

THE TOWN OF MADISON MAINE

Incorporated March 7, 1804



Madison, Maine is a beautiful town in the Kennebec Valley with a population of 4,725, known for being a great place to live, work, and play. 2023 was “One for the Books” for Madison. In this 2023 fiscal year report you will read reports from department heads, boards, committees, and legislative representatives of Madison.

Town Meeting: June 10, 2024 7PM Main Street Middle School Auditorium

Local Election: June 11, 2024 8AM to 8PM Old Point School

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DEDICATION

Thank you Bill and Peter for all your years of service to the Town of Madison

Bill Pierce, fondly known as "Uncle Billy", is married to Maddy Pierce and father of three children: Eric Pierce, Christine Parent and Roy Pierce. He worked for the town of Madison for 22 years before retiring in August 2023. Prior to working for the town of Madison, Bill was employed for 25 years by Scott Paper/Sappi as a mechanic in what was known as the Bingham garage. When a position opened in the Madison Highway Department, he was the perfect candidate for the job, already having mechanical experience and a CDL license.

After the first year of Bill's employment with Madison, the road commissioner told him that his expertise as a mechanic and a craftsman had saved the town over \$125,000! Before Bill came onboard, everything that needed repair had to be sent out, not fixed in-house. Over the years, the savings only increased as his experience increased.

Bill is a pretty laid-back, happy-go-lucky person that enjoys putting a smile on other people's faces. He is not one to create, nor try to get in the middle of, any drama. Keeping the peace is what makes him happy. You will find him lending a helping hand or giving advice, both at work and in his private life. He has always been a very dedicated, proud, and loyal employee.

In his spare time, Bill enjoys reading, movies, and tinkering around in his garage. Not to mention the fact that he has been an amazing tutor to his daughter who seems to take after her father when it comes to doing her own mechanical work as well as any type of repairs that need to be done. He's pretty proud of that.

Peter Paine has been married to his high school classmate, Nancy, for 48 years and has two children, Peter and Denise. He retired from the Madison Highway Department in October 2023 after 35 and three-quarter years but continues to help when needed. Peter started his working career in high school, working for Walter's dairy farm. His other positions included making fiberglass boats for Corson Boat Company in Madison, driving a truck for Bridge Construction Company in Augusta, and hauling milk for Gifford's Dairy in Skowhegan to make their famous ice cream. He started working for Madison Highway Department on January 19, 1988, with positions of truck driver, heavy equipment operator and foreman.

His hobbies include camping with family, watching NASCAR racing on TV from his recliner, and traveling throughout the US by motor vehicle and traveling the world by cruise ship. His retirement activities include odd jobs using his beloved John Deere tractor, and occasionally having dinner dates with his wife.



Bill Pierce (left), Peter Paine (right)

DIRECTORY OF DEPARTMENTS

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

Town Manager: Denise Ducharme

Tax Collector: Julie Rich

Administrative Asst: Debra Chandler

Bookkeeper, HR: Heidi Burrows

Town Clerk, Treasurer & Registrar of Voters: Cheyenne Stevens

Welfare Director: Denise Ducharme

Assessors Agent: Shirley Bartlett

Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer &

Plumbing Inspector: Jeff Drew

Recreation Director: Kristie Leblanc/Amber Noyes

Animal Control Officer: Amy Houle

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

Road Commissioner: Michael Gordon

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

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

Fire Department (volunteer)

Fire Chief: Donny French

Deputy Chief: Dan Bosworth

Madison Public Library, Monday through Friday 9 to 5:30; Saturday 9 to 2

Head Librarian: Julie Forbus

Madison Electric Works, Monday through Friday 7:30 to 4:00; 6 Business Park Drive

Superintendent: Marty Berry

LOCAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Select Board, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor (Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month)

Albert A. Veneziano, Chair	Sally Dwyer, Vice Chair	Kathy Estes
Ronald Moody	Shawn Bean	

Advisory Board

Richard Bartlett	Randy Bliss	Richard Cormier	Patrick Dolan
Jack Ducharme	Peter Elias	Paul Fortin	Kristie LeBlanc
Kenneth Moore	Robert Shibley	Bruce Thebarga	Mary Tomlinson
Robin Turek	Shawn Young	Jeff Lloyd	

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

Irene Christopher	Angela McKenny	
Bruce E. Thebarga	Carla Franzose	Jasmyn Horton Jo
Richard Cormier		Anne Spaulding

Superintendent: Bonnie Leveque

Board of Ethics

Luke Hartwell	Wendy Boynton	
John Kenney	Eric Lahti	Stacy Jordan
Kimberley Solberg		Corey Estes

Planning Board

Mark Doty	Mary Tomlinson	
Robin Turek	Elwyn "Jay" Watt	Don Skillings
		Craig Christopher

Somerset Community Television (Channel 11) Board of Directors

John Harlow	Bonnie Young	
Betty Vining	Randy Bliss	Ronald Moody
Colby Seams	Janice Miller	Je Evans Angela Hawkins

Madison Historical Society

Judy Mantor (President)
Shirley Vigneault (Vice President)

East Madison Historical Society

Eric Lahti (Past President)

Recreation Committee

Joseph N. Hayden Jr. (Chair)	Chris Beaman	Jason Furbush
Kristie LeBlanc	Amber Noyes	

Board of Appeals

Christine Stratton	Andrew Ketterer	Cheryl West
Brian Hale	Shawn Young	

Library Trustees (meet fourth Tuesday of the Month)

Phil Daigle	Barbara Moody	Ann Withee-Heald
Christine Stratton	Kimberley Harper	

Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee* (* Was not active during fiscal year)

MADISON SELECT BOARD REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

It is with great pleasure that I get to write this report for the select board. Another year has come and gone. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the citizens of The Town of Madison as chairperson of the Select Board.

This year brings some new faces at the town office. We welcomed four new employees. Heidi Burrows as our HR/ Finance Director, Cheyenne Stevens as our Town Clerk and Denise Ducharme as our Town Manager. We also welcomed Jeff Drew as the code enforcement officer. We also had to say goodbye to our Town Manager Tim Curtis and our Town Clerk Triss Smith. It was difficult to say goodbye but they will still be around for questions and advice.

I would like to express my thanks to all town employees for a job well done during this year. The level of service provided by our town office staff was outstanding each and every day. The town office staff was constantly adjusting schedules as well as how to deal with the public in a safe manner for both staff and the public.

Timber HP by Go Labs is making great strides at the former Madison Paper site. Seeing life at that site has brought great anticipation to the community. It is awesome to see workers entering the property each morning.

Our highway crew deserves a lot of credit for doing such a great job this past winter dealing with the winter season. Dealing with road conditions in Maine is a constant issue for our road crew.

The library as always is a very friendly and inviting place to go in town, a big thanks to Julie Forbus and her staff for their hard work and dedication during this year. Please take a moment to stop in to see this great library and the staff.

The recreation department under the direction of Kristie LeBlanc and Amber Noyes worked hard to provide a program for our youth to get them to enjoy the outside. We are anticipating big changes for the recreation department in the months to come.

Our fire department under the direction of Fire Chief Don French has done a great job in protecting our community from many potentially dangerous situations.

I would also like to thank all the citizens who volunteer their time to serve on a board or committee in the town of Madison. We could not provide the level of service that we do without the good people of Madison taking part in the process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert A. Veneziano
Chairman, Board of Selectmen



Albert Veneziano



Sally Dwyer



Kathy Estes



Shawn Bean



Ronald Moody

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To the residents of Madison:

“Change is a funny thing. Sometimes it happens so fast it makes our head spin, other times it seems as if change can’t come soon enough.”

You may recognize that as part of Tim Curtis’ Town Manager’s message from last year’s annual report. It seems appropriate to reiterate that now. We’ve had a lot of changes in the Town of Madison during the last year, including a new Town Manager, a new Town Clerk, and a new Finance Director just to name a few. There have been changes in tax mil rates, development projects, and playground equipment. Even changes in the highway department as long-time employees decided to retire.

But some things never change. There will always be a neighbor to lend a helping hand when needed or when disaster strikes. The people of Madison are resilient and strong and willing to work hard to keep our community safe and moving in a positive direction while supporting the ideas and ideals of fellow citizens.

Winter 2023/2024 brought severe storms and flooding, displacing some residents, and sending the highway crew out time and again to clear roads, making passage safe for all who travel our roads. Hardships seem to bring out the best and the worst in all of us. The worst being our incessant need to complain about anything and everything. But the best outshines even that – the best being our instinctive New England spirit that sees a problem and wants to be part of the solution, helping wherever and however we can. That truly defines who we are here in Madison.

As for me, I am a public servant raised in a family of public servants. My parents worked in the public sector for as long as I can remember: Dad as Mayor and State Representative for Waterville, as well as Town Manager and State Senator for Belgrade; Ma as City Clerk for Waterville, team leader for multiple censuses, and volunteer for many local organizations. My father and three of my four brothers served in the military. My only sister dedicated her life to teaching. I have a BA in Public Management from the University of Maine at Orono as well as a BS in Information Technology from Thomas College in Waterville. I spent more than 20 years working for the State of Maine in the Department of Human Services as a Medicaid Auditor and in the State Treasurer’s Office as the Unclaimed Property Manager. Serving the public is my life’s ambition.

