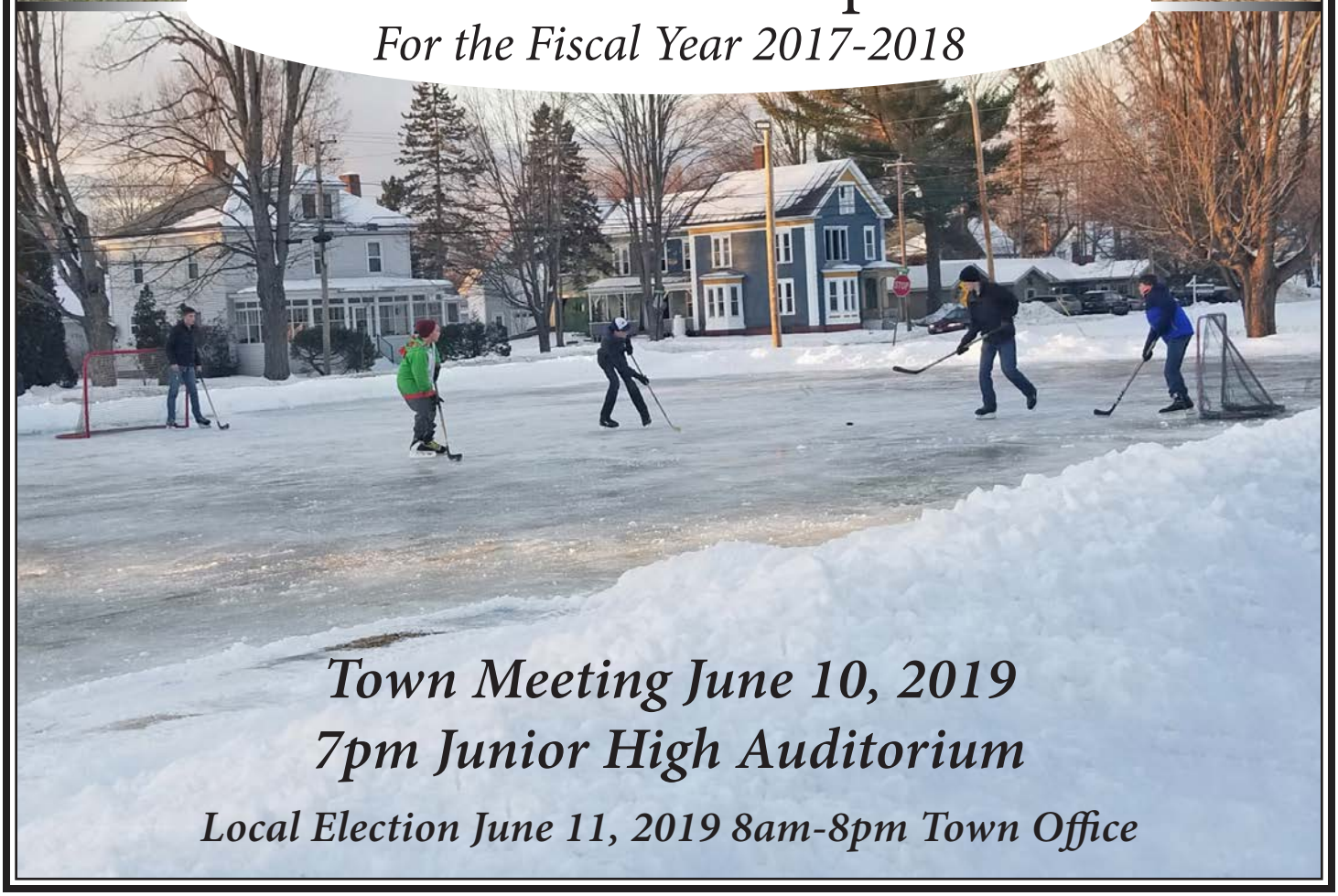
TOWN OF Madison

2019 Annual Report

For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018



Town Meeting June 10, 2019
7pm Junior High Auditorium

Local Election June 11, 2019 8am-8pm Town Office

About the Cover - Kids at Play

Over the past five years the Town of Madison has renewed focus on recreational infrastructure that enhances opportunities for residents and visitors alike. In 2014 construction was completed on the Main Street Park and Playground featuring climbing and swinging apparatus for children. Thanks to Shari Emery for the photo of fun in the park.

Each winter the faithful ice makers under the supervision of Joe Hayden work to create a space for skating and hockey. The back drop of neighborhood homes give that cover photo a Norman Rockwell feel. Thanks to Kim Harper for snapping that picture this past winter.

These recreational sites add a certain character that appeals to families who may consider Madison a great place to live.

In the summer of 2018 work was completed on a new playground facility on the campus of the Old Point School. Located at 19 Locust Street, the Fortin Family Playground was built with funds given in memory of Raymond Fortin who raised his family in the Madison village area.

When it comes to visibility, playgrounds are usually the first to be noticed, especially when the are filled with bustling activity. Away from the spotlight, recreational trails continue to be developed in Madison. In addition to the Historic Pines Trail which includes the memorial to Father Sebastian Rasle, the Weston Woods & Waters trail runs along the Kennebec River from the Nathan Street Boat Landing to the Weston Homestead.

Special thanks *to Julie Forbus for her sharp eye as she edits the Town Report, and special thanks to Kristie LeBlanc for using her photography skills to update many of our staff and board/committee pictures.*

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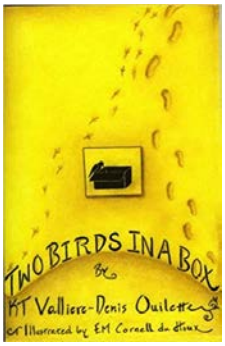
2019 Dedication - Katie & Lew Ouilette

It is with great pleasure that the Madison Select Board recognizes the contributions of **Katie and Lew Ouilette** to the Town of Madison over the years with the dedication of the 2019 Town Report. Lew passed away at the age of 90 in the summer of 2018. His death caught some by surprise since he remained so involved with family, work and service on various boards and committees.

Lew raised two families in Madison, first with wife Joyce (Fenderson) and their two boys, Nick and Dean. After Joyce died in 1976, Lew met Katie (Valliere-Denis) and they married a year later and lived with her three children on the lake in East Madison.

Lew was a US Navy veteran and an expert in the field of shoe design. Katie is a graduate of Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH. She is quick to remind anyone who asks that the 'Sawyer' in Colby-Sawyer is former school president H. Leslie Sawyer who has ties to Madison.



Katie's busy life has given her the pleasure of living in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and New Hampshire. Her adventures led to writing the family adventure fiction book, **"Two Birds in a Box"** in 2005.

Her activities in Madison always seem to be focused on *getting the word out!* Whether it be her writing regular newsletters and emails (***Waves of Wesserunsett***), or keeping people up to date on local cable access programs like ***Now You Know*** or ***Keeping Pace,*** Katie stays in the know and wants to make sure everyone is aware of the great and important things going on in her town.

Lew's second career was in real estate and he knew the Madison area inside and out. His service on the Town Planning Board and Budget Advisory Committee spanned two decades and he always proved to be a steady guiding hand. His knowledge of the area also lent itself to knowing where all the best hunting and fishing spots were as Lew and his boys were avid outdoor sportsmen.

The influence of Katie and Lew touches many parts of the fabric of the Madison area; from Main Street Skowhegan to Channel 11 (Somerset Community Television) and the many members of their extended family around the lake. Madison is a better place for the commitment of these two engaged and engaging residents.

Pizzarama

Generations of pizza lovers got their fill from Madison Pizzarama over the years. Dennis Wright kept the tradition going when he took ownership in 2010 until his passing in November of this past year. Dennis's mischievous nature and love of good food are certainly missed.

Food lovers don't despair however, because something good will soon be back in the neighborhood. The new owners started renovations this spring.

Dennis Wright and Chelsea Lewis taking orders at Pizzarama

Directory of Departmental Officers

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

Town Manager, Economic Development &			
Tax Collector:	Tim Curtis	696 3971	edd@madisonmaine.com
Administrative Asst	Deb Chandler	696 3971	admin@madisonmaine.com
Bookkeeper:	Tammy Carrier	696 3971	finance@madisonmaine.com
Town Clerk, Treasurer &			
Registrar of Voters:	Kathy Estes	696 5622	townclerk@madisonmaine.com
Welfare Director:	Kim Moody	696 5621	deputyclerk@madisonmaine.com
Assessors Agent:	Shirley Bartlett	318 8250	sbartlett213@yahoo.com
Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer &			
Plumbing Inspector:	Susan Hathaway	615 3376	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, Chris Buzzel, Tony Couglar

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

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

Sheriff :	Dale Lancaster	474 9591
Animal Control Officer:	Robert Crosby	431 3306
Staff Sergeant :	Michael Knight	
Deputies:	Tyler Lafreniere, Chelsea Merry & Racean Wood	
Dispatcher:	Sharon Carey	696 5373

Fire Department (volunteer)

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

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

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

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

Superintendent:	Jeff Melcher	696 4401	jmelcher@madelec.net
Internal Operations Manager :	Martin Berry		
Collections Clerk :	Carmen Wilkinson	**Bookkeeper:**	Robin Dimock
Linemen:	Scott Lloyd, Mark Mantor, Dan Reuille, Ted Gower & Tyler Savage		
Meter Reader:	Lee Locke		

Town Manager's Report

Friends and Neighbors,

Among the many challenges we face in central Maine is an aging population combined with fewer young people choosing to remain in our communities. In this year's report I would like to highlight certain activities addressing those challenges and making Madison a stronger, safer and friendlier community.

In 2018 the Town was recognized as by AARP as an Age-Friendly Community. As a result surveys were conducted, a steering committee formed and a work plan developed to help bring about positive change in areas such as housing, transportation, access to health care and civic engagement.

In the fall of 2018 a Visioning Day was held in Madison to bring together representatives from schools, churches, businesses and local government to talk about engaging youth in community. This group continues to work under the banner of "Vibrant Youth - Thriving Families" for Madison.

Both of these activities share a common objective of intergenerational cooperation between young and old in our community; finding ways to connect needs with available resources. One example would be to coordinate volunteers to help some or our senior residents who may be in need of assistance with yard work, snow shoveling, or other light duty jobs.

If you would like to be involved in these activities please contact me at the Town Office (696 3971) and I will make sure to connect you with the right people.

Speaking of the right people, I am so thankful for the staff at the Town Office and the fantastic customer service they provide. We know that you have to part with your hard earned money when you come through the door, and it is our goal to make your experience as pleasant as possible.

Best regards, Tim Curtis

Left to Right - Back row: Connie Vigneault Deputy Clerk/Admin, Kim Moody Deputy Clerk/General Assistance, Susan Hathaway Code Enforcement, Shirley Bartlett Assessing, Front row: Kathy Estes Treasurer/Clerk, Tim Curtis Town Manager/Tax Collector, Tammy Carrier Finance Director/HR, Deb Chandler Deputy Clerk/Admin.

Town Clerk's Report

To the residents 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 is $6.00 and Marriage licenses are now $40.00. Please call ahead to set up an appointment with the Town Clerk's Office @ 696-5622.

June 11, 2018 was the Annual Town Meeting. Local Elections were held on June 12,2018.

Elections are always a busy time of year for the Clerks Office. State Elections are held twice a year in November is the General Election and in June is the Primary and Local Elections. The School Election will continue to be held in May. The Town of Madison has two tabulator machines to use during elections. This year in the June election a total of 787 votes were cast. In the November election a total of 1875 votes were cast. Madison has a total of 3289 registered voters. Absentee ballots are available 30-45 days prior to elections. If anyone is interested in being an Election Clerk call the Town Clerks office @ 696-5622, between the hours of 7:30 and 4:00.

