

TOWN OF Madison

2017 Annual Report
For the Fiscal Year 2015-2016



*Backyard Farms
Celebrates 10 Years of
Growing in Madison!*

What does it mean to be “Business Friendly”?

This year’s cover reflects the growth of one local industry while the Town closes a chapter in the paper making industry. The direction Madison moves in the future depends on a concerted effort to remain business friendly.

Town of Madison
Certified Business-Friendly

In 2014 the Town earned the designation from the state as a “Certified: Business Friendly Community”. We were issued big blue and white highway signs which we proudly display at the various entrances into Town. We promote on our website that we are one of 30 such communities in the state. But what does it mean to be “Business Friendly”?

To some it might mean that it’s the sole responsibility of the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen to ‘Create Jobs!’. It is my opinion that government at any level is not the job creator, but rather the local government must work hard to create an environment where the private sector can locate, develop and thrive; resulting in job creation.

Like many communities in central Maine, Madison faces challenges in maintaining that “Business Friendly” environment. We are not necessarily close to I-95, we have an aging workforce and we have a shrinking school-age population. While there is not much we can do about our physical location, we can focus on developing a stronger work force to attract business development. Over the last three years the Board of Selectmen have been working toward three economic development objectives.

Objective #1: Improve and increase Madison’s quality housing stock. The majority of homes in Madison are over 65 years old, with many in various stages of disrepair. Many of these older homes are utilized as multi-unit apartments and the local occupancy rate hovers between 95 and 100%. Ask anyone who has looked for an apartment to rent in Madison, they are not easy to find. Through enforcement of property maintenance standards and encouraging new housing development the image of Madison as a place people will want to live and raise a family will increase.

Objective #2: Expand the tax base and keep a competitive tax rate. It is no secret that Madison lost a tremendous amount of value with the closure of Madison Paper Industries and as such the local tax rate has increased from \$16.90 per thousand in 2012 to \$21.00 in 2016. Recovering millions of lost tax dollars will not be done all at once, but investment in energy production and re-development at the former mill site will bring back value one project at a time. On the other side of the equation, boards and committees will have to continue the dedicated work of keeping budgets as trim as possible on the municipal, school, and county levels.

Objective #3: Streamline the application process. When businesses apply for building and development permits in Madison the goal is for it to be as ‘user friendly’ as possible. Admittedly in some instances that has not been the case. There are several updates that need to be done to the “Site-Review” process for people building new homes and businesses. Details of the updates can be found on page 30.

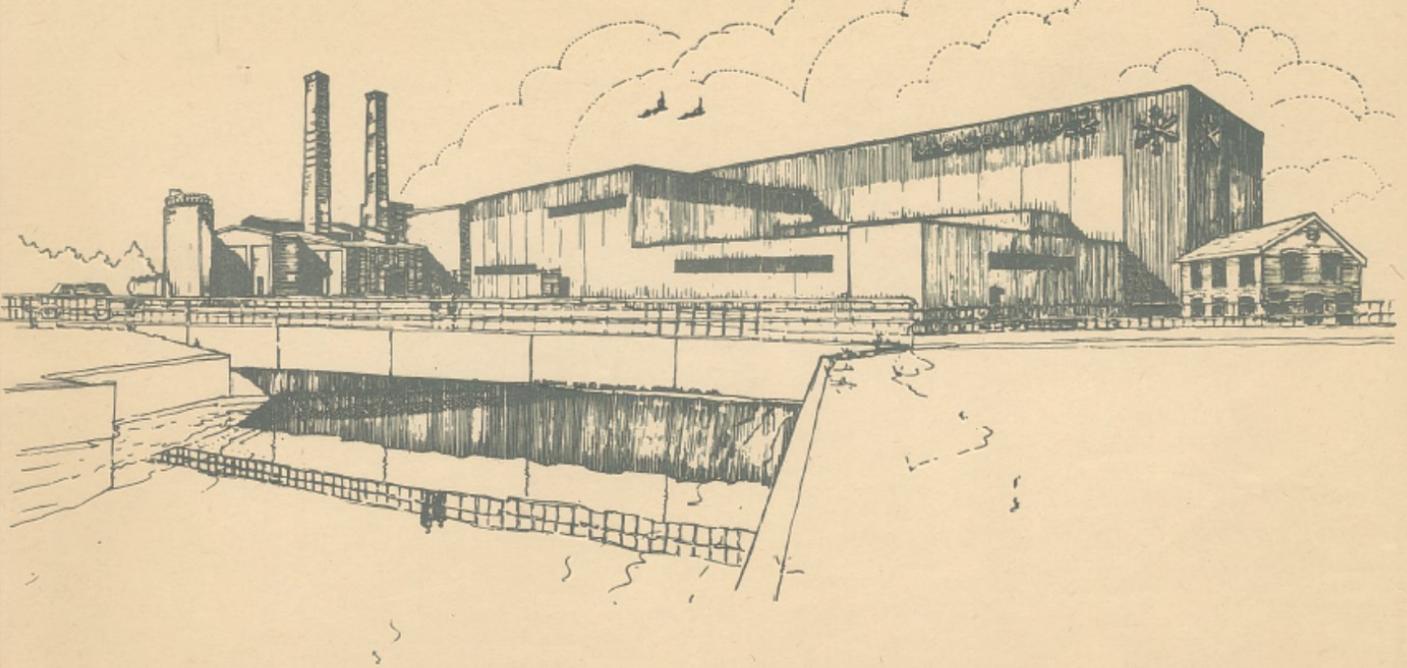
While the Town Office and Selectmen continue to move forward, our school system will continue providing quality education and workforce training, and resources like the Madison Business Alliance will continue to unify and promote our area. Being ‘Business-Friendly’ is just one part of the tremendous work that hundreds of people do to make Madison a great place to live, work and play.

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Dedication: The Workers of Madison Paper

This year the Madison Board of Selectmen found it fitting to dedicate the Town Report to the workers of Madison Paper Industries for their many years of high quality paper making.



MADISON PAPER INDUSTRIES BREAKS GROUND ON TWO YEAR MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION

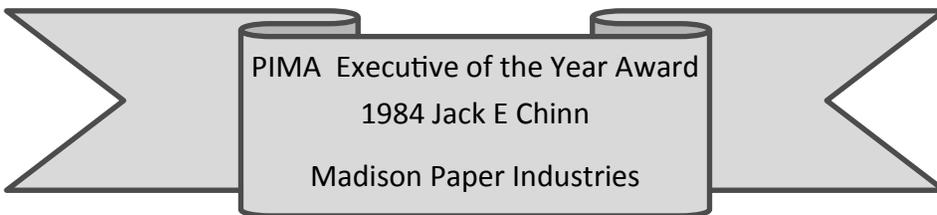
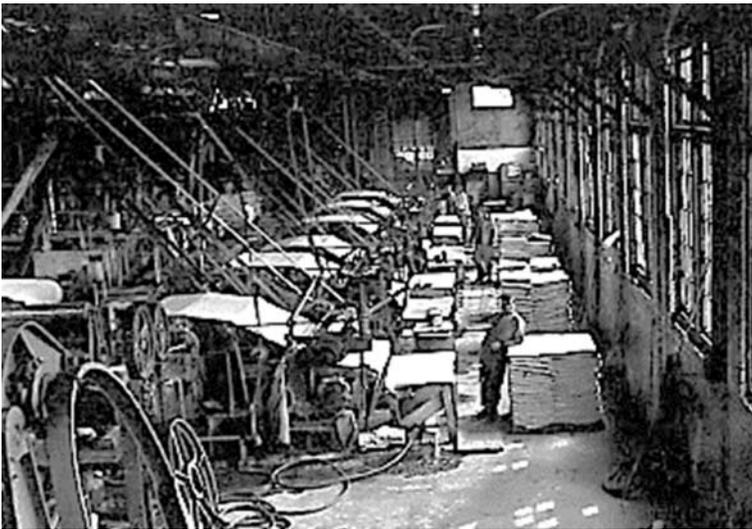
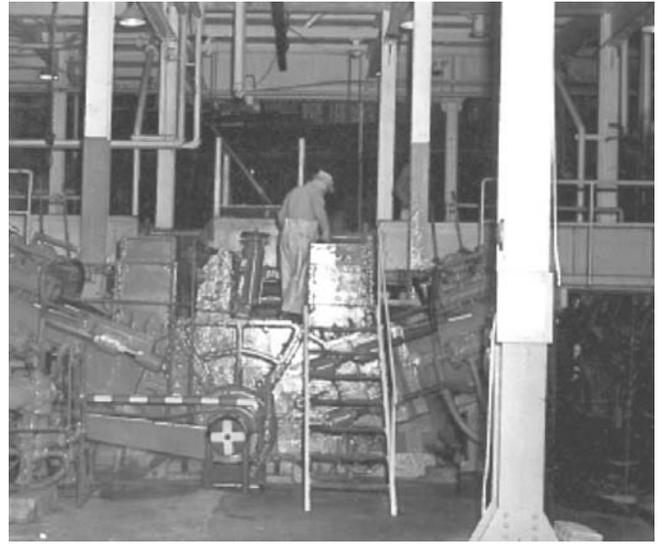
MADISON, MAINE —Madison Paper Industries has broken ground on construction that will make the Madison Mill the largest producer of super-calendered paper in North America. The \$185 million expansion was designed by the Portland engineering firm of E.C. Jordan and will be built by the Cianbro Corporation of Pittsfield. The Madison project is believed to be the largest dollar contract awarded to an all-Maine design/build team. Scheduled completion for the Madison Paper project is February 1982. Madison Paper Industries is a partnership of the New York Times Company and Madison Paper Corp., a subsidiary of the Finnish paper manufacturer, Myllykoski Oy.

The press release above from the early 1980s marks the beginning of what would be a 35 year run of making award winning super-calendar paper in Madison. When the paper machine shut down for the final time on May 28, 2016 it was still operating at 97% efficiency.

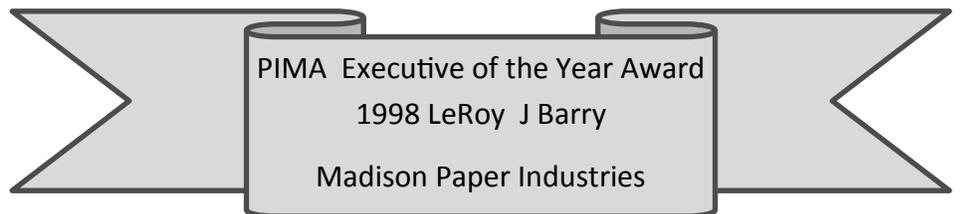


It takes more than a machine to make a great product. The following pages are dedicated to the mill's hard working employees, many of them second and third generation workers whose families made Madison their home. The photos are from a collection compiled by Madison Paper and given to the Town. A compilation of photos and other artifacts are available for viewing at the Madison Historical Society.

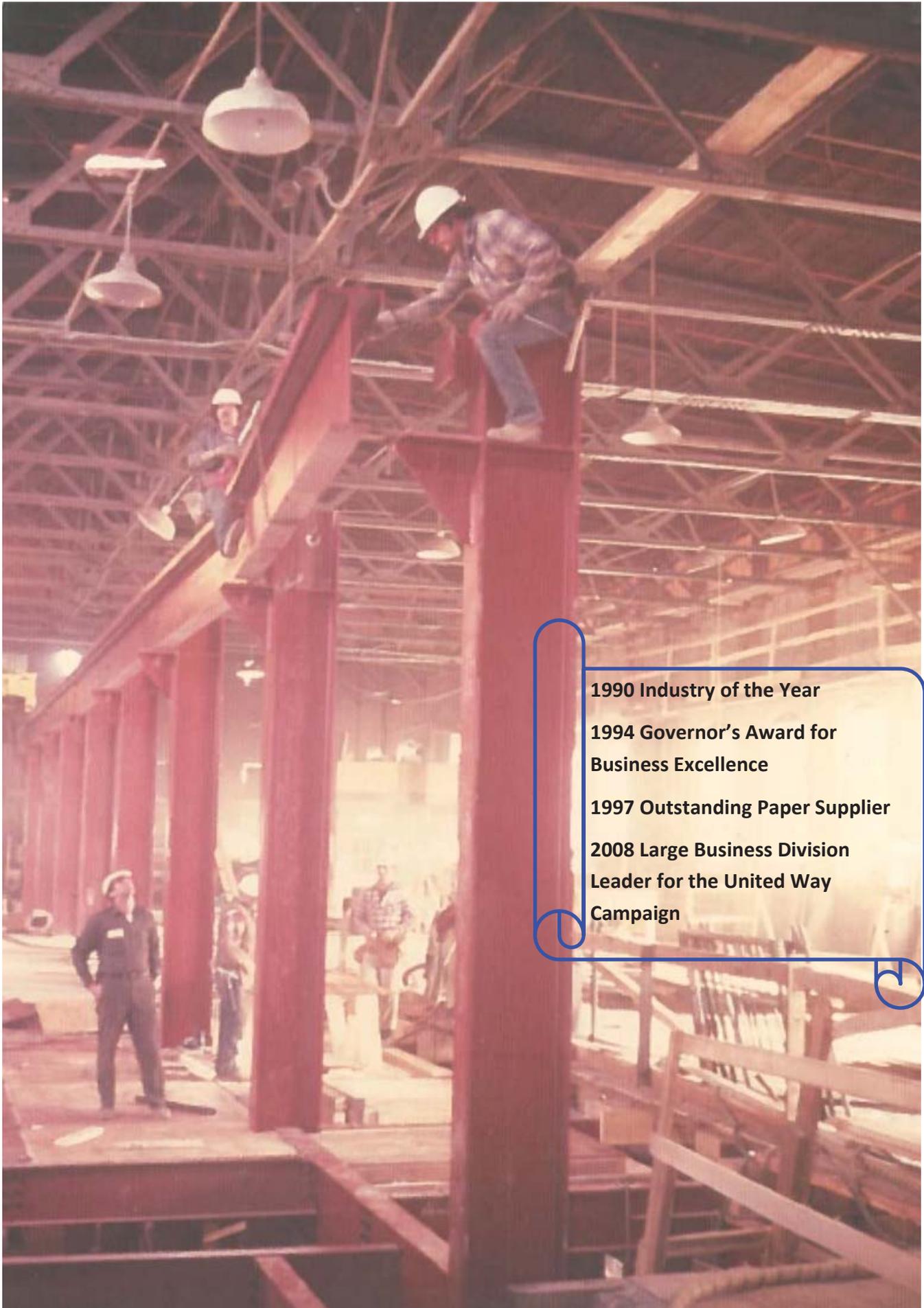
With the Myllykoski Oy investment into a new paper machine, Madison Paper transitioned to a more high tech industrial paper mill, employing over 800 workers during the span of the last 35 years and producing over 6.5 million tons of Super Calendar Paper.



