

# TOWN OF Madison

2018 Annual Report  
*For the Fiscal Year 2016-2017*

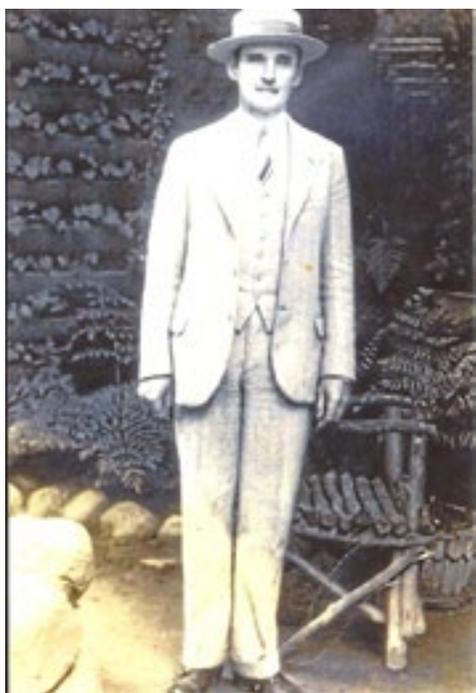


*Town Meeting June 11, 2018*

*7pm Junior High Auditorium*

*Local Election June 12, 2018 8am-8pm Town Office*

## About the Cover - Willis Pelton

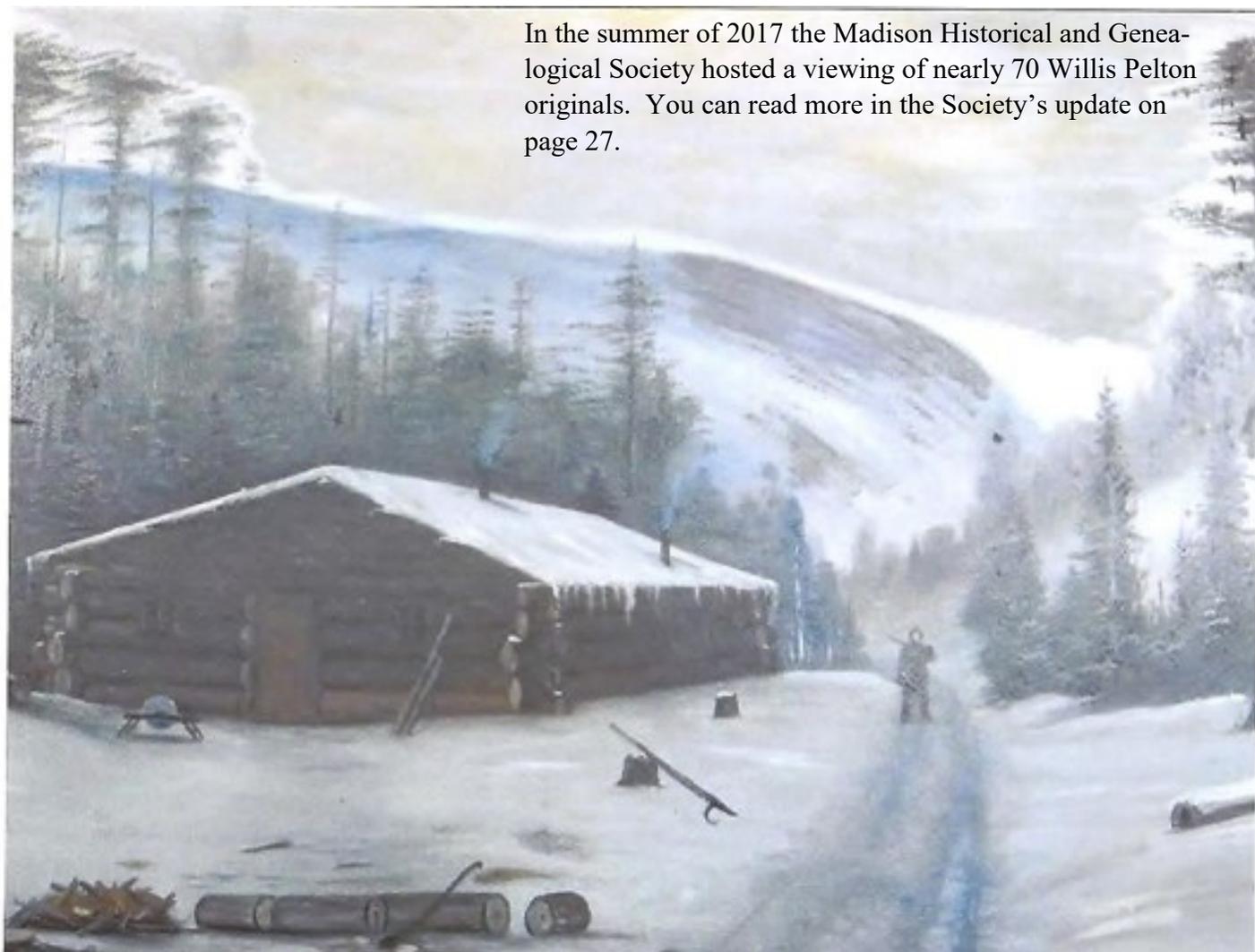


The cover of the 2018 Madison Town Report features the work of artist Willis Pelton, noted for his many depictions of rural Maine scenery. Pelton was born in Starks on July 28, 1862 to Mathew and Caroline Pelton. He was one of seven boys and five girls in the Pelton family.

An avid traveler, Pelton visited 40 states in the US and three Canadian Provinces. In 1937, he claimed to have traveled more than 16,000 miles. It was said of Pelton that he wasn't happy unless he had a paintbrush in his hand.

At the age of 17 he left Maine and lived in Minnesota and Michigan for most of his adult life. He spent many summers in the central Maine area from the 1920s through the late 1940s. He walked or rode his bicycle throughout Maine with his canvases and brushes under his arm. He would often sell or barter his paintings in exchange for food and lodging.

In the summer of 2017 the Madison Historical and Genealogical Society hosted a viewing of nearly 70 Willis Pelton originals. You can read more in the Society's update on page 27.



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## 2018 Dedication - Lena Arno



This year the Madison Board of Selectmen are pleased to dedicate the Town Report to Lena Arno. Lena Caswell grew up with her family in a small home at the corner of Old County Road. After graduating from Madison High School in 1949 Lena had an extensive secretarial/administrative career and is still quite adept in shorthand and typing. She credits the watchful eye of Madison High teacher Ms. Look for developing her skills. Lena and her husband Rodney were married in 1953. After living for a time in Connecticut they returned to Madison in the early 1980's.

Lena has served both the Madison Historical & Genealogical Society and the East Madison Historical Association since the inception of those groups. She has held virtually every office with the Daughters of the American Revolution since 1981.