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.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Estes Town Clerk

Vital Records	2016/2017	2017/2018
Marriages	25	23
Births	35	28
Deaths	89	81

Sporting Licenses and Registrations	2016/2017	2017/2018
Hunting/Fishing	536	472
Boats/Watercraft	310	325
Snowmobiles	290	276
ATVs	232	208
Totals	1,368	1,281

Town Treasurer's Report

To the Citizens of Madison:

While the 2017-2018 year came with many financial challenges, the town's secured line of Credit of $2,500,000 was not needed to meet the budget. Although cash flow was tight prior to the property tax due dates, we were able to finish out the year without having to borrow from the line of credit for the third year. Our year-end General Fund balance is now **$2,011,960.00** compared to last year's restated amount of **$1,924,782.00** due to audit.

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

CEMETERY TRUST This trust is to be used for management, maintenance and improvement of the Forest Hills cemetery. As of July 1, 2017, the cemetery fund balance was **$293,250.00.** This fund was broken out into 2 accounts One account is for perpetual care with a balance of **$186,483.00** as of June 30, 2018. One account is for lot sales with a balance of $**102,864.00** as of June 30, 2018.

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, 2018 is **$7,830.00**

DOROTHY BROWN SCHOOL ENDOWMENT TRUST This is an expendable trust, which is to be used solely for public schools in the Town of Madison. We expended $2,861.00 from this fund for such purpose this fiscal year. The balance in this fund as of June 30, 2018 is **$81,912.00.**

LEGAL INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE The balance in the Legal Insurance Deductible as of June 30, 2018 has been closed. The remaining balance of **$29,577.00** was spent on legal costs pertaining to abatement cases heard before the State Board of Assessment Review.

REVALUATION FUND The balance in the Revaluation Fund as of June 30, 2018 **is $128,301.00**

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 $15,250 for General Assistance.

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

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

Kim Moody - Welfare Director

Madison Highway Department

To the residents of Madison,

Thank you for electing me as your road commissioner. Plowing our 79 miles of roads and sidewalks this past winter has been quite a challenge with all of the changing temperatures and the different hours of the storms. Please be aware that we have a very good and dedicated team ready not only to clear snowy and icy roads in the winter but to assist in keeping the town`s roads maintained as well as other Highway projects. Some of our projects this past summer are as follows:

- Crack sealing of the Golf Course Road and the Boardman Road.
- Built a new section of cemetery at Forest Hill, including some paving and a new water line.
- Resurfaced 3500 feet of the Bagley Road and Tupper Road with surface gravel in East Madison.
- Ditched and prepared the River Road and Meeting House Road for paving.
- Assisted Dirigo Timberlands in the replacement of the culvert on the Shusta Road.

The new ten-foot box culvert at the Jones Brook crossing under the Shusta Road replaces a two-foot culvert that was prone to flooding

Trees are one of nature`s beauties but when they are planted too close to a home or right-of-way they can become a hazard not only to your home, but can cause damage to sidewalks and roads and limit visibility as well.

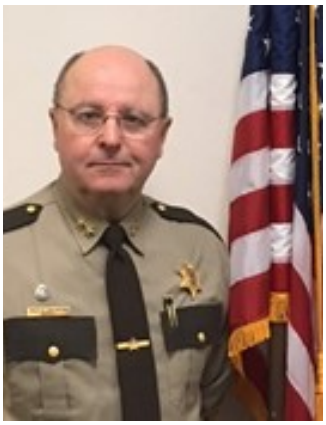
The town has a very limited budget to take care of such trees. Some are very costly to remove so we are only able to take care of a few a year. Remember, think before you plant!

Jeff Wright - Road Commissioner

Left to right: Jay Watt Foreman, Jeff Wright Road Commissioner, Bill Pierce Mechanic, Peter Dow, Peter Paine, Larry Lightbody.
Not pictured: Chris Buzzell, Tony Cougler

Madison Division: Somerset County Sheriff's Office

2018 Annual Communication



Somerset County Sheriff
Dale Lancaster

It is an honor and privilege to be your Sheriff. I would like to provide a summary of the law enforcement activities for 2018 that occurred in the Town of Madison. The Sheriff's Office has completed three full years of policing services for the Town. Four deputies and one executive secretary are specifically assigned to the community of Madison.

In 2018, one of the deputies assigned to Madison has been deployed full time active duty to the military. The Sheriff's Office hired Deputy Racean Wood, and he is scheduled to attend the 36th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy starting January 22, 2019.

In fiscal year 2018, the Sheriff Office returned $77,644 to the Town.

In 2018, deputies handled 7,138 calls for service, which represents a 5.4% increase over 2017. The deputies conducted 1,703 motor vehicle stops, and covered 197 motor vehicle crashes. Deputies also handled 286 animal complaints, conducted 650 property checks, and responded to 272 calls to assist citizens. 139 welfare checks were completed. Deputies took 63 scam complaints, and completed 134 school safety checks. Deputies also conducted 33 foot patrols in the downtown area. Deputies also responded to 75 domestic disturbance complaints, and also handled 102 theft and burglary complaints. The office in Madison handled 347 walk-in complaints.

The Madison Division had rear cargo organizers installed in Cars 1 and 2. Their patrol rifles were upgraded along with lights and holsters for their handguns. Deputies were also trained in issued C-A-T Tourniquets.

The deputies continue to work with MSAD 59 by randomly completing school safety checks. Deputy Mike Pike has begun his training of "ALICE" with the staff and students. "ALICE" is an acronym for Alert Lockdown Inform Counter and Evacuate which is an active shooter training program to enhance the safety of our students and staff.

Deputies participated in the Halloween Trunk or Treat, Town parades and sporting events.

The Sheriff's Office continues to take advantage of speed and alcohol grants offered through the Maine Department of Highway Safety to enhance our traffic and safety enforcement efforts in the community.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Dale P. Lancaster

Integrity Respect Fairness Dedication

SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Anson/Madison/Starks Ambulance Service

To the citizens of Madison,

The Ambulance service responded to 1,628 calls in 2018. The busiest days of the week were Monday, Tuesday and Friday and the busiest time of day was between 9 A.M. and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Nearly 40% of the total calls were done in this time period.

In February of 2019 we will take delivery of a new ambulance replacing an 11 year old model with close to 250 thousand miles on it. The purchase was made possible with a 50 thousand dollar Grant and low interest loan from the USDA.

Nobody wants to have an emergency, however you can be prepared and help us help you by these simple measures. Make sure your house or box number is correct and visible from the road especially at night. Make sure your driveway and entries are cleared and accessible in the winter, including sanded or salted. Time is delayed when we cannot safely reach your residence. Lastly I would like to remind everyone to always give all emergency vehicles the right of way by pulling to the right and stopping. If you approach a scene where emergency vehicles are stopped slow down, be alert and give them plenty of room.

Wishing you all a healthy and safe 2019,

George Demchak, Paramedic, Director AMS Ambulance

Madison Fire Department

Vehicle Accidents - 86	**Fire Calls - 52**	**Hazardous Cond - 50**	**Service Calls - 11**	**Good Intent - 25**	**False Alarm - 4**

In 2018 the Madison Fire Department responded to a total of 228 calls for service including 25 structure fires. I want to thank the dedicated men and women who serve as volunteer firefighters for Madison and as mutual support firefighters in our surrounding communities.

This past year the Department received funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase new extrication equipment (more commonly knowns as 'Jaws of Life'). The Department has also applied for funding for a new tanker/pumper truck to replace unit #73 as it is now 30 years old.

Each year the number of firefighters who volunteer in their local communities becomes less and less. Having volunteers who are properly trained and equipped is a top priority for the Madison Fire Department and I would welcome a call from anyone interested in serving.

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

Don French

Tax Assessing

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

After nearly three years the State Board of Property Tax Review heard testimony on Madison Paper's abatement request of nearly $900,000 in taxes paid in 2016. The Board is slated to make a ruling on April 25, 2019.

During the 2018 calendar year the following abatements were granted:

Account #	Location	Abatement	Tax Reduction	Reason
108	Sandy Beach Road	$266,976	$5,739.98	Revalued Abandoned Campsites
3338	Horsetail Hill Road	$15,100	$324.65	Building Incomplete as of Apr 1
3384	Deer Run Road	$18,500	$397.75	Corrected Assessment of Land
3049	Nathan Street	$26,200	$563.30	Removed Buildings
3219	East Madison Road	$2,900	$62.35	Corrected Acreage
2885	White Schoolhouse Road	$1,100	$23.65	Corrected Acreage
1049	Middle Street	$20,000	$430.00	Replaced Homestead Exemption
2258	Park Street	$10,800	$230.40	Removed Buildings (3yrs)
3251	Oak Street	$3,000	$64.50	Corrected Mobile Home Assessment
2398	John Street	$10,500	$225.75	Removed Mobile Home
1739	Naomi Ave	$146,100	$2,914.40	Building Removed (Tax Acquired)
1181	Nathan Street	$37,900	$933.10	Buildings Removed
3317	Spruce Street	$6,178	$130.23	Buildings Removed (2yrs)
1782	Oak Street	$3,100	$66.65	Corrected Homestead Exemption
2903	Bagley Road	$17,100	$359.10	Grade Correction (2016)
2576	White Schoolhouse Road	$22,500	$483.75	Lowered Condition
1845	White Schoolhouse Road	$5,400	$116.10	Lowered Condition
113	Lakewood Road	$2,700	$58.05	Removed Garage (burned)
195	River Road	$20,000	$430.00	Corrected Homestead Exemption
3228	Park Street	$66,300	$1,425.45	Corrected Grade & Condition
3372	Weston Avenue	$23,700	$509.55	Corrected Acreage
2532	Lakewood Road	$2,600	$55.90	Removed Buildings
1730	Golf Course Road	$11,800	$253.70	Removed Buildings
1579	White Schoolhouse Road	$25,000	$537.50	Corrected Exemptions/Land Transfer
2280	Weston Avenue	$5,100	$109.65	Corrected Acreage
787	Pine Street	$12,600	$270.90	Lowered Condition
3047	White Schoolhouse Road	$3,300	$70.95	Land Split
2111	Whittier Farm Road	$69,300	$1,432.20	Corrected Land Assessment (3yrs)

Tax Assessing Continued

During the 2018 calendar year the following Supplemental Taxes were issued in Madison:

Account #	Location	Value Increase	Tax Increase	Reason
3375	River Road	$19,400	$417.10	Corrected Acreage
1845	White Schoolhouse Road	$24,700	$531.05	Corrected Acreage
3376	White Schoolhouse Road	$25,700	$552.55	Land Split

Valuation: The Town's overall valuation has stabilized after several years of decline due to the closure and subsequent sale of the former Madison Paper Industries. Redevelopment has begun in small increments as local businesses invest in upgrades and improvements.

Valuations as of April 1, 2018	
Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	$314,387,200.00
Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation	$34,251,500.00
Total Taxable Valuation	$348,638,700.00

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 $20,000 resulting in a tax savings of over $400.

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.

A More Diverse Tax Base: Years ago the paper mill made up nearly 65% of the Town's tax base. Looking to the future the Town strives to maintain a diversified valuation. The chart below shows the Top Ten valuations in Madison and the percentage they make up of the total town valuation.

Taxpayer	Type of Business	Value (2018)	%
Eagle Creek LLC	Hydro-Electric Facilities	$ 48,500,250.00	13.82%
Backyard Farms	Tomato Greenhouse*	$ 44,741,914.00	12.75%
Central Maine Power	Transmission Lines/Power Station	$ 21,839,200.00	6.22%
IGS Solar	5.5Mw Solar Array	$ 6,398,500.00	1.82%
Summit Natural Gas	Natural Gas Pipeline	$ 4,570,600.00	1.30%
Somerset Acquisitions	Former Madison Paper Site	$ 2,337,700.00	5.12%
North Country Health Care	Residential Care Facility	$ 1,345,200.00	0.38%
One Madison Avenue	Senior Housing	$ 1,328,700.00	0.38%
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	$ 1,182,900.00	0.34%
Bee Line Cable	Cable TV/Phone/Internet	$ 998,900.00	0.28%

*Value is sheltered through a Tax Increment Financing District established for Backyard Farms through 2035.

