.77
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$385.64
VAN RUTTEN, JESSICA	\$347.25
WARDWELL, LLOYD JR	\$352.73
WARING, RUSSELL F.	\$515.41
WARING, RUSSELL F.	\$524.54
WARING, RUSSELL F.	\$524.54
WATTERS, NANCY	\$3,905.98
WILDES, YVONNE M.	\$336.65
<b>Total 2013 Real Estate Taxes</b>	<b>\$18,592.05</b>

### 2014 Real Estate Taxes

Name	Amount
ABDELRIHIM, MOHAMED A.	\$2,105.63
AMES, TIMOTHY A TRUSTEE	\$1,719.42
BALAS, SUSIE A	\$1,431.64
BELANGER, DANIEL E & ELLEN M	\$432.28
BELDEN, ASHLEY	\$730.02
BIXBY, BEVERLY C life estate	\$1,083.85
BREINGAN, LINDA	\$783.87

Name	Amount
BRIGGS, VINCENT J. & CURRIE, ELLEN	\$3,690.87
BROWN, JAMIE; C. MORIN	\$89.07
CHURCHILL, DONNA aka Cornforth	\$1,233.48
COCHRAN, JUDITH A.	\$1,567.12
CORSON, DANIEL	\$76.91
CUSHING, NORMA	\$145.65
EDGERLY, CHRISTOPHER L. & DIANNA	\$1,618.33
EMERY, ERWIN L & SHIRLEY E	\$2,634.72
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSN	\$1,569.10
FITZMAURICE, SHAYNE, F & CORSON, MELISSA M	\$2,063.17
FOSTER, CHRISTIE L	\$2,172.35
FRANZOSE, ALLEN	\$619.47
FREDERICK, MARIE life estate	\$991.51
FRENCH, SCOTT R & TAMMY L	\$706.87
GOODWIN, ROBERT E	\$2,196.65
GORDON, BENJAMIN P.	\$526.87
GORDON, ELWOOD B (JR) & BAMBI E	\$620.83
GORNEY, KEITH & BETSY	\$1,437.70
GRANT, LORETTE R	\$628.91
GREENE, MELTIAH B.	\$1,397.19
GROSS, JANE MCCOLLEY	\$1,680.34
HACHEY, JEANIE	\$1,689.76
HARRINGTON, DONALD E	\$495.45
HARRIS, TERESA E.	\$631.60
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	\$1,425.58
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	\$370.09
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	\$576.34

Name	Amount
HEALD, KIRK A. & DEBORAH	\$1,306.27
HIBBARD, DANA & BRENDA	\$750.73
HINES, JAMES D & HILARY L	\$965.71
HOLLAND, JAMES A.	\$521.44
HOSKINS, LEWIS F	\$1,302.90
HOWE, JAMES G	\$353.43
JENCKS, JULIE L. & RODERICK A.	\$457.49
KANE, CECIL W; ESTATE OF	\$2,195.95
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$20,161.33
LACASSE, JESSE W & ANNA	\$3,486.97
LAFRENIERE, GARY & NEITA	\$1,560.42
LAMPHERE, CHARLES B	\$1,678.58
LARLEE, SANDRA J.	\$1,470.06
LAVOIE, HEIDI E	\$542.04
LEBLANC, ROBERT M.	\$1,177.53
LEYVA, DONNA M	\$1,225.39
LOMBARD, KEVIN R	\$1,318.41
LUCEY, PATRICK	\$271.18
LUCKERN, SCOTT A.	\$2,018.02
MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$1,707.39
MALBON, RUSSELL E. III	\$562.18
MALLARD, ROBERT JR.	\$3,532.49
MARTINS, JOHN JR.	\$675.41
MARTINS, SUZANN CAMIRE	\$483.33
MCCARTHY, JR. AMBROSE G.	\$874.23
MCMAHON, JAMES E	\$1,771.33
MERRY, ERNEST R JR. & JODI L	\$1,430.28

Name	Amount
MILLER, THOMAS	\$1,227.42
MINISTRIES, GERTRUDE	\$2,713.58
NELSON, RANDY A	\$668.04
NICHOLS, MARK E.	\$2,760.75
NICKERSON, CHARLES R.	\$1,552.80
OBERT, BRUCE	\$114.21
PALMER, LISA A.	\$1,817.84
PARLIN, DEBRA	\$1,368.96
PETERS, DENNIS J	\$564.21
PETERS, KENNETH E	\$695.60
PETERS, KENNETH E. & BRENDA E.	\$2,106.93
PETERS, ROBERT, ESTATE OF	\$702.37
PINKHAM, MARY	\$1,507.12
PLOURDE, CHRISTOPHER & MERRY, JODI	\$847.95
PRATCSHLER, WILLIAM J JR	\$1,397.92
PRICE, GARY	\$932.21
PROSSER, CHRISTINA A.	\$968.60
PROSSER, CHRISTINA A.	\$80.95
PROVOST, MICHELLE	\$1,260.44
QUIMBY, EDWARD A.	\$1,720.78
RALSTON, FRANCES C.; CONNERS, SHARON L.	\$563.98
RICHARDSON, MARY	\$355.94
ROBBINS, MAURICE	\$740.78
ROSS, LEE A. & ASHBY, TONYA	\$1,425.58
ROURKE, THOMAS L. & RENEE M.	\$717.87
RUSHTON, KEMPTON J & MARGOT B	\$962.54

Name	Amount
SABOL, RICHARD	\$529.84
SABOL, RICHARD	\$262.93
SABOL, RICHARD	\$262.93
SABOL, RICHARD	\$254.84
SALVO, DEAN C. &	\$1,063.64
SAMAROO, KELLY	\$1,114.19
SHAW, ALICE estate of	\$1,399.28
SMITH, GORDON	\$926.14
SPOOR, GLEN A & PATTI A	\$315.50
TAYLOR, DARLENE	\$788.65
TAYLOR, STEPHEN J	\$868.17
TEMPLIN, JOHN SR & LINDA	\$1,397.92
THEBARGE, KRIS A	\$799.42
THIBODEAU, ALAN & MARTHA	\$841.71
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$434.80
TUFTS, DEBBIE L.	\$1,412.08
VAN RUTTEN, JESSICA	\$376.16
VENUTI, JAMES J.	\$1,544.87
VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	\$1,217.30
WARD, CHRYSTAL	\$372.12
WARDWELL, LLOYD JR	\$390.32
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$602.62
WARING, RUSSELL F.	\$839.20
WARING, RUSSELL F.	\$578.36
WARING, RUSSELL F.	\$588.47
WARING, RUSSELL F.	\$588.47
WATTERS, NANCY	\$4,329.15