Lena is always available to volunteer to serve at grange suppers and her 'lemon cookies' are always a crowd pleaser. In 2017 Lena was honored as 'Citizen of the Year' by the Kennebec Valley Grange. We are certainly honored to have her as a part of our community and are proud to dedicate the 2018 Town Report to her.

## Fortin Family Playground (Old Point School)



In the summer of 2017 new playground equipment was installed at the Old Point School facility on Locust Street. Known as the "Fortin Family Playground", many generous donations were made in memory of Raymond Fortin to cover the cost of the equipment. Installation was done by a 'crack' team of volunteers on a sunny Saturday in July.

Thanks to the contributions of many, children and families in the neighborhood will be able to enjoy this site for years to come.

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

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

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

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

**Plumbing Inspector:** Susan Hathaway 615 3376 [code@madisonmaine.com](mailto:code@madisonmaine.com)  
**Recreation Director:** Chris LeBlanc 696 3395 [cleblanc@msad59.org](mailto:cleblanc@msad59.org)

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

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

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

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

**Sheriff :** Dale Lancaster 474 9591  
**Animal Control Officer:** Robert Crosby 431 3306  
**Staff Sergeant :** Michael Knight  
**Deputies:** Lucas Libby, Tyler Lafreniere, Chelsea Merry & Logan Roberts  
**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](mailto:julie@madison.lib.me.us)  
**Assistant Librarians:** Jane Shaw, Margot Rushton

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

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

# Town Manager's Report



Tim Curtis  
Town Manager

One of the questions we often get here at the Town Office is, “what’s going on down at the mill?” And it’s a fair question. Madison Paper Industries became the ‘identity’ of the town as it served as the main employer and taxpayer for multiple generations. People will always be curious about what might be coming in it’s place. At the moment there is not much activity to report. But one thing is clear, replacing nearly \$170,000,000.00 worth of property valuation will not come back all at once.