Tax Collection

For the 2018/2019 fiscal year $7,495,732.05 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, $5,050,134.59 funds the local portion of the MSAD#59 School Budget, $833,718.95 funds the Town's portion of the Somerset County Budget, and the remainder covers the Municipal Budget of $2,883,435.

Revenue Sharing: Currently the Town receives $339,957.13 as a portion of the State's revenues. This sharing program was the focus of much consternation during the LePage Administration. If the current legislature restores Revenue Sharing from 2% of State revenues back to 5% as it was 8 years ago, municipalities will receive funds that will help lower property taxes. If Madison's portion was 5% instead of 2% it could mean as much as $890,000 in funding. Town Meeting voters would then have options of taking additional funding to reduce taxes or to fund needed capitalization projects such as road or equipment improvements.

Tax Club: For the 10th consecutive year the Town is pleased to offer taxpayers in good standing the opportunity to join the Tax Club. The enrollment period is from July 1st through the second Friday in September. Sign up forms are available at the Town Office and online at www.madisonmaine.com. Tax Club members receive a monthly payment book and are not charged interest on the outstanding balance. Payments are due by the 5th of each month.

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

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

If taxes remain unpaid for 3 years then the Town assumes ownership as Tax Acquired Property. Each year the Board of Selectmen is responsible for selling this acquired property, often through public auction. While it can be an arduous process it does allow for the back taxes to be paid and for the property to be returned to the market for future tax revenues. As a result of unpaid 2016 taxes the nine properties listed below fell into foreclosure. As of the date of printing, all but one have been redeemed through the payment of back taxes.

2016 Real Estate Taxes as of 2/20/2019

Name	Amount
ACEVEDO, SONIA & BLACK, JEFFREY	$1,115.09
HACHEY, JEANIE	$1,516.20
HIBBARD, DANA & BRENDA	$1,134.00
KAJA HOLDINGS 2, LLC	$1,278.90
LONG, STEPHEN, KELLY, MICHAEL	$1,500.08
MATSON, HAROLD A	$1,696.80
MINISTRIES, GERTRUDE	$2,755.20
NELSON, RANDY A	$434.51
PETERS, DENNIS J	$351.40

2017 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/2019

Name	Amount
ABDELRIHIM, MOHAMED	$1,985.49
ABDELRIHIM, MOHAMED A.	$2,158.52
ACEVEDO, SONIA & BLACK, JEFFREY	$1,686.49
ADAMS, SHARON C.	$751.23
BECKWITH, REBECCA L.	$54.42
BIXBY, BEVERLY C. life estate	$879.48
BOWERSOX, STEVEN	$1,828.20
BREINGAN, LINDA	$1,396.55
BROWN, JAMIE; C. MORIN	$69.44
BURRILL, BRANDIE	$175.81
CAHILL, RAYMOND	$746.77
CHAPMAN, LETITIA	$394.62
CONSTABLE, ROLAND JR, GUY,	$207.28
CORSON, STEVEN	$1,374.00
COUTURIER, GARY	$848.00
COUTURIER, GARY	$355.59
DAVIS, LENORA ANN	$420.86
DAVIS, PAMELA B.	$1,391.98
DEPOALA, DAVID M.	$1,043.59
DEROSA, CHRISTOPHER J & DOREEN	$1,398.80
DEROSA, CHRISTOPHER J & DOREEN	$1,583.07
DIRIGO WOODLANDS LLC	$8,574.77
DIXON, LINVILLE	$1,477.48
DYAR, CLYDE E.	$1,472.91
EDGERLY, CHRISTOPHER L. & DIANNA	$435.56
EDGERLY, FRANCES	$100.82
ELLIS, ELAINE R	$939.71
FAZIO, MICHAEL A.	$1,030.03
FITZMAURICE, SHAYNE, F.	$2,273.25
FLOOD, RONALD R.	$1,144.76
FOSTER, CHRISTIE L.	$2,394.65
FOWLER, KEITH S., ROBERT W.	$204.24
FRANZOSE, ALLEN	$661.41
GRAF, ROBERT M	$1,439.19
GREENE, MELTIAH B.	$1,324.61
GREENLAW, MARY LOUISE	$1,405.55
HACHEY, JEANIE	$1,571.76
HANDLEY, VALENTIA	$1,607.72
HARRINGTON, GLEN	$1,956.26
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	$1,565.16
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	$391.64
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	$620.95
HEALD, KIRK A. & DEBORAH	$1,158.24
HIBBARD, DANA & BRENDA	$1,149.26
HOCKENBERRY, MARK W & KAY	$1,143.35
HOWE, JAMES G.	$335.89
INMAN, MARGARET	$598.39
KAJA HOLDINGS 2, LLC	$1,416.79
KANE, CECIL W; ESTATE OF	$2,363.25
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	$18,896.03
LACASSE, JESSE W & ANNA	$4,361.41
LAFRENIERE, GARY & NEITA	$3,208.55

Name	Amount
LAMBERT, DEBRA	$1,284.07
LANCASTER, CHARLES	$126.35
LEBLANC, ROBERT M.	$1,288.57
LOMBARD, KEVIN R.	$1,158.24
LONG, STEPHEN D, KELLY, MARK	$2,111.46
MATSON, HAROLD A.	$1,414.53
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G. JR	$160.22
MCMANUS, JOSEPH A. SR	$731.67
MENG, ALBERT R.	$1,361.27
MENG, ALBERT R.	$187.07
MERRY, ERNEST R JR. & JODI L	$1,344.76
MILLER, THOMAS	$550.13
MINISTRIES, GERTRUDE	$2,997.23
MUDIE, CARLENE Y & LLOYD R	$850.25
NELSON, RANDY A.	$548.86
NICHOLS, MARK E.	$2,763.34
NILE, KAREN	$133.10
NILE, KAREN	$126.35
OBERT, CYNTHIA	$4,213.39
O'BRIEN, THOMAS & STACY A.	$807.47
O'BRIEN, THOMAS & STACY A.	$1,839.43
O'BRIEN, THOMAS P.	$1,789.98
PAWLOWSKI, ROBERT T. & GWEN	$2,325.03
PERKINS, DEBRA J.	$1,805.71
PETERS, DENNIS J.	$537.76
PINKHAM, MARY	$1,430.20
PLOURDE, CHRISTOPHER	$420.15

Name	Amount
PLOURDE, MICHAEL J. II	$1,441.51
POMELOW, JOSHUA & TRISHA	$182.56
POWELL, WALTER J.	$928.86
PRICE, GARY	$791.80
PROVOST, MICHELLE	$1,380.74
QUIMBY, EDWARD A.	$908.71
RANCOURT, JEFF	$1,299.81
ROLLINS, JAMES (LIFE ESTATE)	$688.39
ROWAN & OAK PROPERTIES	$2,435.11
ROWAN & OAK PROPERTIES	$2,965.68
SABOL, RICHARD	$569.24
SABOL, RICHARD	$272.48
SABOL, RICHARD	$272.48
SABOL, RICHARD	$263.49
SALVO, DEAN C.	$1,162.75
SAVAGE, ANTHONY R.	$1,003.12
SHAW, ALICE estate of	$1,535.94
SHUSTA, ANTHONY	$1,140.26
SHUSTA, ANTHONY	$2,142.93
SHUSTA, ANTHONY P. II	$13,475.70
SHUSTA, ANTHONY P. II	$1,326.78
SHUSTA, ANTHONY P. II	$3,889.65
SMITH, GORDON	$960.33
STILLMAN, FRANCES S.	$864.45
TAYLOR, DARLENE	$857.00
TAYLOR, STEPHEN J.	$719.79
TEMPLIN, JOHN SR & LINDA	$1,430.20

Name	
THEBARGE, KRIS A	$874.83
THIBODEAU, ALAN & MARTHA	$706.37
TURCOTTE, ROSS	$549.19
VAN GORDEN, ROBERT B	$4,696.74
VAN RUTTEN, JESSICA	$117.36
VENUTI, JAMES J.	$1,695.74
VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	$868.24
WAGG, FRANK O.	$656.55
WARING, RUSSELL F	$650.17
WARING, RUSSELL F.	$913.20
WEBB, JAY & JANNA L	$2,257.51
WILKINSON, SCOTT K.	$638.85
WING, DONALD A SR. ET AL	$216.28
WITHEE, STEVEN D & REBECCA	$299.47
YOUNG, CINDY	$1,054.76
TOTAL 2017 Property Taxes	**$161,508.59**

2014 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2019

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	$69.04
Total 2014 Personal Property	**$69.04**

2015 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2019

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	$140.40
Total 2015 Personal Property	**$140.00**

2016 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2019

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	$119.70
Total 2016 Personal Property	**$119.70**

2017 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2019

Name	Amount
ABBOTT'S SMALL ENGINE REPAIR	$23.65
HANDY-MAN CONSTRUCTION	$4.30
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	$156.95
TAYLOR, DARLENE	$36.55
Total 2017 Personal Property	**$221.45**

There are currently pilot programs around the state to allow for property taxes to be able to be collected online. Stay tuned as Madison looks to implement online payments in the near future.

2018 Town Office Intern - Maddy Theriault

This past summer I worked for the Town of Madison as an intern. I have participated in many projects and gotten to learn more about the local government process. This has been a learning experience for me. I have gotten to dive into a field that I want to be a part of in the future. I have been able to sit in on meetings and learn why things are done the way that they are done. I have worked some projects including: Recycling and Building of the Old Point School Playground.

Concrete being poured at the Fortin Family Playground in August 2018

The first project I worked on was recycling. Before I started this internship Waste Management introduced some new requirements on what you can recycle and what you can't recycle. I had to take those new requirements and figure out the differences and similarities from what was on the town's website. I came up with a flyer that laid out what you could recycle and what you couldn't. I then had to change the Town's website to convey the new recycling rules. This was an important project because if the town didn't know the changes that had been made then people would keep on recycling things that couldn't be recycled and that would cost the town money.

The second big project I got to work on was the addition to the Old Point School Playground (Fortin Family Playground). I was so glad that I was able work on this project. I learned how hard work pays off. I was so happy seeing all of the kids who played on it the rest of the summer.

This internship was an amazing experience. I was able to learn so many new things and really get my hands into what I wanted to major in when I went to college. I can not say enough good things about my internship. I had so much fun, even when I was filing paperwork I was happy to be there. I had a wonderful time getting to know all of the town office staff. I was very honored to have the opportunity to do this.

Sincerely,

Maddy Theriault

Maddy Theriault with Jobs for Maine Graduates Specialist Stephany Perkins (left). Read Maddy's interview with Mrs. Perkins on page 24.

Other Governmental Services

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

Maine Municipal Association (MMA): Based out of Augusta, this group provides a wide range of services and legislative support for municipalities. In addition to providing liability insurance and health care coverage for Town employees, MMA helps guide the Town Manager and Human Resources through employee relations, hiring and background checks. The association provides legal recommendations on issues common to small towns, and they have a wealth of data and information for boards and committees to compare and contrast when making decisions. Annual dues to MMA are $4,500.

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG): Based out of Fairfield this organization serves 62 municipalities in Somerset, Kennebec and Waldo counties. They have a professional staff of six which provides the Town with expertise and assistance with planning and code book updates, economic and community development, grant writing, and state wide joint purchases of salt and other bulk materials. Annual dues are based on a town's population and valuation. Currently the Town of Madison pays $6,700 each year to KVCOG.

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

Somerset Economic Development Corporation: Based in Skowhegan, this group operates under the direction of a board of directors made up of business and municipal leaders from around the county. The primary focus of the group is workforce development and assisting communities to attract investment and redevelopment. Membership dues are $100 annually.

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

Madison Business Alliance

For nearly a decade the Madison Business Alliance has served as a resource to promote local businesses and to spur economic development in our community. The MBA brings attention to businesses, attractions and upcoming events through a strong social media presence and coordinating "Business After Hours" events throughout the year. If you would like more information go to www.madisonme.org or follow them on Facebook.