Name	Amount
WEBB, JAY & JANNA L	\$2,098.90
WEBER, THEODORE	\$1,813.79
WEBER, THEODORE W. III	\$127.46
WHEELER, WILLIAM & CATHERINE	\$2,012.62
WHITNEY, HEATH T	\$1,112.17
WILDES, YVONNE M.	\$1,510.50
WILLETTE, ABBY	\$1,300.21
WING, DONALD A SR. ET AL	\$212.38
YOUNG, CINDY	\$1,245.62
<b>Total 2014 Real Estate Taxes</b>	<b>\$160,251.23</b>

### 2009 Personal Property Taxes As of January 31, 2016

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$113.75
<b>Total 2009 Personal Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$113.75</b>

### 2010 Personal Property Taxes As of January 31, 2016

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$112.00
OUELLETES AUTO REPAIR	\$36.80
SOMERSET DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$3.20
THE GOLDEN EAGLE	\$259.20
THOMPSON, VICKY	\$160.00
<b>Total 2010 Personal Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$571.20</b>

### 2011 Personal Property Taxes

Name	Amount
ALBERTSON'S QUARTER HORSE FARM	\$9.75
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$113.75
OUELLETES AUTO REPAIR	\$34.13
SOMERSET DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$3.25
THE GOLDEN EAGLE	\$251.88
THOMPSON, VICKY	\$325.00
<b>Total 2011 Personal Property</b>	<b>\$737.76</b>

### 2012 Personal Property Taxes

Name	Amount
ALBERTSON'S QUARTER HORSE FARM	\$10.15
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$118.37
OUELLETES AUTO REPAIR	\$35.51
ROOF SOLUTIONS LLC	\$84.55
THE GOLDEN EAGLE	\$241.81
THOMPSON, VICKY	\$338.20
<b>Total 2012 Personal Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$828.59</b>

### 2013 Personal Property Taxes As of January 31, 2016

Name	Amount
ALBERTSON'S QUARTER HORSE FARM	\$14.02
FRUITFUL FIELDS FARM	\$7.01
HANDY-MAN CONSTRUCTION	\$3.51

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$122.71
NORTH WOODS CUSTOM FUNITURE	\$107.85
OUELLETES AUTO REPAIR	\$36.81
PARADIS WINDOW TINTING	\$2.30
ROOF SOLUTIONS LLC	\$87.65
THE GOLDEN EAGLE	\$233.15
THOMPSON, VICKY	\$350.60
<b>Total 2013 Personal Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$965.61</b>

Name	Amount
SHIRLEY EMERY	\$33.15
T R DILLON LOGGING INC	\$60.45
TANGLZ HAIR STUDIO	\$44.85
TAYLOR, DARLENE	\$33.15
THE IRON WILLOW	\$7.80
TOWN LINE PIPE & TRUCK	\$3.90
VIRGINIA E BELANGER, LCPC	\$19.50
<b>Total 2014 Personal Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,869.80</b>

**2014 Personal Property Taxes  
As of January 31, 2016**

Name	Amount
ALBERTSON'S QUARTER HORSE FARM	\$13.65
CLOUGH MOTOR INC	\$663.00
CUNNINGHAM/LINDSEY INS.	\$17.55
DE LAGE LANDEN OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$27.14
FIRE HOUSE BAKERY	\$351.33
FULLBLOOM HYDROPONICS	\$22.98
HANDY-MAN CONSTRUCTION	\$3.90
KIMLYN'S FAMILY CLOTHING	\$7.80
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$140.40
LAMPHERE, CHARLES B	\$76.05
NORTH WOODS CUSTOM FUNITURE	\$118.95
OUELLETES AUTO REPAIR	\$40.95
PIZZARAMA	\$85.80
ROOF SOLUTIONS LLC	\$97.50

# Town Treasurer's Report

To the Citizens of Madison:

The 2014-2015 year was a year with many financial challenges due to the decrease in our tax base with the loss of \$139,000,000 in valuation from Madison. The Town secured a line of Credit of \$2,500,000, in anticipation of a cash flow shortage. Although cash flow was tight prior to the property tax due dates, we were able to finish out the year without having to borrow from the line of credit. Our year-end General Fund balance is now \$1,707,216 compared to last year's \$2,929,969.

The balances and activity in the Trust Funds under the Town's care are as follows:

CEMETERY TRUST This trust is to be used for management, maintenance and improvement of the cemetery. As of June 30, 2015, the cemetery fund balance is \$280,743.

GEORGE B. JACOBS TRUST This trust is used to award to one or more Madison Area High School student a scholarship for attending an Industrial Arts program. We did not expend any funds from this fund for such purpose. The George B. Jacobs Trust balance as of June 30, 2015 is \$7,065

DOROTHY BROWN SCHOOL ENDOWMENT TRUST This is an expendable trust, to be used solely for public schools in the Town of Madison. We expended \$2986.00 from this fund for such purpose this fiscal year. The balance in this fund as of June 30, 2015 is \$87,290.

LEGAL INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE The balance in the Legal Insurance Deductible as of June 30, 2015 is \$27,592.

REVALUATION FUND The balance in the Revaluation Fund as of June 30, 2015 is \$114,820.

Thank you for all your support at Elections and through out the year. I am pleased to have had an opportunity to serve as Madison's Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Estes

## Audited Financial Statements

The following pages contain highlights of the audit of the Town of Madison finances for the fiscal year that ended June 30th, 2015. I would like to thank the Town Office Staff and the team at Purdy Powers & Company for the many hours they put into this process.

The report indicates a significant decrease in the Town's net position and cash reserves. This is a direct result of the decision at Town Meeting 2014 to utilize \$1.4 million from cash reserves to offset the loss in tax revenue from the lower valuation of Madison Paper Industries. While the Town still faces significant financial challenges, this report indicates that Madison is weathering the storm without having to borrow against its line of credit.

A complete copy of the financial report is available to the public at the Town Office.

