

Town of Madison

2021 Annual Report

For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020

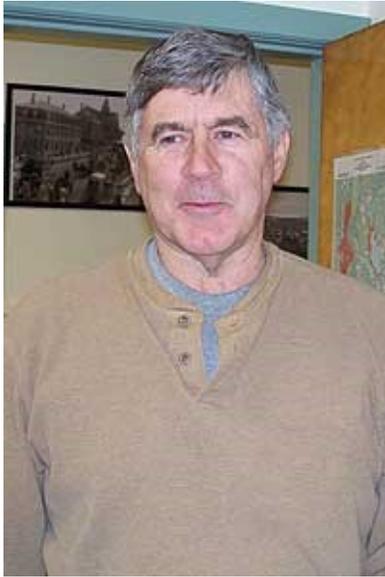
Town Meeting June 7, 2021 Jr. High Auditorium

Local Election June 8, 2021 Old Point Ave School 8am-8pm

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2021 Dedication - Glen Mantor



This year the Madison Selectmen are pleased to dedicate the Town Report to Glen Mantor. Glen's service to the community includes 17 years as Road Commissioner and 8 years as a member of the Select Board.

Glen and his wife Sharon live on the family homestead off Thurston Hill that has been part of a rich farming history in Madison dating back 140 years.

In 1871, George & Sarah (Salley) Mantor were working as schoolteachers in Embden. They purchased 185 acres on Thurston Hill for \$2,000 and entered the farming life. In 1910 it was passed down to their only son Walon and his wife Daisy. They raised and milked Guernsey cows and operated an apple orchard, shipping apples as far away as Boston.

Walon and Daisy had one son, Carl who took over the farm in 1950, continuing the dairy business with his two sons, Dan and Glen – fourth generation farmers in Madison.

In the 1990's Glen began to take a leadership role in the affairs of the Town, serving on the Budget Advisory Committee in 1991 & 1992, and running for Selectman in 1993. Glen served two complete terms on the board, and was elected Chair in 1997, 1998, 1999 & 2000. During his time as Board Chair, the Town saw the completion of major projects like the construction of a new water tower, transformation of the recreational fields at Preble Avenue and the development of the Madison Business Park.

In 2001, with one year remaining on his term as a Selectman, Glen stepped down from the Board to become Road Commissioner, an elected position that he held from 2001 to 2018. Glen brought the same steady hand and common-sense approach to road maintenance that he had used to help guide town business as chair of the Select Board.

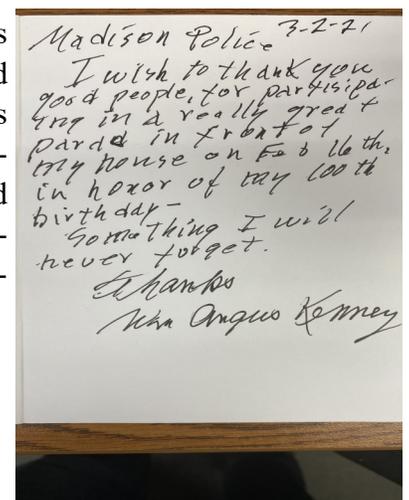
Farmers never really retire, because there is always a new project on the horizon. Glen stays as busy as he wants to be on the family homestead. For three decades of public service, the Madison Select Board is pleased to dedicate this year's Town Report to Glen Mantor.

100 Years! - Angus Kenney



Madison resident Angus Kenney celebrated his 100th Birthday on February 16, 2021. A World War II veteran, Angus received well wishes from many in the community. The local American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post 39 arranged for a drive-by parade with many area first responders, and a Legislative Sentiment was presented by Representative Jack Ducharme.

Happy Birthday Angus!



Directory of Departmental Officers

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

Town Manager, Economic Development &

Tax Collector:	Tim Curtis	696 3971	edd@madisonmaine.com
Administrative Asst:	Deb Chandler	696 3971	admin@madisonmaine.com
Bookkeeper, HR:	Tammy Carrier	696 3971	finance@madisonmaine.com

Town Clerk, Treasurer &

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

Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer &

Plumbing Inspector:	Leo Mayo	474-1575	code@madisonmaine.com
Recreation Director:	Chris LeBlanc	696 3395	cleblanc@msad59.org

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

Road Commissioner:	Jeff Wright	696 5378	highway@madisonmaine.com
Foreman:	Jay Watt		foreman@madisonmaine.com
Equipment Operators:	Peter Dow, Peter Paine		Mechanic: Bill Pierce
Seasonal Workers:	Larry Lightbody, Nick Rollins, Meagan Corson		

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

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

Sheriff :	Dale Lancaster	474 9591	
Animal Control Officer:	Robert Crosby	431 3306	
Madison Division Lt:	Michael Knight		
School Resource Officer:	Chelsea Merry		
Deputies:	Racean Wood, Michael Gallagher, Ashley Smith		
Dispatcher:	Sharon Carey	696 5373	

Fire Department (volunteer)

Fire Chief	Don French	431 1435	Company 1 Weston Ave
Deputy Chief	Dan Bosworth	431 0813	Company 2 East Madison Road

Madison Public Library, Mon - Fri 9 to 5:30; Saturday 9 to 2

Head Librarian	Julie Forbus	696 5626	julie@madison.lib.me.us
Assistant Librarians:	Jane Shaw, Margot Rushton		

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

Superintendent:	Marty Berry	696 4401	mberry@madelec.net
Collections Clerk :	Carmen Wilkinson		Bookkeeper: Robin Dimock
Billing Clerk:	Brooke Friend		
Linemen:	Scott Lloyd, Mark Mantor, Dan Reuille, Ted Gower & Tyler Savage		
Meter Reader:	Lee Locke		

Town Manager's Report



Friends and Neighbors,

It's my pleasure to serve another year as your Town Manager. 2021 marks my 6th year in this position and 2020 was a year like no other. I am pleased to report that despite the pandemic we were able to provide the necessary services and allow the public to participate in local government. Town Meeting and local elections were delayed from June to July, and social distancing protocols called for significant changes in those events, so much so, that after the July election it became clear that the Town would have to make some changes for the Presidential election in November. The space at the Town Office and Fire Department was not able to adequately facilitate the business of in-person voting and normal transactions on the same day.

Thank you to Clerk Kathy Estes and Election Warden Julie Forbus for going above and beyond to ensure Madison residents had the opportunity to participate in the public process. Throughout the year, Kathy and Julie continue their exemplary service to the community in the Town Office and Public Library respectively.

Sheriff Dale Lancaster, Fire Chief Don French and Road Commissioner Jeff Wright continue to provide outstanding leadership in providing public safety for our community. I am very grateful for their efforts to keep our streets and homes safe.

In the Town Office, Tammy Carrier provides excellent oversight of the Town's finances, tracking not only the municipal budget, but nearly \$2M in federal grants received to assist GO-Lab with the redevelopment of the former paper mill site. The COVID pandemic pushed back the start date for the production of wood-fiber based insulation, but the equipment has been shipped from Germany and is in Searsport, Maine awaiting transfer to Madison late spring/early summer. It is expected that GO-Lab will be doing its first round of hiring before the end of the year.

Deputy Clerks Kim Moody, Deborah Chandler and Connie Vigneault served the public admirably this year as they juggled COVID protocols that saw the office closed for a time, open by appointment only for a time, offering curbside service for a time and constantly adjusting hours due to staff availability. During the uncertainty of a pandemic, it is important for municipal government to maintain a certain level of stability and normalcy for residents. I want to thank the public for their patience with the staff at the Town Office during these times.

Cheyenne Stevens joined the Town Office staff this year as our "Living Well Coordinator". Funded through a grant from the Maine Community Foundation, this part-time position seeks to implement Madison's Age-Friendly Action Plan, which provides a balanced approach to keeping Madison a great place to live. Read more about Living Well on page 16.

Looking back at the past year it is amazing to think of how our society has changed. In the days to come I know the residents of Madison will work together to maintain a healthy and safe community. You are always welcome to stop by the Town Office and say hello.

Best regards,

Tim Curtis

Madison Town Manager

Town Clerk's Report



To the Citizens of Madison:

The Clerk's office continues to be very busy. The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Moses system continues to be beneficial to many of our residents. Please note that all recreational licenses, snowmobile, ATV and boat, registrations can be done on-line; stickers will be mailed to you by the state. The state is continuing to make cuts in each department and IF& Wildlife no longer mail applications for deer and moose permits. IF&W is encouraging customers to apply for both Moose and Any-Deer permits using the on-line application process. The town office will print some applications for those without Internet access. IF&W have gone back to the one- year law books. The town office has limited law books. Law books are available to download on your personal device at mefishwildlife.com. Certified copies of vital records are \$15.00 for the first copy, additional copies of the same record at the same time are \$6.00 and Marriage licenses are now \$40.00. Please call ahead to set up an appointment for marriage licenses with the Town Clerk's office @ 696-5622.

This year Elections were very demanding of the clerk's office with the ever-changing mandates. It was impossible to provide absentee voting and continue with the normal daily business at the Municipal Building, and adhere to the mandates. Once the selectmen gave their approval and the budget was approved at town meeting, the work started, to prepare to move the Elections to the Old Point Ave. Building. To save on expense, as much as possible was done by a variety of employees of the town. The parking lot needed to be repaired for safety of the anticipated increase in vehicle and foot traffic, so that was moved up on the schedule. The building was ready to go for the November election, starting with Absentee Voting in October.

This year there were three State Elections. The Presidential Primary Election was held on March 3, 2020, with a turnout of 886 voters. This is new to the State of Maine. The State Primary Election was held on July 14, 2020, with a turnout of 914 voters. The Municipal Election and School Election were also on July 14, 2020, to coincide with the State Election. The Presidential Election was on November 3, 2020 with a voter turnout of 2407 voters. Madison has a total of 3385 registered voters. Absentee ballots are available 30 days prior to elections. If anyone is interested in being an Election Clerk call the Town Clerk's office @ 696-5622 between the hours of 7:30 and 4:00.

July 13, 2020 was the Annual Town Meeting. Local Elections were held on July 14, 2020

During 2019-2020 year, I received for filing the following vital records:

36 Births 45 Marriages 97 Deaths

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

The Town Clerk's office licensed 53 unaltered dogs, 376 neutered or spayed dogs for a total of 429 dogs, plus 2 kennel licenses. Dog licenses are \$6.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$11.00 for unaltered dogs.

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

In 2020 the following sporting licenses and recreational vehicle registrations were issued:

395 Hunting/Fishing 242 Boats 194 ATVs 276 Snowmobiles

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

Kathy Estes

Kathy Estes, Municipal Clerk

Town Treasurer's Report

To the Citizens of Madison:

The 2019-2020 year came with challenges, due to Covid-19 pandemic. The town's revenues were slowed down temporarily, but was able to recover, before year end. Although cash flow was tight prior to the property tax due dates a Tax Anticipation Note was not needed. Our year-end General Fund balance is now \$1,660,063 compared to last year's restated amount of \$1,883,659 due to audit.