PIMA Executive of the Year Award
1984 Jack E Chinn
Madison Paper Industries



PIMA Executive of the Year Award
1998 LeRoy J Barry
Madison Paper Industries



1990 Industry of the Year
1994 Governor's Award for Business Excellence
1997 Outstanding Paper Supplier
2008 Large Business Division Leader for the United Way Campaign



Individual Employee
 Safety Innovation &
 Leadership Award 2006
 Bob Deane
 Ken Ingalls



Individual Employee
 Safety Innovation &
 Leadership Award 2007
 Brian Berry
 Lee Longe



Individual Employee
 Safety Innovation &
 Leadership Award 2008
 Steve Thibert
 Bob Marandola

Individual Employee
 Safety Innovation &
 Leadership Award 2009
 Louis Fourcaudot
 Russ Peters

Individual Employee
 Safety Innovation &
 Leadership Award 2010
 Brian Berry
 Jeremy Vigue



**2000 Maine Pulp & Paper
Association Fork and Clamp Truck
Competition**

3rd Place Fork - Jason Henry

2nd Place Clamp - Mike Gallant

1st Place Fork - Scott Clough





2010 Chairman’s Award for Best Overall Performance in Safety
2012 UPM Frontrunner Award for Safety
2013 UPM Frontrunner Award for Safety
2013 “World Record Symbelt Life - Voith”

Special thanks to Mike Dorion and Nancy Lancaster for their help compiling the photos and the data for this dedication. On behalf of the Town of Madison, THANK YOU to The Workers of Madison Paper for your commitment to safety and production and your contributions to the quality of life in Madison.



Directory of Departmental Officers

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

Town Manager, Economic Development &

Tax Collector: Tim Curtis 696 3971 edd@madisonmaine.com

Administrative Asst Deb Chandler 696 3971 admin@madisonmaine.com

Bookkeeper: Tammy Carrier 696 3971 finance@madisonmaine.com

Town Clerk, Treasurer &

Registrar of Voters: Kathy Estes 696 5622 townclerk@madisonmaine.com

Welfare Director: Kim Moody 696 5621 deputyclerk@madisonmaine.com

Assessors Agent: Shirley Bartlett 318 8250 sbartlett213@yahoo.com

Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer &

Plumbing Inspector: Bob Dunphy 474 4515 rdunphy@madisonmaine.com

Recreation Director: Chris LeBlanc 696 3395 cleblanc@msad59.org

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

Road Commissioner: Glen Mantor 696 5378 highway@madisonmaine.com

Foreman: Jeff Wright foreman@madisonmaine.com

Equipment Operators: Peter Dow, Peter Paine **Mechanic:** Bill Pierce

Police (Madison Division of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office) 26 Weston Avenue

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

Sheriff : Dale Lancaster 474 9591

Animal Control Officer: Robert Crosby 431 3306

Staff Sergeant : Michael Knight

Deputies: Lucas Libby, Tyler Lafrenier, Chelsea Merry & Tad Nelson

Dispatcher: Sharon Carey 696 5373

Fire Department (volunteer)

Fire Chief Don French 431 1435 Company 1 Weston Ave

Deputy Chief Dan Bosworth 431 0813 Company 2 East Madison Road

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

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

Internal Operations Manager : Martin Berry

Collections Clerk : Carmen Wilkinson **Bookkeeper:** Robin Dimock

Linemen: Scott Lloyd, Reginald Clement, Mark Mantor, Mike Cipriano, Dylan Morin

Meter Reader: Lee Locke

Town Office



Tim Curtis
Town Manager

It has been a pleasure to serve as Madison's Town Manager for a second year. People often ask how I like it. And I often get surprised looks when I tell them I like it a lot. Sure, there are hassles that come with every job but what really makes the difference is having a good team around you.

Some of you know I get to watch a lot of Madison high school sports from the press box or the scorer's table. It's a great place to watch the games because you can see the hard work done by the unheralded players: teammates that set the picks, box out, follow through with their fakes and make the extra block downfield. Those players take their roles seriously and make the difference between good teams and great teams.



Tammy Carrier
Finance Director

Here at the Town Office I'm proud to say we have a great team with players that work hard to do the little things right. Finance Director Tammy Carrier received high marks this past year from auditors HRH Smith & Associates for her diligent record keeping. Tammy also takes on the huge task of overseeing Forest Hills Cemetery with the same great attention to detail.

Deputy Clerk Kim Moody is sure to greet you with a warm hello and some hearty laughter when you come through the door. When she was hired she assured me that she knew everybody in Town and she proves it to me every day. Kim also coordinates the General Assistance Program to help those in need.



Kim Moody
Deputy Clerk

The Town's Administrative Assistance duties are split between Deb Chandler and Connie Vigneault. Both provide quick wit and a sense of humor in their customer service. They stay busy keeping track of all the paperwork that flows through the office. Between Kim, Deb and Connie they very well may know everyone in town!

In 2016 Treasurer and Clerk Kathy Estes earned her lifetime certification from the Maine Town Clerk's Association. She has settled into her new space at the Town Office with a fresh coat of paint. Kathy and Tammy have a plan to make their way through every room to upgrade the workspace. (Apparently I am not allowed to make color suggestions!).

Each one of these teammates does so much behind the scenes work to make the Town Office function efficiently and effectively. I value their commitment to the job, communication with each other, and common sense problem solving skills, but most of all I cherish the fun and laughter that we share every day.

Having a great team makes all the difference.

Tim Curtis - Town Manager



Debra Chandler
Admin Assistant



Connie Vigneault
Admin Assistant

Town Clerk's Report



Kathy Estes
Treasurer/Clerk

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 mail 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. Certified copies of vital records are \$15.00 for the first copy, additional copies of the same record at the same time is \$6.00 and Marriage licenses are now \$40.00.

Elections are always a busy time of year for the Clerks Office. State Elections are held twice a year, November is the General Election and in June is the Primary and Local Elections. The Town of Madison has two tabulator machines to use during elections. This year in the June election a total of 516 votes were cast. In the November election a total of 2306 votes were cast. Madison has a total of 3244 registered voters. 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 13, 2016 was the Annual Town Meeting. Local Elections were held on June 14, 2016.

Genealogy research is still 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.

Births 2015/16	Deaths 2015/16	Marriages 2015/16
43	72	24

The Town Clerk's office licensed 95 unaltered dogs, 497 neutered or spayed dogs for a total of 592 dogs, plus 2 kennel licenses.

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&Wildlife for various fees. Stop by the town office for an application.

Sporting Licenses (Hunting/Fishing)	Boats & Personal Watercraft	Snowmobiles	ATVs
545	336	231	240

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.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Estes Town Clerk

Town Treasurer's Report

To the Citizens of Madison:

The 2015/16 fiscal year saw 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 in the 2014-2015 year. 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 for the second year. Our year-end General Fund balance is now \$1,508,403 compared to last year's restated amount of \$1,522,371.

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, 2016, the cemetery fund balance is \$295,115.00

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, 2016 is \$7,111.00

DOROTHY BROWN SCHOOL ENDOWMENT TRUST This is an expendable trust, to be used solely for public schools in the Town of Madison. We expended \$1,361.00 from this fund for such purpose this fiscal year. The balance in this fund as of June 30, 2016 is \$85,929.00

LEGAL INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE The balance in the Legal Insurance Deductible as of June 30, 2016 is \$27,631.00

REVALUATION FUND The balance in the Revaluation Fund as of June 30, 2016 is \$114,994.00

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

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.

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 year the Town has budgeted \$14,000 for General 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

Madison Highway Department

To the citizens of Madison,

Thank you for your support of the Highway Department. We survived another winter, although it was one of the more difficult ones in recent memory.

Spring Cleanup generates several 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. In addition to street sweeping and painting crosswalks and parking spaces, the Highway Department oversaw repairs to the East Madison Dam. On the recommendation of the State Dam Inspector, repairs were made to the poured concrete joints that were leaking. Total cost was less than \$3,500. Below is a summary of last summer's road projects.

Road	Project Description	Labor & Equip Costs
Tupper Road	Ditching and adding recycled asphalt, and new culverts	\$16,065.00
Bagley Road	Ditching and adding recycled asphalt	\$5,142.00
Blackwell Hill Road	Ditching, culvert replacement, adding shoulder material after paving	\$32,156.00
Old County Road	Ditching, culvert replacement, addition shoulder material after paving.	\$40,293.00

Equipment purchases included a new stainless steel side dump sander body for \$41,650.00. The old body had been repaired several times and was very weak.

Our employees are Foreman Jeff Wright, Equipment Operators Peter Paine & Peter Dow, Mechanic Bill Pierce, with Jay Watt as winter help 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 2016 six (6) trees were removed by contracted services for a total cost of \$3,900.

If you are aware of 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.

Glen Mantor - Tree Warden

Madison Division: Somerset County Sheriff's Office



We have completed a full year of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office providing law enforcement services for the Town of Madison.

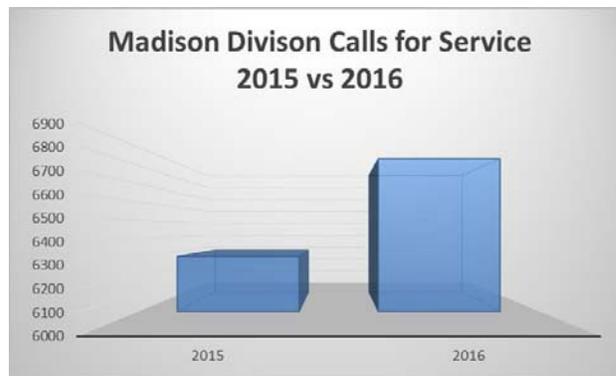
I believe the synergy, efficiency, and cost savings has been a benefit to the taxpayers of Madison. In fiscal year 2016 the Sheriff's Office returned approximately \$52,000 to the Town of Madison.

I would like to take a moment to recognize, and give special thanks, to Deputy Joseph "Joe" Mitchell for his many years of service to the Town of Madison and the citizens of Somerset County. Deputy Mitchell was working for the Sheriff's Office Court Security Division when he unexpectedly passed on December 9, 2016.

In December of 2016 Deputy Lucas Libby graduated from the 31st Basic Law Enforcement Training Program. The BLETP is an 18 week basic police training academy. Deputy Tyler LaFreniere is presently attending the 32nd BLETP, located at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro.

During 2016 we were able to upgrade the mobile data terminal in the cruisers, upgrade the deputies' portables, and replace their service handguns.

This past year we experienced a 9% increase in the calls for service. In 2015 the Madison Division handled 6,301 calls for service. In comparison, during 2016 deputies responded to 6,836 calls for service.



In June of 2016 the Madison Division, working with the MSAD 59 sponsored two children to participate in the Camp Postcard program. This program is sponsored by Maine Sheriff's Association.

This past year the Sheriff's Office again took advantage of grants through the Department of Highway Safety to augment our traffic enforcement in the town, and to purchase two new radars for the Madison Division patrol vehicles. The Sheriff's Office will continue to work with the selectmen, Town Manager Tim Curtis, and the citizens of Madison to provide quality law enforcement services.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Dale P. Lancaster

Anson/Madison/Starks Ambulance Service

The AMS Ambulance Service responded to a total of 1,677 calls in the last year. 819 of those calls originated in Madison. It is the goal of AMS to treat every patient with the best of care every time. It is important to have your house numbers in a highly visible area so they can be seen easily from the road, even at night. The ability to locate a residence as quickly as possible in an emergency situation can make a big difference in the patient's care, so help us help you. The cost of healthcare related supplies and the costs associated with running a business go up every year. We were able to reduce the towns assessments in 2011 by \$4.00 per capita from \$19 to \$15 and have saved the towns we serve \$200,000 in the last 6 years. However due to rising costs and the difficulty in meeting the financial needs of the service, the Board of Directors has voted to increase the assessments back to \$19 starting in July of 2017.