Tim Curtis

Town Manager

## **Independent Auditors' Report**

**To the Selectboard  
Town of Madison  
Madison, Maine**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design 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. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on page 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about 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 do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Madison, Maine's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Purdy Pownall & Company*  
Professional Association

**Portland, Maine**  
**December 14, 2015**

## Statement of Net Position

### Town of Madison, Maine

As of June 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	\$ 278,485	\$ -	\$ 278,485
Investments	2,168,177	-	2,168,177
Accounts receivable	66,394	-	66,394
Taxes receivable	286,802	-	286,802
Tax liens receivable	128,041	-	128,041
Loans receivable	53,548	-	53,548
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	6,406,317	-	6,406,317
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>9,387,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,387,764</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	152,574	-	152,574
Taxes paid in advance	25,208	-	25,208
Long-term liabilities:			
Portion due or payable within one year:			
Accrued compensated absences	9,758	-	9,758
Portion due or payable after one year:			
Accrued compensated absences	29,275	-	29,275
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>216,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>216,815</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	6,406,317	-	6,406,317
Restricted, expendable	690,849	-	690,849
Restricted for endowments, nonexpendable	28,046	-	28,046
Unrestricted	2,045,737	-	2,045,737
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 9,170,949</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,170,949</u>

# Statement of Activities

## Town of Madison, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Function/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>						
General government	\$ 775,132	\$ 134,890	\$ -	\$ (640,242)	\$ -	\$ (640,242)
Public safety	1,266,347	2,020	172,566	(1,091,761)	-	(1,091,761)
Public works	813,947	34,674	77,438	(701,835)	-	(701,835)
Public health	266,050	-	-	(266,050)	-	(266,050)
Education	5,478,126	-	-	(5,478,126)	-	(5,478,126)
Library and recreation services	193,620	8,598	29,635	(155,387)	-	(155,387)
Economic development	82,786	-	-	(82,786)	-	(82,786)
Unclassified	1,285,133	25,051	17,019	(1,243,063)	-	(1,243,063)
Capital improvements	454,850	-	-	(454,850)	-	(454,850)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>10,615,991</b>	<b>205,233</b>	<b>296,658</b>	<b>(10,114,100)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,114,100)</b>
<b>Business-type Activities:</b>						
Community access television	2,279	-	-	-	(2,279)	(2,279)
<b>Total Business-type Activities</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,279)</b>	<b>(2,279)</b>
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	<b>\$ 10,618,270</b>	<b>\$ 205,233</b>	<b>\$ 296,658</b>	<b>(10,114,100)</b>	<b>(2,279)</b>	<b>(10,116,379)</b>
<b>General revenues:</b>						
Taxes				7,433,922	-	7,433,922
Intergovernmental				914,146	-	914,146
Contributions				2,501	-	2,501
Investment return				1,234	-	1,234
Miscellaneous				68,692	-	68,692
Gain (loss) on disposal of operations				-	(50,868)	(50,868)
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets				(9,807)	-	(9,807)
<b>Total General Revenues</b>				<b>8,410,688</b>	<b>(50,868)</b>	<b>8,359,820</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>				<b>(1,703,412)</b>	<b>(53,147)</b>	<b>(1,756,559)</b>
Net position at beginning of year				10,874,361	53,147	10,927,508
<b>Net Position at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 9,170,949</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,170,949</b>			

**Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position**

**Town of Madison, Maine**

**As of June 30, 2015**

**Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds** \$ 2,474,632

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of  
Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial  
resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental  
funds. The cost of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation is: 6,406,317

Property tax revenues are presented on the modified accrual basis  
of accounting in the governmental funds but in the Statement of  
Activities, property tax revenue is reported under the accrual method.  
The balance in unavailable revenue - property taxes in the  
governmental funds as a deferred inflow is: 290,000

**Total Net Position - Governmental Activities** \$ 9,170,949

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds**

**Town of Madison, Maine**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes			
Property	\$ 6,571,292	\$ 594,318	\$ 7,165,610
Excise	681,334	-	681,334
Intergovernmental	850,659	347,012	1,197,671
Contributions	-	2,501	2,501
Investment return	(273)	1,507	1,234
Miscellaneous	285,545	1,513	287,058
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>8,388,557</u>	<u>946,851</u>	<u>9,335,408</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current			
General government	683,831	63,078	746,909
Public safety	1,144,633	51,685	1,196,318
Public works	486,909	153,768	640,677
Public health	202,882	63,168	266,050
Education	5,478,126	-	5,478,126
Library and recreation services	187,650	3,234	190,884
Economic development	-	82,786	82,786
Unclassified	1,280,895	4,238	1,285,133
Tax increment financing credit	-	416,022	416,022
Capital outlays	189,935	539,901	729,836
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>9,654,861</u>	<u>1,377,880</u>	<u>11,032,741</u>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	(1,266,304)	(431,029)	(1,697,333)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Operating transfers in	43,551	-	43,551
Operating transfers out	-	(43,551)	(43,551)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>43,551</u>	<u>(43,551)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	(1,222,753)	(474,580)	(1,697,333)
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>2,929,969</u>	<u>1,241,996</u>	<u>4,171,965</u>
<b>Fund Balances at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 1,707,216</u>	<u>\$ 767,416</u>	<u>\$ 2,474,632</u>

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in  
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities**

**Town of Madison, Maine**

**As of June 30, 2015**

**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** \$ (1,697,333)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities  
are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However,  
in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated  
over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the  
amount by which capital asset additions differed from depreciation expense  
in the current period:

Capital asset additions	\$ 274,986	
Depreciation expense	(267,857)	7,129

Property tax revenues are presented on the modified accrual basis  
of accounting in the governmental funds but in the Statement of  
Activities, property tax revenue is reported under the accrual method.  
The current year change in unavailable revenue - property tax revenue  
reported in the governmental funds and not in the Statement of Activities is:

3,000

Governmental funds report the disposal of capital assets as revenues.  
However in the Statement of Activities, the disposal of those assets is  
recognized as a gain or loss, depending on the sale and accumulated  
depreciation amounts.

Proceeds from the sale of capital assets	(6,401)	
Loss on disposal of capital assets	(9,807)	(16,208)

**Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities** \$ (1,703,412)

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
Budget and Actual - General Fund (Budgetary Basis)**