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

CEMETERY TRUST. This trust is to be used for management, maintenance and improvement of Forest Hills Cemetery. The cemetery fund balance for perpetual care was \$155,593, as of June 30, 2020. The account for lot sales has a balance of \$66,138.00 as of June 30, 2020.

GEORGE B. JACOBS TRUST. This trust is used to award to one or more Madison Area High School student a scholarship for attending an Industrial Arts program. The George B. Jacobs Trust balance as of June 30, 2020 is \$7,192.00.

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 \$8368.00 from this fund for such purpose this fiscal year. The balance in this fund as of June 30, 2020 is \$69,095.00.

REVALUATION FUND The balance in the Revaluation Fund as of June 30, 2020 is \$110,152.00.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Estes

General Assistance

To the citizens of Madison,

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

When applying for General Assistance its important to know that the Town is considered a last resort and if there are other resources available those would have to be exhausted before the Town can provide assistance. This year the Town has budgeted \$17,500 for General Assistance.

This past year has seen many local churches and businesses step forth to help those in need in our community in the face of the COVID pandemic. Thanks to all for their generosity.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to call 696 5621.

Kim Moody - Welfare Director

Madison Highway Department



To the Residents of Madison,

Thank you for your support and patience over the past year, while we were keeping our roads and sidewalks clear of ice and snow. Once again it was a challenging winter, with the significant amount of rain and ice. As always, the Town appreciates your cooperation by not parking on the side of the road from November through April 1st, and by making sure not to plow or blow snow into the road or across the road while you are having your driveways cleared.

Our new equipment this past year was a JCB bucket loader that was delivered in mid-December. (see picture below)

Projects this past summer included preparing Father Rasle Road and River Road for paving, finishing the widening and paving of the River Road up to the Solon town line and paving the Shusta Road and Walker Road. In-town streets that were paved included Birch Streets and Edwards Streets. We also rebuilt the sidewalk on Maple Street, and will continue to do upgrades to sidewalks as the budget allows. As part of preparing for a new election headquarters at the Old Point Avenue school, the outside of the facility was upgraded with new pavement, sidewalk and lawns.

In addition to myself, Madison Highway personnel include Jay Watt- Foreman, Peter Paine -Equipment Operator, Peter Dow -Truck Driver and Bill Pierce- Mechanic. Our seasonal winter employees included Larry Lightbody, Nick Rollins, and Meagan Corson.

The roll of Road Commissioner also includes oversight of trees that are in the Town right-of-way and may pose a threat to travel safety. The Town has a limited budget for tree-removal and one large tree may cost several thousand dollars to remove. The Highway Department works collaboratively with Madison Electric Works and local tree services to take care of problem trees. Please think before you plant!

For any concerns or question I can be reached at 696- 5378.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Wright
Road Commissioner



Madison Division: Somerset County Sheriff's Office



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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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2020 Sheriff's Office Annual Report



Dale Lancaster

As your Sheriff, it continues to be an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Somerset County. The men and women of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to protecting life and property. The Office of the Sheriff oversees the operations of the County Jail, law enforcement, court security, and civil process. Somerset County is approximately 4,000 square miles. The County is comprised of 27 towns, 6 plantations, and 83 unorganized townships. I remain the 2nd Vice President of the Maine Sheriff's Association. I was also appointed to the Board of Directors for the New England State Police Information Network and Maine's Drug Enforcement Agency.

Covid-19 has had a direct impact on our enforcement, Courts, civil processing, and Jail. Considerable time and resources has been spent purchasing PPE gear and developing and implementing Covid-19 safety measures to protect Deputies and Corrections Officers. The service of civil paperwork was suspended for approximately 3 months. We stopped in-person visits at the Jail. We negotiated with our telephone provider to reduce costs so that inmates could stay in contact with their loved ones. Administrative staff worked remotely for a number of weeks. We are constantly re-evaluating and modifying our safety measures as the pandemic continues to affect our daily operations.

Law Enforcement

The patrol division is comprised of 11 rural patrol Deputies. Through funding from the State of Maine, we have one Deputy dedicated to patrolling the unorganized townships. The patrol division is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Detective division is comprised of three Detectives and is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Sheriff's Office continues to partner with MDEA (Maine Drug Enforcement Agency) to have an agent assigned to the Detective division. The patrol division now has a trained drug recognition expert, a State certified accident reconstructionist, and 2 forensic mappers.

The Sheriff's Office has 4 Deputies assigned to Madison along with a Secretary/Dispatcher. In 2020, the Sheriff's Office had 1 Deputy graduate from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Deputy Hunter Howard. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a portion of his training was done remotely, and it took a substantial amount of additional time for him to complete the course studies. Throughout 2020, the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division investigated a large volume of illicit drug trafficking activities and obtained and executed numerous drug search warrants, which subsequently led to the arrest and conviction of numerous people from Maine and out of State on various Federal and State level drug trafficking charges. Large amounts of illicit drugs, to include heroin, fentanyl, crack cocaine, cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, and controlled pills were seized, along with thousands of dollars in illicit drug proceeds, several motor vehicles and firearms. The Criminal Division investigated numerous serious felony level cases to include robberies, burglaries, thefts, scams, aggravated assaults, unattended deaths and sexual abuse cases. In 2020, the Crimes Against Persons Detective investigated 30 sex crimes. 13 of those cases involved child sexual abuse where forensic interviewing was utilized. Detective Jeremy Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer. The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division tracked 54 individuals who are required by law to register as sex offenders, and 3 individuals were arrested for failing to register with the Sex Offender Registry.

Calls for Service

In 2020, the Sheriff's Office received 14,521 calls for service from our residents. This represents a 3.8% decrease from 2019.

Madison Division Continued:

2020 Sheriff's Office Annual Report

Jail

The Somerset County Jail, when operating at full capacity, operates with 36 budgeted Correctional Officers, 8 Shift Supervisors, 2 cooks, 12 program and support staff, and 9 administrative staff to include Major Cory Swope, who is the Jail Administrator. The County Jail is now 13 years old. We are projecting the Jail bond will be paid off in 2028. The County Jail is nationally accredited through the American Correctional Association and is operating under nationally accepted best practice standards. The County Jail is also PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) certified. In 2020, the Somerset County Jail processed 1,193 bookings, a 23.8% decrease from 2019. In 2020, a significant amount of time and resources has been dedicated to extensive modification of operations related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our federal inmate boarding contract was renegotiated to include an increase in our per-day reimbursement rate to house federal inmates. Our partnership with Redington-Fairview General Hospital and their Rural Communities Opioid Response Planning grant consortium has led to Redington-Fairview General Hospital being awarded a 3-year implementation grant. Through this grant, the Jail will receive funding to contract for the services of a Case Manager to work specifically with our inmate population that identifies as having a substance use disorder in an effort to combat recidivism. The Case manager will work closely with Redington-Fairview General Hospital and other care providers to continue to provide treatment and programming initiated in the Jail for offenders after release. The County Jail continues to actively recruit qualified Corrections Officers to join our professional and dedicated team.

Civil Process

In 2020, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,193 papers to process and serve. That is a 30% decrease from 2019.

School Resource Officer

In collaboration with MSAD59, the Madison Division is able to provide a school resource officer (SRO) for the district. Deputy Chelsea Merry is an active, positive presence in all three schools in Madison. The SRO provides an important link between the school and law enforcement, interacting with students of all ages as part of Madison's ongoing commitment to quality community policing.



(Deputy Merry along with five other volunteers participated in a "Polar Plunge" on Lake Wesserunsett. The event raised \$221.27 for the JR High School food pantry)



(Sheriff Lancaster, Chief Deputy Mitchell, Sgt. Mathew Cunningham, Deputy Brandon Lambert and Deputy Wood participated in a drive by parade for Madison Resident Angus Kenney on his 100th birthday)

Madison Fire Department

To the residents of Madison,

In 2020 Madison Fire responded to 239 calls for service. The number of area structure fires decreased from an average of 50 over the past three years, to 39 in 2020. Collectively, Madison Fire responds to approximately 65 mutual aid calls per year to support the communities around us. I would like to thank the dedicated volunteers who serve Madison and other surrounding Fire Departments.

For the third year in a row, Madison Fire is applying for funds through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant. This year's request is for \$325,000 to go toward replacement costs for the 1990 tanker/pumper truck. This is a highly competitive grant process, but it would provide a tremendous improvement to the town's fire protection fleet and a savings to property taxpayers.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Madison's Fire Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

Don French



One of the largest structure fires of the year was at Madison Electric's Jones Street Station. Fortunately the blaze was quickly contained.

Vehicle Accidents	Fire Calls	Hazardous Cond
72	39	99
Service Calls	Good Intent	False Alarm
13	15	1

Anson/Madison/Starks Ambulance Service

Like for most people, 2020 was a stress filled year for the ambulance service. I would like to congratulate and thank all of our employees for taking on this pandemic with confidence and trust in our medical experts and in the equipment used to keep us safe. And also for their professionalism in treating our patients in less than desirable conditions. Their dedication and service to our communities is invaluable. Our total number of calls for 2020 was 100 less than 2019.

We are pleased to announce a reduction in the town assessments from 19.00 per capita to 16.00 for the fiscal year 7/21 - 6/22. This amounts to a total savings of over \$26,800 for the communities we serve.

There continues to be a statewide shortage for all levels of emergency responders and especially Paramedics. I would encourage anyone that may have an interest in emergency care to call me with any questions.

Stay healthy and have a great year!

George Demchak AMS Ambulance Director

Tax Assessing



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 every Monday from 8am to 4pm and can be reached at 207 318 8250 or by email at sbartlett213@yahoo.com.