The ambulance service's main goal is to respond, treat and transport sick and injured people to the hospital. But we are also there to help you with such things as blood pressure checks, or help with any questions about where to get information or help pertaining to your health care (696-5332). We also do ambulance tours for kid's groups such as Cub Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, etc. We cover community events like parades, sporting events and do emergency care presentations for all school ages. In the past year we helped the Madison school system, Library, Fire Department and Somerset Sheriff's Department obtain AEDs through the USDA and did the training for them. We also have a table at the local college fair held yearly at Madison High School for several area schools.

George Demchak, Paramedic, Director AMS Ambulance



Madison Fire Department

In the summer of 2016 long time Madison firefighter and Deputy Chief Don French was voted in as Chief by the members of the department. Dan Bosworth remains as the Deputy Chief and several members have stepped up to new positions in the department.

Madison firefighters saw steady activity in 2016 with a total of 232 calls in and around the community.

Vehicle Accidents - 55	Medical Assist - 37	False Alarms - 10	Public Assist - 21	Canceled Dispatch - 21
Hazardous Cond - 33	Smoke/Odor - 8	Building Fires - 18	Vehicle Fires - 6	Water Incidents - 1
Outside Fires - 8	Brush Fires - 6	Chimney Fires - 5	Burning no Permit - 1	Furnace Malfunction - 2

For the fourth year in a row the department has applied for funding for new equipment through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant offered through FEMA. The 2016 application was for nearly \$60,000 to purchase 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.

Tax Assessing



Shirley Bartlett
Assessing Agent

Shirley Bartlett of Bartlett Assessing Services is the assessing agent for the Town. General questions about taxes can be answered at the Town Office number of 696 3971. Shirley is in the Town Office every Monday from 8am to 4pm and can be reached during the rest of the week at 207 318 8250 or by email at sbartlette213@yahoo.com.

In 2016 the Madison Board of Assessors met eleven times. The most pressing matter before the Board was the closing of Madison Paper and the subsequent abatement request from MPI in September of 2016. The Town valued the mill property as an operating paper mill with hydro-electric power at \$72,759,800 as of April 1, 2016. In their abatement request Madison Paper claimed that the property including the dam was only worth \$25,000,000 on April 1. The difference of \$47,759,800 would result in a reduction in taxes of \$931.316.10. The MPI request was denied by the Madison Assessors and the mill has appealed the decision to the State Board of Property Tax Review. In addition to the request from Madison Paper, the Board of Assessors reviewed several other abatement applications. The table below shows the abatements granted in 2016.

Account #	Address	Abatement	Tax Reduction	Reason
2930	547 Horsetail Hill	\$27,200	\$611.57	Mobile Home no longer there
2380	1603 East Madison Road	62,700 (3 years)	\$1,392.46	Mobile Home no longer there
3125	24 Martins Road	\$49,300 (3 years)	\$1,120.01	Mobile Home no longer there
179	89 Abnaki Road	\$155,700	\$3,036.15	Adjusted value of campsites
2162	70 Abnaki Road	\$44,400	\$932.40	Software error, property tax twice
245	1087 Thurston Hill	\$15,000	\$315.00	Mistakenly removed homestead exemption
2207	39 Spruce Street	\$15,000	\$315.00	Mistakenly removed homestead exemption
P488	Caterpillar Financing Authority	\$18,900	\$396.90	Personal Property should have been exempt under State BETE Program
P422	Hughes Network	\$1,000	\$21.00	Personal Property taxed twice

Tax Assessing Continued

Valuation: With the closure of Madison Paper in May of 2016, the Town valuation was adjusted down to \$364,216,500. Another factor was the State’s decision to raise the Homestead Exemption for property owners. The \$5,000 increase in 2016 results in a loss of \$5,500,000 of taxable property for the Town. The sale of the paper making facility at Madison Paper was announced in December of 2016 for an undisclosed amount. Much of the personal property and equipment is scheduled to be dismantled and sold. The site will be redeveloped over the next year, but in the meantime there will be a significant loss in the amount of taxable personal property. The hydro-electric dams are being sold separately.

Valuations as of April 1, 2016	
Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$312,678,500.00
Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation	\$51,538,000.00
Total Taxable Valuation	\$364,216,500.00

Homestead Exemption: While the tax rate did increase from \$19.50 to \$21.00 per thousand, many homeowners did not notice much of a difference in their tax bill because of the increase in the Homestead Exemption. If you have owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April 1st you may apply for this program. This year the exemption increases from \$15,000 to \$20,000. If you already receive this exemption you do NOT have to apply to receive the additional \$5,000.

Personal Property: Approximately 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: With the loss in value at Madison Paper and the adjustments from the Homestead Exemption the Madison Assessors raised the local property tax rate from \$19.50 per thousand to \$21.00. That rate included an overlay of \$294,000.00 which has been set aside to use in the event that the State Board of Property Tax Review grants in favor of Madison Paper’s appeal.

Madison Tax Rate	2007 to 2016
Fiscal Year 2016 - \$21.00	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

Tax Collection

For the current fiscal year \$7,648,546.50 was committed for taxes to be raised to fund the budgets approved for the school, county and municipal governments. For the second year Town Manager Tim Curtis also serves as Tax Collector. Of the taxes collected, \$4,972,879 funds the local portion of the MSAD#59 School Budget, \$858,605 funds the Town's portion of the Somerset County Budget, and the remainder covers the Municipal Budget. This year an additional \$294,323 was raised as an overlay which was set aside to cover the potential cost of an abatement request from Madison Paper Industries. MPI filed for an abatement of their 2016 taxes in September of 2016. Their request was denied by the Madison Board of Assessors and subsequently MPI filed for an appeal with the State Board of Property Tax Review. As of the publication of the Town Report that case had not yet been heard.

Tax Club: For the 8th consecutive year the Town is pleased to offer taxpayers in good standing the opportunity to join the Tax Club. The enrolment period is from July 1st through the second Friday in September. Sign up forms are available at the Town Office and online at www.madisonmaine.com. 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. You may see some names that appear year after year. In most cases those are accounts that are in bankruptcy proceedings and cannot be sold to pay the back taxes until the bankruptcy has been cleared.

2010 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/17

Name	Amount
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$344.99
Total 2010 Real Estate Taxes	\$344.99

2011 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/17

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

2012 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/17

Name	Amount
PETERS, KENNETH E	\$586.03
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$371.37
Total 2012 Real Estate Taxes	\$1,381.34

2013 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/2017

Name	Amount
LEYVA, DONNA M	\$1,100.31
PETERS, KENNETH E	\$609.63
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$385.64
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$515.41
WATTERS, NANCY	\$3,905.98
WILDES, YVONNE M	\$336.65
Total 2013 Real Estate Taxes	\$6,853.62

2014 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/2017

Name	Amount
EMERY, ERWIN L & SHIRLEY E	\$2,482.35
HACHEY, JEANIE	\$1,511.37
HINES, JAMES D & HILARY L	\$882.42
HOLLAND, JAMES	\$354.06
LEYVA, DONNA M	\$1,123.20
MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$1,575.06
PETERS, KENNETH	\$695.60
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$360.75
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$499.20
WATTERS, NANCY	\$4,116.45
WILDES, YVONNE M	\$1398.15
Total 2014 Real Estate Taxes	\$1,381.34

2015 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/2017

Name	Amount
ABDELRIHIM, MOHAMED A	\$1,924.65
ACEVEDO, SONIA & BLACK, JEFFREY	\$871.42
ADAMS, SHARON C	\$612.30
AMES REAL EST ENTERPRISES, INC	\$156.00
AMES, TIMOTHY A	\$331.50
AMES, TIMOTHY A TRUSTEE	\$1,542.45
BOWRING, DECEMBER A, HEIRS OF	\$555.75
BREINGAN, LINDA	\$1,365.00
BRIGGS, VINCENT J & CURRIE, ELLEN	\$3,443.70
BURRILL, BRANDIE	\$111.15
CHURCHILL, DONNA	\$766.33
CORO, KEVIN	\$577.93
CORSON, STEVEN	\$1,144.65
COUTURIER, GARY	\$261.30
DAY, KELLY J. & DENNIS M	\$812.91
DIXON, LINVILLE	\$941.39
DODGE, MICHAEL	\$97.50
EMERY, ERWIN L & SHIRLEY E	\$2,482.35
FINNEY, LORI & ISAAH	\$277.87
FITZMAURICE, SHAYNE	\$183.56
FLOOD, RONALD R	\$206.71
FOSTER, CHRISTIE L	\$2,029.95
FRANZOSE, ALLEN	\$532.35
GORDON, BENJAMIN P	\$471.09
GORDON, ELWOOD B (JR) & BAMBI	\$540.15

Name	Amount
GORNEY, KEITH & BETSY	\$1,281.15
GRANT, LORETTE R	\$487.50
GREENE, MELTIAH B.	\$1,345.50
HACHEY, JEANIE	\$1,505.40
HALL, DALE R	\$583.05
HALL, DALE R	\$429.97
HALL, DALE R	\$95.55
HANDLEY, VALENTIA	\$449.16
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$1,316.25
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$298.35
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$497.25
HAYDEN, LORI	\$15.60
HEALD, KIRK A. & DEBORAH	\$1,158.30
HIBBARD, DANA & BRENDA	\$1,150.50
HINES, JAMES D & HILARY L	\$1,602.90
HOCKENBERRY, MARK W & KAY	\$1,000.00
HOLLAND, JAMES A	\$557.70
HOLT, ELWIN, ESTATE OF	\$1,524.90
HOSKINS, LEWIS F	\$854.00
INMAN, MARGARET	\$644.20
JENCKS, JULIE L. & RODERICK	\$427.51
KANE, CECIL W; ESTATE OF	\$2,008.50
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$16,348.80
LACASSE, JESSE W & ANNA	\$3,817.12
LAFRENIERE, GARY & NEITA	\$2,603.65
LAMPHERE, CHARLES B	\$3,114.15
LARLEE, SANDRA J	\$1,359.15

Name	Amount
LEBLANC, ROBERT M.	\$1,070.55
LEYVA, DONNA M	\$663.00
LOCKE, WILLIAM	\$1,014.00
LOMBARD, KEVIN R	\$1,158.30
MALLARD, ROBERT JR.	\$1,721.42
MATSON, HAROLD A	\$1,575.60
MERRY, ERNEST R JR. & JODI L	\$1,314.30
MILLER, THOMAS	\$724.92
MINISTRIES, GERTRUDE	\$2,558.40
NICKERSON, CHARLES R	\$1,217.46
NILE, KAREN	\$74.10
PALMER, LISA A	\$1,639.95
PARLIN, DEBRA	\$1,013.10
PINKHAM, MARY	\$1,388.40
PRICE, GARY	\$840.45
PROSSER, CHRISTINA A	\$809.25
PROVOST, MICHELLE	\$1,098.87
QUIMBY, EDWARD A	\$941.85
RALSTON, FRANCES C	\$509.44
ROBBINS, MAURICE	\$649.35
RUSHTON, KEMPTON J & MARGOT	\$869.70
SABOL, RICHARD	\$452.40
SABOL, RICHARD	\$195.00
SABOL, RICHARD	\$195.00
SABOL, RICHARD	\$187.20
SALVO, DEAN C. &	\$967.20
SAMAROO, KELLY	\$844.65

Name	Amount
SHAW, ALICE estate of	\$1,290.90
SMITH, ALBERT L. & TRACEY D	\$317.85
SMITH, GORDON	\$748.37
SPOOR, GLEN A & PATTI A	\$202.80
TANNER, MARK K & DEBORA D	\$2,170.32
TAYLOR, DARLENE	\$702.00
TAYLOR, STEPHEN J	\$772.20
TEMPLIN, JOHN SR & LINDA	\$1,222.65
THEBARGE, KRIS A	\$705.90
THIBODEAU, ALAN & MARTHA	\$550.06
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$360.75
TUFTS, DEBBIE L	\$1,242.15
VAN RUTTEN, JESSICA	\$288.60
VENUTI, JAMES J	\$1,431.30
VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	\$956.76
WAGG, FRANK O	\$844.35
WALLACE, RANDALL E	\$829.72
WARD, CHRYSTAL	\$284.70
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$522.60
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$750.75
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$499.20
WATTERS, NANCY	\$4,116.45
WEBB, JAY & JANNA L	\$1,911.00
WESTON, THOMAS B	\$1,245.38
WHITNEY, HEATH T	\$965.25
WILDES, YVONNE M	\$1,398.15
WILKINSON, SCOTT K	\$507.00