Local Boards and Committees

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

Albert A. Veneziano, Chairman (2019) John "Jack" Ducharme III, Vice Chairman (2020)
David Savage (2021) George Elias (2020) Ronald Moody (2019)

Planning Board

Mary Tomlinson, Chair (2020) Jeff Drew (2021) Mark Doty (2019)
Brett Hagopian, Vice Chair (2019) Jean Veneziano (2021) Gary Roy (Alternate 2021)
Jerry Lynch (Alternate 2021) Code Enforcement Officer: Susan Hathaway

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

Bruce Thebarge, Chair (2021) Carla Franzose (2021) Robert Hagopian (2019)
Steve Austin (2021) Tammy Carrier (2019) Rob Dimock (2020)
Zena Griffeth (2018) Bonnie Levesque, Superintendent

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

Lynn Andrews	Doug Denico	Patrick Dolan	Jeff Drew	Paul Fortin
Jeff Foss	Jim Ireland	Michele LeBlanc	Kenneth Moore	Gary Roy
Rob Shibley	Robin Turek	Jean Veneziano	Cathy Wilson	

Board of Appeals

Jim Ireland (2019) Cheryl West (2020) Brain Hale (2021)
Christine Stratton (2019) 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 Arno, Secretary and Treasurer

East Madison Historical Society

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

Recreation Committee

Chris LeBlanc, Chairman (2019) Michael Theriault (2019) Joseph Hayden, Jr (2021)
Kristie LeBlanc (2021) Corey Estes (2019)

Library Trustees (meet fourth Tuesday of the month)

Julie Forbus, Librarian

Phil Daigle (2021) Robert Roy, Chair (2022) Barbara Moody (2019)

Ann Withee-Heald (2023) Kim Harper (2020)

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

Dale Clark, Plant Manager

Robert Hagopian (2019) George Elias (2020)

Brock Hagopian (2021) Robert P. Roy, Sr. Chair (2020)

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

Michael Corson, Superintendent

Chris Roy (2021) Allen French (2021)

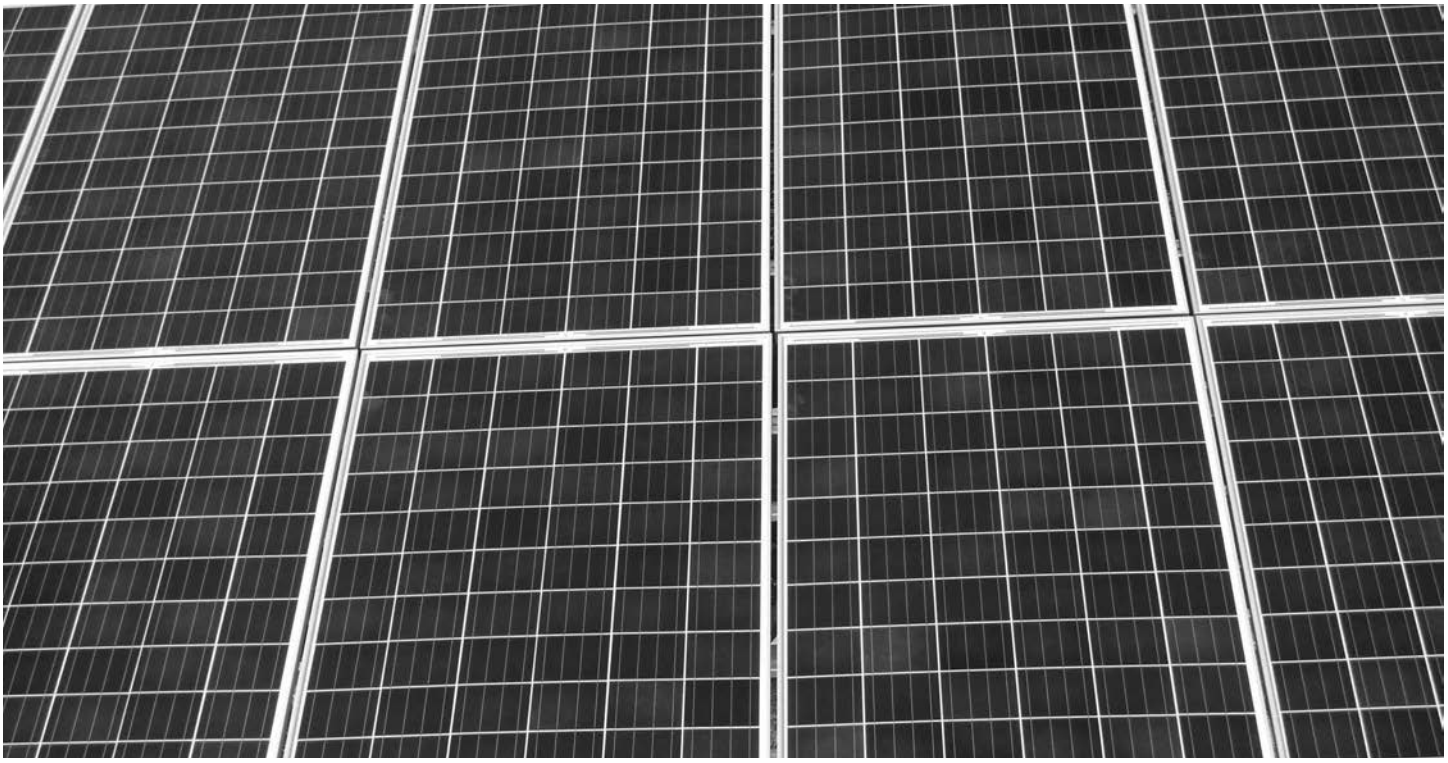
Dana Berry (2020) Phil Curtis (2019)

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

Jeff Melcher, Superintendent

Steven Dean, Chairman (2020) Richard Bartlett (2023) Charles Worster (2022)

Taylor Wright (2019) Craig Parker (2021)



Just a few of the 22,000 solar panels at the Madison Business Park's Solar Array (2nd largest in the State)

Board of Selectmen

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

It is with great honor that I get to write this report for the selectmen. Another year has come and gone. We are still dealing with the closing of Madison Paper. Madison Paper has requested an abatement of their taxes for the final year of operating. The abatement request by Madison Paper was denied by the board of assessors. Madison Paper has challenged this denial to the state board. The board of selectmen have held strong in the abatement request denial. This issue has been time consuming for the town office but we are committed to holding the line on this issue. Hopefully we can move forward at the Madison Paper site with new owners who have a vision of what the property could become.

Woodlands Senior Living has plans to build a 42 bed Memory Care Facility in East Madison near the Skowhegan town line. This is an exciting venture with a state of the art facility and upwards of 30 jobs available. We are hopeful that brighter days are ahead but as municipal leaders we need to take steps necessary to make sure Madison survives these changing times. Backyard Farms continues to produce a high quality product with a local workforce. We have had other inquiries into job creation in the Madison area but these are in the infancy stages at this time. We hope this positive movement forward will produce some good paying jobs in our area.

Providing excellent customer service to the citizens continues to be a goal of the selectmen while doing it in a cost-effective manner. We have started the process of a review of our ordinances. We have looked at ordinances pertaining animals, cemeteries, parking and are working with the planning board to update the comprehensive plan. These are all part of the Town Meeting agenda. We are also looking at creating a fee schedule for all town fees to make this easier to follow. The board has also transferred the ownership of Jacob's Pines from the town to Somerset Woods Trustees. We see this as a move forward to keep this land open to the public in the future.

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

We have returned eight properties to the tax rolls through public auctions. We have cleaned up and removed several blighted properties in the town. Property maintenance is a top priority for the board.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Albert A. Veneziano Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Ronald Moody George Elias Dave Savage Jack Ducharme Albert Veneziano

Planning Board

In 2018 the Madison Planning Board worked with planner Chris Huck from Kennebec Valley Council of Governments to update the town Subdivision Ordinance. Changes were approved at Town Meeting 2018 and during the second half of the year the Board reviewed two minor subdivision updates.

The Board also reviewed eight Shoreland Zoning applications and worked on updates to the Floodplain Ordinance and a revised fee schedule for building and plumbing permits.

The Board was pleased to see an uptick in commercial investment with several plans presented in late 2018 and early 2019 which will call for multiple meetings and public hearings into the spring.

Thank you to Code Officer Susan Hathaway for her efforts to provide the board with all the information needed for the Board to make informed and educated decisions.

Left to right: Susan Hathaway (Code Enforcement), Mary Tomlinson (Chair), Jeff Drew, Jerry Lynch, Brett Hagopian (Vice Chair), Jean Veneziano and Gary Roy. Not pictured: Mark Doty

Code Enforcement

It is with pleasure that the Town of Madison has allowed me to serve as your Code Enforcement Officer this past year, and hopefully for many years to come.

With the help of the planning board, we have accomplished quite a bit of work since July 1, 2018. In addition to issuing 62 building permits and 37 plumbing permits, we have updated the Floodplain Management and the Shoreland Zoning Ordinances, as well as created a Fee Schedule of common town services and their related costs. **The fee for a building permit is now based upon the size of the structure as opposed to a flat fee.** This is a direct result of Madison's requirement to follow the MUBEC codes, which includes several CEO inspections during the life span of a construction project. We are hoping the Fee Schedule proves to be a quick and easy reference when residents want a specific town service and wonder how much it is going to cost.

Also, on a personal level, I have completed the required testing for Code Enforcement Officers over the long winter months and am now officially a certified CEO.

Most projects require some sort of permitting, so please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have regarding a project, whether it be large or small. Starting July 1, the office hours for Code Enforcement will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

Best regards,

Susan Hathaway Code Enforcement Officer

2019 Proposed Ordinance Changes

At the annual Town Meeting on June 10, 2019 voters will consider changes to the following ordinances:

Animals Ordinance (Chapter #148) The Select Board recommends an update to include a variance provision in a case where enforcement of restrictions on animals such as goats, pigs and chickens may cause an undue hardship if the property owner is raising animals as part of a business under the Town's Food Sovereignty Ordinance.

Appeals Ordinance (Chapter #7) As a result of the proposed changes to Chapter #148, the Appeals Board was given jurisdiction to hear variance requests under the Animal Ordinance. This change required small edits to Chapter #7.

The Select Board has worked over the past few years to remove many outdated references to costs and fees that are written into the code of ordinances. Outdated fees must be changed at Town Meeting. By removing the fees and creating a fee schedule updates can be made much more efficiently.

Sewage Disposal Ordinance (Chapter #303). The Select Board is recommending the removal 0f all the outdated fees and specifics from the ordinance and replace them with a reference to state code which governs plumbing and septic work in our community.

Special Amusement Permit (Chapter #142). The Select Board recommends removing the reference to fees in this permit application and refer instead to the updated fee schedule.

Building Construction (Chapter #165). The Select Board recommends removing the fee for After the Fact Permitting and replacing with a doubling of the normal building permit fee.

Use of Town Property (Chapter #738). The Select Board recommends removing the fee for using town property and including the meeting rooms at the Old Point School in addition to the Assembly Room at the Town Office.

Vehicles & Traffic (Chapter #399). Also, known as the 'Parking Ordinance', Chapter #399 required a number of updates and changes. Most changes were to updated road name changes and references to buildings that are no longer in use or have changed ownership. The ordinance is lengthy (18 pages) so a summary of the changes will be available to voters at Town Meeting.

Roads & Highways (Chapter #694). This chapter authorizes the Select Board and the Road Commissioner to post roads in the spring. The updates include addition of several roads that are currently being posted, and updates to fines for violations required by the State.

Floodplain Management (Chapter #422). Changes are dictated by the State and a draft has been reviewed by the Madison Planning Board and the Select Board. Both boards recommend adopting the State's revision as presented.

Shoreland Zoning (Chapter #478). Changes are dictated by the State and a draft has been reviewed by the Madison Planning Board and the Select Board. Both boards recommend adopting the State's revision as presented.

MSAD#59 Superintendent's Report

We are proud to report that Madison High School is ranked on the US News and World Reports list of the top high schools in America and ranked in the top 16 in the State of Maine.