As Tim said last year in closing, “...I encourage you to come by or contact me at the Town Office so we can talk... Positive change happens best when a community listens to each other. While I can’t promise to make everyone happy, I can promise to listen.” That is **my promise** to all of you as well. I am humbled and honored to be your new Town Manager.

Denise Ducharme
Town Manager
Madison, Maine



TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

I am writing this 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Report on behalf of my predecessor Triss Smith, who served the Town of Madison in fiscal year **2022-2023**. I would like to thank her, as well as her predecessor (Kathy Estes), for their help as I entered the role as the Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters. The duties that have been passed from Triss to myself in the coming fiscal year include: the care and preservation of municipal records, agent for Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, administrator of elections and administrator of voter registration, the issuance of vital records, the safe-keeping and proper disbursement of public money, the responsibility to receive and account for late property tax payments being made after a tax lien mortgage has been filed in the registry of deeds, the foreclosure process, the daily cash receipting activities and depositing of funds in the appropriate bank or trust fund accounts, and any other additional duties I can do in my position to help serve the greater community of Madison.

Vital Records

During the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year the Clerk's Office received the following vital records:

52 Births | 89 Deaths | 53 Marriages

The fee schedule for vital records is as follows:

Marriage License \$40.00 (Please call 696-5622 to make an appointment)

Birth, Death, or Marriage Certificate \$15.00

Each additional copy of certificate (same day) \$6.00

Dog Licenses

During the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year the Clerk's Office issued the following dog licenses:

2 Kennel Licenses | 67 Unaltered Dogs | 271 Neutered or Spayed Dogs | (338 Total Dog Licensed)

Dog licenses are \$6.00 for neutered or spayed and \$11.00 for unaltered dogs. Dog Licenses expire December 31st of every year and late fees of \$25.00 per dog goes into effect on February 1st if you fail to renew licenses by January 31st.

Sporting Licenses and Recreational Vehicle Registrations sold in 2022-2023 Fiscal Year are as follows:

Sporting Licenses (Hunting, Fishing, Etc) 314 | Boats & Personal Watercraft 302

ATVs 191 | Snowmobiles 214

You must have proof of having held a previous hunting license or have taken a Hunter's Safety Course in order to purchase a hunting license. Please provide prior registration and your driver's license when purchasing.

Elections

The annual town meeting and election is held each year in June.

Madison has a total of 2,744 registered voters. Please call the clerk's office if you have any questions about voter registration or elections. All elections are held at 108 Old Point Avenue and there is parking behind the building at 23 Locust Street. Absentee ballots are available 30 days prior to any election and in person absentee voting is conducted at the Town Office (26 Weston Avenue) during office hours within those 30 days.

General Fund Balance

The General Fund balance was \$2,400,108 as of June 30, 2023

Cemetery Trust. This trust is to be used for management, maintenance and improvement of the Forest Hills cemetery. The cemetery fund balance for perpetual care was \$180,971.48 as of June 30, 2023. The account for lot sales has a balance of \$91,093.89 as of June 30, 2023.

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George B Jacobs Trust. This trust is used to award to one or more Madison Area High School students a scholarship for attending an Industrial Arts program. The George B. Jacobs Trust balance as of June 30, 2023 is \$8,643.00.

Dorothy Brown School Endowment Trust. This is an expendable trust, which is to be used solely for public schools in the Town of Madison. We expended \$2,232.92 from this fund for such purpose this fiscal year. The balance in this fund as of June 30, 2023 is \$57,529.20

Revaluation Fund. The balance in the Revaluation Fund as of June 30, 2023 is \$112,607.18

I would also like to thank the public, town manager, select board, and fellow colleagues in their support as it is a great honor to serve the Town of Madison coming into the next fiscal year.

Please contact me at the town office at 696-5622 or by email at townclerk@madisonmaine.com if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheyenne Stevens
Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters
Town of Madison



GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

To the Citizens of Madison

Each Municipality in the State is responsible for helping to provide the basic needs for residents in great need through General Assistance. 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 and personal care items, medication and burials. When applying for General Assistance its important to know that the Town is considered a last resort. If there are other resources available, that would have to be exhausted before the Town can provide assistance. In FY23 the Town spent \$18,767.94 on General Assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madison General Assistance Director

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES



Debra Chandler: (Deputy Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, Administrative Assistant)

Deb is a full time employee in the office, who works Monday through Friday. She is also Madison's BMV Agent and issues fire permits along with her other roles as deputy clerk and tax collector.



Julie Rich (Tax Collector, Deputy Clerk)

Julie is a full time employee who works Monday through Friday and in addition to being a deputy clerk, she is the Town of Madison's Tax Collector.



Kristen Plante (Deputy Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector)

Kristen is a part-time employee who primarily works on Mondays and Tuesdays. She also helps cover vacations as a deputy clerk and deputy tax collector.



Heidi Burrows (Bookkeeper, Finance Director, Human Resources)

Heidi is a new face to the team and was hired fulltime in April of 2024. She is wearing multiple hats and has taken on being bookkeeper, finance director, and human resources for the Town of Madison.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board consists of five voting Members and two associate members. One associate member position is currently available. In 2023, the Planning Board finalized Site Reviews on many new projects. These projects met the standards of the Site Review ordinance and were the subject of multiple public hearings. The Kandiko Solar Array started the year with many challenges. Another challenge was the application for another oil company's desire to install a propane plant. This application failed due to conflicting Shoreland Zoning standards. Four other Shoreland applications were accepted for camp repairs around Wesserunsett Lake, as was the application for Dirigo Timberlands expansion of their facility. Fine Line Storage followed suit with the filing of two sites for the construction of storage facilities. Lastly, was the Site Review Application and approval for the new Madison Animal Hospital next to their current Madison Business Park location.



Photo left to right: Don Skillings, Robin Turek, Mary Tomlinson (Chair), Elwyn "Jay" Watt, Craig Christopher. Absent: Mark Doty

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The newly established, full-time, Code Enforcement Officer (Jeff Drew) wears many hats. Building Inspector, Licensed Plumbing Inspector, Health & Safety Officer, Town EMA Director, E-911, Notary, and Facilities Maintenance of Town owned properties. He started his tenure with upgrading Main St and Old Point Ave playgrounds with a fresh base of wood chips. With the assistance of the Sea Cadets, assembled the 1102-piece Eagle's Perch (jungle gym). In addition to the permits issued and inspections conducted, fielding neighborhood complaints seems to be a large portion of what he does for all of us. Our Municipal Codes, Ordinances, and Permits can be located on the town website at www.madisonmaine.com/government/code-enforcement. In 2023, there were 60 Building Permits and 47 Plumbing Permits issued. The total estimated value of the building projects is \$7.5M.



MADISON HIGHWAY REPORT

To the Residents of Madison,

In 2023, the Highway Department went through some changes. This is my first year as Road Commissioner. I served as interim Road Commissioner from May of 2023 until being voted in at election in June of 2023. Two long time employees, William “Billy” Pierce and Peter Paine both retired. Their extensive experience and knowledge have been missed. However, they have both helped when we were in need, during storms and otherwise, which has been greatly appreciated.

A number of projects were completed including ditching, culverts replacements, grading of many dirt roads, and roadside cutting of brush and trees. Roads that were paved include Towne Road, Summer Street, Naomi Ave, Beach Road, Thomas Street, and John Street. An apron was placed on Trolley Line Road. Some dangerous, dead trees around and out of town have been removed.

There were lots of storms, not only the usual snow storms, but heavy rains and winds. These storms caused major damage to roads, ditches, culverts, and downed trees. Most of the damages have been repaired but a couple of areas still need to be completed.

Improvements have been made in training for staff, such as Snow and Ice Removal training, in equipment, by purchasing a new plow truck and in new building safety equipment. Peter Dow, Matthew Fourcaudot, Nicholas Daigle, and Cody Maguire are the full-time employees in the department. Their efforts this past winter, along with part time winter help from William Pierce, Peter Paine, Leon “Hoss” Dorr, and Peter Oakes were appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon - Road Commissioner



Sidewalks Plowed in Order of Winter Priority

Main Street (Bridge to Health Center)

Weston Avenue

Madison Avenue

Old Point Avenue

Maple Street

Pleasant and Garfield Street

MADISON TOWN LIBRARY

To the Citizens of Madison:

The library was busy, as always. Story times, book clubs and summer programs were all well attended. Library checkout totals were consistent with recent years. Total checkouts for 2023 were as follows:

Print books	12,010 (-1404)
Ebooks	1,508 (-285)
Digital audiobooks	795 (+139)
Total	14,313 (-1550)

These totals illustrate that while actual usage dipped a bit for print and ebooks, audiobook usage increased, probably because people were back on the road, having adventures, bringing their books with them.

We hosted two summer programs, one for elementary school children, the other a junior readers book club. Average attendance for the younger group was 31 people—21 children and 10 adults—with 5-6 middle schoolers attending book club each week. Attendance for the younger group increased, while the book club held steady.

Story time continued to be offered every Tuesday at 10AM. Average attendance for story time was 3 children and 2 adults. Life is busy. Many different families attend when they can; not every family attends every week. All children are welcome but stories are geared toward ages 3-8.

The Madison Christmas Celebration was held on December 2nd. We gave out books and gift bags to children during regular business hours; all 100 bags we had prepared were gone by 11:30AM! We made up 25 more and they were soon gone as well. Then, we gave out bookmarks, candy and book sale books! In all, over 200 children and their families visited the library. Many families took photos in front of our Christmas tree and visited the children's room. Four new cards were issued and scores of books were checked out. Success!