Name	Amount
WILLETTE, ABBY	\$1,195.35
WOOD, RITA I	\$335.40
YOUNG, CINDY	\$1,086.15
Total 2014 Real Estate Taxes	\$123,863.99

2009 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2017

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$113.75
Total 2009 Personal Property Taxes	\$113.75

2010 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2017

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$112.00
SOMERSET DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$3.20
Total 2010 Personal Property Taxes	\$115.20

2011 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2017

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$113.75
SOMERSET DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$3.25
Total 2011 Personal Property Taxes	\$117.00

2012 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2017

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$118.37
Total 2012 Personal Property Taxes	\$828.59

**2013 Personal Property Taxes as of
1/31/2017**

Name	Amount
FRUITFUL FIELDS FARM	\$7.01
HANDY-MAN CONSTRUCTION	\$3.51
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$122.71
PARADIS WINDOW TINTING	\$2.30
Total 2013 Personal Property	\$135.53

**2014 Personal Property Taxes as of
1/31/2017**

Name	Amount
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
PIZZARAMA	\$85.80
SHIRLEY EMERY	\$33.15
TANGLZ HAIR STUDIO	\$44.85
TAYLOR, DARLENE	\$33.15
THIE IRON WILLOW	\$7.80
TOWN LINE PIPE & TRUCK	\$3.90
VIRGINIA BELANGER, LCPC	\$19.50
Total 2014 Personal Property	\$601.25

**2015 Personal Property Taxes as of
1/31/2017**

Name	Amount
CIANBRO EQUIPMENT, LLC	\$286.65
CUNNINGHAM/LINDSEY INS.	\$17.55
CURBSIDE CAFÉ	\$15.60
FIRE HOUSE BAKERY	\$479.70
FULLBLOOM HYDROPONICS	\$13.65
HANDY-MAN CONSTRUCTION	\$3.90
INDEPENDENT APPRAISALS	\$12.67
KIMLYN'S FAMILY CLOTHING	\$7.80
KIRK'S GUN & SPORT SHOP	\$15.60
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$140.40
LAMPHERE, CHARLES B	\$152.10
PIZZARAMA	\$171.60
ROY, ROBERT	\$97.50
SHIRLEY EMERY	\$33.15
SHUSTA, ANTHONY, P. II	214.50
TAYLOR, DARLENE	\$33.15
THIE IRON WILLOW	\$7.80
TOWN LINE PIPE & TRUCK	\$7.80
WILKINSON, SCOTT K	\$54.60
Total 2015 Personal Property	\$1,765.72

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 \$7,300 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 medical 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 41st Anniversary of the four day festival that has come to be known as Madison/Anson Days.

In the 1970s 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 theme is "Honoring our First Responders". The action begins on Thursday August 24th and continues through Sunday the 27th with plenty of activities on both sides of the Kennebec River

Feature Story: *Barbara Moody* - by *Allison Dean*

Barbara Moody grew up in Dixfield, Maine, and worked in the Dirigo School District after graduating college as an English major. In 1978 she was hired at Madison Junior High School as the first Title 1 teacher. This allowed her to shape the program working in conjunction with classroom teachers for students who needed extra help with reading. She moved to Madison High School to teach English, then when Mr. Campbell became the principal, she took the government and history position. Government is her favorite subject to teach because it is so relevant to the lives of her students, Mrs. Moody said, “I have a passion for showing students how the government shapes your lives and how you can shape the government”. Mrs. Moody is one of Madison's most dedicated teachers, inside and outside of the classroom. She is always willing to help her students and community, whether they need extra help with schoolwork or could use a helping hand with a fundraiser, Mrs. Moody is always there for her “kids”. She has touched the lives of many students during her 39 years in the district. She says she has been here so long, she is now having parents-teacher conferences with some of her former students.



Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Moody continues to keep herself busy. She has worked as a ski patrol officer traveling the state with the head officer to teach first aid all over Maine, and worked at Lake George's Camp Modin to give horseback riding lessons. She has been a Pampered Chef kitchen consultant, and had her own dog grooming business.

She loves working with dogs, and spends a lot of time with her own. She said “Over 27 years of marriage, my husband and I have only been dogless for a month”. She enjoys going bird hunting with her dogs and relaxing with a good book at her hunting camp, which she calls her “home away from home”. She is on the library board of trustees, and is currently the secretary of the board. She's a huge supporter of the library, and reads an entire book every two or three days.

Mrs. Moody has donated her knowledge and time to Madison students, and we are all blessed to have such a dedicated teacher and role model in MSAD #59. - *Allison Dean, Town Office Intern*

Town Office Intern: *Allison Dean*

For the 2016/2017 School year the Town Office is pleased to have Allison Dean serve as our student intern. Allison is a senior at Madison High School and active in her community. After graduation Allison plans to pursue an accounting degree with a pre-law focus at the University of Maine. She has worked on several projects for us in the Town Office, including updates to the Town Report, addressing, accounting and our tax map filings. On behalf of the Town Office staff and the Board of Selectmen I would like to thank Allison for her service over the past year and we wish her the very best.



Tim Curtis

Town Manager

Madison Residents Celebrate 100 Years!

This past winter two residents with names familiar to Madison history marked the 100 year milestone. On January 16, 2017 Ann Shusta Labin celebrated with family and friends at Maple Crest. Ann was born in 1917 on Perkins Street in Madison, the daughter of farmer George Shusta who owned the land around the Shusta Road. Ann graduated from Madison High School in 1935 and worked at the Woolen Mill in Town. For 98 of her 100 years she lived at the same 8 Perkins Street home. She was fond of saying that the key to a long life is to work hard and mind your own business. Ann's failing health led to her passing just a few weeks after her 100th birthday.



Ann Labin and her son David at her 100th birthday party at the Maple Crest Home

In March residents of One Madison Avenue gathered to celebrate with Helen Weston, who was born March 3, 1917 in Rangeley, Maine.

Though the Weston name is common to Madison, Helen did not think she was directly related to the Town's earliest residents. She grew up in Strong and worked for several years as a telephone switchboard operator. She moved to One Madison Avenue two years ago and remains very active. One of the first things she did when she moved to Madison was to visit the Library to make sure they had large print books. Helen is an avid reader and likes to stay busy. She feels very fortunate to have been able to live the life she has been given.



Helen Weston shares a laugh with Town Manager Tim Curtis at her 100th birthday party at One Madison Avenue.



For over 100 years towns in New England have been honoring the oldest citizens with the "Boston Post Cane". The brainchild of Boston Post publisher Edwin Grozier in 1909, the tradition has been carried on by several towns in Maine. Recently many towns have found it difficult to track the necessary information to make these types of recognitions fair and consistent. The Town of Madison has decided to turn over the two replica 'canes' to the Madison & East Madison Historical Societies for safe keeping.



Local Boards and Committees

Board of Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor (meet 2nd & 4th Monday of the month)

Albert A. Veneziano, Chairman (2019) John Ducharme III, Vice Chairman (2017)
Paul R. Fortin (2018) Michael A. Edgerly (2017) Ronald Moody (2019)

Planning Board

Marc Leslie, Chair (2017) Jeff Drew, Vice Chair (2018) Doug Denico (2018)
Mary Tomlinson (2017) Lewis Ouilette (2019) Mark Doty (2017)
Brett Hagopian (2019) Code Enforcement Officer: Bob Dunphy

SAD #59 Board of Directors (meet 3rd Monday of the month)

Bruce Thebarger, Chair (2018) John Krasnavage (2018) Robert Hagopian (2019)
Jeff Wright (2019) Kristie LeBlanc (2017) Rob Dimock (2017)
Troy Emery (2017) Bonnie Levesque, Superintendent

Advisory Board (annual appointment) (budget meetings held in March)

Lynn Andrews	Dana Berry	Margi Browne	Doug Denico	Jeff Drew
Jeff Foss	Jim Ireland	Michele LeBlanc	Kenneth Moore	Lewis Ouilette
Rob Shibley	Robin Turek	Jean Veneziano	Cathy Wilson	Tim Worster

Board of Appeals

Jim Ireland (2019) Cheryl West (2017) Brain Hale (2018)
Christine Stratton (2019) Andrew Ketterer, Chair (2018)

Board of Ethics

Christine Stratton (2018) Curtis Kanagy (2017) Suzanne Ketterer (2017)
Corey Estes (2019) Margi Browne (2019)
Associate Members: Gary Ward (2018), Phil Morey (2019)

Somerset Community Television (Channel 11) Board of Directors

Darla Picket - President (Skowhegan)	Jeff Evans - Secretary (Skowhegan)
Ron Moody - (Madison)	Peter Sirois - Member at large (Madison)
Betty Vining - Treasurer (Madison)	Pat Hayward - Member at large (Anson)
Colby Seams - Member at large (Anson)	John Harlow, Station Manager

Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee (meet 1st Tuesday of the month)

Mary Tomlinson, Chair (2018) Nancy Drew (2018) Kathy Lightbody (2018)
Renee Bristow (2019) Diane Pinkham (2019) Betty Vining (2019)
Ex-Officio members: Albert Veneziano Chris Roy, Contractor

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

Recreation Committee

Chris LeBlanc, Chairman (2019) Michael Theriault (2019)
Joseph Hayden, Jr (2018) Scott Franzose (2018)
Kristie LeBlanc (2018) Corey Estes (2019)

Library Trustees (meet fourth Tuesday of the month)

Phil Daigle (2021) Robert Roy, Chair (2017)
Ann Withee-Heald (2018) Kim Harper (2020)
Barbara Moody (2019)

Anson-Madison Sanitary District Trustees (meet 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Dale Clark, Plant Manager
Robert Hagopian (2019) George Elias (2017)
Brock Hagopian (2018) Robert P. Roy, Sr. Chair (2017)

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

Michael Corson, Superintendent
Chris Roy (2018) Allen French (2018)
Dana Berry (2019) Phil Curtis (2016)

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

Calvin Ames, Superintendent
Steven Dean, Chairman (2020) Richard Bartlett (2018)
Dennis Wright (2019) Craig Parker (2019)
Charles Worster (2017)

Board of Selectmen



Albert Veneziano
Chairman



Jack Ducharme
Vice Chair



Mike Edgerly



Paul Fortin



Ronald Moody

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

I consider it an honor to write this report for the Selectmen. Another year has flown by way to quickly. The closing of Madison Paper is a setback to our community tax base but with the new owners in place it is a time of renewed optimism at the mill site. The days ahead will bring change but a hope for a strong local economy in the Town of Madison. We are hopeful that brighter days are ahead but as municipal leaders we need to take steps necessary to make sure Madison survives these changing times. The board continues to see how we can do things more cost effectively in our town departments. 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.

Providing excellent customer service to the citizens continues to be a goal of the selectmen while doing it in a cost effective manner. Contracting out both the police and assessing departments are among the biggest cost savings in our town budget. We thank Sheriff Lancaster and his staff for their dedication in making the Madison Division of the Somerset County Sheriff department a success. Providing a high level of police protection for the town at a cost we can afford is very important to the selectmen.

I would like to express my thanks to all town employees for a job well done. Our highway department under the direction of Glen Mantor did a did a great job this past winter under very heavy snow conditions to keep the roads well plowed and open for traffic to pass. Our town office staff and town manager Tim Curtis for going above and beyond for the citizens of the town. I would also like to thank all citizens who volunteer their time to serve on a board or committee in the town of Madison. The library is always a very friendly and inviting place to go in town a big thanks to Julie and her staff.

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, channel 11 committee, recycling committee, planning board and many more interesting committees. 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.

I would also like to thank the citizens of Madison for the opportunity to serve them as the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. It is an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Madison.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert A. Veneziano
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Planning Board

This past year the Planning Board was able to review a wide variety of projects in Madison. Perkins Place opened 6 residential units behind Madison High School for renters over 55, a new storage facility was built at Clough's Corner, and the Board spent many meetings reviewing plans for Roy's Water Park.

There was much discussion over the size and scope of the Water Park project and what parts had received proper permitting. Parking was also an issue that needed to be addressed. Throughout the process it was noted that the Town's Site Review Ordinance is in need of updating. One of the goals for the board in early 2017 will be to update the Site Review Ordinance and the related processes.

The Planning Board members are Chairman Marc Leslie, Vice Chair Jeff Drew, Doug Denico, Mary Tomlinson, Lew Ouilette, Brett Hagopian and Mark Doty.

Code Enforcement



Robert Dunphy
Code Enforcement
Officer

There were a total of 70 building permits issued in 2016 up from 46 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 eight (8) in 2015 to ten (10) this past year.

In an effort to help maintain property values a total of 8 land owners were cited for violations to the Town's Property Maintenance Ordinance. Most of those cases were corrected within 30 days while others are ongoing.

The Maine Uniform Building & Energy Code (MUBEC) applies to municipalities with more than 4,000 residents. This can often cause confusion, because many of our smaller neighboring communities do not require the same standards as Towns like Madison and Skowhegan. For example, in Madison a building permit is required for any new structures, and any additions, alterations and repairs to existing structures including demolition. Cer-

tain projects like small fences, decks and sheds under 200 square feet may not need a permit.