**Town of Madison, Maine**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes				
Property	\$ 7,166,983	\$ 7,166,983	\$ 7,165,610	\$ (1,373)
Excise	634,500	634,500	681,334	46,834
Intergovernmental	1,012,084	1,012,084	1,197,671	185,587
Miscellaneous	105,240	111,641	285,545	173,904
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>8,918,807</b>	<b>8,925,208</b>	<b>9,330,160</b>	<b>404,952</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current				
General government	689,436	689,436	683,831	5,605
Public safety	1,025,325	1,025,325	1,144,633	(119,308)
Public works	941,397	941,397	486,909	454,488
Public health	290,000	290,000	202,882	87,118
Education	5,478,126	5,478,126	5,478,126	-
Library and recreation services	193,752	193,752	187,650	6,102
Unclassified	1,253,521	1,253,521	1,280,892	(27,371)
Capital outlays	258,200	264,601	189,935	74,666
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>10,129,757</b>	<b>10,136,158</b>	<b>9,654,858</b>	<b>481,300</b>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>(1,210,950)</b>	<b>(1,210,950)</b>	<b>(324,698)</b>	<b>886,252</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Proceeds from borrowing	310,000	310,000	-	(310,000)
Operating transfers in	176,151	176,151	43,551	(132,600)
Operating transfers out	(941,330)	(941,330)	(941,330)	-
Utilization of assigned fund balance	292,315	292,315	-	(292,315)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	1,400,000	1,400,000	-	(1,400,000)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>1,237,136</b>	<b>1,237,136</b>	<b>(897,779)</b>	<b>(2,134,915)</b>
<b>Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses on the Budgetary Basis</b>	<b>\$ 26,186</b>	<b>\$ 26,186</b>	<b>(1,222,477)</b>	<b>\$ (1,248,663)</b>
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year			2,746,448	
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance at End of Year</b>			<b>\$ 1,523,971</b>	

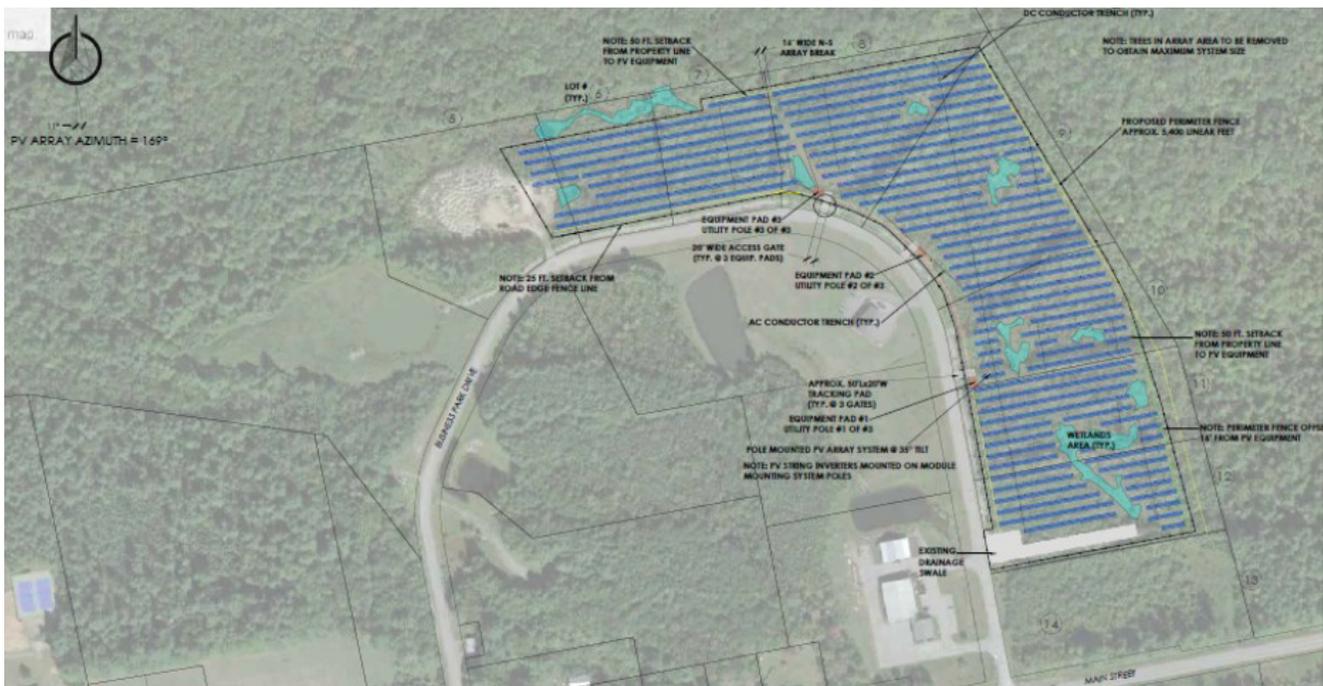
# Madison Electric Works Solar Project



Madison Electric Works is excited to announce the development of a 4.4 Megawatt solar field in the business park. The solar panels will cover over 13 acres and generate enough electricity to power 20% of the MEW grid. The extra 5,500,000 KWH will help Madison Electric keep rates low in the years to come. IGS Solar is the contractor and will lease the land from MEW. After 6 years Madison Electric will have the option to purchase the solar field and lower rates even further.

With an initial investment from IGS Solar of nearly \$8,000,000.00 this is by far the largest development project ever in the Madison Business Gateway, and when complete the project will be the largest solar field in Maine. Investors with IGS Solar will receive federal tax credits as a result of the program but there are no government subsidies involved in this project.

Madison Electric hopes to be generating power from the solar field by mid-to late summer with a completion date scheduled for September 2016.



## **Independent Auditors' Report**

**To the Board of Directors  
The Town of Madison,  
Department of Electric Works  
Madison, Maine**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works (Electric Works) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Electric Works' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design 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. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

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## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Electric Works as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on page 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about 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 do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Madison, Department of Electric Work's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental information for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, on pages 15 and 16, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplemental information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Purdy Poulos & Company*  
Professional Association

**Portland, Maine**  
**March 29, 2016**

## Statements of Net Position

### Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 911,229	\$ 787,621
Restricted cash	739,381	738,382
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	1,335,528	1,135,384
Accrued interest receivable	13,594	14,632
Note receivable, current portion	153,122	158,712
Materials and supplies	392,294	381,769
Prepaid expenses	54,493	57,952
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>3,599,641</u>	<u>3,274,452</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Note receivable, less current portion	1,772,307	1,912,960
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>1,772,307</u>	<u>1,912,960</u>
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b> , net of accumulated depreciation	<u>5,168,629</u>	<u>5,395,868</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>10,540,577</u>	<u>10,583,280</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	296,260	327,243
Other current and accrued liabilities	141,943	216,554
Customer deposits	313,247	21,253
Bond payable, current portion	150,000	150,000
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>901,450</u>	<u>715,050</u>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>		
Bond payable, less current portion	1,650,000	1,800,000
Customer deposits	-	300,000
Accrued paid leave	55,430	48,201
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<u>1,705,430</u>	<u>2,148,201</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>2,606,880</u>	<u>2,863,251</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Unavailable revenue - bond premiums	15,709	17,018
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>15,709</u>	<u>17,018</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	3,352,920	3,428,850
Restricted, expendable	739,381	738,382
Unrestricted	3,825,687	3,535,779
<b>Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 7,917,988</u>	<u>\$ 7,703,011</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.  
Certain amounts have been reclassified for comparative purposes.

# Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

## Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Electric Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 6,633,462	\$ 6,531,405
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Operations and maintenance	6,277,714	6,093,337
Depreciation	301,675	290,923
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>6,579,389</u>	<u>6,384,260</u>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	54,073	147,145
<b>Other Income (Expenses)</b>		
Interest income	85,181	92,331
Interest expense	(85,456)	(91,861)
Gain on sale of assets	13,800	-
<b>Net Other Income (Expenses)</b>	<u>13,525</u>	<u>470</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	67,598	147,615
<b>Contributions in Aid of Construction</b>	<u>147,379</u>	<u>5,170</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	214,977	152,785
Net position at beginning of year	<u>7,703,011</u>	<u>7,550,226</u>
<b>Net Position at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 7,917,988</u>	<u>\$ 7,703,011</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

**Statements of Cash Flows (1 of 2)**

**Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works**

**For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Cash receipts:		
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 6,442,497	\$ 6,458,442
Other operating cash receipts	86,639	88,677
Cash disbursements:		
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees	(1,289,897)	(1,278,211)
Cash payments to suppliers and vendors	<u>(5,099,254)</u>	<u>(4,932,397)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	139,985	336,511
 <b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(74,436)	(297,978)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	13,800	-
Contributions in aid of construction received	51,561	5,170
Debt interest payments	(88,765)	(95,170)
Debt principal payments	(150,000)	(150,000)
Deposits into restricted cash	(999)	(137,840)
Long-term customer deposit received	-	200,264
Payments received on interconnection reimbursement receivable	-	69,673
Payments received on note receivable	<u>146,243</u>	<u>128,714</u>
<b>Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>	(102,596)	(277,167)
 <b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Interest income received	<u>86,219</u>	<u>85,492</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities</b>	<u>86,219</u>	<u>85,492</u>
 <b>Increase in Cash</b>	123,608	144,836
 Cash at beginning of year	<u>787,621</u>	<u>642,785</u>
 <b>Cash at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 911,229</u>	<u>\$ 787,621</u>

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## Statements of Cash Flows (2 of 2)

### Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Net Operating Income (Loss) to</b>		
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b>		
Net operating income (loss)	\$ 54,073	\$ 147,145
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	301,675	290,923
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	15,000	15,000
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable	(119,326)	714
Materials and supplies	(10,525)	(87,094)
Prepaid expenses	3,459	(232)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(30,983)	153,433
Other current and accrued liabilities	(72,611)	(173,423)
Customer deposits	(8,006)	(9,307)
Accrued paid leave	7,229	(648)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<u>\$ 139,985</u>	<u>\$ 336,511</u>

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## Other Governmental Services

Each year the Town of Madison benefits from membership in a number of committees and associations. Many of these associations require dues that are paid for out of the Annual Budget. This report provides a brief description of the services the Town receives.

**Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG):** Based out of Fairfield this organization provides the Town with expertise and assistance with planning and code book updates, economic and community development, grant writing, and state wide joint purchases of salt and other bulk materials. Annual dues are based on a Town's population and valuation. Currently the Town of Madison pays \$8,300 each year to KVCOG.

**Maine Municipal Association (MMA):** Based out of Augusta, this group provides a wide range of services and legislative support for municipalities. In addition to providing liability insurance and health care coverage for Town employees, MMA helps guide the Town Manager and Human Resources through employee relations, hiring and background checks. The association provides no cost legal advice and recommendations on issues common to small towns, and they have a wealth of data and information for boards and committees to compare and contrast when making decisions. Annual dues to MMA are \$5,600.

**Kennebec Valley Tourism Council:** This board includes representatives from several area chambers of commerce, and businesses that depend on bringing tourism dollars to central Maine. Madison is home to some of the best fly-fishing on the Kennebec River and has several businesses that benefit from people traveling through our community. Membership dues are only \$100 per year and any local tourism related business can join as well.

**Somerset Explorer Public Transportation:** Operated through the KVCAP transportation system this bus service runs a route through Madison three days a week all year around and 5 days a week in the summer. There are stops in Madison, Anson and Norridgewock that can take people to and from stops in Skowhegan. Plans are underway to expand the service to link with similar bus routes to Waterville and Augusta. Many senior citizens utilize this service to get to doctors appointments and to do their shopping. The Town of Madison makes a municipal contribution of \$2,500 to the Somerset Explorer Bus service.

## Madison/Anson Days



This summer marks the 40th Anniversary of the four day festival come to be known as Madison/Anson Days.

In the 1970's the celebration began as "Father Rasle Days" commemorating the historical significance of the work of the Jesuit priest along the Kennebec

River near the Madison Norridgewock line. In the past few years Madison Anson Days has seen a resurgence of activities for kids of all ages. This year the action begins on Thursday August 25th with the Chili Cook-Off, Concert in the Park on Friday, Parade and Fireworks on Saturday and the Fishing and Golf Tournaments on Sunday.

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Paul R. LePage  
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Madison:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

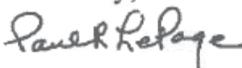
Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at [www.maine.gov/governor](http://www.maine.gov/governor).

Sincerely,  


Paul R. LePage  
Governor

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
MAINE

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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072<sup>nd</sup> consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Madison and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta state office, (207) 622-8414, or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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COMMITTEES:  
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NATURAL RESOURCES  
INTELLIGENCE  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends of Madison:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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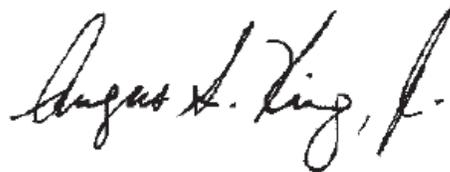
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Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at [www.king.senate.gov/contact](http://www.king.senate.gov/contact).

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angus S. King, Jr.  
United States Senator

Town of Madison  
26 Weston Avenue  
P.O. Box 190  
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Dear Friends,

This past year—my first as your Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives—I am proud to have supported Maine families, local businesses and communities by working hard with Republicans and Democrats to promote policies that will preserve and create jobs and lower energy costs. I have worked to ensure our Veterans and active military members have the services they have earned and deserve, protected the individual rights and liberties they have fought for, and strengthened our national security to keep Americans safe and free.