After waiting out the winter, the dome restoration project began with the removal of the windows on March 29th. Exterior dome restoration began on September 5th, and the windows were reinstalled later in October. The work was beautifully done, to National Park Standards, as is necessary since the library is on the National Register of Historic Places. The library has been here for over a century; here's to another 100 years!

We have a very generous community. As always, my thanks to the patrons and taxpayers of Madison, Anson, North Anson, Starks, and Embden and to our trustees. Your generous financial support and timely advice is much appreciated, especially during the many challenges we have all faced these past few years.

Business hours are as follows:

Monday through Friday	9AM – 5:30PM
Saturday	9AM – 2:00PM

Rest assured, we will continue to provide library services—in whatever forms they may take—to the people of Madison and its surrounding towns. We serve the community of readers!

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Forbus
Head Librarian



MSAD #59 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 59

486 Main Street Madison, Maine 04950 (207)696-3323 · Fax (207)696-5631

Chris Roy, Director of Transportation and Maintenance

Vicki Collins, Director of Special Education

Floyd Wood, Director of Technology

Dear Citizens of Madison:

The 2023-2024 school year has been a busy one. Some of the highlights are - grades shuffling between buildings, establishing a full day Preschool Program, providing transportation for the Pre-K students, dealing with a mass shooting in our State, two floods, a couple of mega snow storms, and the total eclipse of the sun!

Many wonderful opportunities for the students have taken place in their classrooms thanks to the outstanding staff we employ. Jennifer Swain (MES) and Amanda Trahan (MJSHS) were nominated for Somerset County Teacher of the Year, and Brian Greenlaw, a science teacher at MJSHS, was named the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation's Teacher of the Year. Fantastic recognition for some very deserving teachers.

Several staff have written grants to enhance their programs without putting the burden on the tax payers. Just to mention a few: Julie Wallace and Mike Packard wrote a grant totaling over \$35,000 to take the Kennebec Valley Multiple Pathways students on a Katahdin Expedition in August. Jennifer Swain continues to explore grants to improve the opportunities for all student to use the outdoor classroom and walking trails at Madison Elementary School. Josh Bishop has secured funds to keep his Garden to Table Program sustained throughout the school year at Madison Junior Senior High School. Additionally, there are staff in all three buildings that have written mini grants to supplement learning in their classrooms.

The only negative to education today tends to be the ever-increasing costs to survive. It doesn't matter if there are five students in the classroom or twenty, the cost to heat that classroom and provide electricity has exploded. Insurance for the buildings and busses goes up every year, as does the cost to employ staff. The Administrative team, the Board, and I have made every effort to keep the cost to the tax payers at a minimum for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Thank you for your continued support,

Bonnie

Bonnie C. Levesque
Superintendent of Schools

MSAD59

ANSON, MADISON, STARKS AMBULANCE SERVICE

Anson/Madison & Starks Ambulance Service

P.O. Box 277
Madison, Maine 04950
(207) 696-5332

To the Residents of Madison, the ambulance service had another busy year responding to a total of 1887 calls for 2023. I would like to publicly thank the area fire departments for the help they provide the ambulance service when needed. All three departments Anson, Madison and Starks are quick to help in all situations.

For anyone wanting help with a substance abuse disorder, including tobacco and alcohol as well as drug use, there is a community health educator in Madison every Thursday from 1pm to 4pm at 108 Old Point Avenue, the old school. This person can connect you with the resources you need for your disorder. This service is provided by Somerset Public Health. Or you can call 207-858-8466.

Free Narcan and Narcan use training can be provided.

The recent storm in December reminded us how weather events can alter our way of life. It can also make it difficult to get help when help is needed. Please understand it may take longer or even be impossible to reach some areas when these events occur.

May your 2024 be happy and healthy! The ambulance service is proud to serve the area.

Respectfully, George Demchak

Operations Director AMS Ambulance Service.



MADISON FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Residents of Madison,

Madison Fire responded to 325 calls in 2023. That is 75 more calls than Madison Fire has ever responded to in a year's time. All of the area Fire Departments are very low on fireman. Madison Fire has 16 firemen in both stations, Company one (in town) and company two (in East Madison). I would like to thank all of the dedicated firemen in Madison and surrounding towns that save life and property. We just purchased a 2023 leftover side by side w/ tracks for wood fires, grass fires and back-in-the-woods rescues. To better help those in time of an emergency, please put your address number on your house so emergency personnel can see it. Time matters!

Respectfully Submitted,

Don French-Madison Fire Chief



Don French	Fire chief
Dan Bosworth	Deputy Fire Chief
Scott King	Captain
James Edgerly	Lieutenant
Geoff Holbrook	Lieutenant
Marty Berry	Lieutenant
Brian Gordan	Lieutenant
Brad Bosworth	Firefighter
Jayson Bosworth	Firefighter
Titus Gagnon	Firefighter
Damien Kelley	Firefighter
Tom Lyons	Firefighter
Patrick Magurn	Firefighter
Glenn Manning	Firefighter
Devin Provencal	Firefighter
Ashton Scott	Firefighter

SOMERSET SHERIFF'S REPORT



Integrity Respect Fairness Dedication

SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Madison 2023 Annual Law Enforcement Report



Dale P. Lancaster
Sheriff

The Somerset County Sheriff's Office has provided law enforcement services to the Town of Madison for 8 years. As your Sheriff, it is an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Madison.

In May, 2023, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office became accredited through the Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The significance of the accreditation is that the Sheriff's Office follows best practices for policing in the State of Maine.

The Town of Madison budgets for 3 Deputies and one 32-hour Secretary/Dispatcher. To ensure coverage for the Town, the Shift Supervisor is assigning a Deputy to the Madison Community every shift. Not unlike many law enforcement agencies in the State of Maine and throughout the Country, we are experiencing difficulty hiring/retaining qualified police officers. In 2023, we aggressively worked to fill our open positions. Through recruitment and hiring initiatives, such as attending college events, participating in job fairs, and negotiating with the FOP for an increase in our wage package that is compatible to area law enforcement agencies, we have been successful filling vacancies.

In 2023, Deputies handled 5,961 calls for service, which represents an 7.2% increase from 2022.

Deputies stopped 631 vehicles, covered 253 motor vehicle crashes, completed 135 property checks, assisted 175 citizens, and did 138 welfare checks. Deputies also responded to 54 domestic violence related calls, 77 theft complaints, 24 scam reports, burglaries, criminal threatening, harassment and other requests for police services. Secretary/Dispatcher Sharon Carey, who is assigned to the Sheriff's Office at the Municipal building in Madison, processed 131 complaints from individuals who requested police services in person.

In 2023, the State of Maine experienced approximately 635 overdose deaths, and Deputies and Detectives investigated overdose deaths in Madison. The Deputies that patrol in and around the Town of Madison are issued and trained in the use of Narcan. The Fentanyl/opioid epidemic consumes a lot of the Sheriff's Office resources. The Sheriff's Office provided ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) training for all Madison schools. In March, all Deputies received training in Maine's Yellow Flag law. In July, Deputies responded to a report of a deceased individual in a vehicle at the Park Street Cemetery. It was determined that the individual was the victim of homicide. We assisted the Maine State Police with that investigation, and a suspect was arrested and charged with Murder. In December, Detectives arrested 3 individuals in the armed robbery of the Madison Big Apple. Detectives also investigated sexual assault cases and suicides, and executed a number of drug search warrants in Madison. Deputies participated in parades, school events, and the annual Halloween Trunk or Treat.

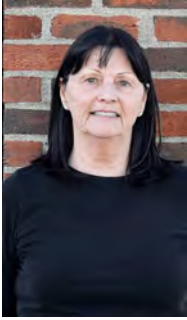
An activity report is generated each month that reflects the activities of the Deputies assigned to Madison. The monthly report is presented to the Town Manager and Selectpersons and is available to the public at the Town Office to review.

The Somerset County Sheriff Office remains committed to our core values: INTEGRITY-RESPECT-FAIRNESS-DEDICATION.

Respectfully Submitted


Sheriff Dale P. Lancaster

TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT



Shirley Bartlett of Bartlett Assessing Services is the contracted Assessing Agent for the Town of Madison. General questions about taxes can be answered at the Town Office number of 696-3971. If you have more specific questions about your property assessment, Shirley is in the Town Office one Monday a month from 8am to 4pm and can be reached at 207 318 8250 or by email at sbartlett213@yahoo.com.