The school district's website has been updated. For all school related info check out the site at www.sad59.k12.me.us

Residents of Madison,

Madison schools have been fortunate over the past two years to work in collaboration with Carrabec and Bingham districts to secure thousands of dollars in grant money to enhance the education of our youth. The STEM/STEAM grants have brought hands-on science with a focus on math and engineering to all three districts, and provided resources to be used for years to come. The Kennebec Valley Multiple Pathways grant has offered an alternate pathway to meet standards for middle level students, and the high school level will be added to the 2019-2020 school year for students in the three districts thanks to yet another EMBRACE grant. None of these programs would be sustainable if each district had to pay for the cost alone, but by working collaboratively, we are able to offer big school experiences at an affordable price for our students.

In addition to the grants, several Madison students have traveled to Carrabec High School to take classes not offered at Madison, and some Bingham students have traveled to Madison to take classes not available within their district. The bus that transports Bingham, Carrabec and Madison students to the vocational school in Skowhegan has provided transportation at no additional cost. This year several sports teams have been combined between Madison and Carrabec to provide more opportunities for students to participate. Without this collaboration, neither district would have the athletes necessary to host a team on their own. Efforts continue between the two districts to offer students every opportunity to be successful. And twice, during the year, staff from both districts have come together for professional development workshops with very positive outcomes.

Your tax dollars are well invested to educate our youth. The 2018-2019 school year has been filled with positive change, and those changes will continue to blossom and grow. The atmosphere of the schools is focused on what is best for our children to help them become productive and successful citizens in the future. The new district website showcases activities, events and news from each of the three schools - be sure to check out the site when you have time at www.sad59.k12.me.us.

I thank you in advance for your understanding and support as we move forward with budgets to make our schools and community the best they can be.

Sincerely,

Bonnie C. Levesque

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Feature Story - Stephany Perkins with Jobs for Maine Graduates - by Maddy Theriault

Mrs. Perkins is a graduate from Monmouth Academy where she was the 2007 Valedictorian. She attended Wheaton College in Massachusetts where she majored in Biology with a focus in Wildlife Ecology. She also attended James Cook University in Cairns, Australia for a semester in 2009. Mrs. Perkins joined the Peace Corps and served two years in Tanzania.

She joined the Peace Corps because she loves to travel. In middle school and high school she traveled to Ireland and Greece. She spent a semester in Australia in college and completed an internship in India. She always knew that she wanted to travel, but not as a tourist. She wanted to live somewhere and embrace the culture. She focused on Ecology in college and that inspired her to become an environmental volunteer with the Peace Corps.

This is what she said when I asked her why she thought the Peace Corps is so important: "Peace Corps provides an opportunity for cultural exchange; I was able to represent the United States and share our culture while coordinating sustainable projects in a community in a developing country, but I also was able to learn and gain a new appreciation for a culture that I wouldn't have had the opportunity to learn about otherwise. Honestly, I think I learned more from my Tanzanian friends then they did from me!"

She was hired in Madison in January 2014 where she worked as an Educational Technician. As she was working as an Ed-Tech the prior JMG Specialist recommended Mrs. Perkins for the job because what JMG teaches and what Mrs. Perkins was teaching in Tanzania were so similar. JMG is a class students can take any year of high school. There are also some JMG programs in middle schools and colleges. Mrs. Perkins is in the process of starting a JMG program with the 8th grade students here in Madison. Students taking JMG learn skills to get them ready for college and for the workforce. JMG gives students the opportunity to take leadership roles through the Career Association. Students have five main goals in Madison. Our Career Association Goals are Social and Civic Awareness, Career and Leadership Development, and Community Service. All of the projects that Madison JMG participates in throughout the year are based off of these goals. This quote from a student prove just how much JMG improves students lives "I started doing things I never thought I could or would even be comfortable doing. I went from avoiding speaking in all my classes at all costs to getting up and talking in front of crowds and judges."

One of the reasons Mrs. Perkins loves being the JMG Specialist is because she "Loves helping students plan their career pathways and learn the skills they need to be successful beyond High School." Mrs. Perkins loves being in the classroom and helping students but outside of the classroom she loves to travel, waterski, hike, kayak, and participate in triathlons.

Mrs. Perkins has been an amazing role model and asset to our school community and the Town of Madison. She has inspired so many young people to go to college, join the military, or be successful in the workforce. I can personally say that she is one of my biggest role models and I am so lucky to have had her as a teacher and still be in touch with her.

- Maddy Theriault (Town Office Intern 2018)

Budget Advisory Board

On April 3, 2019 the Advisory Board met with the Board of Selectmen to finalize the proposed budget to bring to Town Meeting. The Town Meeting Warrant Articles that contain the budget can be found on pages 61 through 65 in the Town Report.

The budget discussions were complicated by a delayed ruling by the State Board of Property Tax Review on a large abatement appeal by Madison Paper Industries. That ruling was scheduled for April 25, 2019 (after the Town Report went to print).

After approving amounts for the municipal department budgets and sending those articles to Town Meeting, the Budget Advisory Board and the Select Board decided to recess their meeting until May 8, 2019 to discuss adding articles to the Town Meeting Warrant made necessary by the result of the MPI abatement ruling. At the May 8 meeting the Advisory and Select Boards also made recommendations on amounts to bring forward certain amounts of capital for road paving and equipment purchases.

NOTE: The Town Meeting Warrant published in this Town Report is a preliminary warrant and will not include all the articles decided on after the Advisory and Select Boards reconvened on May 8, 2019. The official Town Meeting Warrant will be posted at least 10 days prior to Town Meeting on June 10, 2019.

2019 Advisory Board members include: Lynn Andrews, Doug Denico, Patrick Dolan, Jeff Drew, Paul Fortin, Jeff Foss, Jim Ireland, Michelle LeBlanc, Ken Moore, Gary Roy, 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

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 board of directors, the station continues to improve in providing municipal, cultural, educational and local governmental content on TV, Facebook, YouTube and on our website www.SCTV11.com. Not only does our website provide a viewable archive of the content we have created, and info about the station, but it also provides a 24 hour schedule of programming.

SCTV 11 budgets for our filmers to be creating content and capturing all the wonderful events and happenings in our area. However, SCTV 11 also has cameras available to be borrowed by the public. We facilitate the use of our studio and community media projects and urge the public to make use of our equipment and knowledge of video production. We will help you create videos and broadcast your own content and this is the heart of "Community TV".

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

John Harlow, SCTV 11 Station Manager

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.

Madison Farmer's Market

In 2018 the Madison Farmer's Market celebrated it's 6th year! Vendors offer locally grown produce, meats, cheeses and a variety of other items. The market is open every Saturday morning from 9am to 2pm from May through October. The Town provides the space for the market at Main Street Park and also serves as the fiscal sponsor which allows the market to offer incentives through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Samantha Burns from Runamuk Farms worked tirelessly as the Market Coordinator since it's inception until stepping down at the end of 2018. Thanks to Sam for all her hard work!

Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee

There have been a number of changes in recycling in the past year. On a global scale the demand for recycled material has tapered off bringing the market price down for products like paper, plastic and metals. This impacts the costs for handling these products and as a result the fees that the Town of Madison pay for recycling at the Waste Management facility in Norridgewock have tripled from $25 per ton to over $80 per ton.

One reason for the cost increase is the contamination of recyclables that comes with single stream recycling. The major global players in the business of recycling will work to expand markets, and get the word out on contaminants.

Whether you have your recyclables picked up at the curb by a commercial hauler, or you take your recyclables to the Skowhegan Transfer Station or the Crossroads Facility in Norridgewock, there are a few simple things you can do to help.

Recycle all rinsed empty bottles, cans, paper and cardboard

Keep food and liquids out of your recycling

Keep plastic bags out of your recycling

Also, keep your recyclables loose in the bin, don't put them in plastic bags. Keep the 'tanglers' out, like hose and wire. No needles or electronics. Large bulky items like propane tanks, air conditioners, large plastic toys and construction debris can be taken to the Crossroads Facility, but cannot be included in recycling.

For the first time in many years there has not been enough interest from residents to fill the empty seats on the Town's Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee. The committee last met in the summer of 2018 and is charged with advising the Select Board on waste/recycling issues, educating the community and coordinating the annual Hazardous Waste Take Back Day (1st Saturday in October).

The Town of Madison budgets nearly a quarter of a million dollars on handling waste and recycling and the costs will continue to rise. If you or someone you know would like to serve by leading the committee and recruiting new members please contact the Town Office at 696 3971 or email the Town Manager at edd@madisonmaine.com.

The Madison Historical and Genealogical Society

Old Point Avenue Facility, Madison, Maine

2018

At our annual meeting in May the Society Judy Mantor was elected President, Shirley Vigneault as Vice President and Lena Arno as Secretary/ Treasurer.

Our members are continuing to research the early history of Madison. The plan is to establish a book for the twentieth anniversary of the Society in 2019.

We invited several of Madison's elderly citizens and then they told how things were in the olden days in Madison. Their stories were very interesting and the plan is to use some of their stories in our book.

The 'Memories', in booklet form, of long time member Gerald Paine, is being organized and some of those memories will be included in the proposed book.

The Society has in its possession a Bible forwarded to use by Old Fort Western with the following inscription on the inside cover: "Silas Danforth 1793, Sally Danforth & Thompson". This Bible is at least 225 years old! The Danforth and Thompson families lived on the River Road in Madison.

The Society also received this year four volumes about the Great Northern Paper Company written by the McGee family of Anson.

The fund raisers for the year were a yard sale held during Madison/Anson Days which was set up a the Dillon lot on Main Street, and another sale of Madison books and Cookbooks at the Weston Homestead during a house tour by the owner Stephen Burns and several Society members. We also had tables at Town Hall on Election Day selling the History of Madison, pies, cookbooks, homemade cookies, whoopie pies, jams and more.

Once again we wish to thank the citizens of our town for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Lena C. Arno

Secretary/Treasurer

East Madison Historical Association

We have had a fairly quiet year. We are in the process of painting and setting up new displays for our History Room. Our yard sales in June and October went well.

We held two open houses and they were well attended. During East Madison Days in July the luncheon went well and the East Madison Quilt Group presented several Quilts of Valor to area veterans. Dee House of the "House in the Woods" came to speak and told about their facility. You can find out more at their website www.houseinthewoods.org. Dee was presented with a special wall hanging for their main lodge located in Lee, Maine.

On October 20th, Eric Lahti demonstrated cider pressing. A big **Thank You!** to North Star Orchard for donating the apples. It was a tasty and interesting event.

We are always collecting artifacts for our History Room display and we really appreciate all that attend, donate and support our association

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Edgerly

Secretary, East Madison Historical Association

From 1895 to 1928, the Somerset Traction Company ran a trolley from Madison to Lakewood, and then to Skowhegan, providing an opportunity for people to enjoy Lakewood's attractions and to go back and forth to Skowhegan. This picture appears to be from 1923.

Recreation Committee

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

Each summer there is a recreation program for kids from Anson and Madison that runs during the month of July. More information can be found at the Madison Maine Rec page on Facebook.

The 2018-2019 Madison Recreation Basketball season was a success with 108 Kindergarten – 6th grade Madison children participating. Over 70 boys and girls in grades 3-6 participated in the 12-week recreation season. In addition, Saturday clinics, led by the Madison High School boys and girls basketball teams, were offered. Skill clinics, led by Luke & Jason Hartwell, were also offered and over 35 boys and girls in grades K - 2 participated. Five recreation teams played in the Skowhegan league and 2 additional travel teams played in the Central Maine league. Travel teams participated in several local tournaments including Madison's Bulldog Classic.

Leadership was provided by both the Madison High School Varsity and JV coaches as well as players offering skill clinics, officiating and help with Saturday games.

A special thank you to the many volunteer coaches who graciously donated their time and expertise to the success of the Madison Basketball program: Brock Hagopian, Amanda Robbins, Cheryl Burgoyne, Chris Dickey, Luke Hartwell, Jason Furbush, Jason Hartwell, Roger Stinson, Josh Bishop, Mike Packard, Albert Veneziano, Matt Dyer and the boys and girls high school basketball teams. Thank you all for a great season!