During the 2020 calendar year the following tax abatements were granted:

Account #	Location	Abatement	Tax Reduction	Reason
12	Mountain View Road	\$151,500	\$3,219.38	Adjust Building Value (Condition)
1971	Lakewood Road	\$11,400	\$242.25	Removed Site Improvements
350	Bagley Road	\$2,400	\$51.00	Removed Acreage from Split
1042	Houghton Street	\$53,000	\$1,138.28	Entire Parcel Transferred in Error
3350	East Madison Road	\$27,000	\$573.75	Software Duplication Error
2346	Preble Avenue	\$25,000	\$531.25	Deleted Combined Account
3413	Towne Road	\$21,200	\$450.50	Deleted Combined Account
3170	Madison Avenue	\$9,800	\$208.25	Removed Acreage from Split
2995	Oak Street	\$5,000	\$106.25	Removed Mobile Home
78	Eames Hill Road	\$7,000	\$148.75	Adjusted Value
1181	Nathan Street	\$17,400	\$369.75	Parcel in Flood Zone
1723	Shepard Street	\$3,300	\$70.13	Combined Lots
33	Great Moose Drive	\$8,900	\$189.12	Removed Mobile Home
1665	Olive Street	\$7,400	\$157.25	Buildings Removed
Grand Totals		\$350,300	\$7,455.41	

During the 2020 calendar year the following supplemental taxes were issued:

Account #	Location	Value Increase	Tax Increase	Reason
3410	Houghton Street	\$40,700	\$864.88	Reassign Land Split
1042	Houghton Street	\$25,500	\$544.00	Reassign Land Split
3170	Madison Ave nue	\$9,800	\$208.25	Reassign Land Split
33	Great Moose Drive	\$25,000	\$531.25	No longer Homestead Exempt
1949	East Madison Road	\$23,700	\$503.62	No longer Homestead Exempt
Grand Totals		\$124,700	\$2,652	

Tax Assessing (continued)

Valuation: The Town's overall value decreased by nearly \$4M due partly to adjustments to the Hydro-Electric facilities owned by Eagle Creek, and by State exemptions for business equipment (BETE) claimed by Backyard Farms.

Valuations as of April 1, 2020

Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$307,246,200
Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation	\$31,078,200
Total Taxable Valuation	\$338,324,400

Homestead Exemption: Each year over 1,100 residents in Madison take advantage of the State Homestead Exemption. If you have owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April 1st you may apply for this program which reduces your taxable value \$25,000 resulting in a tax savings of over \$500.

Personal Property: Approximately 175 businesses in Madison declare their business equipment as personal property each year. That equipment includes furniture, fixtures, and machinery used in the operation of business. Personal property is taxed at the same rate as applied to taxable real estate. Forms are available at the Town Office to make adjustments for any new or deleted property. It is important to keep town records current in order to maintain a fair and equitable assessment for all taxpayers.

Home Sales & Property Values (Please Take Note)

Due to the spike in home sales over the past three years and the increase in sale prices, the Town of Madison has fallen below the state required 100% valuation and is at risk of losing portions of its state aid unless property values are adjusted. The Madison Board of Assessors is considering an across the board adjustment in property values when the taxes are committed in August of 2021. This adjustment will increase the value of property which, depending on the amount raised to cover town, school and county budgets, may increase individual tax bills. If you have questions about your valuation, please contact Assessor's Agent Shirley Bartlett by email at sbartlett213@yahoo.com.

Tax Collection

For the 2020/2021 fiscal year \$7,189,393.50 was committed for taxes to be raised to fund the budgets approved for the school, county and municipal governments. Town Manager Tim Curtis serves as Tax Collector. Of the taxes collected, \$4,714,651.96 funds the local portion of the MSAD#59 School Budget, \$808,679.78 funds the Town's portion of the Somerset County Budget, and the remainder covers the Municipal Budget of \$3,128,890.00

Revenue Sharing: Despite fears of a drastic loss in State Revenue Sharing due to the COVID19 Pandemic, the Town received an estimate of \$592,545, which allowed the Assessors to maintain the **tax rate at \$21.25**. Some funding for capital projects was curtailed due to concerns about revenues.

Tax Club: For the 12th 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.

Tax Collection (continued)

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 first 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, 2021. If taxes remain unpaid for 3 years then the Town assumes ownership as Tax Acquired Property. Each year the Board of Selectmen is responsible for selling this acquired property, often through public auction.

As of January 31, 2021 there were no outstanding personal property tax payments.

Unpaid 2018 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2021

Name	Amount
BIXBY, BEVERLY C life estate	876.44
BOWRING, DECEMBER A	694.64
CHAPMAN, LETITIA	1,043.98
CHURCHILL, ASHLEY	117.98
CJK REALTY HOLDINGS, LLC	410.06
DERENZO, JOSEPH	281.01
DEROSA, CHRISTOPHER J	1,408.49
DYAR, CLYDE E	1,483.21
FOSTER, CHRISTIE L	2,411.46
FRANZOSE, ALLEN	665.89
HACHEY, JEANIE	1,582.83
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	1,576.02
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	394.20
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	625.13
HATCHELL, HOWARD	899.08
INMAN, MARGARET	1,041.72
LARLEE, SANDRA J	1,413.03

Name	Amount
LESSARD, JACQUELINE F	86.31
MERRY, ERNEST R JR	1,354.16
MERRY, LAURIE	1,294.71
MOORE, JAMES G	742.86
NICHOLS, MARK E	2,782.76
Obert, Cynthia	4,243.07
PLOURDE, MICHAEL J II	1,451.51
POMELOW, JASHUA	183.65
POTVIN, MELISSA A	1,720.92
PRATCSHLER, WILLIAM J JR	1,254.54
PRICE, GARY	797.20
VAN RUTTEN, JESSICA	99.87
VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	874.17
WITHEE, STEVEN D	301.37
WITHEE, STEVEN D	503.44
YOUNG, CINDY	1,048.51
Total 2018 Taxes Unpaid	35,664.22

**Unpaid 2019 Real Estate Taxes as of
January 31, 2021**

Name	Amount
ABDELRIHIM, MOHAMED A	2,261.95
ACEVEDO, SONIA	1,517.16
AVERY, DON	599.02
BALAS, SUSIE A	746.40
BIXBY, BEVERLY C life estate	868.85
BOUCHARD, SHERRIL F	2,531.14
BOWERSOX, STEVEN	1,824.49
BOWRING, DECEMBER A	687.15
BRIGGS, VINCENT J	1,855.90
BROWN, ERNEST	400.00
BURRILL, BRANDIE	175.67
CARROLL, WAYNE W	1,044.35
CHAPMAN, LETITIA	1,034.85
CHRISTOPHER, JONATHAN &	773.80
CHURCHILL, ASHLEY	117.35
CORO, KEVIN	1,421.33
CORSON, STEVEN	915.96
COURT, SANDRA M	972.04
CROCKER, BRANDON	4,197.90
CULLINGTON, THE VICTOR D.	404.62
DAVIS, LENORA ANN	420.19
DDI HOME SOLUTIONS LLC	794.42
DEPOALA, DAVID M	996.73
DEROSA, CHRISTOPHER J	1,396.03
DEROSA, CHRISTOPHER J	1,573.24
DICKEY, DALE	825.03
DSV SPV1, LLC	1,413.76
DYAR, CLYDE E	1,463.33
ELLIS, ELAINE R	934.76
FLOOD, RONALD R	669.20

Name	Amount
FOSTER, CHRISTIE L	2,383.09
FOWLER, KEITH S., ROBERT W.	1,525.46
FRANZOSE, ALLEN	660.22
GEHRKE, ANGELINA M	543.00
GORDON, ELWOOD B (JR)	691.63
GOULD, ROBERT L TRUST	1,448.33
GREENLAW, MARY LOUISE	1,402.76
GREENLEAF, TIMOTHY A.	906.31
HACHEY, JEANIE	1,555.30
HANDLEY, VALENTINA	1,320.72
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	1,562.03
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	391.03
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	619.85
HATCHELL, HOWARD	891.28
HAULK, PHILLIP A	2,060.05
HAULK, PHILLIP A	500.95
HEALD, KIRK A	1,155.99
HIBBARD, DANA	845.93
HICKS, CATHERINE	1,218.80
HOCKENBERRY, MARK W	2,268.67
HOOLEY, SCOTT & DIANNE	2,297.83
INMAN, MARGARET	1,010.18
KANE, CECIL W; ESTATE OF	2,358.40
LAFRENIERE, GARY	3,205.30
LARLEE, SANDRA J	1,387.06
LESSARD, JACQUELINE F	72.48
MCCARTY, KEVIN R.	2,035.36

Name	Amount
MCMANUS, JOSEPH A SR	1,420.70
MERRY, ERNEST R JR	1,335.46
MERRY, LAURIE	1,306.29
MOORE, JAMES G	736.50
MUDIE, CARLENE Y	837.44
NELSON, RANDY A	454.15
NICHOLS, MARK E	2,750.98
O'BRIEN, THOMAS	799.31
O'BRIEN, THOMAS	1,835.71
O'BRIEN, THOMAS P	1,786.37
PARSONS, CAROL N	815.01
PARSONS, CAROL N	447.11
PARSONS, CAROL N	90.43
PAWLOWSKI, ROBERT T	2,320.27
PERKINS, SAMUEL J	1,465.19
PINKHAM, MARY	1,420.70
PIONEER REALTY, LLC	2,961.86
PLOURDE, CHRISTOPHER	913.71
PLOURDE, MICHAEL J II	1,438.64
POLLIS, JAMES A	1,246.20
POMELOW, JASHUA	182.40
POTVIN, MELISSA A	1,705.60
PRATCSHLER, WILLIAM J JR	1,236.75
PRICE, GARY	790.33
QUIMBY, EDWARD A	906.99
CONNERS, SHARON L	893.99
RICHMOND, BRIAN R	403.13

Name	Amount
ROWAN & OAK PROPERTIES	2,423.46
ROWAN & OAKS PROPERTIES	2,952.88
RUMAN, MICHAEL ESTATE OF	186.88
RUMAN, MICHAEL ESTATE OF	556.19
RUMAN, MICHAEL ESTATE OF	635.55
SALVO, DEAN C	1,114.01
SHAW, ALICE estate of	1,532.87
TANNER, MARK K	3,503.12
TEMPLIN, JOHN SR	1,384.80
THEBARGE, KRIS A	859.87
THIBODEAU, ALAN	705.09
THOMPSON, MAUREEN A	474.03
THOMPSON, MAUREEN A	3,130.10
VAN RUTTEN, JESSICA	81.46
VENUTI, JAMES J	1,694.38
VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	866.61
WAINWRIGHT, DAVID	1,120.09
WEBB, JAY	2,246.24
WHEELER, WILLIAM	1,920.97
WIINIKAINEN, LINDA M	186.38
WILFRED POORE PROPERTIES	3,908.53
WILLIAMS, KELLY JO	941.08
WITHEE, HAROLD S	1,903.52
WITHEE, STEVEN D	299.05
YOUNG, CINDY	1,019.16
Total 2019 Taxes Unpaid	139,302.17

Local Boards and Committees

Select Board Assessors and Overseers of the Peer (Meet 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month)

Albert A. Veneziano Chairman (2022) David Savage, Vice Chair (2021)
Ronald Moody (2022) Sally Dwyer (2023) Robert Hagopian (2023)

Planning Board

Mary Tomlinson, Chair (2023) Jeff Drew, Vice Chair (2021)
Mark Doty (2023) Brett Hagopian (2022) Jean Veneziano (2021)
Association Members: Randy Bliss (2023) Robin Turek (2023)