Since there can be a lot of confusion around building permits **it is always best to check with the Town Office before you begin a project.**

Projects that are started without a permit are subject to a higher fee.

One of the proposed ordinance changes that will come before voters at Town Meeting on June 12, 2017 will be to raise the fee for "After-the-fact" permits from \$40 to \$500 in an effort to make sure people are following the standards of the MUBEC building code. (See page 28).

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dunphy CEO

Single Family Homes	10
Mobile Homes	6
Business Expansion	5
Additions	9
Garages	12
Shed/Deck/Barn	23
Other	5

2017 Proposed Ordinance Changes

Chapter 7 Appeals Board: It was noted this past year that updates should be made to the language in the Appeals Board Ordinance. For example the current wording says that the Appeals Board has the power to grant a variance to Shoreland Zoning. To be consistent it should be added that the Appeals Board has the power to grant variances in cases of Site Review and Subdivision of Land as well.

In addition, language will be added to provide some guidance for granting variances. “Granting variance requests shall be based on a determination the current regulation would create an undue financial burden on the applicant, and/or render the property unsuitable for conducting business.”

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 most building projects. Permits cost \$20. Currently the fee for building without a permit is double the fee or \$40. Instead of raising the permit fee the Board of Selectmen recommend establishing a fee of \$500 for permits that are requested after the fact or after building has started.

Chapter 484 Site Review: The Planning Board has been meeting with Planner Chris Huck with the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments to update the language in the Site Review Ordinance and to streamline the site review process for home owners and businesses. There are a few places in the ordinance where state laws have been updated and best practices have been created. The goal is to create a document and process that is more user-friendly.

MSAD#59 Superintendent's Report

Dear Citizens of Madison:

It is my pleasure to share with you many of the events, undertakings, and accomplishments taking place in Madison schools during the 2016 - 2017 school year. September 2016 saw the start of school kicking off with the *School Spirit Challenge*. Although MAMHS did not come in first, the school spirit and camaraderie exhibited during the challenge was outstanding. Your small community, through donations and hard work, was able to raise 29,397 lbs. of food for the Good Shepherd Food Bank, and in turn, received a \$1,391.05 check for our local food cupboard. The spirit of Bulldog Pride was present in the schools, at the sporting events, and in the air!



Madison Area Memorial High School and Madison Junior High have new principals, Jessica Ward at MAMHS and Ryan Arnold at MJHS. Both Mr. Arnold and Mrs. Ward have made many changes in their schools to promote student engagement and academic excellence this year. *Habits of Work* have been added to report cards to encourage all students to strive to give their best efforts and take pride in their work.

Proficiency-based learning have been the “buzz words” in the education world for some time now, and Madison staff grades Pre-K-12 have been working diligently to prepare for this big shift in educational thinking. The eighth graders at MJHS (Class of 2021) are involved in piloting proficiency-based education this school year, and a new reporting system that tracks the standards mastered, while still keeping the integrity of the numeric system, has been shared with the eighth grade parents.

Madison administration and staff have taken some time this year to revisit the district *Mission and Belief* statements. The last time this was updated was in the 90s and there have been many changes in the structure of the district, the leadership and in education since then. Copies are available to the public.

Sports teams have had many successful playoff runs, and we look forward to those successes continuing throughout the spring. Thanks to the determination of the new music department at MAMHS, the Madison Pep Band is up and in full swing. The enthusiasm of the teacher, and of the musicians, has brought that infectious spirit and Bulldog Pride back to the athletic competitions.

Over the past few years, Madison has made efforts to collaborate with neighboring districts to share services and reduce budget costs. The RSU 85 (Bingham) bus picks up students in RSU 74 (Carrabec), as well as, Madison to transport to the vocational center in Skowhegan for a minimal cost. All of the mechanical and inspection work for RSU 74 busses is done at the Madison bus garage, and RSU 74 supports the cost of a mechanic. Physical Therapy services are shared, and Madison students attend the Carrabec Alternative Education program. Madison and RSU 74 food service personnel work together to provide training and menus for the two districts. MSAD 59 and RSU 74 sports teams (football, boys soccer, wrestling, and baseball) have combined to form cooperatives that offer students and the communities the athletic competitions they so enjoy.

MSAD 59 technology staff is working on a new and improved website for Madison schools that will be fully up and running by the start of the 2017- 2018 school year. The new site will include an electronic version of the old 59'er newspaper that was mailed home years ago. This will be an excellent opportunity for the community to follow the events of the school and have samples of student work to enjoy.

In closing - buildings are in good shape, Mother Nature has not been too unkind to us, and the good spirit of Bulldog Pride lives on.

Sincerely,

Bonnie C. Levesque, Superintendent

Advisory Board

BUDGET



On March 29, 2017 the Advisory Board met with the Board of Selectmen to finalize the proposed budget to bring to Town Meeting. The Town Meeting Warrant Articles that contain the budget can be found on pages 69 through 72 in the Town Report. For the second consecutive year the proposed municipal budget comes in approximately \$40,000 than the previous year.

This year was a bit more challenging with increases in the cost of ambulance services, and water rates.



The Advisory Board supported cost savings measures such as continuing with a four deputy policing model instead of five. The board also added \$4,600 in support for Spectrum Generations and the “Meals on Wheels” program that they provide to local resi-

2017 Advisory Board members include: Lynn Andrews, Dana Berry, Margi Brown, Doug Denico, Jeff Drew, Jeff Foss, Jim Ireland, Michelle LeBlanc, Ken Moore, Lew Ouillette, Rob Shibley, Robin Turek, Jean Veneziano, Cathy Wilson and Tim Worster.

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 2016.

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

Somerset Community Television (Channel 11)

Somerset Community TV 11, also known as Channel 11 is in its third year under the management of John Harlow and this year our organization has received 501c3 non-profit status. The station continues to improve in providing municipal, cultural, educational and local governmental content on TV, Facebook, YouTube and now on our new website www.SCTV11.org. Not only does our website provide a viewable archive of the content we have created, and info about the station, but it also provides a 24 hour schedule of programming. This year we have budgeted for 500 hours of taping in the community by our staff, however SCTV 11 also has cameras available to be loaned out by the public. We urge the public to make use of our equipment and knowledge of video production, we will help you create videos and broadcast your own content and this is the heart of “Community TV”.

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.

John Harlow, SCTV 11 Station Manager

Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

Despite efforts by the committee, the curbside recycling program was defunded at the June 2016 town meeting by a margin of one vote. The vote demonstrated there is significant support for the curbside recycling program. Residents who wish to continue recycling must pay a private service to pick up recyclables or take recyclables to the Waste Management transfer station in Norridgewock or to the Skowhegan transfer station. Skowhegan requires recyclables be sorted and does not accept the full range of plastics accepted by Waste Management.

The “Colorcycle” Color Marker Recycling Program continues in the schools. 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.

Six 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. All residents are encouraged to participate rather than throw hazardous household wastes (e.g. end of season mixed gas, pool chemicals, pesticides, oil based paint, varnishes, oven cleaner, etc.) into the waste stream. These materials pose a hazard to humans and animals as well as to the environment.



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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tomlinson, Chair

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 held its annual meeting in May with the following officers elected:

President: Judth Mantor; Vice Pres.: Shirley Vigneault; Secretary and Treasurer: Lena Arno; Board of Directors: John Noyes, Theresa Handon, Rodney Arno

The Society is open each Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., weather permitting, or any mutually agreeable time by calling either 696-5810 or 474-0991. The annual dues for a family remain at \$5.

An Open House was held on Memorial weekend to honor all veterans with many uniforms and photos displayed.

Another Open House was held during the Madison/Anson Days displaying the photos of a variety of people and places, all in keeping with the theme "Remember When?".

New energy efficient lights have been installed in the research and museum rooms.

The fundraisers for the year were tables at the Town Hall during the November election where we sold baked goods, Madison afghans, the History of Madison, cookbooks and many other items. The prices of the afghans and the History of Madison have been reduced to \$30. We also sold tickets for the two raffles. The quilt and wall hanging were won by Susan Lahti of East Madison and Kim Moody of Madison won the other raffle with a variety of items.

We were pleased to have several new members join the Society this past year and we would be pleased to have more of our citizens become members and be involved in the Society to assure that the Society will continue to be a part of our Town far into the future.

The Society entertained visitors from several states and many Maine towns. We wish to thank the citizens of our Town for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Lena C. Arno

East Madison Historical Association

The East Madison Historical Association has had a busy year. We had two lawn sales, a hunters brunch and have applied for two grants. We held an Open House in June.



Under the leadership of President Gary Malbon, with great help from Charlie Jilson, Art McManus, Todd Edgerly, Alfred Jackson, Merritt Burpee, Eric Lahti and others the new post and beam barn is complete. Paul Ouellette and his crew helped with the rafters and roofing. The 2-story barn will house a blacksmith shop, farm equipment and other large pieces of East Madison's past.

The Association will hold an Open House when the barn is filled and everyone is invited.

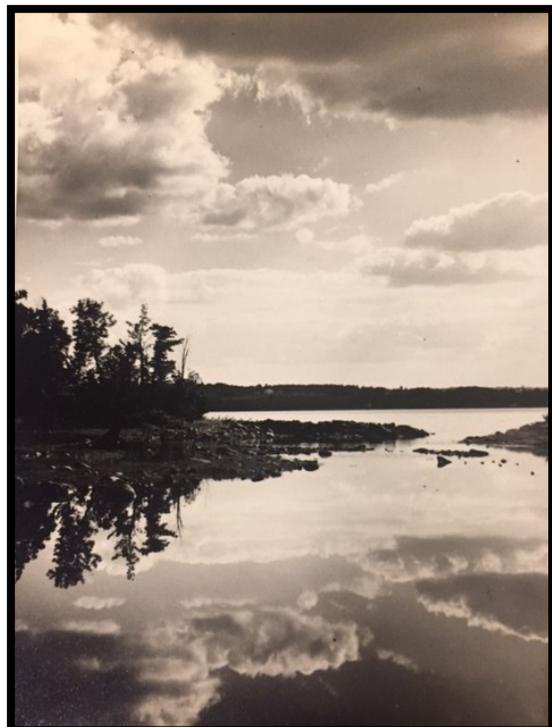
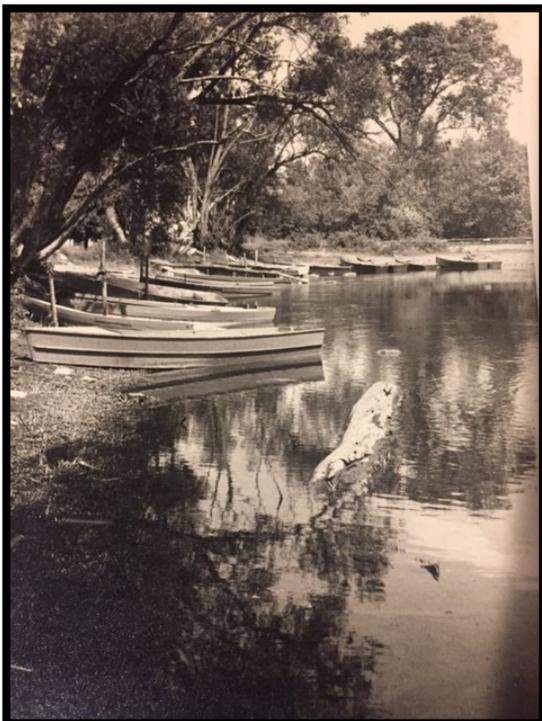
We will continue to be open on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 1:00pm to 4:00pm from May through October.

Respectfully submitted,

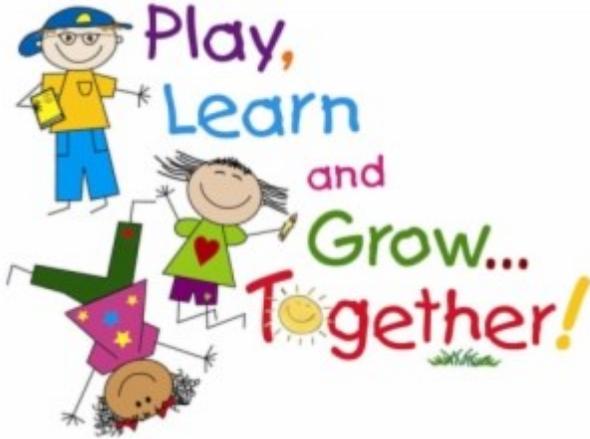
Cathy Edgerly,

Secretary, East Madison Historical Association

Eric Lahti provided the pictures below from the Lake Wesserunsett Boat landing circa 1947



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 Madison Maine Rec page on Facebook.

The 2016-2017 Madison Recreation Basketball season was a success with **136 Kindergarten – 6th grade Madison children participating**. Over 95 boys and girls in grades 3-6 participated in the 12-week recreation season. In addition, Saturday clinics, led by the Madison High School boys and girls basketball teams, were offered. Skill clinics, led by Luke & Jason Hartwell, were also offered and over 50 boys and girls in grades K - 2 participated. 6 recreation teams played in the Skowhegan league and 4 additional travel teams played in the Central Maine league.