Be looking for local summer opportunities for basketball clinics! Information will go home with students at the end of the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie LeBlanc Madison Basketball Commissioner

Chris LeBlanc Chair Recreation Committee

Madison Public Library

Books, computers, Wi-Fi, printing, special programs, online classes, tutoring, tax forms, knitting groups, writing groups for children, proctoring exams and more!

The library is a busy place!

Julie Forbus Head Librarian Jane Shaw Assistant Librarian Margot Rushton Assistant Librarian

Total checkouts for the 2018 calendar year are as follows: 12,487 Print books, 942 Digital audiobooks, and 1,145 E-books, and 56 in-house audiobooks for a total of 14,630 checkouts.

Madison Public Library offers free access to electronic resources, including wireless internet, as part of its commitment to provide informational and educational freedom for all area residents and visitors as long as they abide by the rules of acceptable use. There is a 2 hour limit for anyone under 18 years of age, and a 3 hour limit for adults 18 and older, per day.

The land in East Madison known as Jacobs' Pines was transferred to Somerset Woods Trustees, a local non-profit conservation group that "protects lands which have significant natural or cultural resources and manage them in a sustainable way for public benefit." The trustees, along with the selectmen and town manager, felt this was the best way to maintain and use the property in the spirit in which Mr. Jacobs intended.

New carpet was installed throughout the main floor and the stairwell and downstairs hallway. A few other small repairs were done but the biggest issues have finally been addressed; we plan to be diligent with maintenance so that we can avoid unforeseen expenses whenever possible.

Annual school visits from students in Madison and Anson occurred in early June in an effort to encourage summer reading and library use. The students are always very enthusiastic and I do see many of them during the summer months.

Last year, Madison was designated an Age-Friendly Community. We have received a good selection of books on caregiving, financial planning, and retirement from AARP Maine. All are current titles with up-to-date information and are a great addition to our non-fiction section.

Business hours are as follows:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Forbus, Head Librarian

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 in-organics 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 discharge 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 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, 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,

Robert Roy Sr. (Chair)

Brock Hagopian (Vice Chair)

Steve Everett (Treasurer)

Raymond Moody (Assistant Treasurer)

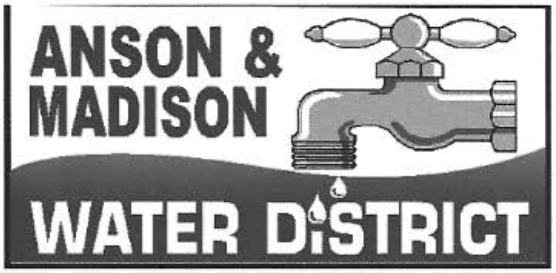
Robert Hagopian (Clerk/Secretary)

Heather Taylor (Trustee)

George Elias (Trustee)

City or Town	Customers	Annual charge for a home using 8,000 cubic feet of water
Anson-Madison Sanitary District	1300	$495.20
North Anson	230	$676.00
Dover-Foxcroft	900	$658.44
Jay	798	$747.00
Winthrop	992	$684.00
Gardner	1466	$668.00
Brunswick	3600	$580.80
Clinton	284	$812.20
Skowhegan (paid by taxes)	1500	$0.00
Farmington	1018	$638.40
Freeport	890	$619.00
Norridgewock	409	$520.00
Oakland	775	$620.00
Orono	1326	$396.00
Portland	16700	$668.00
Livermore Falls	700	$783.36

Anson/Madison Water District



15 South Maple Street, Madison, ME 04950

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

To our valued Customers and Residents,

It is my pleasure to submit the (7th) Seventh Annual Report for year ending December 31, 2018. 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 2019.

In 2016 the District started a project to replace approximately four miles of the transmission main from Union St. in N. Anson to the intersection of Rt. 201A and Hilltop Rd. in Anson. This was completed in 2018 and we now have a reliable transmission main that will serve our community for many years to come. The District is looking into applying for Federal Assistance to replace approximately 8,000 ft. on pipe in Embden. This pipe serves as our intake line for the treatment plant. It was installed in the early 1940's and has reached the limits of its life span. Construction would not be scheduled to start until the spring of 2021.

The District has a new office and new location. We started a remodel project in 2017 to revamp an existing building into workable office space. This was completed in 2018 and we are all settled into our new space.

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 St. in Madison.

2018-2019 Board Members were:	Phillip Curtis,	*Trustee*	Madison
	Allen French,	*Trustee /Clerk*	Madison
	Dana Berry,	*Trustee*	Madison
	Chris Roy,	*Trustee*	Madison
	Randy Turner,	*Trustee/Chairman*	Anson
	H. Ralph Withee,	*Trustee /Treasurer*	Anson
	Brian Nelson	*Trustee*	Anson

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael M. Corson
Superintendent

Madison Electric Works

ANNOUNCEMENT

LONG TIME MEW SUPERINTENDENT CALVIN AMES HAS OFFICIALLY RETIRED. CALVIN DID A TREMENDOUS JOB FOR MEW OVER HIS 19-YEAR TENURE AND WE ALL WISH HIM THE BEST IN HIS NEW ENDEAVORS.

Madison Electric Works Mission: To serve our customers by providing competitive rates, superior reliability and outstanding service

2018 in Review

2018 was a busy and exciting year for Madison Electric Works (MEW). In July MEW signed a new 10-year energy purchase agreement with NextEra. This new agreement, along with the addition of the Solar, provides our customers with reliable energy at stable pricing for the long-term.

We are a small utility that relies on creative and innovative thinking to assure competitive rates for customers. To continue that trend in 2018 and 2019 MEW has partnered with New England Battery Storage to install two Battery Energy Storage Systems in Madison. The first facility at the Jones Street substation is nearing completion, while the second facility located in the business park will break ground in April. These new facilities will immediately create new revenue through power sales and create significant future savings by reducing MEWs energy demand costs with ISO of New England. MEW line crews and office personnel have been key in the construction of the new facilities, which has allowed us to pass significant labor expenses on to the vendor.

Moving forward MEW will continue to explore new innovation and work closely with the town to attract new customers and businesses to Madison. We will work diligently to provide fair and competitive rates and will assure our reliability is second to none.

Thank you to all of our loyal customers!

Jeff Melcher

Superintendent, Madison Electric Works

Note: The following pages contain excepts from the Madison Electric Works audited financial statements for fiscal year 2018. 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 year ended December 31, 2018, 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, 2018, 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, 2018, on pages 20 and 21, 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, 2018

Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	1,183,591
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts		1,197,383
Accrued interest receivable		6,396
Note receivable, current portion		154,451
Materials and supplies		336,929
Prepaid expenses		132,456
Total Current Assets		3,011,206
Other Assets		
Note receivable, less current portion		1,314,829
Total Other Assets		1,314,829
Property, Plant and Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		4,864,863
Total Assets		9,190,898
Deferred Outflows		
Deferred outflows related to OPEB		54,245
Total Deferred Outflows		54,245
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable		501,739
Other current and accrued liabilities		38,991
Customer deposits		19,381
Bond payable, current portion		155,000
Total Current Liabilities		715,111
Long-Term Liabilities		
Bond payable, less current portion		1,170,000
Net OPEB liability		134,040
Accrued paid leave		48,012
Total Long-Term Liabilities		1,352,052
Total Liabilities		2,067,163
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets		3,539,863
Unrestricted		3,638,117
Net Position	$	7,177,980

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

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Electric Operating Revenues	$	4,908,466
Operating Expenses		
Operations and maintenance		5,084,488
Depreciation		268,666
Total Operating Expenses		5,353,154
Net Operating Loss		(444,688)
Other Income (Expenses)		
Interest income		58,364
Interest expense		(48,766)
Gain on sale of assets		4,225
Net Other Income		13,823
Net Loss		(430,865)
Contributions in Aid of Construction		8,121
Change in Net Position		(422,744)
Net position at beginning of year, as reported		7,666,972
Prior period adjustment (See Note L)		(66,248)
Net position at beginning of year, as restated		7,600,724
Net Position at End of Year	$	7,177,980

Statement of Cash Flows (1 of 2)

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash receipts:		
Cash receipts from customers	$	4,282,057
Other operating cash receipts		524,742
Cash disbursements:		
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees		(1,326,221)
Cash payments to suppliers and vendors		(3,540,352)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities		(59,774)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(69,172)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		19,725
Contributions in aid of construction received		(6,229)
Debt interest payments		(49,766)
Debt principal payments		(155,000)
Payments received on note receivable		161,205
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities		(99,237)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest income received		65,509
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities		65,509
Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(93,502)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,277,093
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	$	1,183,591

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

Statement of Cash Flows (2 of 2)

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to		
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Net operating loss	$	(444,688)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss		
to net cash used by operating activities:		
Depreciation		268,666
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable		(101,667)
Materials and supplies		7,220
Prepaid expenses		(42,746)
Deferred outflows related to OPEB		(54,245)
Increase in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable		228,625
Other current and accrued liabilities		4,706
Customer deposits		4,235
Accrued paid leave		2,328
Net OPEB liability		67,792
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	$	(59,774)

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

Madison/Anson Senior Citizens

To the Citizens of Madison,

The seniors had a fun year with beano every Tuesday morning, and two day trips. Last year our summer trip was to Kelly's Landing up at Moosehead where we had a wonderful lunch and watched the planes come and go. At Christmas time we stayed local and met for lunch and celebrated all the good times we had this year.

Our weekly meetings normally see 60 to 70 people in attendance. We meet on Tuesdays at the VFW, starting with beano at 9:00am. Coffee, tea and snacks are offered. We try to have lunch by 11:30. There is no cost for the meal but donations are always welcome. Everyone over 55 is always welcome. We appreciate the financial support we receive from the Towns of Anson and Madison.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Mercier Bishop (628 4329) Elizabeth Coro (696 4270)

People Who Care Food Cupboard

To the citizens of the Town of Madison,

Our mission is to help nourish and feed those in our community who are unable to do so on their own due to limited financial resources. People Who Care does have an application process for those we serve. We are open every Wednesday from 9am-12pm and Wednesday Evening 4pm-6pm also Saturdays 9am to 10am (for produce) Families who qualify for assistance may come once a month on any Wednesday of their chosing and every Saturday.

In 2018, we served a monthly average of 122 family requests/340 individuals from the town of Madison. 60% of the clients we served were from the town of Madison. Many of these are seniors and children. We filled a total of 2708 household requests from all the towns we served for the year.

We use local vendors, Good Shepherd Food Bank, and we are also partnering with Feed America. People Who Care receives USDA food on a quarterly basis.

Volunteers work 7 days a week rescuing food through Feed America. In 2018, the People Who Care Board of Directors brought Shannon Drury on board in April as a volunteer with a weekly stipend for travel and also the day to day running of the cupboard.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Blouin Drury, Board Chair

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. We have held our meetings and fundraisers throughout the year. We have made and sold turkey pies in November and January. This year we participated in the Madison Christmas Celebration and had a float in the parade. Everyone had a great time and we are hoping to attend again. We will be holding an appreciation dinner for our landowners and their families on May 19th to thank them again for their permission to use their land for 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 next year, we can always use your help. You don't even have to own a sled or ride, all are welcome. The club appreciates all the support we have received from each and everyone who has helped and donated their time. We appreciate the financial support from the businesses and individuals in the area. We are hoping that next year will bring out even more volunteers to help get the trails ready for riding.

OFFICERS 2019-2020

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	Dot Rich	
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Lake Wesserunsett Association

To the Board of Selectmen and the 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: an extensive program of water quality testing, the courtesy boat inspection for aquatic plants program, 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 834 boat inspections and logged 390 hours manning the boat landing in 2018. An additional important part of the program is the education of boaters about invasive plants and encouragement for them to conduct their own inspections when they enter or leave any body of water. This is essential as there is not full time coverage at this or any other launch site in the state.