Acct #	Map & Lot	Value Reduction	Tax Reduction	Reason
3152	M7 L12	\$94,500	\$1,578.15	Deleted account
1274	M22 L44		\$185.69	Didn't receive stabilized amount
331	M14 L40		\$401.24	Didn't receive stabilized amount
1474	M27 L2		\$713.60	Didn't receive stabilized amount
865	M2 L48	\$82,700	\$1,381.09	Not assessed as fractional acres
2782	M1 L17-1	\$24,000	\$400.80	Barn does not belong to owner
552		\$600	\$10.06	No property as of 04/01/23
595	M18 L19-ON	\$10,600	\$177.02	m/h demolished before 04/01/2023
396	M15 L4	\$36,000	\$601.20	Entire parcel conveyed in error
1252	M22 L25	\$25,000	\$417.50	Homestead exemption
1129	M21 L195	\$15,400	\$257.18	Incorrect condition
2658	M9 L5-A	\$10,700	\$178.69	Foundation assessed to wrong acct
25	M8 L1	\$5,300	\$88.51	Deleted Account
452	M16 L4	\$524,200	\$8,754.14	Incorrect assessment
2642	M9 L23	\$13,500	\$250.97	Corrected assessment
2642	M9 L23	\$13,500	\$250.97	Corrected assessment
2642	M9 L23	\$12,900	\$250.51	Corrected assessment
3148	M4 L47-5	\$24,000	\$400.80	Incorrect land assessment

TAX ASSESSING CONTINUED:

Value Reduction Grand Total: \$892,900

Tax Reduction Grand Total: \$16,298.12

Acct #	Map and Lot	Value Increase	Tax Increase	Reason
396	M15 L4	\$31,400	\$524.38	Incorrect Owner
1729	M31 L69	\$66,100	\$1,103.87	New Building Not Assessed

Value Increase Grand Total: \$97,500

Tax Increase Grand Total: \$1,628.25

Tax Stabilization for Seniors: Approximately 350 Madison households benefited from the State's former Property Tax Stabilization Program, which provided some relief on the 2023-2024 tax bills for eligible senior taxpayers. The program has been eliminated and the tax savings experienced last year will once again be the responsibility of the property owner. These households will experience two years' worth of budget increases in one year. To help soften the financial hardship resulting from the State's decision to end this program, changes have been made to the State Property Tax Deferral Program and the Property Tax Fairness Credit.

TAX COLLECTION

For the 2023/2024 fiscal year, \$7,061,559.93 was committed for taxes to be raised to fund the budgets approved for the school, county and municipal governments. Julie Rich serves as Tax Collector. Of the taxes collected, \$4,973,487.68 funds the local portion of the MSAD#59 School Budget, \$898,440.00 funds the Town's portion of the Somerset County Budget, and the remainder goes toward the Municipal Budget of \$3,938,445.07.

The strong housing market prompted an increase in property values resulting in a reduction in the mill rate (property tax rate) from **\$18.59 to \$16.70**.

Tax Club: For the 15th consecutive year the Town is pleased to offer taxpayers in good standing the opportunity to join the Tax Club. The enrollment 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 of 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 1st of the current year remains in the name of the previous owner until records are updated 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 as of January 31, 2024. If taxes remain unpaid for 3 years, then the Town assumes ownership as Tax Acquired Property. Each year the Select Board is responsible for selling this acquired property, often through public auction. I report that as of this printing, there were three tax foreclosed properties on the books.

- Julie Rich, Tax Collector

As of January 31, 2024 the total amount of unpaid Personal Property Tax was \$845.64

TAX COLLECTION CONTINUED

Unpaid 2021 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2024

Name	Amount
ALLAIN, III ROLAND I	627.06
ALLAIN, III ROLAND I	6,086.16
CARROLL, WAYNE W	961.69
CHAPMAN, LETITIA	140.88
CHESLEY, BETTE A	77.45
CHESLEY, BETTE A	2,723.99
DIXON, LINVILLE	173.61
DYAR, CLYDE E	792.29
ELLIS, ELAINE R	1,223.92
EMERY, ERWIN L & EMERY, SHIRLEY E	366.48
HEALD, KIRK A & HEALD, DEBORAH	1,067.65
NELSON, RANDY A	50.67
NICHOLS, MARK E	2,583.62
ROWAN & OAKS PROPERTIES	3,050.87
SEELEY, THEODORE E	1,510.37
STITHAM, BARRY	158.52
TATLOR, STEPHEN J	74.68
TRUNDY, MATTHEW E & PORTIE, DEANNA D	1,276.23
WILLIAMS, KELLY JO & FRYE, MATTHEW PAUL	1,027.19
Total 2021 Taxes Unpaid	\$23,973.33

Unpaid 2022 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2024

Name	Amount
ADAMS, SHARON C	717.37
ALDRICH, WENDY W	588.38
ALLAIN, III ROLAND I	788.52
ASHBY, LAWRENCE E JR & ASHBY, DEBORAH M	928.42
BACHELDER, RENEE	170.63
BARTOS, EVELYN	96.79
BENNER, SANDRA	226.97
BISHOP, SCOTTY D & BISHOP, JENNIFER A	59.01
BOOKHEIM, WILLIAM W	337.50
BOUCHER, AVERY W & WATSON, JULIANNA	618.35
BOWERSOX, STEVEN	1,744.48
CARROLL, WAYNE W	1,948.50
CHAPMAN, LETITIA	959.49
CHESLEY, BETTE A	82.76
CHESLEY, BETTE A	2,546.53
CHURCHILL, ANNA	353.28
COURT, SANDRA M	852.43
DAVIS, LENORA ANN	331.90
DDI HOME SOLUTIONS LLC	1,480.23
DICKEY, DALE	767.70
DUBOIS, GAIL	1,059.77
DYAR, CAROL Y	792.37
ELLIS, ELAINE R	1,738.52
EMERY, ERWIN L & EMERY, SHIRLEY E	600.90
ENAIRE, CHAD E	2,449.82
FOISY, ELIZABETH A & FOISY, JON	1,620.96
FRANZOSE, SCOTT	2,138.93
GEHRKE, ANGELINA M	1,444.12
GREENE, MELTIAH B	1,329.42
GROSS, ROGER L & CONSTANCE Z LIVING TRUST	352.51
GUERIN, BRITTANY L	1,770.91
GUZZETTA, JOHN	1,152.62
HEALD, KIRK A & HEALD, DEBORAH	989.64
HICKS, CATHERINE	364.52
HYDE, JAMIE	207.65

TAX COLLECTION CONTINUED

Unpaid 2022 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2024

Name	Amount
KANE, CECIL W; ESTATE OF C/O CANDACE JONES	2,041.50
KING, JANET M & HART, JANE A & MOLLEY SUSAN	462.46
KITTREDGE, DENNIS	312.71
LARLEE, SANDRA J	1,268.44
MCDUGAL, ARLO & MARTIN, ELIZABETH	11,793.30
MENG, ALBERT R	495.60
MENG, ALBERT R	334.12
MILLER, THOMAS	930.35
MUDIE, CARLENE Y & MUDIE, LLOYD R	1,305.36
NELSON, RANDY A	428.40
NICHOLS, MARK E	2,483.58
O'BRIEN, THOMAS & O'BRIEN, STACY A	773.73
O'BRIEN, THOMAS & O'BRIEN, STACY A	1,173.23
O'BRIEN, THOMAS & O'BRIEN, STACY A	1,732.84
O'BRIEN, THOMAS & O'BRIEN, STACY A	1,680.36
O'DONNELL, MATTHEW J	1,593.69
OLIVER, RUSSELL L & OLIVER, ANGELA M	736.80
OLIVER, RUSSELL L & OLIVER, ANGELA M	1,774.39
PATTERSON, LISA	68.10
PAWLOWSKI, ROBERT T & PAWLOWSKI, GWEN	2,218.59
PETERS, DENNIS J	510.66
PETLEY, BARBARA P & PETLEY, CYNTHIA & TERRY	627.88
PINKHAM, MARY	1,310.00
POMELOW, JOSHUA & POMELOW, TRISHA	182.28
POTVIN, MELISSA A	324.90
PRATCSHLER, WILLIAM J JR & VEILLEUX, DOREEN A	967.28
PRICE, GARY & PRICE, RUBY M	93.54
QUIMBY, EDWARD A C/O KNIGHT, ANGEL	954.83
RALSTON, FRANCES C; CONNERS, SHARON L; OGDEN, HENRY C & DENNIS A & STUMP, SUSAN	278.90
ROWAN & OAKS PROPERTIES, INC.	2,328.15
ROWAN & OAKS PROPERTIES	2,845.00
ROY, CHRISTOPHER E	337.90
ROY, CHRISTOPHER E	1,445.76
ROY, GARY G	317.55
ROY, GARY G	466.72

Unpaid 2022 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2024

Name	Amount
ROY, GARY G	273.30
ROY, GARY G	455.16
SALVO, DEAN C	1,044.99
SCOTT, ASHTON A	793.36
SEELEY, THEODORE E	181.09
SEELEY, THEODORE E	1,434.35
STITHAM, BARRY	143.42
TAYLOR, BRAD	170.63
TAYLOR, STEPHEN J	1,254.50
THEBARGE, KRIS A	171.42
THEBARGE, KRIS A	788.52
TRUNDY, MATTHEW E & PORTIE, DEANNA D	1,199.25
VEILLEUX, LEO & VEILLEUX, CATHERINE	600.57
VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	753.34
WALTON, MAX E & WALTON, PAULA H	665.06
WEBB, JAY & WEBB, JANNA L	2,107.83
WESCOTT, JOSHUA D	621.78
WESTON, EDWIN B & WESTON, MARCIA S	1,341.08
WESTON, THOMAS B	2,805.38
WESTON, THOMAS B	522.31
WIINIKAINEN, SIMON E	1,006.13
WILLIAMS, KELLY JO & FRYE, MATTHEW PAUL	950.54
WILLIAMS, QUINTON M & WILLIAMS, SHAUNA L	1,040.59
WILLIAMSON, CODY	11.30
WITHEE, STEVEN D & WITHEE, REBECCA L	211.42
Total 2022 Taxes Unpaid	\$100,758.12

LIVING WELL IN MADISON REPORT

Living Well in Madison works to make the Town of Madison an Age-Friendly Community and adapt to the needs of our aging adults.