Travel teams participated in several local tournaments including our 3rd Annual Madison Round Robin, hosting 23 local teams. Leadership was provided by both the Madison High School Varsity and JV coaches as well as players offering skill clinics, officiating and help with Saturday games.

A special thank you to the many volunteer coaches who graciously donated their time and expertise to the success of the Madison Basketball program: Penny Hay, Al Bonito, Angela Greenwood, Scott King, Erin Furbush, Danyel Clark, Al Veneziano, Amanda Robbins, Heath Cowan, Corey Estes, Matt Dyer, Jason Furbush, Roger Stinson and the boys and girls high school basketball teams. Thank you all for a great season!

Kristie LeBlanc, Basketball Commissioner

Chris LeBlanc, Recreation Committee Chair

Madison Public Library

Books, computers, Wi-Fi, printing, special programs, online classes, tutoring, tax forms.

The library is a busy place!

Total checkouts for the 2016 calendar year are as follows: 12,913 Print books, 912 Digital audiobooks, and 948 E-books for a total of 14,773 checkouts.

Internet use remains constant as more and more information, job applications, entertainment and everyday paperwork becomes available—sometimes only available—online. Public computers are used daily, and wireless use is always busy, before, during and after business hours. The desktop computers, after eight years, are becoming obsolete. Purchasing new computers is on the 2017 agenda.

We finally have a written Disaster Plan for the Library. It was completed with the help of Sylvia Gniesser, a disaster plan facilitator affiliated with CERC Maine, the Cultural Emergency Resource Coalition charged with helping libraries, museums and other cultural institutions plan for emergencies that they hope will never happen. This Plan was made possible by a grant from CERC, and by the cooperation and input from Library staff and trustees, the town manager and the fire chief. My thanks to everyone who gave their time and expertise to this important endeavor.

One major repair was done in May; another portion of the foundation was exposed, sealed and back filled to address another foundation leak. During excavation, an old entrance was found—the source of the leak! This repair was also made possible by a grant, from The Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. Regular maintenance/repairs include replacing an internet switch, running new wiring for the lights in the hallway and bathrooms downstairs after a mouse chewed through the original wiring, and renovation of the janitor's room for expanded and more efficient storage space and ease of use.

Additional improvements include two security cameras added to the lower level, to improve safety for both patrons and staff, bookcases moved or added to the children's sections to better display and house the growing children's and young adult sections, and, lastly, three new study stations were added downstairs to provide places for quiet study/computer use for adults so that the Children's Room may be kept for its intended audience: children and their caregivers.

Business hours are as follows:

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

We have 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



Julie Forbus
Head Librarian

Jane Shaw
Assistant Librarian

Margot Rushton
Assistant Librarian

Anson/Madison Sanitary District

Over the past year, the Anson-Madison Sanitary District (AMSD) has been faced with many challenges. As of June 30, 2016, Madison Paper Industries (MPI) ceased its paper making operations. MPI contributed over 90% of the total wastewater loadings into the AMSD treatment facility. The loss of this volume creates some challenges with operating a treatment facility designed for 5 million gallons per day and now operating at only 300,000 gallons per day. Also, AMSD will be impacted financially by the loss of revenue from MPI. Unfortunately, staff reductions had to be made along with many other budget cuts throughout the District.

Moving forward, AMSD Trustees will continue to explore 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 Landfill among others. In year 2016, AMSD processed over 15 million gallons of trucked-in waste. These waste streams have generated additional revenue to help offset the revenue loss from the closure of Madison Paper Industries.

Thank you to the residents of Buswell Street, Anson, and to all those who were inconvenienced, for your cooperation and patience during the construction and replacement of the sewer systems in your area this past summer. An important benefit of upgrading the sewer system is to reduce infiltration of groundwater into the treatment facility. Reducing this excess volume of water from treatment plant processes greatly improves operations and reduces treatment cost. Another major benefit is to eliminate sewer line failures and clogs that could lead to excavating a newly paved street.

The Trustees meet at the Treatment Plant on the third Wednesday of each month @ 6:00pm and the public is always welcome to attend. The Trustees also conduct an annual meeting with selectmen from each Town (Madison, Anson) 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 contact our Office @ 696-5211 for further information.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Roy Sr. Chairman

Anson-Madison Sanitary District

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.

Anson/Madison Water District

To our valued Customers and Residents,

It is my pleasure to submit the (5th) Fifth Annual Report for year ending December 31, 2016. This report covers 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. This report will be available as a separate publication at the District's Office and at the Town Offices of Anson and Madison by July 1st 2016.

During 2016 we had a peak of 1,728 customers,

- (2) Two distribution main breaks
- (14) Frozen services.

In 2016 the District started a project to replace approximately four miles of the transmission main from Union St. in North Anson to the intersection of Rt. 201A and Hilltop Rd. in Anson. This is scheduled to be finished by the fall of 2017.

Monthly Board of Trustees meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the public meeting room at the Old Point Avenue School in Madison.

Michael Corson - Superintendent AMWD



Madison Electric Works



2016 was a busy year for the Electric Works. Like all of us, Madison Electric was dealing with the loss of Madison Paper, our biggest customer. The loss of income from that has hurt us more than we first thought. We underestimated the reduced sales from all the trickle-down. We will make it through without a rate increase and are looking forward to working with the new owner so that they will be successful.



As you have seen over the last summer, there is a new solar field near our office. We have partnered with IGS Solar to have this built. There is still about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the system that we will be finishing this spring. When complete there will be 16,650 panels and it will cover over 26 acres. The solar system will produce close to 5 MW on a bright sunny day; that is all the power that Madison Electric needs to feed all customers during that time period, or on a yearly basis provide 22% or 7,000,000 KWs of power that Madison Electric needs. Our deal does not save us much money at the start but the price is fixed for 30 years. So, as the costs around Madison Electric go up, over time, at least 22% of our needs will not. There is also a clause that gives Madison Electric the right to buy the system after the 6th year for less than $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost to build the system and if interest rates stay low, that would make the cost of the power go even lower. If you stop in to the Madison Electric office we have a screen that shows the out-put by the hour, day, month, and year we would be happy to show you.

Calvin Ames, Superintendent, Madison Electric 696-4401



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, 2016 and 2015, 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Electric Works as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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, 2016 and 2015, 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 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Purdy Powers & Company
Professional Association

Portland, Maine
April 5, 2017

Statements of Net Position

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 835,029	\$ 911,229
Restricted cash	746,294	739,381
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	931,415	1,335,528
Accrued interest receivable	6,233	13,594
Note receivable, current portion	159,758	153,122
Materials and supplies	345,150	392,294
Prepaid expenses	92,543	54,493
Total Current Assets	<u>3,116,422</u>	<u>3,599,641</u>
Other Assets		
Note receivable, less current portion	1,600,080	1,772,307
Total Other Assets	<u>1,600,080</u>	<u>1,772,307</u>
Property, Plant and Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>5,189,743</u>	<u>5,168,629</u>
Total Assets	<u>9,906,245</u>	<u>10,540,577</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	365,923	296,260
Other current and accrued liabilities	39,126	141,943
Customer deposits	17,821	313,247
Bond payable, current portion	170,000	150,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>592,870</u>	<u>901,450</u>
Long-Term Liabilities		
Bond payable, less current portion	1,480,000	1,650,000
Accrued paid leave	67,954	55,430
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>1,547,954</u>	<u>1,705,430</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,140,824</u>	<u>2,606,880</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Unavailable revenue - bond premiums	-	15,709
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>-</u>	<u>15,709</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	3,539,743	3,352,920
Restricted, expendable	746,294	739,381
Unrestricted	3,479,384	3,825,687
Net Position	<u>\$ 7,765,421</u>	<u>\$ 7,917,988</u>

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

Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Electric Operating Revenues	\$ 4,997,404	\$ 6,633,462
Operating Expenses		
Operations and maintenance	4,938,274	6,277,714
Depreciation	289,902	301,675
Total Operating Expenses	<u>5,228,176</u>	<u>6,579,389</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(230,772)	54,073
Other Income (Expenses)		
Interest income	84,711	85,181
Interest expense	(37,523)	(85,456)
Gain on sale of assets	3,025	13,800
Net Other Income (Expenses)	<u>50,213</u>	<u>13,525</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(180,559)	67,598
Contributions in Aid of Construction	<u>27,992</u>	<u>147,379</u>
Change in Net Position	(152,567)	214,977
Net position at beginning of year	<u>7,917,988</u>	<u>7,703,011</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 7,765,421</u>	<u>\$ 7,917,988</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, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash receipts:		
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 4,928,142	\$ 6,442,497
Other operating cash receipts	194,482	86,639
Cash disbursements:		
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees	(1,282,810)	(1,289,897)
Cash payments to suppliers and vendors	<u>(3,656,426)</u>	<u>(5,099,254)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	183,388	139,985
 Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(317,716)	(74,436)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	9,725	13,800
Contributions in aid of construction received	6,885	51,561
Debt interest payments	(59,232)	(88,765)
Debt principal payments	(150,000)	(150,000)
Deposits into restricted cash	(6,913)	(999)
Debt refinance	(1,650,000)	-
Payments received on note receivable	165,591	146,243
Proceeds from general obligation bond	<u>1,650,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(351,660)	(102,596)
 Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest income received	<u>92,072</u>	<u>86,219</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>92,072</u>	<u>86,219</u>
 Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(76,200)	123,608
 Cash at beginning of year	<u>911,229</u>	<u>787,621</u>
 Cash at End of Year	<u>\$ 835,029</u>	<u>\$ 911,229</u>

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

Statements of Cash Flows (2 of 2)

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Reconciliation of Net Operating Income (Loss) to		
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Net operating income (loss)	\$ (230,772)	\$ 54,073
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	289,902	301,675
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	15,000	15,000
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable	410,220	(119,326)
Materials and supplies	47,144	(10,525)
Prepaid expenses	(38,050)	3,459
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	69,663	(30,983)
Other current and accrued liabilities	(96,817)	(72,611)
Customer deposits	(295,426)	(8,006)
Accrued paid leave	12,524	7,229
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 183,388</u>	<u>\$ 139,985</u>

Madison/Anson Senior Citizens

To the Citizens of Madison,

The Madison/Anson Senior Citizens had another good year, with all sorts of activities. As in the past we lost some of our members and miss the fun we had with them, but new people have joined us with their own warmth and personalities. We had two trips, one to the coast and another to Kelly's Landing in Greenville, which we will never forget. The bus ride was so rough that everyone was lame the next day.

We plan on at least one trip this year, perhaps two. Our weekly meetings normally see 50 to 60 people in attendance.

We meet on Tuesdays at the VFW, starting with beans at 9:00am. Coffee, tea and snacks are offered. We try to have lunch by 11:30. There is no cost for the meal but donations are always welcome. Everyone over 55 is always welcome. We appreciate the financial support we receive from the Towns of Anson and Madison.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mercier Bishop (628 4329)

Elizabeth Coro (696 4270)



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. We have held our meetings and fundraisers throughout the year. We had a hunter's dinner the beginning of November and had a pretty good turnout. We were unable to host a hunter's breakfast last year, but if we can get enough volunteers and there is an interest for us to have one, we may do it this year. We have made and sold turkey pies at the end of November and January. Turkey pies are available by contacting 431-8544, Motor Supply in Madison and Pizzarama. We will be holding an appreciation dinner for our landowners and their families on May 7th to thank them again for their permission to use their land for the trails.

The trails required some fixing; ITS 87 north of the Hunnewell Road had a deep washout down the middle of the trail and this was repaired by Roland of M. L. Lloyd & Sons, the north east end of the Adams Road was brushed out by Jeff, Austin, Vincent and Ernie and ditched with Lloyd's excavator. ITS 87 behind the orchard had a bad washout and was repaired by Jeff Bess and excavator plus Jeff went down trail 29 (bunny trail) and smoothed out the deep skidder ruts. The bridge did not hold the weight of the groomer thus the trail only got groomed once, but was still passable with sleds. The bridge needs to be modified and new planking. The trails need to be brushed back most everywhere but otherwise were in great shape. We had great reports on the all of the trails, 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.

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People Who Care Food Cupboard

To the citizens of the Town of Madison,

The People Who Care Food Cupboard serves the towns of Madison, Anson, North Anson, Embden, and New Portland. We are located at 108 Old Point Ave in the basement of the former Old Point Ave School. We are open every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Families who qualify for assistance may come once a month, on a Wednesday of their choice, to pick up a supplemental supply of food.

Our 2016 monthly average for the Town of Madison was 125 family requests/334 individuals. Our total monthly average for all the towns we served was 220 family requests/573 individuals. We have seen a 7% increase from the previous year.

We continue to order from the Good Shepard Food Bank in Auburn and receive a delivery once a month. We spent \$38,670 on food last year and another \$5,000 for Hannaford gift cards to give clients for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Volunteers rescue food everyday from our local Hannaford and once a week from Skowhegan's Walmart through the Good Shepard's Retail Store Donation Program. Last year we rescued a total of 77,834 pounds of food with a value of \$133,874.