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

Bruce Theborge, Chair (2021) Carla Franzose (2021) James Robbins (2023)
Steve Austin (2022) Tammy Carrier (2023) Rob Dimmock (2023)
Zena Griffeth (2021) Bonnie Levesque, Superintendent

Advisory Board (annual appointment) (budget meeting held in April)

Lynn Andrews Randy Bliss Jack Ducharme Patrick Dolan Leon Dorr
Jeff Drew Paul Fortin Jeff Foss Jim Ireland Michele LeBlanc
Kenneth Moore Rob Shibley Robin Turek Jean Veneziano Cathy Wilson

Board of Appeals

Jim Ireland (2022) Cheryl West (2021) Brian Hale (2021)
Christine Stratton (2022) Andrew Ketterer, Chair (2021)

Somerset Community Television (Channel 11) Board of Directors

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

Madison Historical Society

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

East Madison Historical Society Association

Stephany LaChance, President
Sherry Howard, Vice President
Cathy Edgerly, Secretary and Treasurer

Recreation Committee

Chris LeBlanc, Chairman (2022) Michael Theriault (2022) Joseph Hayden Jr (2021)
Kristie LeBlanc (2021) Jason Furbush (2022)

Madison Ethics Committee

Stacy Jordan (2021) Eric Lahti (2022) John Kenney (2022)
Wendy Boyton (2022) Alternate: Corey Estes (2022)
Alternate: Luke Hartwell (2021)

Library Trustees (meet fourth Tuesday of the Month)

Julie Forbus, Librarian
Phil Daigle (2021) Barbara Moody, Chair (2024) Christine Stratton (2022)
Ann Withee-Heald (2023) Kim Harper (2023)

Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee*

**Note: This Committee is currently inactive. If you have interest in serving on the MSW/Recycling Committee please contact the Town Office at 696 3971 and ask to speak to the Town Manager.*

Local Boards and Committees (Continued)

Anson&Madison Sanitary District Trustees (Meet 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Dale Clark, Plant Manager

Elected Representatives from Madison:

Robert Hagopian (2022)

Chuck Worster (2023)

Brock Hagopian, Chair (2021)

Michael Nelson (2023)

Anson&Madison Water District (meet 2nd Thursday of the Month)

Michael Corson, Superintendent

Elected Representatives from Madison

Chris Roy (2021)

Allen French (2021)

Dana Berry (2023)

Phil Curtis (2022)

Madison Electric Works Board of Directors (meet the last Tuesday of the Month)

Marty Berry, Superintendent

Charles Worster, Chair (2022)

Richard Bartlett (2023)

Peter Elias (2025)

Chris Roy (2024)

Craig Parker (2021)

Living Well In Madison (Age-Friendly Plan)

In 2020 the Town received a grant from the Maine Community Foundation (MCF) to continue the work of being an ‘Age-Friendly Community’. The Town earned that designation from AARP in 2018 and developed an action plan called “Living Well in Madison”. This plan outlines several areas where Madison can improve opportunities for residents of all ages with a special concentration on our senior population. Target areas include transportation, housing, social isolation and outdoor recreation.



Senior Thanksgiving Dinner at the High School 2019

The MCF grant allowed the Town to create a part time position to help implement the plan. In May of 2020 Cheyenne Stevens was hired as the Living Well Coordinator. Over the past 6 months Cheyenne has been instrumental in coordinating efforts to identify needs and connect people to resources in the community, finding volunteers to help older residents with raking and snow shoveling, and creating a Facebook page to help communicate resources and information.

Cheyenne continues to be a valuable resource for our community. If you have questions or comments about how Madison can better serve our residents, especially our senior residents, please don't hesitate to contact Cheyenne at livingwell@madisonmaine.com.

Madison Select Board



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 Madison, even during this strange pandemic year. We welcomed new members to the board this year. Sally Dwyer and Bob Hagopian have hit the ground running with many important issues on the table. We said goodbye and thanks to Jack Ducharme and George Elias for their many years of service to the Town of Madison. A lot of board history leaves with the departure of these board members.

The pandemic has dominated our year with many challenges and concerns about providing the necessary services in the town office while keeping our employees and the public safe. We also were able to provide public participation in our town government despite dealing with a pandemic. We had a delayed town meeting and local elections that had to adhere to social distancing policies which caused many changes in those events. Thanks to the great effort of our Town Clerk Kathy Estes and our Town Manager Tim Curtis our Madison residents had the opportunity to participate in a safe election process. The changes made will serve the citizens of Madison for many years in the future.

I would like to express my thanks to all town employees for a job well done during this pandemic year. The level of service provided by our town office staff was outstanding. Dealing with many obstacles such as COVID protocols, office closing, office open part time and curb side service. The town office staff was constantly adjusting schedules as well as how to deal with the public in a safe manner. I also would thank the public for their patience during this time.

Our highway crew under the direction of Jeff Wright did a great job this past winter dealing with a challenging 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 and her staff for their hard work and dedication during this pandemic year. The recreation department worked hard to provide a program for our youth to get them outside in a safe environment.

I would like to thank all the citizens who volunteer their time to serve on a board or committee in the town of Madison. I would also like to thank all of the boards and committees for taking time of their busy lives to help the town to become a better place to live. We could not provide the level of service that we do without the good people of Madison taking part in the process. We need all citizens to be part of the solution. We are always looking for volunteers to serve; if you have interest please contact the town office.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert A. Veneziano
Chairman, Madison Select Board

MSAD#59 Superintendent's Report



Dear Citizens of Madison,

The 2020-2021 school year has been one none of us will forget. Sunday afternoon March 15, 2020, I called the administrative team together, along with Mr. Tim Curtis, the Town Manager, to talk about moving the Madison schools to remote learning for a couple of weeks based on the COVID-19 numbers in the state. Little did I know then that we would be almost a year forward and still not back in school 100%.

The Spring of 2020 was filled with organizing packets for students to work on at home, phone calls to check on wellness, delivering hundreds of meals a week, and finding the technology we needed to be able to provide digital learning to students should we have to go Hybrid or fully remote in the future.

We opened school in September hoping there would be a vaccine on the horizon that might allow us back in school 100% by the November break, but numbers kept climbing and the vaccine was still not available to the extent we really needed it. January found us making plans to bring PreK – 4 back full time, and dates set for the return of grades 5 and 6 in February, and Grades 7 and 8 in early March, and the expectation that the high school might return fully by April. It goes without saying, the new “normal” is vastly different from what any of us might have imagined.

The COVID -19 Relief Fund provided MSAD59 with federal money to purchase PPE supplies, vans for transportation needs, thousands of dollars in technology, upgrades to the internet systems in two schools, motion sensitive faucets and drinking fountains to cut down on the risk of germ transmission, two updated phone systems, the addition of three custodians during the day shift to help with sanitizing, an additional school nurse, additional staff to deliver meals to the remote learners – just to name a few of bigger ticket items. The primary focus of these funds was to be ready for learning during COVID times, and the health and safety of the students and staff.

I want to thank the folks of Madison for their patience and support. This has been a frustrating time for all of us, and I hope that the Fall of 2021 will bring us back to the “old” normal where we can go to athletic events, stop on the corner to talk with our neighbors without wearing masks, and be able to hug our children without risk.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie G. Levesque".

Bonnie Levesque
Superintendent of Schools



Planning Board

To the Residents of Madison,

The Madison Planning Board was very active in 2020 with 21 meetings! Even though the pandemic forced meetings to be held through video conference, the Board was able to review 8 Site Plan Review applications, the most in recent memory. Three of those applications were for ‘Community Solar Arrays’ in East Madison. The complexity of those projects prompted the Board to update the Site Review Ordinance to include more specific language and standards for solar arrays, among other projects.

Members of the Planning Board provided guidance and assistance to the Select Board in reviewing an application for a Salvage Yard on Lakewood Road. That process led to the proposal to formally include the Planning Board in reviews of Salvage Yard applications with an amendment to the Site Review Ordinance.

The Board also reviewed plans for GO-Lab to redevelop the former Madison Paper mill into a facility to manufacture wood-fiber based insulation. All the proper permits are in place as the work continues this summer and fall.

In 2020 the Town contracted with Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) for a Town Planner to help with facilitating matters before the Board. Joel Greenwood with KVCOG has been a tremendous asset to the board and the various review processes. When a business is considering commercial development or a resident is planning development within the Shoreland Zone the first step is to contact the Town Manager, who will make arrangements to have the project reviewed by Joel and prepared for the Planning Board.

Speaking of Shoreland Zoning (SLZ), the Planning Board completed a lengthy review of the SLZ Ordinance in 2020 and brought it forward for Town Meeting approval in July. Subsequently the ordinance has received approval from Maine DEP.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tomlinson - Planning Board Chair

Code Enforcement

At this time, code enforcement services are provided through a team effort. If you have questions about building permits, plumbing codes, property maintenance issues, Shoreland Zoning, or Site Plan Review of a commercial development, please contact the Town Office at 696 3971 and ask to speak with the Town Manager.

Based on the nature of your question, the Town Manager may be able to connect you with Leo Mayo, who is a certified Code Officer that covers Madison, or with Joel Greenwood, who is the Town’s contracted planner that serves the Planning Board.

The Town is continuing to seek applicants for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. If you have interest in that work, please contact the Town Manager.

Despite the pandemic, building was active in Madison with a total of 47 building permits and 41 plumbing permits issued.

Budget Advisory Committee

BUDGET



With easing restrictions based on COVID19, the Madison Advisory Committee was able to attend meetings in-person and via video remote conferencing. The Town Meeting Warrant Articles that contain the **budget can be found on pages 55 through 58** in the Town Report.

Last year the budget process was filled with uncertainty which led the Advisory Committee to pull back the reins on capital spending for equipment. This year committee members made up for the restrictions by recommending funds to go toward the purchase of a new plow truck and sidewalk plow, and set aside funds to go toward the purchase of a new tanker/pumper fire truck to replace a 1990 model. In addition \$215,000 was raised for road paving projects.

The budget saw some savings in reduced contract amounts for ambulance and policing services, offset by increases to Code Enforcement and Waste Management costs. Overall the non-capital budget comes in at an increase of 3.5% over last year.

The Committee also recommended bringing forward \$400,000 from undesignated fund balance to offset the costs associated with raising money for new Highway and Fire Equipment. The net budget should not result in a tax increase for Madison residents.

2020/21 Advisory Board members include: Lynn Andrews, Randy Bliss, Patrick Dolan, Leon Dorr, Jeff Drew, Jack Ducharme, Paul Fortin, Jeff Foss, Michelle LeBlanc, Ken Moore, Rob Shibley, Robin Turek, Jean Veneziano, and Cathy Wilson.