The Living Well Committee consists of 6 members. Julie Forbus, Sally Dwyer, Laurie Manzer, Randy Bliss, John Harlow, and Cheyenne Stevens as the Living Well Coordinator. The Committee meets monthly, and a weekly report is provided to the town manager and select board of the progress of the committee.

Some of the successes that the Living Well Committee has had in the past year include: receiving a grant to provide memory kits at the Library; receiving “File of Life” cards at the town office; doing a 3 month pilot transportation program with One Madison Avenue to better assess transportation needs in the area; and sharing helpful and information on the Town’s Living Well web page. We look forward to continuing to assist the senior residents of Madison in the coming year.

RECREATION (BASKETBALL)

Madison Recreation Basketball

The 2023-2024 Madison Recreation Basketball season was extremely successful with 82+ Kindergarten – 6th grade Madison children participating. Practices and skill clinics began in early December and were run by the high school basketball coaches and players. The eight week game season started the beginning of January, and Saturday games were held until February break. Teams also participated in the Skowhegan Round Robin and Norridgewock tournament in early March.

Many volunteer coaches graciously donated their time and expertise to the success of the Madison Recreation Basketball program: Jason Furbush, Mike Packard, Nick Gilman, Adam Rich, Joshua Bishop, Matt Dyer, Nathan and Chelsea VanGordon, Mica LaGross, Rollin Noyes & Amber Noyes, Garrett & Whitney Davis, Chris Beaman, Cassidy Giles, Bart Barnum, Michelle Bruce, and the boys and girls high school basketball teams.

Thank you all for a great season!

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie LeBlanc

Madison Basketball Commissioner/Rec Director



MADISON HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

On June 16, 1999 we first met at the Madison fire station to organize the Madison Historical & Genealogical Society with ten attending. We have ninety members now.

We moved into the Old Point School in 2000. For the past twenty-five years our members have worked diligently every Saturday to preserve the history of the town. We are still receiving items to add to our historical collection.

In September we were hosts to several other historical societies for a round table discussion. We hope to have one again this year.

In December we were open for the towns Christmas celebration. We had ornament decorating for the kids and a pie sale. We look forward to participating again this year and making it bigger and better.

In June we will be celebrating our twenty-five year anniversary! The Historical Society will be open for tours. We will also be having outdoor activities and demonstrations for kids and adults. All are welcome!

We wish to once again thank the people of the Town of Madison for their ongoing support.

Sincerely,

The Madison Historical & Genealogical Society

EAST MADISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

To the Citizens of Madison,

EMHA has had a very successful year. Due to our very effective fundraising, we were able to make a number of capital improvements to our facility. Our free library is now ADA compliant with a new ramp. This was constructed with volunteer labor and many donated materials at a relatively low cost. The library now has lighting and the shelves were organized by genre by a student volunteer as a community service project. Kenzie is a summer resident on the lake and is a senior at a California high school. We are deeply indebted to her for all the excellent work and many hours of effort! In addition to adult reading material, we also have an extensive collection of children's literature. The library is open 24/7.

We have also made much progress in cataloging the collections and increasing and organizing our reference materials. We also were able to purchase a portable structure for storage and free up space for exhibits. Our heating system has been upgraded with a heat pump due to a cost share grant received from the county. This replaced an inefficient gas furnace and is now up and running.

Our plans for the future include establishing a lecture series, making the Jackson collection of antique vehicles and farm equipment available for public display and publishing a second volume of a cookbook.

This summer we will be having our annual yard sale on June 21-23 and East Madison Days on July 19-21.

Our ongoing programs are getting considerable use. The Blessing Box is kept stocked with basic food items for anyone with a need. The medical equipment lending library continues to be used by folks who have short term need for a wheelchair, walker, or bathroom equipment. Please call 474-5961 to borrow items.

We continue to welcome new members and solicit photographs and artifacts relating to East Madison. We are particularly desirous of photographs depicting industries, homes, farms, schools, early lake scenes and people. If you do not wish to donate perhaps allowing us to make copies.

We are open by chance or appointment, Call 474-5006 or 474-5961. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric R. Lahti, Past President

PEOPLE WHO CARE FOOD CUPBOARD



P.O. Box 316 • Madison, Maine 04950

People Who Care would like to thank the Town of Madison for the continued support of your local food pantry. With your support we are able to feed thousands of residents from the Town of Madison. People Who Care is located at 378 Lakewood Road in Madison. Our hours of operation are Wednesday 9am-12pm and Thursday 9am-12pm. Our Farmers Market is Saturday 9am-10am.

Your support in 2023 was able to feed over 1500 residents from the Town of Madison each month. People Who Care is committed to end hunger in our community. We welcome all residents of Madison to utilize your pantry for all food needs, including fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, dairy and meat.

We have monthly delivery services. Please contact Shannon for more information 399-0452.

Respectfully,

Shannon Blouin Drury

SOMERSET COMMUNITY TELEVISION

Somerset Community TV 11, also known as Channel 11, is a 501c3 non-profit organization serving Madison, Skowhegan, and Anson. Under the management of John Harlow and the board of directors, the station continues to provide municipal, cultural, educational, and local governmental programming on Cable TV, as well as YouTube and Facebook. We are proud to be able to provide information and entertainment to our wide range of viewers on these different platforms. SCTV 11 has been able to keep up with the ever-changing landscape of community media and we hope to continue to adapt to best serve our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Harlow

Station Manager

MADISON/ANSON SENIOR CITIZENS

To the Citizens of Madison,

In the coming year the Madison/Anson Senior Citizens plans to provide weekly gatherings for a meal and Bingo at the VFW hall each Monday from June to the end of November.

A special thanks to the volunteers that help make this happen every year, including Debra Berry, Julia Green, Raymond Cahill, Ruby Price, Margaret Adams, and all of the other individuals who make these events happen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Coro

LAKE WESSERUNSETT ASSOCIATION

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Madison:

The members of Lake Wesserunsett Association wish to thank the citizens of Madison for their continued support of our efforts to provide good stewardship of Madison's most valuable natural resource. The combined properties around the lake are the second largest taxpayer in Madison. Association activities include: courtesy boat inspections to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants; extensive program of water quality testing; invasive aquatic plant surveys; camp road maintenance surveys; placement and maintenance of navigational markers; and educational programs.

The Courtesy Boat Inspection Program, to thwart the introduction of damaging invasive aquatic plants, conducted 931 boat inspections and logged 860 hours manning the boat landing at the outlet dam in 2023. This program is especially important as the infested water-bodies creep closer and closer to our lake. Invasive aquatic plants have now been found in the Kennebec River below Skowhegan - that boat launch is only 8.5 road miles from the lake's boat launch. LWA continues to increase the boat inspection hours at the East Madison boat launch in response to the increasing threat of invasive aquatic species.

In the fall of 2023, the boat inspection program found the potential introduction of an invasive aquatic plant. The Maine Warden Service is following up with enforcement action and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection is planning plant surveys for this summer.

The water quality sampling program for Lake Wesserunsett continued for the 42nd consecutive year in 2023. Colby College, in its 2001 report about the lake, stated that its future water quality was "uncertain" and that it had reached "... the threshold at which ecologically detrimental algal blooms can occur." Our sampling data indicate this is still the situation 20 years later. Runoff from roads, bank erosion and lawns contribute phosphorus to the lake which in excess quantities reduces water quality.

Placing of navigational markers is another important function of LWA that helps insure the safety of all users of the lake. Please remember that not all hazards are marked and fluctuation in water levels can change conditions. Remember when boating to observe caution around boat launching and swimming areas and to observe the **200 foot no wake zone along shorelines**.

In 2024, we expect to expand many of our programs to provide stewardship for the lake. We are fortunate to have such a valuable resource within town boundaries. We thank the town in advance for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Doty

President, LWA

LAKE WESSERUNSETT WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM) Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) water quality sampling program for Wesserunsett continued for the 42th consecutive year in 2023. The program was run by the Lake Wesserunsett Association (LWA) Water Quality Committee.

Program Purpose: The primary purpose of this sampling program is to monitor selected biological, chemical and physical parameters over both the short- and the long-term in order to detect any changes and trends. A warming climate and increased development both can accelerate the lake eutrophication process. However, if monitoring results indicate existing or potential problems, actions may possibly be taken in time to prevent or at least reduce increases in nutrient loading or to reverse unwanted changes.