I have fought tooth and nail to protect and create jobs for Maine. I stood up against the Washington political establishment, including Congressional leadership, to oppose granting fast-track authority to the President, a policy that allows him to facilitate massive international trade agreements that are unfair to American businesses, especially those in Maine. I am also extremely proud to have led the charge in successfully ending unfair and job-killing Canadian subsidies and to win a major victory for Maine by pushing into law a provision that will continue the FDA's use of paper inserts, efforts that combined to preserve hundreds of traditional Maine papermaking jobs.

As a proud member of the Military Veterans Caucus, I have been fighting for our Veterans by supporting several bills to increase funding for Veterans' health programs and hold the VA accountable. I also am proud to have introduced my own bill—the Helping Our Rural Veterans Receive Health Care Act—to give our rural Veterans easier access to their earned health care services by letting local hospitals care for them instead of VA centers far from home. I extend my thanks to all who have served.

In this first year, I also had one of my own bills signed into law. My critical and bipartisan Child Support Assistance Act will help children and their families receive legally due support in a timelier manner from delinquent parents. My District offices also helped hundreds of Maine families resolve issues with federal agencies and get the answers, benefits and services they deserved.

There is much more work to be done. Our Great State and Nation face many critical challenges. Please know that I am working hard, every day, to serve you and that I will continue to work here at home and in Washington for our families, local businesses and communities.

If you ever have any concerns or if I can provide assistance, please contact my Congressional Offices in Bangor (942-0583), Lewiston (784-0768), Presque Isle (764-1968) and Washington, DC (202-225-6306), or visit my website at [poliquin.house.gov](http://poliquin.house.gov). It is an honor to represent you and our fellow Mainers in Congress.

Best wishes,



Bruce Poliquin  
Member of Congress



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am so grateful and thankful that you've selected me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you've put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as the great State of Maine. Please let me provide you with a recap of the first session of the 127th Legislature as well as my hopes for the second session, which began in January.

The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. To this end, my fellow legislators and I accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127th Legislature.

We passed a biennial budget that ensured more Maine families received a tax cut, even more than did in the previous "largest tax cut in Maine history" in 2011. This year's budget also stopped taxes on military pensions, so those who have sacrificed for our country can feel welcomed and at home in our state. We also re-structured portions of our welfare system, increased funding for nursing homes, and put far more funding towards eliminating waitlists for services for brain-injured and intellectually disabled Mainers.

I'm really looking forward to watching how the significant changes we've already made will better the everyday lives of Mainers. I wanted to serve in Augusta in order to have an impact on the direction of our region and our state. Passing vital legislation, (and sometimes, stopping bad legislation) has remained one of my top priorities.

As you know, more changes are necessary. This year, during the second session of the legislature, we need to make progress towards addressing the cost of energy in this state. There are a number of bills that have been proposed that would change the way our state's energy system works, and I look forward to working hard of legislation that would lower your energy costs. I also believe that working to provide support to areas hard-hit by recent mill closings should be a focus of the 2016 session. Fighting the war on drugs here in Maine has to be a top priority for lawmakers as well. Several bills have been proposed that will aid officers in combating the drug epidemic.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 or at [rodwhitemore@gmail.com](mailto:rodwhitemore@gmail.com) if you have comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Rodney Whitemore

State Senator



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January 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor to be able to serve Madison as your state representative. The second legislative session is underway and I look forward to the challenges that are ahead of us as we dig into some of the issues. After having some time off I feel poised and energized to be back in Augusta.

As many of you may already know, I serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. This committee deals with many issues such as the Highway Fund, bridge and road maintenance, and overseeing the Maine Turnpike Authority. Over the course of this session we will be dealing with a few varying topics. They range from the change in motor vehicle laws to investigating sources of funding for our roads and bridges that desperately need repair.

One of the issues, I am actively working on this session is LD 1343. This bill would create a partnership with the in-state universities to allow National Guard members to receive a tuition waiver. Being a retired member of the Air National Guard, this is very important to me and the future of the National Guard in Maine. I firmly believe that this bill will help Maine retain young veterans and make them want to stay in the state.

Last summer I spoke with many of you about welfare reform and how it was a priority and you made it crystal clear to me that you share this priority as well. With many failed attempts last session to address these important reforms, I want to ensure you that I am still fighting for these common sense welfare reforms.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 111. Please call me anytime at **634-3074** or email at [Bradlee.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Bradlee.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov) to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Sincerely,

Bradlee Farrin  
State Representative



STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HOUSE DEMOCRATIC OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

JEFF M. McCABE  
MAJORITY LEADER

LETTER TO THE TOWN OF MADISON

Dear Neighbors:

It is an honor to continue to serve as your State Representative. During the 2016 legislative session, we will discuss urgent legislation and bills carried over from 2015. All legislative work is scheduled to be completed by mid-April.

Our top priorities for this session include strengthening the economy, growing good-paying jobs and solving the state's drug crisis. We are also committed to ensuring the release of the voter-approved Land for Maine's Future bonds, growing the agricultural sector and investing in broadband and renewable energy so we can boost the economy of rural Maine.

I am committed to finding a solution to prevent communities from losing state dollars as a result of sudden recent mill devaluations. I submitted a bill that has been carried over to this session that, if passed, would use the actual current valuations of Madison, Skowhegan, East Millinocket and Jay to calculate state funds to the communities. Under current law, outdated valuations that don't reflect dramatic declines in the values of mills would be used in determining state aid for education and other state funds.

This past fall, myself and fellow legislators in leadership, toured the UPM Madison mill, Sappi's Somerset mill in Skowhegan, the Sappi mill in Westbrook and the Woodland Pulp and St. Croix tissue mills in Baileyville. Papermaking jobs are vital to the economic health of working families – our friends and neighbors – and communities around the state. Maine workers can compete with their counterparts anywhere around the world and we as a state need to figure out how we can help them excel.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns or if you need assistance with state government. I can be reached by email at [Jeff.McCabe@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jeff.McCabe@legislature.maine.gov) or by phone at 287-1430.

Sincerely,

Jeff McCabe  
State Representative

# Rules of Town Meeting

**All comments or questions will be directed to the Moderator.**

**No one may speak until recognized by the Moderator.**

**No smoking is allowed in the building**

Each article will be read in full and the recommendation of the budget committee will be stated as necessary. An affirmative motion will be made by an identified voter and seconded by an identified voter. No negative motions, including a motion to pass over, will be accepted. Vote will be by a show of hands. The results of the vote will be announced. Vote counts may be challenged by a minimum of 7 voters.

Any decision by the moderator may be challenged and overruled by a majority vote of voters.