Board of Appeals

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

The Madison Board of Appeals is authorized, pursuant to state statute and municipal ordinance, to entertain appeals of decisions made by various boards and committees. Accordingly, the Board of Appeals only meets when it has a matter before it.

According to Chapter #7 of the Madison Code of Ordinances, the Appeals Board is authorized to hear variance requests pertaining to Shoreland Zoning, Subdivision, Site Review, and Floodplain ordinances. If approved at Town Meeting variances under the Animals Ordinance will be added to their jurisdiction. The Board can also hear appeals on decisions made by various boards and officers of the Town.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Ketterer, Chairman

Recreation Spotlight - Winter Basketball



78 student athletes participated safely in rec basketball this season with the help of 10 coaches and four high school players.

I worked directly with school nurse Amanda Robbins to provide weekly attendance, temp checks, and completed COVID questions for contact tracing. Coaches, parents and players followed all strict protocol including: cleaning basketballs and areas between practices, parents not allowed in the building, water bottles required, etc. I am happy to report that we had did not have one single case of having to quarantine due to recreation basketball at MES. Also, in my over 12 years of overseeing this program, we did not have one parent complaint. We only had happy players and thrilled parents that their children were able to participate. Due to parents not able to watch their children participate, I photographed and took videos at each practice to share with parents on our Madison Rec. Facebook page. I have included a few with this email, and feel free to visit the Madison Rec. Facebook page to see some of the fun videos, photos and parents very positive comments.

K-2 clinics are over for this season. Grades 3/4 boys and girls practices will continue through the month of March using the same safety protocols.

My ending goal with this season was to provide a safe environment for our youth to do what they love. I am happy to report that with proper planning and the right people working together, recreation sports can be offered safely, even indoors, during a pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie LeBlanc



People Who Care Food Cupboard

To the Residents of the Town of Madison,

Thank you for your continued support of your Food Cupboard. With the resources provided by the Town of Madison we have been able to provide vital food to thousands of local residents through the past last year. That support has been especially helpful to those affected by the economic and social disruptions of the COVID-19.

In 2020 People Who Care moved operations from Old Point Avenue to 378 Lakewood Road. The new location is a newly renovated building, with ground level access, making it easier for our volunteers to serve the needs of the community. It's central location and Route 201 address have also made it possible for the cupboard to expand it's services to more people as a distribution hub for the larger Madison, Southern Somerset County area and there is available space for a community garden in the summer as well.

Please refer to the enclosed reports for details on the numbers of families served and finances of the People Who Care Food Cupboard. Food from multiple sources is being distributed to people in need at a very minimal cost. We remain committed to our mission, relieving food insecurity and hunger within the communities that we serve. Through our partnership with the town, local businesses, churches, and our food sources, we are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Rev. Tim Haynes, Board of Trustees Chairman

Individuals Served in 2020

January-478

February-502

March-1,256

April-1,379

May-1,340

June-546

July-508

August-654

September-621

October-568

November-1,009

December-901

2021 Budget

Food-\$25,000 Yearly

Travel (U-Haul)- \$6,000 Yearly

Lights-\$1,000 Yearly

Heat-\$1,100 Yearly

Recycling/Trash-\$600 Yearly

Cleaning-\$2,400 Yearly

Supplies-\$1,500 Yearly

Insurance-\$900 Yearly

CPA/Tax Prep-\$500 Yearly

State 501c3-\$25 Yearly

Directors Stipend-\$15,600 Yearly (Pending Funding)

Madison Public Library

To the Citizens of Madison:

Books, computers, Wi-Fi, printing, summer programs, online classes, tax forms, knitting groups. **That was 2019!** 2020 looked *very* different because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Total checkouts (adult, juvenile and young adult circulation) for the 2020 calendar year is as follows:

Print books	9,694
Ebooks	1,545
Digital audiobooks	759
Total	11,998



These totals reflect a significant decrease in book use. The pandemic and the steps we took to keep our staff, patrons and visitors safe explain this reduction in library use. Below is a detailed timeline of how we approached the pandemic and the changes we saw during 2020:

March 17: We close our doors to the public, but provide curbside pickup twice a week

April 1: Our last day for curbside as we close to the public completely for the month of April

May 1: We restart curbside pickup

May 19: We reopen to the public with limited services and hours

June 29: We resume normal five-days-a-week service

August 1: We resume full hours, including Saturdays

No children's programs or group meetings were held because it was not possible to do so safely.

Some highlights:

While we were closed to the public, we conducted the first *complete* inventory of our book collection—over 16,000 titles! Our catalog is much more accurate, with more detailed information and ease of use.

Capital funds were passed at Town Meeting to replace the roof. Additional grant money was received from The Maine Community Foundation. The remainder will be paid out of the library trust. The work will be done in late spring/early summer, depending on the severity of the winter.

We were able to host a book sale in August even though Madison-Anson Days had to be canceled. Patrons and visitors alike were thrilled to search the sale for their favorite authors and we were glad to see them.

New business hours are as follows:

Monday through Friday **9AM – 5:30PM**

Saturday **9AM – 2:00PM**

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 faced this past year.

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

Anson-Madison Sanitary District

The Anson Madison Sanitary District ,(AMSD) treats the wastewater generated by the towns of Anson, North Anson and Madison along with trucked-in waste. The AMSD treatment facility was constructed in 1974 in response to the Clean Water Act of 1972. The treatment facility is designed to treat 5.0 million gallons per day. The District operates and maintains 7 pumping stations, approximately 15 miles of sanitary sewer pipes, approximately 10 miles of storm water collection system and over 600 catch basins. Currently, AMSD collects and treats approximately 500,000 gallons of wastewater per day.

The AMSD treatment facility uses many distinct treatment processes to treat wastewater. As the wastewater enters the treatment plant it goes through preliminary treatment which is a physical process to remove debris, sand, and other inorganics that can't be biologically treated. The second process is primary treatment. This process utilizes settling and filtering to remove organic solids. The third step is biological treatment in which oxygen is injected into the wastewater to support the growth of microorganisms. These microorganisms clean the wastewater by consuming organic matter (suspended and dissolved) and convert ammonia-nitrogen to nitrogen gas through the process of nitrification/denitrification. The microorganisms are then separated from the treated water by secondary clarification and removed from the process as sludge. In the final stage, the clarified water is disinfected with sodium hypochlorite to eliminate disease causing pathogens before the treated effluent is discharged into the Kennebec River. The solid materials generated from these processes are removed with equipment that concentrates the solids and drains off excess water. The dried solids are transported to Waste Management Landfill in Norridgewock, ME for disposal.

Although the treatment plant is over 45 years old, the District continues to invest in new technologies and maintain assets. It is always a challenge striking a balance between protecting the community's assets and maintaining responsible cost control. There is still a lot to accomplish, but with careful short-term and long-term planning, AMSD will continue to protect the environment and maintain financial stability.

The District continues to explore additional revenue streams to help stabilize sewer rates. By taking advantage of the treatment facility's additional unused capacity, the District has been able to accept trucked in waste from a variety of sources, including: septage, process wastewaters from Backyard Farms, Ducktrap River, Shucks Maine Lobster, Pride Manufacturing, and leachate from Waste Management's Crossroads Landfill, among other sources. It is a much busier place with over 4,000 trucks per year hauling waste to the District. These waste streams have generated additional revenue to help offset sewer rate increases.

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

Sincerely,

Brock Hagopian (Chair)

Heather Taylor (Vice Chair)

Steve Everett (Treasurer)

Raymond Moody (Assistant Treasurer)

Robert Hagopian (Clerk/Secretary)

George Elias (Trustee)

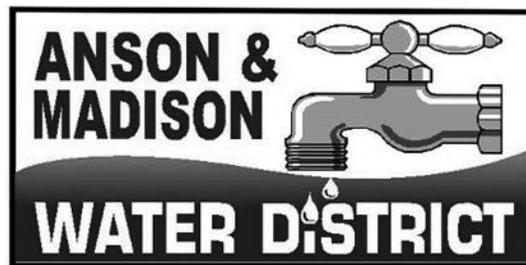
Michael Nelson (Trustee)

Note: Sadly, trustee Heather Taylor passed away this year. She will be missed and the District would like to thank her for her service and wish her family our condolences.

Anson & Madison Water District

To our valued Customers and Residents,

It is my pleasure to submit the Tenth (10th) Annual Report for year ending December 31, 2020. This report covers all operations, maintenance, construction, and other expenditures for Anson & Madison Water District, with a full statement of the financial position and transactions for the year. This report will be available as a separate publication at the District's Office and at the Town Offices of Anson and Madison by July 1st 2021.



During 2020 the District completed the replacement of approximately 8,200 ft. of raw water transmission line from Hancock Pond to the treatment facility in Embden, ME. This section of pipe is remotely located through the woods and wetlands alongside Hancock Stream. This pipe was installed in the early 1940s and had reached the limits of its lifespan. This pipe is critical for supplying the treatment facility with raw water that can be treated and supplied to our customers.

The District is currently considering applying for another federal grant/loan to continue with the replacement of the 75-year-old transmission main. The United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development is currently offering an interest rate of 1.75%. This would be the perfect opportunity for the District to save on interest expenses and still qualify for a substantial percentage of grant funds.

The District does anticipate an increase in water utility rates in order to cover the increasing costs of operating expenses. Currently we are anticipating a rate increase of 3.0%. This is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2021. For a typical household of two this will equal a monthly increase of \$0.86 to the minimum charge.

During 2020 there were:

Main Line Breaks	-	6	Reconnections -	77	Misc. Service Calls-	84
Frozen Services	-	0	Disconnections-	58		
Frozen Meters	-	5	Meter Repairs -	68		

Monthly Board of Trustees meeting are held at 6:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the District's business office located at 15 South Maple Street in Madison.

2020-2021 Board Members were:	Gary Anderson	<i>Trustee /Clerk</i>	Anson
	Dana Berry	<i>Trustee</i>	Madison
	Phillip Curtis	<i>Trustee/Vice Chairman</i>	Madison
	Allen French	<i>Trustee</i>	Madison
	Chris Roy	<i>Trustee</i>	Madison
	Randy Turner	<i>Trustee/Chairman</i>	Anson
	H. Ralph Withee	<i>Trustee/Treasurer</i>	Anson

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael M. Corson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michael M. Corson

Somerset Community Television (Channel 11)

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. In 2020, the station continues to improve in providing municipal, cultural, educational and local governmental programming on Bee Line Channel as well as Facebook, YouTube and everyone's new favorite, Zoom!

Live Streaming services began to take off in the past year, and we at SCTV 11 look forward to expanding those services to allow events to your screens that we all couldn't attend in person.