In one of my previous careers I learned some simple math; *a little, plus a little, plus a little equals a lot.* It’s helpful to remember that approach when trying to rebuild a local economy. While businesses may not be flooding into Central Maine, our local economy continues to grow. Of the approximately 220 businesses in Madison, 75% of them are considered ‘micro-businesses’ which means they have 4 or less employees. These are the entrepreneurs that take the risks and help form the foundation of community. Over the past 5 years we have seen these local small businesses invest hundreds of thousands of their dollars back into their businesses and into our economy. They deserve our thanks!



Tammy Carrier  
Finance Director

For the first time in recent memory nearly all of the storefronts in the Downtown area are filled. These developments plus a number of new single family homes add to the value of our community and broaden the tax base.

Expanding businesses need a continual flow of workers and that continues to be a great challenge in our area. I believe that in the next 10 years the make up of the population will look quite a bit different than it does today. Workers coming from outside the United States will become a necessity for local businesses to continue and thrive.



Kim Moody  
Deputy Clerk

The challenge that faces our community now is how to be prepared for change. A spirit of hospitality will go along way to make Madison a welcoming place. Hospitality literally means showing kindness to strangers. It starts in our homes and spreads to schools, businesses, churches and other neighborhood organizations. Working together we can make Madison an even better place to live and take those little steps to grow our local economy.

Here at the Town Office the staff continues to work to do the little things well. Greeting people with a smile and a laugh goes a long way to make paying that tax bill or vehicle registration a little less burdensome. Kim Moody, Connie Vigneault and Deb Chandler have a real knack for hospitality.



Debra Chandler  
Admin Assistant

I have great appreciation for the work that Kathy Estes and Tammy Carrier do to keep track of all the financial transactions throughout the year along with all the other things they have to do to *keep me in line.*

Bob Dunphy has stepped down as Code Enforcement Officer and I want to thank him for his years of dedicated service to the Town and other surrounding communities. Susan Hathaway will be stepping in as CEO in Bob’s place. I would also like to thank Leo Mayo for filling in for Bob over the past several months.



Connie Vigneault  
Admin Assistant

Tim Curtis - Town Manager

P.S. Stop in and say hello when you’re in town.

# Town Clerk's Report



Kathy Estes  
Treasurer/Clerk

This has been a very busy year in the clerk's office. The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Moses system continues to be beneficial to many of our residents. Please note that all recreational licenses, snowmobile, ATV and boat, registrations can be done on-line, stickers will be mailed to you by the state. The state is continuing to make cuts in each department, and IF&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 has gone back to one-year law books. Certified copies of vital records are \$15.00 for the first copy, additional copies of the same record at the same time is \$6.00 and Marriage licenses are now \$40.00.

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<b>Sporting Licenses (Hunting/Fishing)</b>	<b>Boats &amp; Personal Watercraft</b>	<b>Snowmobiles</b>	<b>ATVs</b>
536	310	290	232

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Elections are always a busy time of year for the Clerks Office. State Elections are held twice a year. November is the General Election and in June are 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 377 votes were cast. In the November election a total of 879 votes were cast. Madison has a total of 3220 registered voters. Absentee ballots are available 30-45 days prior to elections. If anyone is interested in being an Election Clerk call the Town Clerks office @ 696-5622, between the hours of 7:30 and 4:00.

June 12, 2017 was the Annual Town Meeting. Local Elections were held on June 13, 2017.

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<b>Births 2016/17</b>	<b>Deaths 2016/17</b>	<b>Marriages 2016/17</b>
35	89	25

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Genealogy research is still active in our community.

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

The Town Clerk's office licensed 123 unaltered dogs, 505 neutered or spayed dogs for a total of 628 dogs, plus 2 kennel licenses.

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

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

# Town Treasurer's Report

To the Citizens of Madison:

While the 2016-2017 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 **\$1,924,782** compared to last year's restated amount of \$1,549,056 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 cemetery. As of June 30, 2017, the cemetery fund balance is **\$293,250.00**

**GEORGE B. JACOBS TRUST** This trust is used to award to one or more Madison Area High School student a scholarship for attending an Industrial Arts program. The George B. Jacobs Trust balance as of June 30, 2017 is **\$7,423.00**

**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 \$2102.00 from this fund for such purpose this fiscal year. The balance in this fund as of June 30, 2017 is **\$88,031.00**

**LEGAL INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE** The balance in the Legal Insurance Deductible as of June 30, 2017 is **\$29,577.00**

**REVALUATION FUND** The balance in the Revaluation Fund as of June 30, 2017 is **\$124,375.00**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Estes

## General Assistance

To the citizens of Madison,

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

When applying for General Assistance it's important to know that the Town is considered a last resort and if there are other resources available those would have to be exhausted before the Town can provide assistance. This year the Town has budgeted \$15,000 for General Assistance.