This year as part of the statewide "School Spirit Challenge", students from Madison High School and Junior High collected nearly 30,000 pounds of food for the Good Shepherd Food Bank. In return the Good Shepherd made a cash donation to the People Who Care Food Cupboard of \$1,391.05.



Our quarterly shipments of USDA surplus food are picked up at the Skowhegan drop area. We receive weekly and monthly donations from North Star Orchards, Backyard Farms, Christ the King Parish and St. Sebastian Thrift Shop. The American Legion hosted a Food Mobile for us in October and the Madison Business Alliance held a Chili Cook Off in August. The Madison Area Jr. High continues to donate money from their Valentine Cake Walk. As you can see it's been a very busy year for everybody.

We'd like to thank the town of Madison for their annual support and in-kind donations. Also thank you to all the other towns, individuals, churches, schools and businesses that have supported us financially and with food drives through out the year. We are truly blessed.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Santiago
Board Chair

Lake Wesserunsett Association

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Madison:

The members of the Lake Wesserunsett Association wish to thank the citizens of Madison for their support of our efforts to provide good stewardship of Madison's most valuable natural resource. The town is fortunate to have totally within its boundaries a place to swim, boat, fish and otherwise recreate that is free and accessible to the public. Property around the lake is also an increasingly valuable contributor to the tax base.

Association activities include the courtesy boat inspection program to thwart the introduction of invasive aquatic plants such as milfoil and hydrilla, placement and maintenance of navigational markers, and an extensive program of water quality testing. Other programs include an annual loon count and educational programs for property owners.

In 2016, the courtesy boat inspection program conducted 906 inspections of boats entering and leaving Wesserunsett. No invasive plants were found which may be due to our educational efforts to encourage boaters to clean their boats of all plant life. This program is funded by an appropriation from the town, a small grant from the state and the dues of association members. The inspector logged 422 inspection hours in 2016 at a cost of \$6346 including wages, insurance and supplies.

The water quality testing program had encouraging results this year. Total phosphorus was at average level and water clarity was good. Phosphorus is a nutrient that contributes to algae blooms resulting in reduced clarity and in extreme cases turning the water green and producing noxious odors. Runoff from roads, lawns and bank erosion contribute to phosphorus levels. The attempts to restore alewives to the lake for spawning helps to reduce phosphorus as they export phosphorus as they return to the sea. This year about 15,000 alewives were stocked in the spring and literally millions of young alewives migrated out in September and October.

Navigational markers are placed in the spring and removed in late fall. The association purchases the markers from the state and keeps an inspection record over the course of the boating season. Most hazards are marked but boaters should still be aware of conditions such as changing water levels and the draft of their boats. Caution should also be used around the launch area and public beach due to swimmers and boat congestion on busy days. Remember too, to observe the 200' no wake zone along shorelines.

The loon count this year was right at the long term average of 11 adults and one chick. No mortalities were reported this year either from predation or boat collisions. A major cause of loon mortality that is not so obvious is ingestion of lead from fishing gear. Please rid your tackle box of lead sinkers and jigs.

Last fall the town undertook repairs to the dam at the outlet. The lake was drawn down to accomplish this task and the Association appreciates the communication from the road commissioner so boats could be removed before draw down. Repairs are still pending to correct undercutting along the south side spillway.

The Association will continue these programs in 2017 and thanks the town for its continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric R. Lahti, VP LWA

Lake Wesserunsett Monitoring Program

The Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) water quality sampling program for Wesserunsett continued for the 35th consecutive year in 2016. John Bonsall took over the sampling program and did the monitoring along with Bob McLaughlin and Jay Conway. Will Reid continued to chair the LWA Water Quality Committee. Bob, Jay and Will are also members of the LWA Road Committee which was created to address water quality problems caused by roads and is chaired by Mark Doty.

Program Purpose: The primary purpose of this sampling program is to monitor selected biological and physical parameters over both the short- and the long-term in order to detect any changes and trends.

Sampling: Readings were taken by one or more of the three monitors (John, Jay, & Bob) once or twice a month from May through October. Water clarity readings averaged 21.5 ft deep, with two readings being on the bottom. Surface temperatures ranged from 68.0°F on May 20 to 77.5°F on September 10. Bottom temperatures ranged from 73.6°F to 75.0°F during July and August.

Rainfall: Totaled rainfall was 17.30” from Ice-Out on April 3 to the last sampling on October 1. In comparison, the rainfall total from Ice-Out to the last sampling date for 2015 was 19.14” and 24.24” for 2014. However, as the time period during which rainfall was measured in those years was 34 and 39 days shorter respectively than for this sampling season, 2016 was actually much drier than the simple differences between those totals might suggest.

Open Water Season: Ice-Out in 2016 was on Apr. 3 and Ice-In was on Dec. 11, resulting in an open water season of 252 days (69% of the calendar year). For the 31 years from 1986 through 2016, the average duration of open water has been 236 days (about 65% of the calendar year). The shortest open water season was 212 days (58% of year) in 1989. The longest open water season was 270 days (72% of the year) in 2006. Length of the open water season can affect lake productivity and is influenced by climate change, so it is important to continue to track it over the long-term.

Conclusions: The results in 2016 and 2015 are encouraging, in contrast to those for 2014. As always, it is very important to continue the monitoring program and to retain all data for analysis so that any long-term trends may be identified. Controlling runoff, improving shoreline buffers and reducing erosion and sedimentation from such sources as camp roads and driveways are some of the key measures to take to reduce phosphorus input and help combat the effects of climate change. Wesserunsett does not thermally stratify and has a high flushing rate, both of which help in maintaining or enhancing water quality. However, it is essential that each of us takes a personal role in protecting the lake by educating ourselves about water quality and doing the right thing in order to improve the chances of keeping the lake in good condition.

Please let us know if you have any comments, questions, see any errors, etc. Thanks.

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John Bonsall bonsalljh@aol.com

*You can find the full report of the VLMP on the Town website at:

www.madisonmaine.com/images/WESSERUNSETT_WATER_QUALITY_REPORT_2016_122116final.pdf

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, 2016. I would like to thank the Town Office Staff and the team at RHR Smith & Associates for the many hours dedicated to this process.

The report includes details of the stabilization of the Town's net position and cash reserves. After a significant loss of property value in 2014, \$1.4 million from cash reserves was used to offset the loss in tax revenue from the lower valuation of Madison Paper Industries. The Town still faces significant financial challenges now that MPI has closed and the assets have been sold. While the Town has not had to borrow against its line of credit, the tax rate of \$19.50 per thousand in 2015 was raised to \$21.00 per thousand in August of 2016 to cover the costs of municipal, educational and county budgets.

In 2016 the Town of Madison and Madison Electric re-issued the remaining 10 years of bond payments approved in 2007 for the construction of transmission lines to Backyard Farms. This re-issuing saves more than \$150,000 over the remaining 10 years of the bond. The Town's overall debt position includes the remaining \$1.8M for the MEW transmission lines, \$1.6M (or a 9.47% share) in Somerset County debt for Jail construction and \$6.9M in debt for MSAD59 building projects.

A complete copy of the financial report is available to the public at the Town Office or online at www.madisonmaine.com

Tim Curtis

Town Manager



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Selectboard
Town of Madison
Madison, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Madison, Maine'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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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,

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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 discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine as of June 30, 2016, 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 and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 11 and 39 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 Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual – General Fund Revenues, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital

asset schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual – General Fund Revenues, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and related 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 Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual – General Fund Revenues, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 17, 2016, on our consideration of the Town of Madison, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Madison, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

RHR Smith & Company

Buxton, Maine
October 17, 2016

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Our analysis below focuses on the net position, and changes in net position of the Town's governmental and business-type activities. The Town's total net position for governmental activities decreased by \$320,906 from \$8.91 million to \$8.59 million.

Unrestricted net position - the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements - decreased for governmental activities to a balance of \$1,771,250 at the end of this year.

Table 1
Town of Madison, Maine
Net Position
June 30,

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	2016	2015 (Restated)	2016	2015
Assets				
Current Assets	\$ 2,843,162	\$ 2,968,670	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Assets	5,994,302	6,161,420	-	-
Total Assets	8,837,464	9,130,090	-	-
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	187,878	177,782	-	-
Long-term Debt Outstanding	30,541	39,033	-	-
Total Liabilities	218,419	216,815	-	-
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Prepaid Taxes	26,676	-	-	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	26,676	-	-	-
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,994,302	6,161,420	-	-
Restricted: Special Revenue Funds	552,639	431,087	-	-
Permanent Funds	274,178	259,762	-	-
Unrestricted	1,771,250	2,061,006	-	-
Total Net Position	\$ 8,592,369	\$ 8,913,275	\$ -	\$ -

Table 2
Town of Madison, Maine
Change in Net Position
For the Years Ended June 30,

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenues				
<i>Program revenues:</i>				
Charges for services	\$ 91,748	\$ 205,233	\$ -	\$ -
Operating grants and contributions	59,876	296,658	-	-
<i>General revenues:</i>				
Taxes	8,172,051	7,433,922	-	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	878,635	914,146	-	-
Miscellaneous	199,787	62,620	-	-
Total Revenues	9,402,097	8,912,579	-	-
Expenses				
General government	587,333	775,132	-	-
Public safety	970,204	1,266,347	-	-
Public works	1,024,437	1,079,997	-	-
Parks and recreation	72,680	71,226	-	-
Cemeteries	31,079	42,979	-	-
Community and social agencies	194,251	193,620	-	-
Education	4,972,897	5,478,126	-	-
County tax	1,140,205	1,128,803	-	-
Unclassified	728,511	124,911	-	53,147
Capital outlay	1,406	454,850	-	-
Total Expenses	9,723,003	10,615,991	-	53,147
Change in Net Position	(320,906)	(1,703,412)	-	(53,147)
Net Position - July 1, Restated	8,913,275	10,616,687	-	53,147
Net Position - June 30	\$ 8,592,369	\$ 8,913,275	\$ -	\$ -

Revenues and Expenses

Revenues for the Town's governmental activities increased by 5.49%, while total expenses decreased by 8.41%. Tax revenues experienced the largest increase while public safety, education and capital outlay expenses had the largest decreases. For the business-type activities, the fund was closed out in the previous year.

TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2016

	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,412,971
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 in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation	5,994,302
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds shown above:	
Taxes and liens receivable	220,000
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	<u>(34,904)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 8,592,369</u>

TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	General Fund	All Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 7,470,242	\$ -	\$ 7,470,242
Excise taxes	771,809	-	771,809
Intergovernmental	938,511	-	938,511
Charges for services	91,748	-	91,748
Miscellaneous revenues	146,646	53,141	199,787
TOTAL REVENUES	9,418,956	53,141	9,472,097
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	563,566	-	563,566
Public safety	928,147	-	928,147
Public works	820,922	-	820,922
Parks and recreation	72,520	-	72,520
Cemeteries	31,079	-	31,079
Community and social agencies	194,251	-	194,251
Education	4,972,897	-	4,972,897
County tax	1,140,205	-	1,140,205
Unclassified	19,711	708,800	728,511
Capital outlay	107,916	-	107,916
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,851,214	708,800	9,560,014
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	567,742	(655,659)	(87,917)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	277,800	859,510	1,137,310
Transfers (out)	(859,510)	(277,800)	(1,137,310)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(581,710)	581,710	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(13,968)	(73,949)	(87,917)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED	1,522,371	978,517	2,500,888
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,508,403	\$ 904,568	\$ 2,412,971

TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
 IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement E)	<u>\$ (87,917)</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense allocated to those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Capital asset acquisitions	106,510
Depreciation expense	<u>(273,628)</u>
	<u>(167,118)</u>
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:	
Taxes and liens receivable	<u>(70,000)</u>
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	<u>4,129</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u>\$ (320,906)</u>

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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 continues to be the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Raising the minimum wage is not the path out of poverty; I want Mainers to earn a career wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

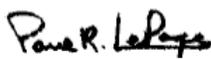
Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Unfortunately, voters approved a referendum question to raise the income tax to 10.15% on successful Maine households and small businesses. Enacting the second highest income tax rate in the country shows the nation we are eager to punish people for being successful. It will drive them out of our state and make it even more difficult to attract much-needed doctors, dentists, scientists, engineers and other professionals to Maine. They can live in neighboring New Hampshire, which takes no income tax from their paychecks. Even worse, there is no guarantee the extra revenue from this tax will go to fund education, as proponents promised.

As successful people leave Maine, state and municipal government will lose the significant amount they pay in property, sales and incomes taxes. This will put even more upward pressure on local property taxes. Municipalities will have to get more creative to provide local services without increasing property taxes. Reforming the tree growth program, collecting property taxes on land in conservation or preservation programs, charging a payment in lieu of taxes on state land that is taken off the property tax rolls and having non-profit organizations pay a two-percent tax on their net revenues are all ways for municipalities to increase revenues.

Such bold measures would take strong leadership and commitment from local officials and residents. 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.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

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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.