General provisions for Town Meeting are in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes Title 30:

**Qualified voter:** Every registered voter in the town may vote in the election of all town officials and in all town affairs.

**Moderator elected and sworn:** The clerk, or in the clerk's absence, a selectman or constable shall open the meeting by

- A. Calling for the election of a moderator by written ballot.
- B. Receiving and counting votes for moderator
- C. Swearing in the moderator

**Moderator presides:** As soon as they have been elected and sworn in the moderator shall preside over and supervise the voting at the meeting and may appoint a deputy moderator to assist. If the moderator is absent or unable to carry out the duties, the clerk, or in the clerk's absence, a selectman or constable may call for the election of a deputy moderator to act in the absence of the moderator.

- All persons shall be silent at the moderators command. A person may not speak before being recognized by the moderator.
- A person who is not a voter in the town may speak at the meeting only with the consent of 2/3 of the voters present.
- If any person, after a command for order by the moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the moderator may have that person removed by a constable until the meeting is adjourned. That person may also be fined.
- When a vote declared by the moderator is immediately questioned by at least 7 voters, the moderator will make certain by polling the voters or by a method directed by the municipal legislative body.
- The moderator shall serve until the meeting is adjourned. The moderator is subject to the same penalties for neglect of official duty as other town officials.

**Votes recorded by the clerk:** The clerk shall accurately record the votes if the meeting. If the clerk is absent the moderator shall appoint and swear in a temporary clerk.

**Written ballots:** The clerk shall prepare the ballots. Ballots shall be of uniform size and color, and must be blank except that 2 squares with 'yes' by one and 'no' by the other may be printed on them.

# 2016 Town Meeting Warrant

To: Mr. Ronald Moody, Constable for the Town of Madison, in the County of Somerset, State of Maine:

## GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Madison, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Madison Junior High School Auditorium**, in said Town, on Monday, the thirteenth (13th) day of June, 2015 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 29 as set out below to wit:

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Municipal Building in said Town, on Tuesday, the fourteenth (14th) day of June, 2015 A.D. at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon by secret ballot Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours, therefore, to be from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening:

### Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

### Article 2

To elect all Municipal Officers, Directors for S.A.D. #59 and other Municipal Officials as are required to be elected:

2 Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for 3 years

2 Directors for SAD #59 for 3 years

1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 3 years

1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 1 year

1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Water District for 3 years

1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Water District for 1 year

1 Trustee for Madison Public Library for 5 years

1 Director for Madison Electric Works for 5 years

1 Town Clerk/Treasurer for 1 year

1 Road Commissioner for 1 year

### Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to pay the Directors of the Department of Electric Works for the ensuing year, said sum to be paid from the funds of the department.

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 10,200.00
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### Article 4

To see what sum the Town will vote to pay its Board of Selectmen.

Advisory Board Recommend	\$ 11,200.00
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\*Compensation is included under Article 5.

### Article 5

To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Government account in the General Fund.

Administration	\$475,122.00
Planning Board	\$ 5,862.00
Code Enforcement	\$ 16,500.00
Boards and Committees	\$ 19,800.00
Assessing Services	\$ 35,300.00
Elections	\$ 2,500.00
Total Expenses	\$555,084.00
<b>Approved revenue from TIF</b>	<b>(\$57,200.00)</b>
<u>Total Raised by Taxation</u>	<u>\$497,884.00</u>
Selectmen Recommend	\$497,884.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$497,884.00

### Article 6

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety in the General Fund.

Ambulance	\$ 72,825.00
Police	\$ 485,000.00
Fire	\$ 100,290.00
Animal Control	\$ 7,000.00
Street Lights	\$ 60,000.00
Hydrants	\$ 187,209.00
Total Expenses	\$ 912,324.00
<b>Approved revenue from TIF</b>	<b>(\$51,300.00)</b>
<u>Total Raised by Taxation</u>	<u>\$ 861,024.00</u>
Selectmen Recommend	\$ 861,024.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$ 861,024.00

### Article 7

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Other Government account in the General Fund.

Storm Drains	\$ 65,000.00
Waste disposal	\$ 195,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 260,000.00
<b>Approved revenue from TIF</b>	<b>(\$50,000.00)</b>
<u>Total Raised by Taxation</u>	<u>\$ 210,000.00</u>
Selectmen Recommend	\$210,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$210,000.00

### Article 8

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works account in the General Fund.

Public Works	569,250.00
<b>Approved revenue from TIF</b>	<b>(\$112,000.00)</b>
<u>Total Raised by Taxation</u>	<u>\$ 457,250.00</u>
Selectmen Recommend	\$ 457,250.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$ 457,250.00

### Article 9

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation accounts in the General Fund.

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 73,400.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$ 73,400.00

### Article 10

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemeteries in the General Fund.

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 33,350.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$ 33,350.00

**Article 11**

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Services in the General Fund.

<b>Library</b>	\$105,325.00
<b>Community Programs</b>	
Tree Warden	\$ 2,500.00
US Naval Sea Cadets Corps	\$ 950.00
Abnaki Snowmobile Club	\$ 1,900.00
Lake Association	\$ 5,225.00
American Legion Flags	\$ 570.00
People Who Care Food Cupboard	\$ 14,250.00
Recycling Committee	\$ 2,000.00
General Assistance	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Service Organizations</b>	
Madison Anson Senior Citizens	\$ 4,500.00
Somerset Humane Society	\$ 7,300.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$161,520.00</b>
Selectmen Recommend	\$161,520.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$161,520.00

**Article 12**

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Owned Property account in the General Fund.

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 21,400.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$ 21,400.00

**Article 13**

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capital Projects account in the General Fund.

Road Paving	\$30,000.00
Plow Truck Body Replacement	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>

Selectmen Recommend	\$60,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$60,000.00

**Article 14**

To see if the Town will vote to expend any and all other revenues received, excluding revenue received which would rightfully be applied to any of the following accounts: 1) Accounts Receivable; 2) Taxes Receivable; and 3) Property Tax Liens.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
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**Article 15**

To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2016 or 30 days after commitment, whichever is later, as the date when the first one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable, and the date of March 15, 2016, when the second one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable, with taxes unpaid after said dates to bear interest at the rate of seven percent (7.00%) per annum from said dates.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
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**Article 16**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2016-2017 not yet due or assessed.

Selectmen Recommend YES

**Article 17**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with residential taxpayers establishing a “tax club” payment plan for property taxes, whereby: (1) the taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the town based on his/her estimated and actual tax obligation for the current year property taxes; (2) the town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement; (3) the town authorizes the collector to accept tax club payments for current taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes; (4) the agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due dates and interest dates and rates as other taxpayers who are not participating in a tax club; (5) only taxpayers who do not have any outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and (6) taxpayers wishing to participate in a tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter into an agreement with the town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector.