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

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

Kim Moody - Welfare Director

# Madison Highway Department

To the citizens of Madison:

Thank you for your support. The winter of 2017-2018 has been temperature swings from -15 to 50 degrees above and snow changing to rain. Our crew covers plowing on 52 miles town roads, 27 miles state roads, 5.1 miles of sidewalks and 5 parking lots.

Spring clean-up is two weeks near the end of April beginning of May, plus one week of sweeping. This year we collected 34 truck loads of brush a total of 225 tons. Much of the leaves are composted and available to the public. During a particularly bad wind storm in November, the crew put helped remove downed trees and brush.

2017 Projects include: Rebuilding 500 feet of Walters Road



Replacing 200 feet of cross culvert by old fire station on the Lower Mills Road and repaving approximately 1,000 square feet for a cost of \$4,750.

Replacing two 60 foot culverts along River Road, plus ditching and shoulder material.

Creating a 'T' turn around on Foss Road, and replacing culvert plus 200 feet of surface gravel.

Prepped Maxim Street & Preble Avenue for paving.

Removed old section of sidewalk and reseeded along Madison Avenue.

Replaced the 2006 pickup with a 2018 model for \$29,100.

Our employees are Foreman Jeff Wright, Equipment Operators Peter Paine and Peter Dow, Mechanic Bill Pierce, with Chris Buzzell hired as winter help and Larry Lightbody as winter and summer mowing help.

## Tree Warden's Report



To the residents of Madison,

Large trees that are located near buildings usually require the use of a bucket truck to be taken down and the costs associated with that kind of work average around \$650. In 2017 three (3) trees were removed by contracted services for a total cost of \$1,800.

If you are aware of any trees in the Town right of way that may pose a threat to public safety please call the Town Garage at 696 5378 and leave a message. You may also contact the Town Manager at 696 3971.

# Madison Division: Somerset County Sheriff's Office

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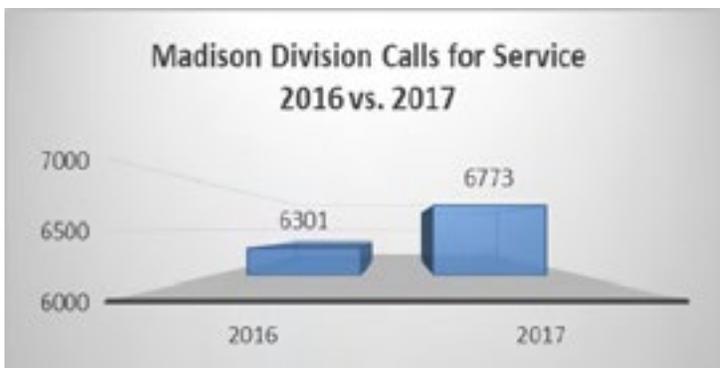


As your Sheriff, I would like to provide a summary of the law enforcement activities for the Town of Madison. The Sheriff's Office has completed two full years of policing services for the town. Four deputies and one executive secretary are specifically assigned to the town.

This year two deputies completed training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Deputy Tyler Lafreniere (32nd Academy) and Deputy Chelsea Merry (33rd Academy) graduated from the 18 week Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy (BLETP) held in Vassalboro. The completion of the training certifies these deputies as having all of the requirements and standards set forth by the State of Maine.

In July of this year deputies responded to a triple domestic violence related homicide on the Russell Road. Deputies ended the incident by shooting Carroll H. Tuttle, age 52.

In fiscal budget year 2017 the Sheriff's Office returned approximately \$41,755 to the town.



This year we experienced a 7.5% increase in calls for service. In 2016 the Madison Division handled 6,301 calls for service. In comparison, during 2017 deputies responded to 6,773 calls for service. Calls for service included 1,724 motor vehicle stops, 652 property checks, 361 call requests, 297 animal complaints, 285 assist citizens, 272 record requests, 228 case follow-ups, 175 motor vehicle accidents, 140 welfare checks, 134 school safety checks, as well as domestic disturbances, thefts and other calls for police service.