John Harlow, SCTV 11 Station Manager



SCTV11 Board of Directors Back row, left to right. Jeff Evans (Secretary), Roger Staples, Betty Vining (Treasurer), Joh Harlow (Station Manager) Front row Peter Sirois (Vice President), Bonnie Young (President), Colby Seams.
Not pictured: Ron Moody, Angela Hawkins and Raine Miller

Madison Electric Works



To the residents of the Town of Madison, and the rate-payers of Madison Electric Works:

2020 was another busy year for MEW. We energized our new main transformer in April and updated our existing substation at Jones Street.

We had a building fire in May at our Jones Street substation that was a total loss. The building contained our 1 megawatt Caterpillar peak shaving diesel generator. The replacement building and generator have been ordered and should be in service around July 2021.

We had heavy wind and snow storms that we dealt with within our system that caused several outages. After restoring our customers we then helped CMP restore their system on a few of the storms.

Thank you to all of our loyal customers!

Martin Berry

Superintendent

Note: The following pages contain excerpts from the Madison Electric Works audited financial statements for fiscal year 2020. For a full copy of the audit contact MEW at 696 4401.



To the Board of Directors

The Town of Madison,

Department of Electric Works

Madison, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works (Electric Works) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Electric Works' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

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, 2020 and 2019, 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.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information, the Schedule of Changes in the Town of Madison, Department of Electric Work's 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.

Other 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 Work's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental information for the year ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, on pages 21 and 22, 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.

Purdy Powers & Company
Professional Association

Statement of Net Position

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019

Assets

Current Assets	2020	2019
Cash and cash equivalents	1,494,664	1,113,467
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	1,887,646	1,212,426
Accrued interest receivable	8,122	10,866
Note receivable, current portion	179,668	160,654
Materials and supplies	391,806	395,170
Prepaid expenses	53,470	85,943
Total Current Assets	4,015,194	2,978,246

Other Assets

Note receivable, less current portion	973,936	1,152,220
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Property, Plant and Equipment , net of accumulated depreciation	<u>4,740,226</u>	<u>4,807,704</u>
Total Assets	9,729,356	8,937,540

Deferred Outflows

Deferred outflows related to OPEB	54,016	53,341
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Total Deferred Outflows	54,016	53,341
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	377,634	346,508
Other current and accrued liabilities	29,788	25,833
Customer deposits	18,281	20,291
Bond payable, current portion	155,000	155,000
Capital lease, current portion	34,341	-

Total Current Liabilities	615,044	547,632
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Long-Term Liabilities

Bond payable, less current portion	860,000	1,015,000
Capital lease, less current portion	115,146	-
Net OPEB liability	99,872	148,627
Accrued paid leave	96,982	77,912

Total Long-Term Liabilities	1,172,000	1,241,539
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Total Liabilities	1,781,044	1,789,171
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Deferred Inflows

Deferred Inflows related to OBED	49,003	14,482
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Total Deferred Inflows	49,003	14,482
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Net Position

Net investment in capital assets	3,575,739	3,637,074
Unrestricted	4,371,586	3,550,154

Net Position	7,947,325	7,187,228
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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Electric Operating Revenues	\$ 5,084,514	5,660,333
Operating Expenses		
Operations and maintenance	5,063,781	5,456,432
Depreciation	<u>309,732</u>	<u>273,609</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>5,373,513</u>	<u>5,730,041</u>
Net Operating Loss	(288,999)	(69,708)
Other Income (Expenses)		
Interest income	61,840	75,456
Interest expense	(39,072)	(42,143)
Grant Proceeds	35,395	-
Gain on insurance proceeds	1,116,956	-
Gain (loss) on disposal of property and equipment	<u>(134,317)</u>	<u>16,380</u>
Net Other Income	<u>1,040,802</u>	<u>49,463</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	751,803	(20,015)
Contributions in Aid of Construction	<u>8,294</u>	<u>29,263</u>
Change in Net Position	760,097	9,248
Net position at beginning of year, as restated	<u>7,178,228</u>	<u>7,177,980</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 7,947,325</u>	<u>7,187,228</u>

Statement of Cash Flows (1 of 2)

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	2020	2019
Cash receipts:		
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 4,103,487	4,497,641
Other operating cash receipts	330,466	1,177,915
Cash disbursements:		
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees	(1,352,146)	(1,350,701)
Cash payments to suppliers and vendors	<u>(3,636,866)</u>	<u>(4,223,065)</u>
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(555,059)	101,790
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(552,837)	(215,820)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	33,000	16,380
Insurance proceeds	1,259,592	-
Grant proceeds	35,395	-
Contributions in aid of construction received	(16,183)	(1,003)
Debt interest payments	(40,772)	(44,143)
Debt principal payments	(155,000)	(155,000)
Proceeds from capital lease	177,844	-
Capital lease principal payments	(28,357)	-
Payments received on note receivable	<u>158,970</u>	<u>156,706</u>
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	871,652	(242,880)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest income received	<u>64,604</u>	<u>76,966</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	64,604	76,966
Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	381,197	(70,124)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,113,467</u>	<u>1,183,591</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 1,494,664	1,113,476

Statement of Cash Flows (2 of 2)

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	2020	2019
Net operating loss	\$ (288,999)	(69,708)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:		
Depreciation	309,732	273,609
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	15,000	25,000
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable	(665,561)	(9,777)
Materials and supplies	3,364	(58,241)
Prepaid expenses	32,473	46,513
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	(675)	904
Increase in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	31,126	(155,231)
Other current and accrued liabilities	5,655	(11,158)
Customer deposits	(2,010)	910
Accrued paid leave	19,070	29,900
Net OPEB liability	(48,755)	14,587
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	<u>34,521</u>	<u>14,482</u>
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$ <u>(555,059)</u>	<u>101,790</u>

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. Property around the lake is a valuable contributor to the Madison tax base. Association activities include: extensive program of water quality testing, courtesy boat inspections to prevent introduction of invasive aquatic plants, invasive aquatic plant surveys, camp road maintenance education, and placement and maintenance of navigational markers.

The Courtesy Boat Inspection Program, to thwart the introduction of damaging invasive aquatic plants, conducted 1,122 boat inspections and logged 595 hours manning the boat landing in 2020. This program is especially important as the infested waterbodies creep closer and closer to our lake. Invasive aquatic plants have now been found in the Kennebec River below Skowhegan, the boat launch only 8.5 road miles from the lake's boat launch.

The water quality sampling program for Lake Wesserunsett continued for the 39th consecutive year in 2020. 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" and our sampling data indicate this is still the situation 19 years later. Runoff from roads, bank erosion and lawns contributes phosphorus to the lake which in excess quantities can reduce water quality.

The association for several years has been increasing its efforts to reduce the phosphorus contribution to the lake from camp road runoff. As part of that effort in 2020 we hosted a day of camp road tours and discussions, lead by the state soil scientist, who suggested voluntary practical steps for each road that could be taken to control runoff and reduce phosphorous flow into the lake.

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 2021, we will continue our programs to provide stewardship for the lake. We are fortunate to have such a valuable resource within our boundaries. We thank the town in advance for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Doty - President, LWA



Wesserunsett Lake Water Quality Report

The Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM) Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) water quality sampling program for Wesserunsett continued for the 39th consecutive year in 2020. The program was run by the Lake Wesserunsett Association (LWA) Water Quality Committee, whose members are listed at the end of this summary

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: John Bonsall monitored two times a month from June through September.

Results: Secchi Disk (water clarity) averaged 19.1 ft, which is nearly the long-term average of 19.2 ft. Total Phosphorus (TP) averaged 7.5 ppb, which is greater than the long-term average of 6.9 ppb. Color averaged 16.6 SPU, which is much less than the long-term average of 21.0 SPU. Surface Temperature was highest on August 2 when it was 80.6°F. This is the highest temperature measured since July 17, 2013 when it was 82.2° F. 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 echinulata* (a cyanobacteria) was detected in only two of eight checks. Ice-Out was on April 14. Final Ice-In was on Dec. 29. Open Water Duration was 259 days, much longer than the long-term average of 236 days. Rainfall from Ice-Out to the last sampling on Sept. 21 totaled 13.35". This low total reflects the severe drought conditions that existed.

Climate Change: 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. These observations are consistent with a pattern of warming. However, the later than usual Ice-Outs in 2017, 2018 and 2019, the earliest Ice-In and shortest Open Water Season in 2018, and the shorter than average Open Water Duration in 2019 are contrary to that warming trend.

Conclusions: The water quality results for 2020 were encouraging regarding water clarity and overall *Gloeotrichia* results but not for Total Phosphorus levels. 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" and our sampling data indicate this is still the situation 19 years later. Despite some recent inconsistencies, the trend in the 21st century has been one of warming. 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. Wesserunsett is an important economic and environmental resource that deserves protection and in order to be successful, all need to take part.

Water Quality Committee Members and Responsibilities: William Reid, Chair: Ice-Out/Ice-In/Open Water Duration. Rainfall. Reports. Databases. John Bonsall, Primary Monitor: Secchi Disk. TP. Color. Surface Temp. DO/Temp. *Gloeotrichia*. Jay Conway, Backup Monitor.

To obtain the full 2020 lake water quality report or for any additional information, please contact Will Reid at williamfreid@gmail.com.

Abnaki Sno-Riders

The Abnaki Sno-Riders Club would like to thank the landowners of the town of Madison. Without them there would be no snowmobile club or trails to ride on. Landowners on our trails were contacted and permission was granted for access. Due to COVID we had limited meals, meetings and fund-raisers, but we are pleased that people were able to still access and enjoy the trails.

Turkey pies are available by contacting David at 431-8544 or at Motor Supply in Madison.

The groomers required some major work this year. With help from numerous volunteers, more trail work was able to be addressed including a lot of brushing. There is still a lot to be done, but we will continue to work out way through the trail system. We will be organizing to get more of that done this coming year (keep an eye on our Facebook Page and if you have some time, come help!). We are hoping to make the trails even better for the next season.

We were able to help the Somerset Woods Trustees by grooming their in-town trails for hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

We had great reports on all of the trails, in person and on our Facebook page.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped. There are simply too many people and businesses to name and we know some of you would like to remain nameless. For all the people and kids that volunteered their time brushing, staking, putting up signs, cutting trees, grooming, donating their equipment, parts, fuel, helping make turkey pies, desserts for the landowners' dinner, and everything else – WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL! If it wasn't for you, the club wouldn't have had such a great year.

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

OFFICERS 2020-2021

President	Penny Hay	(207) 399-7511
Vice President	David Hay	(207) 314-6096
Secretary	LeeAnne Newton	(207) 431-0266
Treasurer	David Campbell	(207) 431-8544
Trail Master	Shawn Newton	(207) 749-2160
Director	Dawna Campbell	(207) 696-8888
Project Director	Glenn Connors	(207) 696-5377

Audited Financial Statements

The following pages contain highlights of the audit of the Town of Madison finances for the fiscal year that ended June 30th, 2020. I would like to thank the Town Office Staff and the team at RHR Smith & Associates for the many hours dedicated to this process. A complete copy of the financial report is available for public review at the Town Office or online at www.madisonmaine.com.