The water quality sampling program for Lake Wesserunsett continued for the 37th consecutive year in 2018. The results for 2018 were more encouraging, as were the results for 2016 and 2015, than were the results for 2017 and 2014. 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 2018 we hosted 2 partial days of camp road tours and discussions, lead by the state soil scientist, of practices for each road to control runoff and reduce phosphorus 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 2019, we plan to continue our programs to provide stewardship for the lake. We are fortunate to have such a valuable resource within our boundaries. We thank the town in advance for continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Doty

President LWA

Developing Economic Stories

Josh Henry, of the Go Lab company, stands in front of the former UPM paper mill in Madison. Henry and his company are purchasing the mill, where it will produce wood fiber insulation. *Morning Sentinel photo by David Leaming*

One of the economic development priorities for the Town is the redevelopment of the former Madison Paper (UPM) site on Main Street. Municipal officials and the State Department of Economic and Community Development have worked with Joshua Henry, president of GO Lab Inc. for several months and are very supportive of this project. **Based in Belfast, Maine, GO Lab** specializes in developing building products and has been looking for the past three to four years to open up a wood fiber insulation manufacturing plant in state.

Over the summer the final pieces of the paper machine will be disassembled by the company Five Star and shipped to China, making way for GO Lab to assemble the machinery necessary for their product. Creating new manufacturing jobs and utilizing locally sourced wood products makes GO Lab a great fit for Madison.

The Woodlands Senior Living of Madison Memory Care facility is slated for construction this summer.

In May 2019, **Woodlands Senior Living** will break ground on a 42-bed facility near the Skowhegan Town Line on the East Madison Road. The estimated $4.6M Memory Care project will provide housing for patients with Alzheimer's and other dementia type conditions.

Woodlands owns and operates 14 total Senior Living centers in Maine including facilities in Waterville and Farmington. CEO Matthew Walters says that Woodlands receives quite a few inquiries from people in our area. Walters said. “We do have quite a big waiting list in Waterville and Farmington, so Madison seems to make sense.”

If construction goes according to plan, the facility could open in the summer of 2020.

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, 2018. 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

Board of Selectmen

Town of Madison

Madison, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Madison, Maine's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 11 and 43 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Madison, Maine's basic financial statements. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual—General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and related

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 8, 2018, on our consideration of the Town of Madison, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Madison, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Buxton, Maine

October 8, 2018

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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 $175,876 from $8.95 million to $8.77 million. Unrestricted net position - the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements - increased for governmental activities to a balance of $2,238,867 at the end of this year.

Table 1

Town of Madison, Maine

Net Position - June 30, 2018

	Governmental Activities	
Assets	**2018**	**2017**
Current Assets	$3,057,271	$2,949,594
Capital Assets	$5,914,237	$6,120,212
Total Assets	$8,971,508	$9,069,806
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	$90,329	$63,009
Long-term Debt Outstanding	$25,456	$32,205
Total Liabilities	$115,785	$95,214
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Prepaid Taxes	$83,835	$26,828
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	$83,835	$26,828
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	$5,914,237	$6,120,212
Restricted: Special Revenue Funds	$424,471	$306,532
Permanent Funds	$194,313	$300,673
Unrestricted	$2,238,867	$2,220,347
Total Net Position	$8,771,888	$8,947,764

Revenues and Expenses

Revenues for the Town's governmental activities decreased by 1.74%, while total expenses increased by 3.43%. Tax revenues and charges for services experienced the largest decreases for revenues while education, unclassified and capital outlay expenses had the largest increases for expenses.

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

	Governmental Activities	
	2018	**2017**
Revenues		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	$99,411	$141,694
Operating grants and contributions	$60,552	$59,600
General revenues:		
Taxes	$8,300,430	$8,425,592
Grants and contributions not restricted to a specific program	$914,863	$885,189
Miscellaneous	$154,266	$186,135
Total Revenues	$9,529,522	$9,698,210
Expenses		
General government	$543,118	$581,168
Public safety	$944,702	$966,115
Public works	$1,022,501	$1,010,923
Parks and recreation	$76,116	$69,295
Cemeteries	$34,158	$29,963
Community and social agencies	$171,953	$178,890
Education	$5,088,528	$4,972,897
County tax	$871,711	$858,605
Unclassified	$842,479	$715,415
Capital outlay	$110,132	$197
Total Expenses	$9,705,398	$9,383,468
Change in Net Position	($175,876) 3	$14,742
Net Position - July 1	$8,947,764	$8,633,022
Net Position - June 30	$8,771,888	$8,947,764

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.

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TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2018

	Total Governmental Funds
Total Fund Balances	$2,630,744
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	$5,914,237
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	$256,000
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	($29,093)
Net position of governmental activities	$8,771,888

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

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TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	$7,523,455	$ -	$7,523,455
Excise taxes	$806,975	$ -	$806,975
Intergovernmental	$975,415	$ -	$975,415
Charges for services	$99,411	$ -	$99,411
Miscellaneous revenues	$137,973	$16,293	$154,266
TOTAL REVENUES	$9,543,229	$16,293	$9,559,522
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	$524,567	$ -	$524,567
Public safety	$906,339	$ -	$906,339
Public works	$820,163	$ -	$820,163
Parks and recreation	$75,456	$ -	$75,456
Cemeteries	$34,158	$ -	$34,158
Community and social agencies	$171,953	$ -	$171,953
Education	$5,088,528	$ -	$5,088,528
County tax	$871,711	$ -	$871,711
Unclassified	$96,631	$745,848	$842,479
Capital outlay	$171,782	$ -	$171,782
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$8,761,288	$745,848	$9,507,136
Excess Revenue Over/Under Expenditures	$781,941	($729,555)	$52,386
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	$267,188	$1,077,095	$1,344,283
Transfers (out)	($961,951)	($382,332)	($1,344,283)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	($694,763)	$694,763	$ -
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	$87,178	($34,792)	$52,386
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	$1,924,782	$653,576	$2,578,358
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	$2,011,960	$618,784	$2,630,744

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STATEMENT F

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, 2018

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement E)	$52,386
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	$61,650
Depreciation expense	($267,625)
	($205,975)
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	($30,000)
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	$7,713
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	($175,876)

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Madison Pastor Tobin Cutis (middle) with State Senator Brad Farrin (left) and Representative Phil Curtis (right). Pastor Curtis opened the Senates session in prayer in March 2019.

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PAUL R. LEPAGE
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Maine:

For the past eight years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine prosperous. I am proud to say that my administration has had some success, but there is more that can be done.

Mainers experienced strong, record-setting economic growth in 2018, setting so many new records: a record-high number of employers; a record-high number of private-sector jobs; record-high revenues for the state; record-low unemployment; and the fastest net-earnings growth in New England. Our poverty rate declined to the lowest since 2005 with the fewest number of children in poverty in 17 years. Maine's future is the brightest it has been in decades: there's more new businesses, more money in your paycheck, and better opportunities for our children. And that's what it's all about: the future of our state.

We have brought stability to state finances and implemented pro-business, pro-growth policies across state government. The incoming administration is taking on a state government that is vastly improved—both structurally and financially—from the one I inherited. Therefore, I have suggested to the new administration that now is the time to cut taxes by an additional 20 percent.

My administration lowered taxes by 20 percent for more than half-a-million Mainers. Cutting taxes for our families has proven to be an excellent policy decision. Despite this cut, we are seeing higher revenue in almost every tax category—sales and use tax, individual income tax, and corporate income tax. We must always remember that the revenue we receive in taxes is due to the hard work of Maine's people. Democrats stated they want to use surplus money to fully fund revenue sharing at 5 percent, rather than the 2 percent the towns have received for the past 6 years. **However, there is no guarantee your local government will cut your property taxes by one penny—never mind dollar-for-dollar—if revenue sharing is increased.**

The people of Maine and the municipal balance sheets would be better off if the state cut income taxes and allowed municipalities to collect property taxes or service fees from non-profits to supplement the local property taxes. Everyone should contribute to the operation of local community governments.

I encourage you to pay attention to what happens in your municipality and in Augusta. So many good people have worked much too hard to achieve our current prosperity. We must avoid letting politicians drive Maine's finances and its economy back into the ground. I promise you that I will be watching.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage

Governor

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

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I worked to help ensure the well-being of our seniors. The *Senior$afe Act* I authored became law last year and is empowering banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to better protect seniors from financial fraud.

Following extensive committee investigations of prescription drug pricing, additional legislation I crafted became law, ending the egregious practice of pharmacy "gag clauses" that prevented pharmacists from informing patients on how to pay the lowest possible price.

This year, I was also successful in securing an extra $425 million for Alzheimer's research—the largest funding increase ever—bringing the total to $2.34 billion. Additionally, the bipartisan *BOLD Act* I authored will create public health infrastructure to combat Alzheimer's by promoting education, early diagnosis, and improved care management.

More than 40 million Americans—including 178,000 Mainers—are caregivers for parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones with disabilities or illnesses, such as Alzheimer's. The *RAISE Family Caregivers Act* I authored was signed into law last year, giving caregivers more resources and training to better balance the full-time job of caregiving. Another law I wrote will help grandparents who are raising grandchildren, largely due to the opioid addiction crisis.

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by $7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding to more than $39 billion.

One of my highest priorities as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee is to improve our nation's crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine's needs are addressed. Since the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program, formerly known as TIGER, was established in 2009, I have secured $160 million for vital transportation projects throughout Maine.

Congress also delivered a Farm Bill last year, which includes many important provisions that will help the agriculture industry in Maine and across the country. Specifically, I secured provisions that will strengthen support for young farmers, improve local farm-to-market efforts, and increase funding for organic research.

Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating $8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act*, a comprehensive package that embraces the multipronged approach I have long advocated for this epidemic: prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement to stop drug trafficking.

Maine plays a key role in ensuring a strong national defense. In 2018, Congress provided funding for five ships to be built at Bath Iron Works, which will help to keep our nation safe and provide our skilled shipbuilders a steady job. I also secured more than $162 million for infrastructure projects at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to support their important work to overhaul Navy submarines.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2018, I cast my 6,834th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2019 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M Collins

Susan M. Collins United States Senator

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January 3, 2019

Dear Friends,

As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that's my job: to listen to you, act where I can to build on what's good, and work on the tough parts. As 2018 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on some of the work we're doing in Washington to lift up the accomplishments of Maine people and make progress on the challenges they face.

From Portland to Presque Isle, from Milo to Camden, I hear about the pain that the opioid epidemic is inflicting on Maine communities. I've met with Maine people in recovery, family members of those struggling with substance use disorders, treatment providers, and law enforcement officials to learn about their experiences with this terrible disease, and everyone agrees that in order to fully respond to these problems, we need a stronger federal effort to end the opioid epidemic. Fortunately, some help is on the way – in October, we overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, bipartisan opioids bill. I've pushed hard for this type of legislation and was proud to have provisions I've advocated for included in the bill. These priorities have been guided by the voices of Maine people, and we'll keep working to confront this tragic problem.

I've also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine's forests have powered our state's economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That's why, together with the other members of the state's Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy, and we're already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I close this letter, please allow me to express my gratitude to each of you – for your dedication to our state, and to one another. It's often said that Maine is like a big small town (with very long streets) —that's because at our heart, we're one big community. It's not only a pleasure to serve you– it's a pleasure to know you. Thank you for being the reason Maine is so special. Mary and I hope that 2019 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our great State.

Best,

Angus S. King

Angus S. King
United States Senator

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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. As I am settling into my new role as your representative, I wanted to give you an update on what we are doing in D.C. and in Maine this year.

My first priority is to be accessible to you and to our communities, which is why I have opened offices throughout the Second District at the following locations:

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Bangor ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

My team and I are here to serve you, so please come meet my staff, voice an opinion, inform us of local events, or seek assistance with federal benefits. I come home to Maine every weekend to hear from you and see what's happening in our communities. I appreciate you keeping us informed.