During 2017 we upgraded the cruiser light bars, radars, and a cruiser radio.

We continue to work with MSAD #59 by deputies completing school safety checks. Deputy Lafreniere assists with coaching basketball. Deputy Merry has signed up to be a substitute teacher.

The Sheriff 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.

In 2017 the Criminal Division executed two drug search warrant on the Russell Road and Madison Avenue in the agency's goal to reduce illegal drug distribution.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheriff Dale P. Lancaster

# Anson/Madison/Starks Ambulance Service

To the citizens of Madison,

AMS responded to total of 1723 calls in 2017, 45 more than 2016. 828 of those calls were in Madison. The number one reason for calls was breathing problems followed by weakness and pain.



The service received an AFG grant for new heart monitors worth almost \$100,000 in 2017. Our old monitors were all over 12 years old and new ones were needed, and greatly appreciated! Receiving this grant allowed the service to upgrade our ability to treat our patients without extra cost to the taxpayers.

We are again asking all citizens to make sure your house or box number can be easily seen from the road. This is the number one problem that slows our response to emergency calls.

There will be no increase in the town assessments for the cost to operate the ambulance service in 2018.

I hope you all have a great year!

George Demchak, Paramedic, Director AMS Ambulance

# Madison Fire Department

Vehicle Accidents - 106	Fire Calls - 40
Hazardous Cond - 65	Service Calls - 9
Good Intent - 10	False Alarm - 5

In 2017 the Madison Fire Department responded to 235 calls for service including a fire at the apartments in the old carriage house at 152 Main Street. The work of Madison fire fighters from Company 1 and Company 2, with the multiple mutual aid crews kept the fire from spreading on a cold winters day and saved the original home at the site.

In 2017 the department was one of many finalists for grant funding through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant offered through FEMA. The application, for nearly \$60,000 to purchase extrication equipment more commonly known as the “Jaws of Life”, came within 1/2 of one point of scoring enough for funding. The application has been resubmitted for the 2018 grant cycle.

#73	1990	GMC	Pumper Truck
Forestry	1994	Chevrolet	Brush Truck
#74	1995	Chevrolet	Tanker Truck
#71	2001	Spartan	Pumper Truck
#72	2007	International	Fire Truck

Vehicle Inventory: It has been the practice of replacing fire trucks once they exceed thirty years of service. Truck #73 is a 1990 model and it may be time to start planning for it's replacement.

A new truck fully equipped could cost upwards of \$300,000.00 Grant opportunities are available but extremely competitive.

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

Don French

# Tax Assessing



Shirley Bartlett  
Assessing Agent

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

The ongoing legal battle with the former Madison Paper Industries demanded much of the attention of the Board of Assessors in 2017. MPI is seeking an abatement for taxes paid in 2016.

If the State Board of Property Tax Review were to rule in MPI's favor, it could cost the taxpayers of Madison several hundred thousand dollars. Furthermore the new owners of the mill site, Somerset Acquisitions, filed for an abatement of the taxes paid in 2017. This abatement was denied and the same course of action is being pursued before the state board.

Due to a processing error there were a number of abatements to come before the Assessors in 2017, most of which were housekeeping issues to make sure records are correct.

Account #	Address	Abatement	Tax Reduction	Reason
1434	23 Shusta Road	\$20,000	\$430.00	Replace homestead exemption
3126	26 Martins Road	\$74,600	\$1,603.90	Remove transferred house & land
1515	21 McKenney Drive	\$28,000	\$602.00	Correct Sq Ft & homestead
195	590 River Road	\$20,000	\$430.00	Replace homestead exemption
2026	446 Lakewood Road	\$62,000	\$1,333.00	Remove transferred property
2903	252 Bagley Road	\$17,100	\$367.65	Adjust grade/materials
2865	466 Lakewood Road	\$13,500	\$290.25	Remove transferred land
2280	Weston Avenue	\$95,500	\$2,053.25	Remove transferred land & house
1122	11 East Houghton St	\$20,000	\$430.00	Replace homestead exemption
3317	12 Spruce Street	\$4,222	\$90.77	Remove mobile home
635	Pine Street	\$2,000	\$43.00	Property tax exempt
975	25 Park Street	\$23,200	\$487.20	Adjust grade/condition
561	17 Locust Street	\$3,100	\$65.10	Adjust grade/condition
770	69 Main Street	\$31,000	\$653.10	Adjust grade/condition
89	5 Mantor Way	\$15,000	\$315.00	Replace homestead exemption
3350	East Madison Road	\$22,400	\$470.40	Remove transferred property
977	216 Main Street	\$32,000	\$672.00	Adjust grade/condition
37	442 Preble Ave	\$3,500	\$73.50	Adjust grade/condition
33	13 Great Moose Dr	\$15,000	\$315.00	Replace homestead exemption