Tim Curtis

Town Manager



Proven Expertise and Integrity

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

February 5, 2021

Select Board; Town of Madison

P.O. Box 190 Madison, Maine 04950

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine for the year ended June 30, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, Government Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 27, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit. Significant Audit Findings Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town of Madison, Maine are described in Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period. As described in Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements, the Town of Madison, Maine changed accounting policies related to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB Statement) No. 95, "Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance" and GASB Statement No. 97, "Certain Component Unit Criteria (paragraphs 4 & 5)" in 2020. There was no impact in the financial statements based on the cumulative effect of these accounting changes.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine’s financial statements were:

- Fair value of investments
- Depreciation expense which is based on the estimated useful lives of capital assets
- OPEB related assets, liabilities and revenues/expenses which are based on actuarial valuations
- Accrued compensation
- Deferred property and excise tax revenues

Management’s process for determining the above estimates is based on firm concepts and reasonable assumptions of both historical and future events. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements are reflected in the deposits and investments, capital assets, other long-term obligations and fund balance footnotes.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. A schedule of any uncorrected misstatements has been presented to management with the management representation letter. We did not identify or propose any adjustments of misstatements as a result of audit procedures that were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit’s financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

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

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 25, 2020.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

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

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Town of Madison, Maine's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

However, we noted certain other matters that we reported to management of the Town of Madison, Maine in a separate letter dated December 7, 2020.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability, Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Contributions - OPEB and Notes to Required Supplementary Information, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

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

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Selectboard and management of the Town of Madison, Maine and is not intended to be and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very Best,

RHR Smith & Company, CPAs

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 \$107,591 from \$8,586,087 to \$8,478,496. **Unrestricted net position:** the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements, decreased for governmental activities to a balance of \$1,879,278.

**Table 1 - Town of Madison, Maine
Net Position - June 30, 2020**

	Governmental Activities	
<u>Assets</u>	2020	2019
Current Assets	\$2,853,031	\$3,276,750
Capital Assets	\$5,981,478	\$5,855,495
Total Assets	\$8,834,509	\$9,132,245
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</u>		
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB:	\$114,928	\$90,408
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$114,928	\$90,408
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current Liabilities	\$89,117	\$291,877
Long-term Debt Outstanding	\$228,871	\$270,007
Total Liabilities	\$317,988	\$561,884
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Prepaid Taxes	\$48,692	\$50,136
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	\$104,261	\$24,546
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$152,953	\$74,682
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$5,981,478	\$5,855,495
Restricted: Special Revenue Funds	\$454,955	\$485,116
Permanent Funds	\$162,785	\$179,868
Unrestricted	\$1,879,278	\$2,065,608
<u>Total Net Position</u>	\$8,478,496	\$8,586,087

Revenues and Expenses

Revenues for the Town's governmental activities increased by 6.68%, while total expenses increased by 5.84%. Miscellaneous experienced the largest increase for revenues while unclassified had the largest increase for expenses.

Table 2
Town of Madison, Maine
Change in Net Position
For the Years Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenues		
<i>Program revenues:</i>		
Charges for services	\$102,577	\$104,996
Operating grants and contributions	\$62,592	\$61,252
<i>General revenues:</i>		
Taxes	\$8,125,176	\$8,346,495
Grants and contributions not restricted to a specific program	\$1,580,274	\$1,075,907
Miscellaneous	\$444,152	\$75,978
Total Revenues	<u>\$10,314,771</u>	<u>\$9,682,598</u>
Expenses		
General government	\$606,328	\$612,600
Public safety	\$674,582	\$961,850
Public works	\$1,330,037	\$1,060,253
Parks and recreation	\$72,591	\$72,308
Cemeteries	\$25,530	\$21,841
Community and social agencies	\$174,818	\$173,219
Education	\$4,912,001	\$5,050,135
County tax	\$798,596	\$833,719
Unclassified	\$1,765,784	\$1,016,804
Capital outlay	<u>\$34,382</u>	<u>\$58,931</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$10,422,362</u>	<u>\$9,861,660</u>
Change in Net Position	(\$107,591)	(\$179,062)
Net Position - July 1	<u>\$8,586,087</u>	<u>\$8,765,149</u>
Net Position - June 30	<u>\$8,478,496</u>	<u>\$8,586,087</u>

Financial Analysis of the Town's Fund Statements

Governmental funds: The financial reporting focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information may be useful in assessing the Town's financial requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's financial position at the end of the year, and the net resources available for spending.

TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 JUNE 30, 2020

	Total Governmental Funds _____
Total Fund Balances	\$2,476,881
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation	\$5,981,478
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	\$240,681
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	\$114,928
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Net OPEB liability	(\$212,494)
Accrued compensated absences	(\$18,717)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	<u>(\$104,261)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	\$8,478,496

TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$7,447,038	\$ -	\$7,447,038
Excise taxes	\$768,885	\$ -	\$768,885
Intergovernmental	\$1,275,932	\$ 366,934	\$1,642,866
Charges for services	\$102,577	\$ -	\$102,577
Miscellaneous revenues	\$82,287	\$361,865	\$444,152
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,676,719	\$728,799	\$10,405,518
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	\$566,250	\$ -	\$566,250
Public safety	\$644,139	\$ -	\$644,139
Public works	\$1,113,086	\$ -	\$1,113,086
Parks and recreation	\$71,931	\$ -	\$71,931
Cemeteries	\$25,530	\$ -	\$25,530
Community and social agencies	\$174,818	\$ -	\$174,818
Education	\$4,912,001	\$ -	\$4,912,001
County tax	\$798,596	\$ -	\$798,516
Unclassified	\$20,994	\$1,744,790	\$1,765,784
Capital outlay	\$434,683	\$ -	\$434,683
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,789,714	\$1,744,790	\$10,534,531
Excess Revenue Over/Under Expenditures	\$866,978	\$1,015,991	\$129,013
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	\$281,390	\$957,985	\$1,239,375
Transfers (out)	(\$957,984)	(\$281,391)	(\$1,239,375)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	(\$676,594)	\$676,594	\$ -
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(\$210,384)	\$339,397	(\$129,013)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	\$1,660,063	\$945,831	\$2,605,894
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$1,870,447	\$606,434	\$2,476,881

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, 2020

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement E)	(\$129,013)
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	\$406,142
Capital asset disposals	(\$5,841)
Depreciation expense	<u>(\$274,318)</u>
	\$125,983
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>\$24,520</u>
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:	
Taxes and liens receivable	<u>(\$90,747)</u>
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>(\$79,715)</u>
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	\$1,964
Net OPEB liability	<u>\$39,417</u>
	\$41,381
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	(\$107,591)

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Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends:

When I took the oath of office as Maine's 75th governor, I never imagined that we would face a deadly pandemic. But that is our reality, and it is my responsibility to guide our state through this time, to keep Maine people safe and healthy, and to put our economy on a path to recovery.

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on our national economy, dealing heavy losses to businesses of all sizes, and leaving millions of people unemployed. Here in Maine it has taken the lives of hundreds of people and sickened many more. Since the arrival of the first vaccines in December 2020, we have been working to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly and efficiently as possible.

While our spirits are lifted and we share in a collective sense of relief, particularly for frontline health care workers who are exhausted and have been working around the clock to save lives, it will take months to administer the vaccine to all Maine people and we must keep our guard up. In the coming months, I look forward to working with you in fully opening our schools and businesses across the state. We will hasten our state's recovery if we wear our masks, watch our distance, avoid gatherings, and wash our hands.

My Administration, in collaboration with public health experts and business leaders across the state, developed a plan to gradually and safely restart Maine's economy. We also formed an Economic Recovery Committee charged with assessing the economic impacts of the pandemic on Maine's economy and providing recommendations for policy changes to deal with these impacts. Together, drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, we will rebuild and strengthen our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge to be a stronger, better state than ever.

I continue to be amazed by the strength and courage of the Maine people and businesses who have found different ways to do business and the brave first responders in your town and in our health care facilities. Thank you to the people of Maine who have demonstrated patience, kindness, and compassion during this difficult time.

Please take care,

Janet T. Mills
Governor

P.S. For the latest information and guidance on Maine's response to COVID-19, as well as resources for assistance during this time, please visit www.maine.gov/covid19/.



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to reflect on 2020, an incredibly challenging year for Maine families, small businesses, and communities.

When the pandemic struck, our country faced the specter of an overwhelmed health care system and devastation to our small businesses and the millions of people they employ. I immediately worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass multiple laws allocating approximately \$3 trillion to respond to this public health and economic crisis, including more than \$8 billion directed to Maine to support testing, schools, the economy, and other purposes — that is nearly double Maine’s annual state budget.

I am especially proud of the bipartisan Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) I co-authored. This program has provided three out of four Maine small businesses with nearly \$2.3 billion in forgivable loans, which has helped sustain more than 250,000 Maine jobs. I have met thousands of Maine small employers and employees in all 16 counties who are surviving because of the PPP. As one small business owner told me, the PPP provided “exactly what we needed at exactly the right time.” The PPP also allowed employers to maintain benefits, such as health care, during this challenging time. Another round of PPP is needed to sustain small businesses and their employees.

While the pandemic continues across Maine, our nation, and the world, I thank the first responders, health care professionals, teachers, grocery store employees, factory workers, farmers, truck drivers, postal employees, and so many others who continue to stay on the job during this difficult time. With the deployment of the first vaccines, better tests, and the incredible speed with which these life-saving responses were developed, I am hopeful we can emerge from this crisis in the next few months.

While providing relief to American families was my focus throughout 2020, other accomplishments include the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and addresses the maintenance backlog at our national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. As Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, in 2020 alone, I secured \$132 million to improve Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, buses, rail, ferries, and seaports. Finally, as Chairman of the Aging Committee, I led the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which funds programs that improve the well-being, independence, and health of our nation’s seniors and their caregivers, and I authored laws to reduce the cost of prescription drugs and protect individuals with Alzheimer’s disease.

As the end of 2020 is approaching, I have cast more than 7,535 votes, never having missed one. In the New Year, my focus remains to work with colleagues to find common ground on policies to help support the health and safety of Mainers and the safe, responsible opening of our communities. If ever I or my staff can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of my state offices. May the coming year be a successful one for you, your family, your community, and our state

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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Dear Friends,

2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges- the corona-virus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had to face these challenges in isolation. But a new year represents new possibilities; a chance to take stock of what we're grateful for and focus on the opportunities in front of us. As we reflect back on 2020, we will remember heartbreak and loss – but we cannot forget the shining rays of hope that broke through the darkness, reminding us all that better days are ahead.