Sampling: Lake sampling was done seven times from May through October by John Bonsall, who is trained and certified as a monitor by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP)/VLMP. His measurements included Secchi Disk depth (water clarity), Total Phosphorus (a nutrient), Color, Surface Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen/Temperature profiles taken at one-meter intervals and *Gloeotrichia echinulata* (a cyanobacteria) density. In addition, Ice-Out and Ice-In Dates were documented and Open Water Duration was calculated and reported by Will Reid. Rainfall totals since Ice-Out and between monitoring trips were also measured and recorded by Reid. The 2023 data has been summarized in a table which accompanies this report. **Results:** Seven **Secchi Disk** readings averaged 18.1ft. The long-term average is 19.2 ft. Water clarity may have been influenced by the rainy conditions during the sampling period and concomitant high runoff to the lake. The **Phosphorus** (TP) samples averaged 6.0 ppb. This is less than the average of 6.92 ppb for 15 previous years of sampling for that nutrient. **Color** ranged from 15 to 20 SPU, averaging 17.3 SPU. The average SPU for 14 years is 20.67. All Color levels were low enough so as not to interfere with Secchi Disk readings or TP levels. **Surface Temperature** was highest on July 28 when it was 77.9F. This is within the normal range for mid summer. **Dissolved Oxygen/Temperature** profiles were typical for Wesserunsett with both oxygen and temperature being lower near the bottom at times due to weak partial stratification. *Gloeotrichia* was absent on six occasions and at a moderate level on one. This was therefore a good result for most of the season. **Ice-Out** was on April 16. **Ice-In** was on Dec. 6. **Open Water Duration** (measured as Ice-Out to final Ice-In) was 234 days (64% of the year). The average of 236 days (64.6%) represents the average for 38 years of data. **Rainfall** from Ice-Out on April 16 to the last sampling on Oct. 9 totaled 30.13". The average rainfall for the last several years during the sample period is 15.1". Considering the very high rainfall in 2023 and runoff Lake Wesserunsett had reasonable readings.

Climate Change: According to the 2017 Climate Science Special Report (CSSR), globally 16 of the 17 warmest years on record at that time occurred since 2001. The two earliest Ice-Outs in 136 years of records for Wesserunsett were in 2010 and 2012. Six of the eight longest open water durations in 35 years of records for the lake were in 2006, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016, and 2020. Open water averaged 71.2% of the year for those six years, compared with 64.6% for the entire 35 years in the record. The two others were in 1996 and 1998. Two years did not have a permanent Ice-In (1996 & 1998). That did not occur until Jan. 1 of the following years. These observations are consistent with the pattern of warming reported in the CSSR. However, contrary to the warming trend were the later than usual Ice-Outs in 2017, 2018 and 2019, the earliest Ice-In and shortest Open Water Season (35-year database) in 2018 and the shorter than average Open Water Duration in 2019 (221 days; 61% of year). Climate change also exhibits extremes as well as warming, so this is not surprising.

Conclusions: The results for water quality in 2023 were encouraging regarding water clarity and overall *Gloeotrichia* densities, especially with the amount of rainfall and runoff into the lake. Continuation of the lake monitoring program and retention of all data for future analysis are important so that any trends and changes over the long-term may be identified. Controlling runoff, improving shoreline buffers, and reducing erosion and sedimentation from such sources as camp roads and driveways are areas taken by LWA to reduce phosphorus input and help combat the effects of climate change. LWA coordinated purchasing watershed land impacting Wesserunsett that is an important economic and environmental resource in Madison that deserves protection. Continued financial support from the town of Madison is essential in this effort.

Financial Statements



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

December 31, 2023

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

Opinion

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, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Electric Works' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standard generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works' ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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, the Schedule of Changes in the Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works' Total MMEHT Plan OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, and the Notes to the Schedule, as noted in the table of contents, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works' basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental information for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, on pages 22 and 23, 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 relates 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Electric Operating Revenues	\$ 5,865,768	\$ 4,852,834
Operating Expenses		
Operations and maintenance	5,608,642	4,794,652
Depreciation and amortization	<u>358,226</u>	<u>354,607</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>5,966,868</u>	<u>5,149,259</u>
Net Operating Loss	(101,100)	(296,425)
Other Income (Expenses)		
Interest income	54,253	26,141
Interest expense	(23,116)	(28,106)
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	<u>25,388</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Other Income (Expenses)	<u>56,525</u>	<u>(1,965)</u>
Decrease in Net Position	(44,575)	(298,390)
Contributions in Aid of Construction	<u>48,858</u>	<u>18,948</u>
Change in Net Position	4,283	(279,442)
Net position at beginning of year	<u>7,832,427</u>	<u>8,111,869</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 7,836,710</u>	<u>\$ 7,832,427</u>

Statements of Cash Flows (1 of 2)

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash receipts:		
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 5,081,571	\$ 4,550,996
Other operating cash receipts	429,776	231,775
Cash disbursements:		
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees	(1,654,374)	(1,514,207)
Cash payments to suppliers and vendors	<u>(3,777,983)</u>	<u>(3,317,996)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	78,990	(49,432)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(93,748)	(53,856)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	25,388	-
Contributions in aid of construction received	30,763	(5,113)
Debt interest payments	(24,241)	(29,206)
Debt principal payments	(150,000)	(150,000)
Lease principal payments	(46,082)	(44,872)
Payments received on note receivable	<u>193,996</u>	<u>188,270</u>
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(63,924)	(94,777)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest income received	<u>55,224</u>	<u>27,083</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>55,224</u>	<u>27,083</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	70,290	(117,126)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,316,156</u>	<u>1,433,282</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 1,386,446</u>	<u>\$ 1,316,156</u>

Statements of Cash Flows (2 of 2)

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to		
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:		
Net operating loss	\$ (101,100)	\$ (296,425)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:		
Depreciation	322,658	319,038
Right of use amortization	45,232	45,076
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	15,000	15,000
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable	(369,420)	(85,063)
Materials and supplies	(47,260)	(97,809)
Prepaid expenses	(23,485)	(9,508)
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	10,374	20,316
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(36,898)	40,577
Other current and accrued liabilities	2,829	6,441
Customer deposits	249,131	35,066
Accrued paid leave	18,721	(5,884)
Net OPEB liability	(3,519)	(44,078)
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	(3,273)	7,821
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 78,990</u>	<u>\$ (49,432)</u>

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following pages contain highlights of the audit of the Town of Madison finances for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2023. A full copy will be available to view at the treasurers office at the town office.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Selectboard
Town of Madison
Madison, Maine

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Madison, Maine as of June 30, 2023 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.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements, the financial statements of the Madison Electric Works are intended to present the financial position and the changes in financial position of only the business-type activities of the Town of Madison, Maine that is attributable to the transactions of the Madison Electric Works which are presented as of their last audited financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2022. They do not purport to and do not present fairly the financial position of the Madison Electric Works as of June 30, 2023 and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Madison, Maine and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Madison, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit 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 Town of Madison, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise doubt about the Town of Madison, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and OPEB information on pages 5 through 12 and 73 through 79 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.

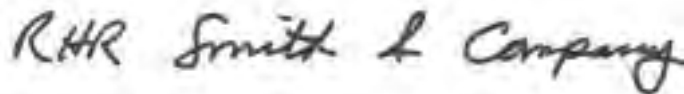
Supplementary Information

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 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a re-

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 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, 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 April 26, 2024, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RHR Smith & Company". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Buxton, Maine

April 26, 2024

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Our analysis below focuses on the net position and changes in net position of the Town's governmental activities. The Town's total net position for governmental activities decreased by \$97,471 from \$10,664,039 to \$10,566,568. For the business-type activities, total net position decreased by \$279,442 from \$8,111,869 to \$7,832,427.

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 - increased for governmental activities to a balance of \$2,526,150 and decreased for the business-type activities to a balance of \$2,783,567.

Table 1
Town of Madison, Maine
Net Position
June 30 and December 31

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets				
Current Assets	\$ 3,980,648	\$ 4,222,778	\$ 3,058,631	\$ 2,969,517
Noncurrent Assets:				
Capital Assets	6,771,347	6,473,483	5,886,590	6,139,393
Other	394,590	411,325	592,832	786,843
Total Assets	<u>11,146,585</u>	<u>11,107,586</u>	<u>9,538,053</u>	<u>9,895,753</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:				
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	50,579	77,859	28,871	49,187
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>50,579</u>	<u>77,859</u>	<u>28,871</u>	<u>49,187</u>
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	228,263	96,492	877,138	785,437
Noncurrent Liabilities	229,419	241,941	809,023	1,007,119
Total Liabilities	<u>457,682</u>	<u>338,433</u>	<u>1,686,161</u>	<u>1,792,556</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Prepaid Taxes	52,748	54,078	-	-
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	120,166	128,895	48,336	40,515
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>172,914</u>	<u>182,973</u>	<u>48,336</u>	<u>40,515</u>
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	6,771,347	6,884,808	5,048,860	5,164,246
Restricted	1,294,078	1,454,315	-	-
Unrestricted	2,501,143	2,324,916	2,783,567	2,947,623
Total Net Position	<u>\$10,566,568</u>	<u>\$10,664,039</u>	<u>\$7,832,427</u>	<u>\$8,111,869</u>

Table 2
Town of Madison, Maine
Change in Net Position
For the Years Ended June 30 and December 31

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	2023	2022	2022	2021
Revenues				
<i>Program revenues:</i>				
Charges for services	\$ 131,702	\$ 112,917	\$ 4,852,834	\$ 4,589,515
Operating grants and contributions	210,687	63,676	-	-
<i>General revenues:</i>				
Taxes	7,723,828	7,726,748	-	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	1,979,130	3,147,358	-	-
Miscellaneous	302,238	202,370	26,141	262,275
Total Revenues	<u>10,347,585</u>	<u>11,253,069</u>	<u>4,878,975</u>	<u>4,851,790</u>
Expenses				
General government	696,984	627,198	-	-
Public safety	726,625	667,146	-	-
Public works	1,616,066	1,305,253	-	-
Parks and recreation	75,979	91,504	-	-
Cemeteries	42,330	35,140	-	-
Community and social agencies	196,409	179,303	-	-
Education	4,761,923	4,646,679	-	-
County tax	798,452	776,046	-	-
Town property	31,204	26,889	-	-
Unclassified	1,287,653	1,921,150	5,177,365	4,768,517
Total Expenses	<u>10,445,056</u>	<u>10,276,308</u>	<u>5,177,365</u>	<u>4,768,517</u>
Special and extraordinary items:				
Gain on insurance proceeds	-	-	-	42,577
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	-	-	-	12,875
Contributions in aid of construction	-	-	18,948	25,819
Total special and extraordinary items	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,948</u>	<u>81,271</u>
Change in Net Position	(97,471)	976,761	(279,442)	164,544
Net Position - July 1/January 1	<u>10,664,039</u>	<u>9,687,278</u>	<u>8,111,869</u>	<u>7,947,325</u>
Net Position - June 30/December 31	<u>\$10,566,568</u>	<u>\$1,664,039</u>	<u>\$ 7,832,427</u>	<u>\$ 8,111,869</u>

TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Total Fund Balances	\$ 3,898,381
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	6,771,347
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	201,406
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	50,579
Long-term obligations are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	(55,600)
Net OPEB liability	(179,379)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	<u>(120,166)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 10,566,568</u></u>

TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	NBRC Fund	ARPA Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Taxes:					
Property taxes	\$ 6,772,066	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,772,066
Excise taxes	938,883	-	-	-	938,883
Intergovernmental	2,027,767	147,359	-	14,691	2,189,817
Charges for services	131,702	-	-	-	131,702
Miscellaneous revenues	78,696	-	-	223,542	302,238
TOTAL REVENUES	9,949,114	147,359	-	238,233	10,334,706
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General government	667,531	-	-	-	667,531
Public safety	687,210	-	-	-	687,210
Public works	1,334,582	-	-	-	1,334,582
Parks and recreation	75,819	-	-	-	75,819
Cemeteries	42,330	-	-	-	42,330
Community and social agencies	196,409	-	-	-	196,409
Education	4,761,923	-	-	-	4,761,923
County tax	798,452	-	-	-	798,452
Town property	31,204	-	-	-	31,204
Unclassified	62,377	147,359	17,159	1,060,758	1,287,653
Capital outlay	699,930	-	155,885	-	855,815
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,357,767	147,359	173,044	1,060,758	10,738,928
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER)					
EXPENDITURES	591,347	-	(173,044)	(822,525)	(404,222)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Transfers in	150,000	-	-	1,013,818	1,163,818
Transfers (out)	(1,013,818)	-	-	(150,000)	(1,163,818)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(863,818)	-	-	863,818	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(272,471)	-	(173,044)	41,293	(404,222)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	2,672,579	-	453,044	1,176,980	4,302,603
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 2,400,108	\$ -	\$ 280,000	\$ 1,218,273	\$ 3,898,381

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, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement E) \$ (404,222)

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	644,384
Capital asset net disposals	(5,334)
Depreciation expense	<u>(341,186)</u>
	<u>297,864</u>

Deferred outflows of resources are a consumption of net position by the government that are applicable to a future reporting period and therefore are not reported in the funds	<u>(27,280)</u>
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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>12,879</u>
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Deferred inflows of resources are an acquisition of net position by the government that are applicable to a future reporting period and therefore are not reported in the funds	<u>8,729</u>
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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	5,175
Net OPEB liability	<u>9,384</u>
	<u>14,559</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u><u>\$ (97,471)</u></u>
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SOMERSET COUNTY

Maine

Somerset County serves 51,000 people spread over 4,000 square miles in various towns, plantations and unorganized territories filling the gaps between State and Local Services.

2023 brought in some significant changes to the people involved in County Government with three new Commissioners. Scott Seekins (District 3), John Alsop (District 4) and Joel Stetkis (District 5) joined Cyp Johnson (District 2) & Chairman Robert Sezak (District 1).

Leanne Dickey joined the Administrative Team as the Deputy Administrator/HR and Tim Curtis was hired in July as the new County Administrator replacing Dawn DiBlasi who had served in that capacity since 2013. Leanne served for several years in the Farmington Town Office and Tim had been the Madison Town Manager for nearly a decade.

In May the County Budget Committee finalized the fiscal year budget for 23/24, approving a 9.8% spending increase fueled by the increased costs of goods and services that impacted most municipal budgets. The overall County Budget is \$26.5M of which \$14.5M is paid from local property taxes. Nearly two thirds of County spending supports the Sheriff's Office and the Jail. The SO and Jail also make up two thirds of all County employees.

Like local police, fire and rescue departments, the County faces the same struggles in hiring and retaining employees in the public safety sector. Having open positions can result in some cost savings which will be rolled forward into the coming year's budget to help offset the impact on the taxpayer. The best case scenario however, is to be fully staffed in those important positions.

The Communication Center received 95,000 calls for service in 2023. Dispatching all those emergency calls throughout the County is a huge undertaking. Emergency Management has also seen a significant uptick in activity with Federal Emergency Declarations from storm damage in December 2022, May of 2023 and most recently the record flooding along the Kennebec in December 2023.

County services such as Probate Court, the Registry of Deeds and the District Attorney's office stay busy with a steady stream of work.

Coming in 2024 a new website will be available to guide residents to County services. Our intention is to make access as user friendly as possible. The address will be the same at www.somersetcounty-me.org

One of the goals of the Commissioners is to help fill funding gaps in local services by offering Matching Grants with Community Benefit Funds. These funds come from an agreement with Blue Sky West in conjunction with the windmill projects in central and northern Somerset. In November 2023, a pilot grant program was launched that funds projects from municipalities and non-profits throughout the County. Overall, 12 grants were awarded to projects ranging from ADA accessibility, to recreational trail signage to new rescue equipment. Keep an eye out for another funding announcement for this program in the spring of 2024.

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2024

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SUBCOMMITTEE
INTELLIGENCE
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – *Dirigo* – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

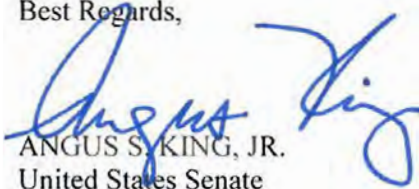
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senate

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Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

Maine's heritage industries are the backbone of our state's economy. That is why one of the first bills I introduced in this Congress was the *Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act*, which would prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 (LMA 1) in the Gulf of Maine. LMA 1 was identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as a potential commercial offshore wind site. LMA 1 is a critical and highly productive fishing ground for a variety of sea life, including lobster. Prohibiting offshore wind development in LMA 1 would help to avoid conflict with the New England commercial and recreational fishing industries. Additionally, the bill would initiate a federal study on the environmental review processes of any relevant Federal agencies for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine.

I also continue to advocate on behalf of our veterans and those providing care to our former service members. The current pay for VA employees in the Kennebec and Penobscot counties does not reflect the critical services they are providing. As the oldest state in the nation, with the fifth highest veteran population, Mainers rely on the services offered at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. That's why recently, Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and I called on the Biden Administration to increase locality pay for VA employees in Kennebec and Penobscot counties. The level of care received is impacted by job vacancies, and the high turnover rate among its healthcare workforce is often the result of pay and compensation issues, which is further exacerbated by the increased cost of living.

Lastly, I'm excited that Mainers are continuing to reap the benefits of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL). Recently, millions of dollars in grants have been awarded across the state, including \$35 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) program to conserve spawning and migratory habitats for native fish species in Maine, \$460,000 through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program for the Princeton Municipal Airport, Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport, and Dexter Regional Airport, and nearly \$8 million through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program for Bangor's bus system. These investments are critical to ensuring Maine's infrastructure and will help to ensure Mainers and businesses across Maine are connected.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help answer questions about and navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



Brad Farrin
Senator, District 3

131ST MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work, and conduct business. I am grateful you have put your trust in me, and I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Senate District 3.

The First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131ST Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during its first year.

One area of success was in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, and bonding. However, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure. This is done by dedicating 40% of the vehicle sales tax and the sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium.

The Second Regular Session began on January 3rd of this year. I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including the protection of Maine's natural resources, increased costs of everyday items, access to health care and child care, education, housing, inflation, child welfare, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development, and crime, among others. I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131ST Legislature has a great deal more work to do. However, I believe that if we work collaboratively, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at Brad.Farrin@Legislature.Maine.Gov. If you have comments, questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Farrin".

Brad Farrin
State Senator



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January 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative for a second term. It is an honor to serve my hometown of Madison, where I have resided for over 40 years. I look forward to the challenges ahead as we enter the second regular session of the 131st Maine Legislature.

I am honored to have been selected by leadership to be the House Republican Lead on the Joint Standing Committee for Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee. This is a great honor for me, because of my years working as a leader in the banking industry, the leadership chose me to have a role in steering the State of Maine's finances. Last session, I had the privilege of serving with Rep. Sawin Millett, who is recognized as a foremost expert on understanding Maine's budget, on the Appropriations Committee and learned everything that I could from him.

Last year in the 131st Legislature, I championed a bill to bring more transparency to your energy bill and sponsored a bill to lower Maine's income tax rate. We tackled some of the funding issues plaguing Maine's roads, bridges, and transportation infrastructure by passing LD 259 with the leadership of Senator Brad Farrin. The new law creates a sustainable source of funding for the Highway Fund by dedicating 40 percent of the 5.5 percent sales tax on vehicle purchases and 40 percent of sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is expected to generate more than \$200 million for infrastructure repairs per biennium. I hope to work on more commonsense solutions such as this in the coming session. This is good news for Madison, as we know there are many roads that need attention.