Selectmen Recommend YES

**Article 18**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to advertise and sell Town-owned personal property at public sale.

Selectmen Recommend YES

**Article 19**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner that the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

Selectmen Recommend YES

**Article 20**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to set all wages and salaries for the coming year, except for those already provided for.

Selectmen Recommend YES

**Article 21**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for grant monies and to expend monies received for the stated grant purposes.

Selectmen Recommend YES

## **Article 22**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature:

Municipal Revenue Sharing

Local Road Assistance

State Aid to Education (including Federal pass-through funds and property tax relief)

Public Library State Aid per Capita

Civil Emergency Funds (Emergency Management Assistance)

Snowmobile Registration Money

Tree Growth Reimbursement

General Assistance Reimbursement

Veterans Exemption Reimbursement

State Grants or Other funds (all funds received from the State that are not included in the above items)

Selectmen Recommend

YES

## **Article 23**

To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of the overpayment at the annual rate of 3%.

Selectmen Recommend

YES

## **Article 24**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any money or property, real or personal, from any Donor and such money or property shall be utilized as specified by the Donor.

Selectmen Recommend

YES

## **Article 25**

Shall an ordinance entitled "Property Maintenance (Chapter 290)" be amended?

Selectmen Recommend

YES

## **Article 26**

Shall an ordinance entitled "Subdivision (Chapter 490)" be amended?

Selectmen Recommend

YES

**Article 27**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Building Construction (Chapter 165)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

**Article 28**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Cemeteries (Chapter 26)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

**Article 29**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Local Food and Community Self-Governance be adopted?”

Selectmen Recommend YES

**Town of Madison Board of Selectmen**

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John E. Ducharme, III

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Michael A. Edgerly

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Paul R. Fortin

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Cyprien J. Johnson

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Albert A. Veneziano, Chairman

# Municipal Calendar

## JANUARY

- ◆ Dog licenses due, grace period starts
- ◆ Tax liens mature
- ◆ Ice skating (Madison Rec)

## FEBRUARY

- ◆ Dog license late fee goes into effect

## MARCH

- ◆ Nomination papers for local elections become available
- ◆ Advisory Board meet to review Town budget
- ◆ **2nd installment of tax bill due March 15**

## APRIL

- ◆ (4/1)Deadline for filing Homestead Exemption
- ◆ Baseball, Softball begins (Madison Rec)
- ◆ Open water fishing
- ◆ Nomination papers due
- ◆ Moose application deadline (mail)
- ◆ Spring Cleanup (Brush/Leaves)

## MAY

- ◆ Personal property business equipment lists due 5/1
- ◆ ATV registrations available
- ◆ Baseball, Softball
- ◆ Moose application deadline (online)
- ◆ Summer Rec/Swim Program Registrations

## JUNE

- ◆ Annual Town Meeting & Elections
- ◆ SAD #59 Annual Meeting
- ◆ Moose Drawing
- ◆ ATV registrations expire
- ◆ Snowmobile registrations expire
- ◆ 30-day lien notices mailed
- ◆ Summer Rec/Swimming lessons start (Madison Rec)

## JULY

- ◆ Madison Fiscal Year begins
- ◆ Real Estate taxes go to lien
- ◆ Appointments to local Boards/Committees
- ◆ Summer Rec/Swimming lessons (Rec)
- ◆ East Madison Days

## AUGUST

- ◆ Madison-Anson Days celebration
- ◆ Soccer Registration (Madison Rec)
- ◆ Tax bills mailed

## SEPTEMBER

- ◆ Co-ed Soccer (K-5) begins (Madison Rec)
- ◆ **1st installment of tax bill due Sept 15**
- ◆ Flag Football (grades 2,3,4) begins (Rec)
- ◆ Tackle Football (grades 5,6,7) begins (Rec)
- ◆ Fall Cheering (grades 2-8) begins (Rec)

## OCTOBER

- ◆ Co-ed Soccer (grades K-5)
- ◆ Dog licenses available for new year 10/15
- ◆ Hunting season opens (small game)
- ◆ Fall Leaf Pickup

## NOVEMBER

- ◆ Hunting season (large game)
- ◆ State/Federal election
- ◆ Basketball (grades 3,4,5) (Madison Rec)
- ◆ Thanksgiving Food Baskets

## DECEMBER

- ◆ Madison Christmas Celebration (1st Saturday)
- ◆ Sporting licenses available for new year
- ◆ Snowmobile registrations available
- ◆ Foreclosure notices (30-day notice) mailed
- ◆ Boat registrations expire
- ◆ Christmas Food Baskets/Christmas Giving Tree

ANIMAL CONTROL		487 1632
ANIMAL HOSPITAL		696 5200
ANSON-MADISON SANITARY	(Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00)	696 5211
AMS AMBULANCE		696 5332
ANSON-MADISON WATER	(Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00)	696 4221
CHANNEL 11 (SCTV):	(Mon-Fri 10:00-4:00)	696 4145
DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	Dixfield Office	562 4228
FIRE DEPT COMPANY 1	Madison	696 4146
FIRE DEPT COMPANY 2	East Madison	474 8336
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	(Mon-Thurs 6:00-4:30)	696 5378
KVCAP	Fuel Assistance, Transportation	474 8487
MADISON ELECTRIC WORKS	(Mon-Fri 7:30-4:00)	696 4401
MADISON HEALTH CENTER		696 3992
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY	(Opens at 10:00am Mon-Sat)	696 5626
MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		696 4607
MADISON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL		696 3381
MADISON HIGH SCHOOL		696 3395
POLICE	(Mon-Fri 8:00-2:00)	696 5373
POST OFFICE		696 3045
SOMERSET CO-OP EXTENTION		474 9622
SOMERSET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		474 9861
TOWN OFFICE	(Mon-Fri 7:30-4:00)	696 3971
TREE WARDEN		696 3894
WASTE MANAGEMENT	(Wed-Fri 9:30-6:00, Sat 7:30-4:00)	634 2714

The Municipal Offices of the Town observe the following holidays:

New Years Day	Martin Luther King Jr Birthday	President's Day	Patriots Day
Memorial Day	Independence Day	Labor Day	Columbus Day
Veterans Day	Thanksgiving Day	Friday after T-Giving	Christmas Eve
Christmas Day	(In observance of Good Friday the Town Office closes at 11:30 the Friday before Easter)		