Throughout the pandemic, my top focus has been on bridging the partisan divide in Washington in order to deliver desperately-needed relief for Maine people. Joined by colleagues this March, we pushed for bipartisan negotiations to produce a strong bill that helped fellow Mainers, businesses, and institutions weather this storm. In the weeks and months after the CARES Act passed, our team stayed in close contact with people throughout the state to determine how we should adjust our response to best support our citizens. Unfortunately, the aid provided by the CARES Act lapsed without Congressional action, leaving too many families and businesses in limbo. I never stopped pushing for a bipartisan relief bill and, after extensive negotiations, we ended the year on a good note by breaking the grid-lock and passing new relief legislation. This new bill isn't perfect; in fact, it should just be the start our renewed response. As we enter 2021 with a new administration and new Congress, we must fight for additional legislation to help restore stability to our working families and rebuild our economy and public health infrastructure.

In the midst of this crisis, Congress did manage to accomplish a few successes that will outlast this awful pandemic. Among these was the Great American Outdoors Act, a bipartisan bill which was enacted into law in August 2020 and will help address a \$12 billion backlog at our national parks so future generations of Americans can enjoy these beautiful lands and create lifelong memories. Also, as we learn more about the recent hacks of our nation's networks, there is help on the way: 27 of the cybersecurity recommendations made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission – which I co-chair with Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher– made it into this year's defense bill. While there is no guarantee that these provisions would have prevented the massive hack, they will certainly improve our cyber defenses.

As we end this challenging year, I'm hopeful for the future. Vaccines are being distributed across our state – starting with our healthcare heroes, who have sacrificed so much throughout this unprecedented catastrophe and deserve our eternal gratitude. If there can be a silver lining from this challenges of 2020, maybe it will be this: I hope that, in the not-so distant future, we will be able to come together physically and we will be reminded of our love for each other. We have differences, without a doubt. But as Maine people stepped up to support each other, we saw again and again that our differences pale in comparison to the values we share. We are one state, and one community – and there is nothing we cannot or will not do for each other. Mary and I wish you a happy and healthy 2021. We can't wait to see you soon.



Angus S. King Jr.

United States Senator

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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. I know that this year has been challenging for many of our communities. In the midst of these challenges, it remains a privilege to represent you, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on in Congress for the people of the Second Congressional District.

The coronavirus pandemic has made this year an especially difficult one. We've seen the struggles of small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, and states and towns. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. In March, Congress passed the largest of three bipartisan pieces of relief legislation, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act was a \$2 trillion economic relief package to provide immediate assistance for some of those hit hardest by the pandemic. While an important start, many of the programs and benefits created by the CARES Act were set to expire by the end of 2020 at a time when COVID-19 cases were on the rise. That's why in late December, Congress passed another bipartisan bill to provide COVID-19 relief to small businesses and hospitals, the unemployed, and families struggling to put food on the table. However, the action Congress took at the end of 2020 cannot distract from its failure to act sooner. The unwillingness of many members of Congress to accept compromise throughout the fall left many Mainers struggling and led to a rushed process that produced a bill with serious flaws. In 2021, Congress needs to step up, come together, and lead the country through this pandemic and get our economy back on track.

There are a few bright spots that came out of the work done by Congress this year. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I helped advocate for a national defense bill that would include important priorities for American national security, Maine shipbuilders, and servicemembers and their families. The legislation authorizes a new DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class destroyer to be constructed at Bath Iron Works and helps BIW compete for new work by encouraging a new multi-year procurement process for the DDG-51 Flight III. This funding bill also makes permanent new federal guidelines proposed by Senator King and me to allow Gold Star Families free admission to national parks and other federal lands.

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Respectfully,

Jared Golden

Member of Congress

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An Update from Senator Brad Farrin

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am humbled and honored by the trust that you have placed in electing me your Representative to the Maine House of Representatives in the 130th Legislature. As a new legislator, I hope to be able to continue to earn your trust over the coming two-year term.

The COVID pandemic has certainly changed everyone's lives. In these unprecedented times, in the midst of job losses, business closures and changes in school schedules, we've seen entire communities come together to support each other. In spite of the need to socially distance, our communities have rallied to help our local business, teachers, students and health care workers. I'm so very proud to live in "small town" Maine and pray that community spirit never changes. We need to continue to support each other regardless of political ideology.

I am so happy to report to you that I was selected to serve on the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business (IDEA) Committee. This was my first choice of committee. I spent my entire career working with small business helping with economic development and I'm looking forward to continuing that work.

We expect to be called into session soon, but there are many things being considered in light of COVID. We're conducting committee meetings by Zoom, meeting at the Augusta Civic Center and may still be in the State House from time to time to try and do the people's business.

I am planning to send out regular updates via email and through my Facebook page (Representative Jack Ducharme) with information about current state and legislative news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me either by phone at 207-431-0775 or by email Jack.Ducharme@legislature.Maine.gov.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there are ways in which you think I may be able to help on the state level.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jack Ducharme State Representative

District 111 Norrdigeock, Solon, Madison (most of)



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative. Serving the residents of House District 107 in the Maine Legislature is a responsibility that I take seriously and I am honored that you have entrusted me to be your voice at our State Capitol.

On December 2nd, the 130th Legislature was sworn-in at the Augusta Civic Center instead of the chambers at the State House as a safety precaution due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This session, our biggest priority is addressing the next biennial budget with which we're facing a serious budget shortfall over the next three years. Difficult decisions will have to be made for prioritizing resources to make ends meet.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always a welcomed avenue for providing feedback. This session, with the increased utilization in remote meetings and hearings, happenings in Augusta are now even more accessible. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to Zoom meetings, public hearings, and YouTube videos providing updates on the latest at our State Capitol.

To join my weekly eNewsletter featuring current state news, please contact me at Jennifer.Poirier@legislature.maine.gov and I will happily add you to my distribution.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta and may you all have a safe and healthy 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Poirier".

Jennifer L. Poirier

Rules for Town Meeting

All comments or questions will be directed to the Moderator.

No one may speak until recognized by the Moderator.

No smoking is allowed 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. The results of the vote will be announced. Vote counts may be challenged by a minimum of 7 voters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2021 Town Meeting Warrant

2021 Town of Madison - Town Meeting Warrant

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

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Madison, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Madison Junior High School Auditorium**, in said Town, on Monday, the seventh (7th) day of June, 2021 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 32 as set out below to wit:

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Municipal Building in said Town, on Tuesday, the eighth (8th) day of June, 2021 A.D. at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon by secret ballot Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours, therefore, to be from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening:

Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2

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

- 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
- 1 Town Clerk/Treasurer for 1 year
- 1 Road Commissioner for 1 year

Article 3

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 4

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

Advisory Board Recommend YES

*Compensation is included under Article 5.

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.

Selectmen Recommend 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	\$521,650.00
Planning Board	\$6,000.00
Code Enforcement	\$60,500.00
Boards & Committees	\$19,825.00
Assessing Services	\$40,000.00
Elections	\$10,000.00
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Total Expenses	\$657,975.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$37,000.00)
Total Raised by Taxation	\$620,975.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$620,975.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$620,975.00

Article 7

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

Ambulance	\$75,000.00
Police	\$440,000.00
Fire	\$111,980.00
Animal Control	\$11,000.00
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Total Expenses	\$637,980.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$25,000.00)
Total Raised by Taxation	\$612,980.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$612,980.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$612,980.00

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	\$58,000.00
Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling	\$255,000.00
Storm Drains	\$50,000.00
Fire Protection (Hydrants)	\$235,000.00
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Total Expenses	\$598,000.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$40,000.00)
Total Raised by Taxation	\$558,000.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$558,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$558,000.00

Article 9

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

Public Works	\$635,600.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$50,000.00)
Total Raised by Taxation	\$585,600.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$585,600.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$585,600.00

Article 10

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$78,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$78,000.00

Article 11

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$35,395.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$35,395.00

Article 12

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

General Assistance	\$17,500.00
Community Programs	
US Naval Sea Cadets Corps	\$1,000.00
Lake Association	\$5,500.00
American Legion Flags	\$600.00
People Who Care Food Cupboard	\$15,500.00
Recycling/HHW	\$1,000.00
Lakewood Theater	\$5,000.00
Total Community Programs	\$28,600.00
Service Organizations	
Madison Anson Senior Citizens	\$4,500.00
Somerset Humane Society	\$7,650.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$2,600.00
Spectrum Generations	\$4,600.00
Total Service Organizations	\$19,350.00
<u>Grand Total Community Services</u>	<u>\$65,450.00</u>
<u>Approved Revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$5,000.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$60,450.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$60,450.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$60,450.00

Article 13

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$121,450.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$121,450.00

Article 14

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$26,900.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$26,900.00

Article 15

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$215,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$215,000.00

Article 16

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$225,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$225,000.00

Article 17

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for future **Fire Dept Equipment Purchases**.

Selectmen Recommend	\$150,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$150,000.00

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to use **\$400,000.00 from undesignated fund balance** to offset taxes.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommend	YES

Article 19

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

Selectmen Recommend	YES
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Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2022-2023 not yet due or assessed.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
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Article 21

To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2021 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, 2022, 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 six percent (6.00%) per annum from said dates.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
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Article 22

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 23

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 24

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 25

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 26

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 27

To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote to fix the rate of two percent (2.00)% interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 28

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 29

Shall an ordinance entitled “Site Plan Review” (Chapter 484)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 30

Shall an ordinance entitled “Automobile Graveyards and Junkyards” (Chapter 154) be amended to include Site Review by the Planning Board?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 31

Shall an ordinance entitled “Vehicles and Parking” (Chapter 399)” be amended to include a 60 minute parking limit on Pleasant Street 100 feet from the intersection with Old Point Avenue?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 32

Shall an ordinance prohibiting Needle Exchange Programs, Needle Disposal Sites, and Medically Supervised Injection Sites be established?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Town of Madison Select Board

Albert A. Veneziano, Chairman

David Savage, Vice Chair

Sally Dwyer

Robert Hagopian

Ronald A. Moody

Municipal Calendar

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

- ◆ Dog license late fee goes into effect

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

- ◆ Personal property business equipment lists due 5/1
- ◆ ATV registrations available
- ◆ Baseball, Softball
- ◆ 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 (Rec)
- ◆ East Madison Days

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

ANIMAL CONTROL		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 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL		696 3381
MADISON HIGH SCHOOL		696 3395
POLICE (Madison Division of Sheriff's Office)		696 5373
POST OFFICE		696 3045
SOMERSET CO-OP EXTENSION		474 9622
SOMERSET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		474 9861
TOWN OFFICE	Mon-Fri 7:30-4:00	696 3971
TREE WARDEN		696 5378

The Municipal Offices of the Town observe the following holidays:

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