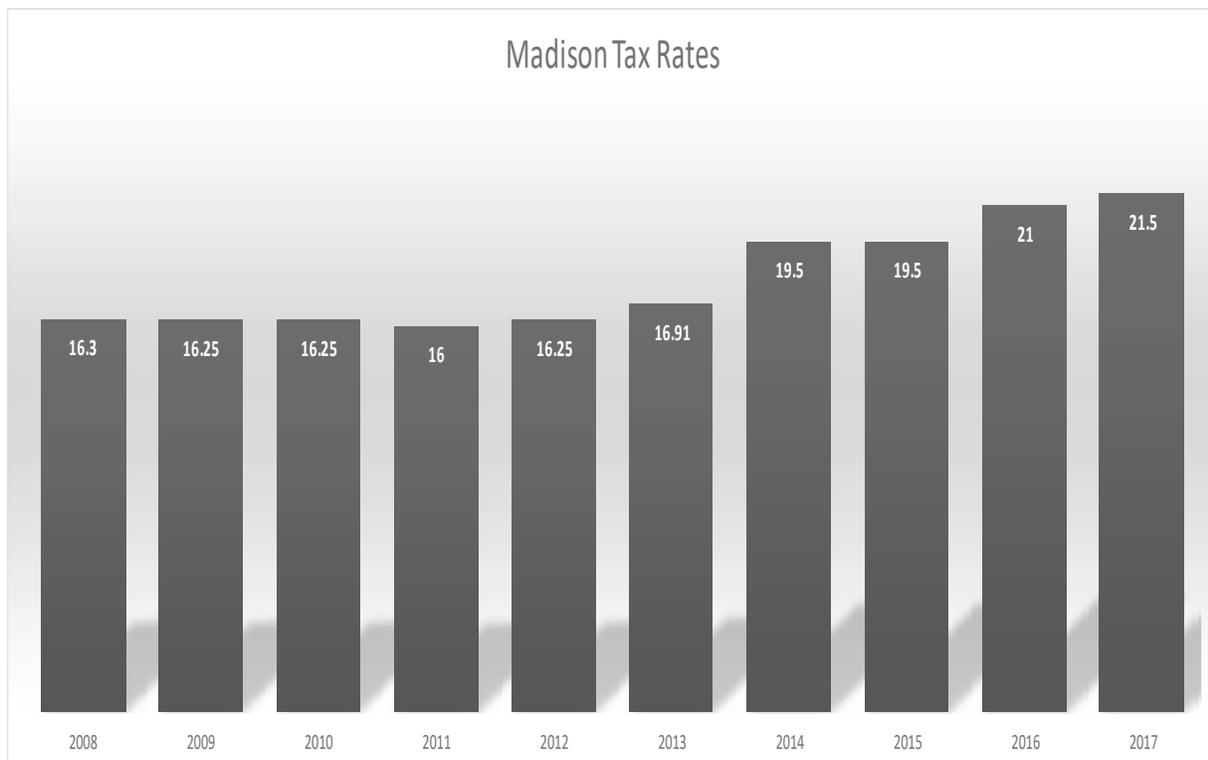
# Tax Assessing Continued

**Valuation:** In late 2016 the upper mill portion of the former Madison Paper site was sold to Somerset Acquisitions and much of the papermaking equipment was auctioned off. As a result the town lost approximately \$17 million worth of personal property value. The remaining portion of the mill property including the hydro electric facilities was sold to Eagle Creek in the summer of 2017. The Town was able to capture approximately \$50,000,000 in valuation of the hydro assets. The change in the former MPI valuations and the State's increase to the Homestead Exemption were the major factors in the Town valuation adjusting down from \$364,216,500 to \$350,693,900.