I look forward to continuing the work of ensuring that your tax dollars are well spent. I also look forward to working on legislation to lower taxes for all Mainers. I will make sure your voices continue to be heard in Augusta.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 71. Please call me anytime at **207-287-1440** or email at Jack.Ducharme@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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jack Ducharme'.

Jack Ducharme
State Representative

House District 71 Madison, Norridgewock & Cornville

GUIDELINES FOR THE 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 on school grounds.

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, unless a secret ballot is in order. 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 present.

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 moderator's 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 of the meeting. If the clerk is absent, the moderator shall appoint and swear in a temporary clerk.

Written ballots: The clerk shall prepare the written (secret) 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.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2024

To: Kathy Estes, a resident in 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 Main Street Middle School Auditorium, in said Town, on Monday, the tenth (10th) day of June, 2024 A.D. at seven o'clock in the evening (7PM), then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 38 as set out below to wit:

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Old Point School Election Room in said Town, on Tuesday, the eleventh (11th) day of June 2024 A.D. at eight o'clock in the morning (8AM) until eight o'clock in the evening (8PM):

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:

- 1 Select Board, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for 3 years
- 3 Directors for SAD #59 for 3 Years
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 3 years
- 2 Trustees 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

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to pay the Directors of the Department of Electric Works \$10,200.00 for the ensuing year, said sum to be paid from the funds of the department.

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,200.00 to pay its Select Board*.

Advisory Board Recommends YES **Compensation is included under Article 6.*

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use up to \$25,000 from undesignated revenue in the event of overdrafts, unforeseen events or emergencies. Any use of this contingency arrangement must be voted on at a Select Board meeting and the expenditures made will be listed in the subsequent town report. Total transfer of undesignated revenues shall not exceed \$25,000 within the fiscal year. Transfer of undesignated revenues in excess of \$25,000 must be authorized by a town meeting vote.

Select Board Recommends YES

Advisory Board Recommends YES

Article 6

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

Administration	\$627,812
Planning Board	\$6,550
Code Enforcement/Facilities Maint	\$89,215
Boards and Committees	\$19,940
Elections	\$10,500
<u>Assessing</u>	<u>\$48,000</u>
Total expenses	\$802,017
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$30,000)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$772,017
Select Board Recommends	\$772,017
Advisory Board Recommends	\$772,017

Article 7

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

Ambulance	\$99,250
Police	\$576,026
Fire Department	\$160,920
<u>Animal Control</u>	<u>\$6,435</u>
Total Expenses	\$842,631
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$20,000)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$822,631
Select Board Recommends	\$822,631
Advisory Board Recommends	\$822,631

Article 8

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

Street Lights	\$60,000
Hydrants/Fire Protection	\$245,000
Storm Water	\$75,000
<u>Waste Disposal</u>	<u>\$260,000</u>
Total Expenses	\$640,000
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$30,000)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$610,000
Select Board Recommends	\$610,000
Advisory Board Recommends	\$610,000

Article 9

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

Public Works	\$902,765
<u>Approved Revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$35,000)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$867,765
Select Board Recommends	\$867,765
Advisory Board Recommends	\$867,765

Article 10

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

Select Board Recommends	\$131,610
Advisory Board Recommends	\$131,610

Article 11

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

<u>General Assistance</u>	<u>\$24,500</u>
Community Programs	
Community Recycling	\$5,000
US Naval Sea Cadets Corps	\$1,000
Lake Association	\$15,000
American Legion & VFW	\$1,500
People Who Care Food Cupboard	\$16,500
Recycling/Household Hazardous	\$1,000
Waste Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$500
Lakewood Theatre	\$5,000
St. Sebastian Cemetery	\$1,000
Madison Business Alliance	\$7,500
The LifeFlight Foundation	\$1,200
Maine Public Radio & TV	\$100
<u>Total Community Programs</u>	<u>\$55,300</u>
Service Organizations	
KVCAP Trans	\$2,500
Madison Anson Senior Citizens	\$4,500
Spectrum Generations	\$5,000
Somerset Humane Society	\$10,000
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$3,000
Literacy Volunteers	\$150
<u>Service Organizations</u>	<u>\$25,150</u>
Grand Total Community Services	\$104,950
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$5,000)</u>
Select Board Recommends	\$99,950
Advisory Board Recommends	\$99,950

Article 12

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

Select Board Recommends	\$49,250
Advisory Board Recommends	\$49,250

Article 13

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

Select Board Recommends	\$147,350
Advisory Board Recommends	\$147,350

Article 14

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

Select Board Recommends	\$38,405
Advisory Board Recommends	\$38,405

Article 15

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Highway Equipment Purchases**.

Select Board Recommends	\$125,999
Advisory Board Recommends	\$125,999

Article 16

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Road Surface Projects & Culverts**.

Select Board Recommends	\$99,000
Advisory Board Recommends	\$99,000

Article 17

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Sidewalk Maintenance**.

Select Board Recommends	\$68,275
Advisory Board Recommends	\$68,275

Article 18

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Fire Department Building Repairs**.

Select Board Recommends	\$75,000
Advisory Board Recommends	\$75,000

Article 19

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Fire Department Equipment Purchases**.

Select Board Recommends	\$50,000
Advisory Board Recommends	\$50,000

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward \$208,320 in previously designated ARPA funds.

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward \$107,250 in previously designated unspent capital funds for the purchase of Highway Equipment.

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward \$50,000 in previously designated unspent capital funds for the purchase of Fire Equipment.

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward \$25,000 in previously designated unspent capital funds for repairs to the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to use \$500,000 from undesignated fund balance to offset taxes.

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to allocate the balance of the snowmobile excise tax refund to the Abnaki Snow Riders Snowmobile Club.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2025-2026 not yet due or assessed.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 27

To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2024 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, 2025, 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 eight percent (8.00%) per annum from said dates.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 28

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.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 29

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

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town-owned property, not tax-acquired, in any manner that the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that they shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C if they choose to sell the property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 32

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 33

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 34

To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote to fix the rate of four percent (4.00%) interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 35

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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.

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 36

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to swap a portion of a parcel of land on South Maple Street behind Reny’s Department Store, currently being utilized as municipal parking (Map 019 Lot 83), with the parcel of land upon which the American Legion Post # 39 building currently exists (Map 019 Lot 82). The intent of the American Legion is to build a new facility, tear down the existing structure, remove the debris, and pave the area for replacement municipal parking. *See handout "American Legion"*

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 37

To see if the Town will vote to allow ATV access on the streets of the Town of Madison Village area for residents to gain access to the Kennebec Valley Trail (railbed) and the proposed MDOT Access Route. *See handout "ATV"*

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 38

To see if the Town, in accordance with 22 M.R.S.A. §2423-A, will vote to amend Town Ordinance Chapter 180 *Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia* by expressly allowing the retail sales of medical marijuana/cannabis products.

A “yes” vote will allow the existing medical cannabis retail stores to continue to operate and allow the Planning Board to review the existing ordinance language and bring the amended ordinance back for approval at the next Town Meeting.

A “no” vote will cause the Office of Cannabis Policy to shut down the existing medical cannabis retail shops authorized after 12/13/2018 and prohibit the authorization of any new medical cannabis retail shops in Madison.

Select Board Recommends YES

Voting will be by secret ballot for Article 38

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 15th

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
SAD #59 Annual Meeting • Moose application deadline (online) • Summer Rec/Swim Program Registrations

June

Annual Town Meeting & Elections • 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 (Madison Rec) • East Madison Days

August

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

September

1st installment of tax bill due Sept 15 • Co-ed Soccer (K-5) begins (Madison Rec) • Fall Cheering (grades 2-8) begins (Rec)
Tackle Football (grades 5,6,7) begins (Rec) • Flag Football (grades 2,3,4) 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) • Christmas Food Baskets/Christmas Giving Tree
Snowmobile registrations available • Sporting licenses available for new year
Boat registrations expire • Foreclosure notices (30-day notice) mailed

MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

ANIMAL CONTROL	(Call Madison Division SO for initial Report)	696 5373
ANIMAL HOSPITAL		696 5200
ANSON & MADISON SANITARY	(Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00)	696 5211
AMS AMBULANCE		696 5332
ANSON-MADISON WATER	(Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00)	696 4221
CHANNEL 11 (SCTV)	(Mon-Fri 10:00-4:00)	696 4145
DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	Dixfield Office	562 4228
FIRE DEPT COMPANY 1	Madison	696 4146
FIRE DEPT COMPANY 2	East Madison	474 8336
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	(Mon-Thurs 6:00-4:30)	696 5378
KVCAP	Fuel Assistance, Transportation	474 8487
MADISON ELECTRIC WORKS	(Mon-Thurs 7:30-4:00)	696 4401
MADISON HEALTH CENTER		696 3992
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY	(Opens at 9am Mon-Sat)	696 5626
MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		696 4607
MADISON MAIN STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL		696 3381
MADISON JUNIOR/SENIOR 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		399 0698

The Municipal Offices of the Town observe the following holidays:

New Years Day	Martin King Jr Day	President's Day	Patriot's Day
Memorial Day	Juneteenth	Independence Day	Labor Day
IP (Columbus) Day	Veterans Day	Thanksgiving Day	Friday after Thanksgiving
	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	