Growing our economy by encouraging job creation remains a top priority. The tax relief bill enacted during this last Congress contains provisions I authored to provide small businesses with the certainty that they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act includes a provision the Maine delegation worked together to champion requiring that military recruits be provided with athletic footwear made in America, as is required for other equipment and uniform items whenever possible. This is a great victory for our troops and for the 900 skilled workers at New Balance factories here in Maine.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and \$1 billion towards the construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen the Navy and our national security, and the additional destroyer will help meet the Navy's goal of a 355-ship fleet.

Maine's growing population of older individuals creates many challenges. That's why, as Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security.

The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. Last May, a call to the hotline helped lead to the arrest of a national crime ring targeting seniors, and in June I worked to secure the humanitarian release of a Maine senior who had been imprisoned in Spain after being victimized by an international drug smuggling scam.

The Aging Committee also released an extensive report detailing the findings of our bipartisan investigation into the abrupt and dramatic price increases for prescription drugs whose patents expired long ago.

I advocated strongly for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. I also championed and authored portions of the 21st Century Cures Act that will further support biomedical innovation and make significant reforms to our mental health system.

The Senate also took steps in the past year to combat the nation's heroin and opioid epidemic by passing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which I was proud to cosponsor. CARA is a monumental step forward in our effort to address the devastating addiction crisis affecting countless families and communities across the country and right here in Maine.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2016, I cast my 6,236th 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 at (207) 622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2017 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins

United States Senator

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

Dear Friends of Madison,

Since being sworn into the Senate in 2013, I have made it my mission to address at the federal level the most important issues facing our great state. Working closely with my colleagues in the Maine Congressional Delegation, we've been able to successfully secure a number of legislative victories that support our state's economy, our rich traditions, and the hardworking people I am proud to represent.

In an increasingly polarized Congress, my goal as an Independent is to put partisanship aside, build consensus and further common-sense solutions to address the needs of the American people. To this end, I have co-founded the Former Governors Caucus, a group of former state executives who are frustrated with legislative gridlock and eager to find bipartisan solutions. And as always, I aim to bridge the partisan divide by hosting barbeque dinners in Washington with colleagues ranging from Ted Cruz to Elizabeth Warren. If you know a person's children, then you see them as a mother or father and not a rival vote, and working to further personal dialogue and build relationships can lay the foundation for successful legislation.

One of the accomplishments of which I am most proud is the legislative victory that protects our college students and their families from an expensive hike in student loan interest rates. In 2013, as students faced a significant spike in interest rates that would have taken thousands of dollars out of their pockets, I brought together colleagues from across the political spectrum to broker compromise legislation called the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act. Thanks to this bill, students will save \$50 billion over the next 10 years by lowering their interest rates, which means that a student in Maine will now save between \$3,000 and \$6,000 over the life of their loan.

Being an Independent in the Senate has allowed me to make calls and vote on policies that are best for Maine, but it has also made it possible to play key roles in finding simple solutions and legislative fixes that make good commonsense to both parties. Of course, much of what we do in the Senate doesn't happen on the Senate floor, or even in committee. Instead, it involves working across all levels of government to ensure the State of Maine receives attention and support from the federal government.

Take, for example, the opioid and heroin epidemic devastating communities across our state. While Congress has passed legislative solutions aimed at expanding access to medical treatment, I've also pressed for other changes that can be accomplished more quickly and make a more immediate difference in Maine. For example, I successfully urged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of patients to whom a doctor can provide medication-assisted treatment, and in 2015 brought the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to Brewer to meet directly with Mainers and hear their stories. I've also engaged law enforcement – including the Drug Enforcement Agency – to crack down on the production of opioids and work to limit their diversion. Together, Senator Collins and I helped pass the Northern Border Security Review Act to combat drug and human trafficking along our border with Canada.

While the opioid epidemic is certainly our biggest public health crisis, job loss in Maine is still our number one economic problem and that's why we need to focus on bringing good paying jobs back to Maine and protecting the ones we still have. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I teamed up with Senator Collins and Representative Poliquin to successfully secure a provision in the defense bill that can help domestic shoe manufacturers like New Balance. The three of us also worked together with the Department of Commerce to establish an Economic Development Assessment Team, known as an EDAT, to assist Maine's forest industry in the wake of several mill closures. We have an incredible spirit of innovation and ingenuity in Maine and I believe finding ways to invest in that spirit will reignite Maine's forest products sector and our economy. Part of our economic path forward must also include expanding access to high-speed broadband, which can help connect our businesses and communities to information and economic opportunities.

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As a member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, I work to keep Maine and our nation safe. Part of that important work means continuing to work for funding for the construction of Navy ships that will be used to protect American interests across the globe. We all know that “Bath Built is Best Built,” which is why I’ve fought to authorize funding for Navy ships built at BIW. The best way to preserve peace is by deterring war through unassailable strength, and to do that we must support our shipbuilders and our brave service members and invest in our military. I strive to meet this solemn responsibility every day as a member of these committees, which is why I hardly ever miss a hearing and take great care in overseeing the agencies sworn to keep us safe. Armed Services Chairman John McCain called me “one of the most serious and hard-working members” of the Committee, and that’s a humbling compliment from a true American hero.

As always, please call or write me with thoughts or concerns with matters currently before Congress, or if you need assistance navigating a federal agency. As a public servant, it is critical to me to listen and learn from you, which is why staying connected with people from all over our beautiful state remains a top priority for my work in the Senate. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or one my offices: Augusta: (207)622-8292, Bangor: (207)945-8000, 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.

It is an honor and a privilege serving the people of Maine in the Senate, and I look forward to working with you in our search for a more perfect Union.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.
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Congress of the United States
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Dear Friends,

One of the greatest honors of my life is serving as your representative in Congress. This past year, we won some major victories for Maine families, communities, Veterans and local job creators, but there is still more work to be done. Since day one in Congress, I've worked with everyone regardless of party—Republicans, Democrats and Independents—to get the job done for Maine.

My number one priority is creating and protecting jobs. One of my main focuses this last Congress has been on helping secure 900 shoe manufacturing jobs in Maine at New Balance. For years, Maine politicians have worked unsuccessfully to get legislation through in Congress to require the Department of Defense (DOD) to adhere to the Berry Amendment, a provision which requires the DOD to use American-made products for new recruits whenever possible. New Balance is one of the few companies that continues to hire American workers and produce footwear here in the U.S.

I am absolutely thrilled that, after a months-long and hard fought effort, we finally had this monumental language officially signed into law this past year. This is a huge accomplishment, and I'm not going to let up an inch until it is fully implemented to secure the 900 Maine jobs at Skowhegan, Norway and Norridgewock.

In Congress, I have also been a steadfast opponent of bad and unfair trade deals, namely the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), which have the potential to hurt jobs and local businesses in Maine. That's why I voted, twice, against "fast track" trade authority, or trade promotion authority, despite pressure from powerful Washington special interest groups and leaders of my own party. I don't work for any one party—I work for you, the people of Maine.

I am also extremely proud of the services that our Congressional office has been able to provide to help hundreds of Mainers in the past two years. Whether it is a Veteran experiencing issues at the VA or a citizen needing assistance with a case at the IRS, my staff is available to help. I encourage anyone who is experiencing problems with a government agency, including our Veterans when dealing with the VA, to contact one of my Congressional offices in Maine—Bangor (942-0583), Lewiston (784-0768), Presque Isle (764-1968)—or visit my website at Poliquin.House.Gov.

There is much more work to be done. Our Great State of Maine and our 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. It is an honor to represent you and our fellow Mainers in Congress.

Best Wishes





Annual Town Report Letter

A Message from Senator Rod Whitemore

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am humbled that you have put your trust in me for a fourth term and can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf. This serves as a brief recap of the 127th Legislature, as well as my hopes for the upcoming 128th Legislature, which convened in December.

Last year we continued the work of reforming our state's welfare system and achieved the long sought-after goal of banning the purchase of alcohol, tobacco and lottery tickets with welfare benefits. While there is more work to be done, I believe these efforts will help to deter such abuse of the system and help ensure that benefits are going to those who truly need them.

The Legislature also worked in a bipartisan fashion to address the drug crisis affecting our state. We approved of 10 new drug enforcement agents, as well as provided funding for treatment programs and drug use prevention efforts. I believe such a comprehensive approach is essential.

As Chair of the Insurance and Financial Affairs Committee, my priority will continue to be addressing the high cost of health care for our state. It is also clear that we must continue to do all we can to attract more jobs to Maine and keep our young people living and working here. To that end, I will work to advocate for proposals which will expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. It is my hope the Legislature can once again work together to find good solutions to the issues facing our state.

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

Sincerely,

Rodney Whitemore

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January 2017

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative for a second term. I look forward to the challenges ahead as we enter the first regular session of the 128th Maine Legislature.

Leadership has selected me to be the House Republican Lead on the Joint Select Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. This is an honor for me because of my military experience in the United State Air Force and the Maine Air National Guard. Last session we passed sweeping reforms to help our veterans and I'm looking forward to building on the progress we made.

Last year in the 127th Legislature, I had the pleasure of championing the Maine Air National Guard tuition waiver bill. We also increased funding to public education, which was needed in many of the rural areas in the state. We also passed welfare reform that helps reduce the misuse of EBT cards and increased funding for prevention, treatment, and enforcement in our fight against the opioid epidemic.

This fall I spoke with many people in the area about working to continue the common sense welfare reforms, battling the opioid epidemic, and attempting to lower the burden of property taxes. In addition, the legislature will have many discussions regarding the recently passed referendums, while working on a biennial budget. I am very passionate about all of these issues because they affect everyone in our local communities.

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 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



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Dear Madison Residents:

It is an honor to serve as your state representative in the 128th Maine Legislature. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in Augusta.

This session, the Legislature will address a number of important issues. With over 1,500 bills to consider, we will be focused on supporting job growth, strengthening our schools and passing a balanced, bipartisan budget.

I am excited to announce the Speaker of the House has appointed me to the Transportation Committee. The committee's work of preserving Maine's roads and bridges and the infrastructure our businesses rely on to be successful is vital for both our district and Maine as a whole.

As we move forward tackling these and other challenges, I am determined to do the best work I can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help to you or your family or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. You can email me at Betty.Austin@legislature.maine.gov or call me at 207-431-4287. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. If you'd like to receive them, please send me an email and I'll make sure you're added to the list.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betty Austin".

Betty Austin
State Representative

Rules for 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.

2017 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 twelfth (12th) day of June, 2017 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 26 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 thirteenth (13th) day of June, 2017 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 Director for SAD #59 for 1 year*
- 2 Trustees for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 3 years*
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Water District for 3 years*
- 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	\$478,935.00
Planning Board	\$ 6,800.00
Code Enforcement	\$ 16,750.00
Boards and Committees	\$ 19,450.00
Assessing Services	\$ 45,500.00
Elections	\$ 2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$569,435.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$55,872.00)
<u>Total Raised by Taxation</u>	<u>\$513,563.00</u>
Selectmen Recommend	\$513,563.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$513,563.00

Article 6

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

Ambulance	\$ 92,250.00
Police	\$ 450,000.00
Fire	\$ 101,155.00
Animal Control	\$ 7000.00
Street Lights	\$ 58,000.00
Hydrants	\$ 201,250.00
Total Expenses	\$ 909,655.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$54,114.23)
<u>Total Raised by Taxation</u>	<u>\$ 855,540.77</u>
Selectmen Recommend	\$ 855,540.77
Advisory Board Recommends	\$ 855,540.77

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	\$ 30,000.00
Waste disposal	\$ 198,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 228,000.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$45,000.00)
<u>Total Raised by Taxation</u>	<u>\$ 183,000.00</u>
Selectmen Recommend	\$ 183,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$ 183,000.00

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	\$575,900.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$95,091.25)
<u>Total Raised by Taxation</u>	<u>\$ 480,808.75</u>
Selectmen Recommend	\$ 480,808.75
Advisory Board Recommends	\$ 480,808.75

Article 9

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 73,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$ 73,000.00

Article 10

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 32,750.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$ 32,750.00

Article 11

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

Library	\$109,425.00
Community Programs	
Tree Warden	\$ 3,000.00
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	\$ 1,750.00
Somerset Community TV (Ch 11)	\$ 1,000.00
General Assistance	\$ 14,000.00
Service Organizations	
Madison Anson Senior Citizens	\$ 4,500.00
Somerset Humane Society	\$ 7,300.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$ 2,000.00
Spectrum Generations	\$ 4,600.00
Total	\$170,470.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$170,470.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$170,470.00

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	\$ 25,200.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$ 25,200.00

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate \$175,000.00 from Heald Street Reconstruction to Road Surface Projects.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate \$33,900.00 from Debt Retirement to Legal Fund.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
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Article 15

To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2017 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, 2018, 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 2017-2018 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, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote to fix the rate of 3% interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Selectmen Recommend

YES

Article 23

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 24

Shall an ordinance entitled “Appeals Board” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend

YES

Article 25

Shall an ordinance entitled “Site Review” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend

YES

Article 26

Shall an ordinance entitled “Building Construction” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend

YES

Town of Madison Board of Selectmen

John E. Ducharme, III

Michael A. Edgerly

Paul R. Fortin

Ronald Moody

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

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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 (MADISON DIVISION OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE)		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	Patriot's 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)		