This year, I was proud to be appointed to the House Armed Services and Small Business Committees. On Armed Services, I'm using my experience serving in Iraq and Afghanistan to make sure our servicemembers have the resources and training they need to succeed and keep us safe. Within Armed Services, I was assigned to the Seapower Subcommittee, where I am fighting for our shipyard jobs and making sure our military can count on Bath-built ships for generations to come. Beyond Bath, I will advocate for the entire network of good Maine jobs that support our troops, equipping them to carry out their duties reliably and safely.

Maine would just not be the same without our small, family-owned businesses. On the Small Business Committee, I am working to ensure our small businesses have the tools to grow, look out for their workers, and provide more good jobs to people all over Maine. Within the Small Business Committee, I was honored to be appointed Chairman of the Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure. With this position, I am highlighting the need for infrastructure investment and fighting to level the playing field when small businesses compete for federal contracts.

One thing I love about Maine is that we help each other out. Whether it's ensuring a job well done or lending a hand to a neighbor, I know you are strengthening our communities every day. I am proud to serve alongside you and look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

My wife Isobel and I wish you and your family happiness, health, and success in the year to come.

Sincerely,

Jared F Golden

Jared Golden

Member of Congress

129th Legislature
Senate of Maine Senate
District 3

Senator Brad Farrin

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Annual Report to the Town of Madison

A Message from Senator Brad Farrin

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for the trust you have placed in me to be your voice in Augusta. It has been an honor serving as a State Representative over the last four years and I am humbled by the opportunity you have given me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf, making sure your interests are heard and well represented in the Maine Legislature.

This past legislative session proved to be the longest in recent memory. After dealing with a number of major policy matters, we finally adjourned September 13.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year was the passage of tax conformity. Failing to conform would have been a nightmare for businesses as well as for low-income and elderly Mainers. Maine would have lost $37 million in one-time repatriated revenue. Due to the Legislature's actions and willingness to work together on the passage of tax conformity, Maine tax filers were unharmed by this policy change.

The 129th Legislature has many challenges of its own. The top priorities this session include finding a way to provide affordable and accessible healthcare to all Mainers, tackling the opioid crisis, education reform and funding, and lowering property taxes. I hope the Legislature can come together to tackle the difficult issues facing our state; and as always, I am ready to help.

You have my sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 287 -1505 or brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Brad Farrin

State Senator

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March 2019

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Now in my fifth, nonconsecutive-term in Maine's House of Representatives, I want to take this opportunity to extend my gratefulness to the good people of Madison for allowing me to be your voice in Augusta. Our economy remains strong with record low unemployment, but my colleagues and I are somewhat reluctant about the sustainability of the new Governor's proposed budget. Rest assured, there are many of us at the State House with strong reservations about expanding government too much, too quickly, especially with reports of lower than anticipated revenue. With a change in course from tested successes, guarded progression is prudent to make certain we do not revert to past times of perpetual shortfalls.

During this First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature, I am enjoying my latest role as a member of the Judiciary Committee. This panel's jurisdiction includes judicial system organization and budget; criminal procedure; civil procedure; civil actions, including torts and medical malpractice; the Maine Tort Claims Act; liability; immunity; claims against the State; child protection (with Health and Human Services); the Family Law Advisory Commission; family law; domestic relations; child support; adoption; legal services; the Maine Indigent Legal Services Commission; attorneys; attorney general; district attorneys; constitutional rights; abortion regulation and reproductive rights; civil rights; involuntary commitment and treatment; medical rights; human rights and discrimination; the Maine Human Rights Commission; protection from harassment; protection from abuse; guardianship and conservatorship; probate law; the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission, Probate Code; Trust Code; foreclosure; property law; property rights; eminent domain; unclaimed property; business and nonprofit organizations; Uniform Commercial Code; laws relating to Maine's native American tribes, including the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement; the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission; freedom of access, confidentiality, and privacy laws; statutory maintenance; and errors and inconsistencies.

As your representative, I encourage you to take an active interest in the events unfolding under the State House dome. You can always monitor committee proceedings and floor debate in the House and Senate via the Web, http://legislature.maine.gov/, while my regular e-newsletter contains beneficial administrative insight and public service announcements. If you have not yet signed up to receive this publication, please send me your e-mail address.

Again, the faith and trust you have placed in me to serve you at the capitol is appreciated. Should you have questions or concerns about State Government, or if I can be of assistance in navigating the oftentimes overwhelming State bureaucracy, feel free to contact my office, 287-1440.

Sincerely,

Phil Curtis

Philip A. Curtis

State Representative District 111 (Madison - Norridgewock - Solon)

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Dear East Madison Neighbors:

Over the coming months, we expect to take up over 2,000 separate pieces of legislation covering a wide variety of topics. Top priorities include bringing relief from the opioid crisis, reducing student debt, repairing our roads and bridges, increasing protections for workers and consumers, getting prescription drug costs under control, protecting the independence of seniors and making sure we are caring for our neighbors with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of East Madison in the 129th Legislature. It is truly an honor to serve our community in the Maine House of Representatives.

We will also be balancing the state budget for the next two years and will work to do so in a way that restores revenue sharing funds for all Maine towns and respects the mandate of the voters to properly fund public education.

I am pleased to have been reappointed to serve on the Transportation Committee. We will be working on policies around the Department of Transportation, Maine Turnpike Authority, highway and bridge construction, aeronautics, waterways, railroads and more.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is betty.austin@legislature.maine.gov. My phone number is 431-4287. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

Betty Austin
State Representative

Rules for Town Meeting

All comments or questions will be directed to the Moderator.

No one may speak until recognized by the Moderator.

No smoking is allowed 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.

2019 Town of Madison - Town Meeting Warrant*

NOTE: This is a preliminary warrant. Additional articles will be added following the Advisory and Select Boards meeting on May 8, 2019. The official Town Meeting Warrant will be posted at least 10 days prior to Town Meeting on June 10, 2019.

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 tenth (10th) day of June, 2019 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 37 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 eleventh (11th) day of June, 2019 A.D. at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon by secret ballot Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours, therefore, to be from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening:

Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2

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

2 Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for 3 years
2 Directors for SAD #59 for 3 years
1 Director for SAD #59 for 1 year
1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 3 years
1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 1 years
1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Water District for 3 years
1 Trustee for Madison Public Library for 5 years
1 Trustee for Madison Public Library for 3 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 what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Government account in the General Fund:

Administration	$495,275.00
Planning Board	$5,825.00
Code Enforcement	$26,800.00
Boards & Committees	$19,350.00
Assessing Services	$40,000.00
Elections	$4,000.00
Total Expenses	$591,250.00
Approved revenue from TIF	**($49,360.00)**
Total Raised by Taxation	$541,890.00
Selectmen Recommend	$541,890.00
Advisory Board Recommends	$541,890.00

Article 6
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety in the General Fund:

Ambulance	$92,250.00
Police	$440,000.00
Fire	$108,080.00
Animal Control	$11,410.00
Total Expenses	$651,740.00
Approved revenue from TIF	**($28,500.00)**
Total Raised by Taxation	$623,240.00
Selectmen Recommend	$623,240.00
Advisory Board Recommends	$623,240.00

Article 7
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Utilities account in the General Fund.

Street Lights	$60,000.00
Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling	$220,000.00
Storm Drains	$107,500.00*
Fire Protection (Hydrants)	$225,000.00
Total Expenses	$612,500.00
Approved revenue from TIF	**($63,400.00)**
Total Raised by Taxation	$549,100.00
Selectmen Recommend (4-1 vote)	$549,100.00
Advisory Board Recommends (7-4 vote)	$485,600.00*

*The Advisory Board recommendation reflects allocating $44,000.00 to the Sanitary District to pay for services rendered by the District for maintenance on the stormwater system within the Town of Madison. The AMSD has assessed a Stormwater Maintenance Fee to the Town for $107,000.00 in lieu of holding invoices for service.

Article 8
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Utilities account in the General Fund.

Public Works	$609,200.00
Approved revenue from TIF	**($88,740.00)**
Total Raised by Taxation	$520,460.00
Selectmen Recommend	$520,460.00
Advisory Board Recommends	$520,460.00

Article 9
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation accounts in the General Fund.

Selectmen Recommend	$75,600.00
Advisory Board Recommends	$75,600.00

Article 10
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemeteries in the General Fund.

Selectmen Recommend	$25,600.00
Advisory Board Recommends	$25,600.00

Article 11
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Services in the General Fund.

General Assistance	**$15,250.00**
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	$14,500.00
Recycling Committee	$1,200.00
Somerset Community TV (Ch.11)	$1,500.00
Total Community Programs	**$24,300.00**
Service Organizations	
Madison Anson Senior Citizens	$4,500.00
Somerset Humane Society	$7,650.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	$2,200.00
Spectrum Generations	$4,500.00
Total Service Organizations	**$18,850.00**
Grand Total Community Services	**$58,400.00**
Selectmen Recommend	$58,400.00
Advisory Board Recommends	$58,400.00

Article 12
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Madison Public Library in the General Fund.

Selectmen Recommend	$116,210.00
Advisory Board Recommends	$116,210.00

Article 13
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Owned Property account in the General Fund.

Selectmen Recommend	$27,875.00
Advisory Board Recommends	$27,875.00

Article 14
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Surface Projects.*

***To be determined after May 8, 2019**

Article 15
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highway Equipment Purchases.*

***To be determined after May 8, 2019**

Article 16
To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for future Fire Dept purchase (Tanker/SCBA)*

***To be determined after May 8, 2019**

Article 17
To see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to bring forward from undesignated fund balance to offset taxes.*

***To be determined after May 8, 2019**

Article 18
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
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 19
To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2019 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, 2020, 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 nine percent (9.00%) per annum from said dates.

Selectmen Recommend	YES

Article 20
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2020-2021 not yet due or assessed.

Selectmen Recommend	YES

Article 21
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 22
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 23
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 24
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 25
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 26
To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote to fix the rate of five percent (5.00)% interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 27
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 28
Shall an ordinance entitled "Amusement Permits, Special" (Chapter 142)" be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 29
Shall an ordinance entitled "Animals" (Chapter 148)" be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 30
Shall an ordinance entitled "Appeals Board" (Chapter 7)" be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 31

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 32

Shall an ordinance entitled "Sewage Disposal" (Chapter 303)" be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 33

Shall an ordinance entitled "Town Property, Use of" (Chapter 738)" be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 34

Shall an ordinance entitled "Vehicles and Parking" (Chapter 399)" be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 35

Shall an ordinance entitled "Floodplain Management" (Chapter 422) be amended to meet the standard required by the State of Maine?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 36

Shall an ordinance entitled "Shoreland Zoning" (Chapter 478)" be amended to meet the standard required by the State of Maine?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 37

Shall an ordinance entitled "Roads & Highways" (Chapter 694)" be amended?

Selectmen Recommend Yes

Town of Madison Board of Selectmen

_____
Albert A.Veneziano, Chairman

_____
John E. Ducharme, III, Vice Chair

_____
George Elias

_____
David Savage

_____
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
- Moose application deadline (online)
- Summer Rec/Swim Program Registrations

JUNE

- Annual Town Meeting & Elections
- SAD #59 Annual Meeting
- Moose Drawing
- ATV registrations expire
- Snowmobile registrations expire
- 30-day lien notices mailed

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

Municipal Directory www.madisonmaine.com

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-Thurs7:30-4:00)	696 4401
MADISON HEALTH CENTER		696 3992
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY	(Opens at 10:00am Mon-Sat)	696 5626
MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		696 4607
MADISON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL		696 3381
MADISON HIGH SCHOOL		696 3395
POLICE (MADISON DIVISION OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE)		696 5373
POST OFFICE		696 3045
SOMERSET CO-OP EXTENTION		474 9622
SOMERSET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		474 9861
TOWN OFFICE	(Mon-Fri 7:30-4:00)	696 3971
TREE WARDEN		696 5378
WASTE MANAGEMENT	(Wed-Fri 9:30-6:00, Sat 7:30-4:00)	634 2714

The Municipal Offices of the Town observe the following holidays:

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