Valuations as of April 1, 2017	
Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$317,365,200.00

**Homestead Exemption:** While the tax rate did increase from \$21.00 to \$21.50 per thousand, many homeowners did not notice much of a difference in their tax bill because of the increase in the Homestead Exemption. If you have owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April 1st you may apply for this program which reduces your taxable value \$20,000 resulting, in a tax savings of over \$400.

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



# Tax Collection

For the current fiscal year \$7,545,721.70 was committed for taxes to be raised to fund the budgets approved for the school, county and municipal governments. For the third year Town Manager Tim Curtis also served as Tax Collector. Of the taxes collected, \$5,088,528.22 funds the local portion of the MSAD#59 School Budget, \$871,711.19 funds the Town's portion of the Somerset County Budget, and the remainder covers the Municipal Budget. This year an additional \$120,000.00 was raised as an overlay which was set aside to cover the potential cost of an abatement request from Madison Paper Industries.

**Tax Club:** For the 9th 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](http://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. You may see some names that appear year after year. In most cases those are accounts that are in bankruptcy proceedings and cannot be sold to pay the back taxes until the bankruptcy has been cleared.

## 2010 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/18

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

## 2011 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/18

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

## 2012 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/18

Name	Amount
PETERS, KENNETH E	\$586.03
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$371.37
<b>Total 2012 Real Estate Taxes</b>	<b>\$957.40</b>

## 2013 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/2018

Name	Amount
PETERS, KENNETH E	\$609.63
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$385.64
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$515.41
WILDES, YVONNE M	\$336.65
<b>Total 2013 Real Estate Taxes</b>	<b>1847.33</b>

### 2014 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/2018

Name	Amount
HINES, JAMES D & HILARY L	\$882.42
PETERS, KENNETH	\$695.60
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$360.75
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$499.20
WILDES, YVONNE M	\$1,398.15
<b>Total 2014 Real Estate Taxes</b>	<b>\$3,836.12</b>

### 2015 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/2018

Name	Amount
BOWRING, DECEMBER A, HEIRS OF	\$555.75
FRANZOSE, ALLEN	\$532.35
HACHEY, JEANIE	\$1,505.40
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$1,316.25
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$298.35
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$497.25
HINES, JAMES D & HILARY L	\$1,602.90
HOLLAND, JAMES A	\$557.70
HOLT, ELWIN, ESTATE OF	\$1,524.90
INMAN, MARGARET	\$644.20
LAMPHERE, CHARLES B	\$3,114.15
LARLEE, SANDRA J	\$1,359.15
LEBLANC, ROBERT M.	\$1,070.55
LOMBARD, KEVIN R	\$1,158.30
MATSON, HAROLD A	\$654.16
MERRY, ERNEST R JR. & JODI L	\$1,314.30
NILE, KAREN	\$74.10

Name	Amount
PALMER, LISA A	\$1,639.95
QUIMBY, EDWARD A	\$941.85
RUSHTON, KEMPTON J & MARGOT	\$869.70
SAMAROO, KELLY	\$844.65
SHAW, ALICE ESTATE OF	\$1,290.90
SMITH, GORDON	\$748.37
TAYLOR, DARLENE	\$702.00
THIBODEAU, ALAN & MARTHA	\$208.05
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$360.75
TUFTS, DEBBIE L	\$1,242.15
VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	\$244.44
WALLACE, RANDALL E	\$829.72
WARD, CHRYSTAL	\$114.57
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$522.60
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$499.20
WATTERS, NANCY	\$3280.36
WILDES, YVONNE M	\$1398.15
WOOD, RITA I	\$335.40
YOUNG, CINDY	\$1,086.15
<b>Total 2015 Real Estate Taxes</b>	<b>\$28,539.22</b>

### 2016 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/2018

Name	Amount
ACEVEDO, SONIA & BLACK, JEFFREY	\$1,115.09
ADAMS, SHARON C	\$659.40
AMES, TIMOTHY A TRUSTEE	\$396.94
BEAROR, JOSEPH	\$379.60

Name	Amount
BENNETT, SHARI	\$720.30
BOWRING, DECEMBER A.,	\$598.50
BREINGAN, LINDA	\$1,365.00
BRIGGS, VINCENT & CURRIE, ELLEN	\$3,616.20
CHURCHILL, DONNA	\$322.63
CORSON, STEVEN	\$1,232.70
DEPOALA, DAVID M	\$1,056.30
DERENZO, JOSEPH	\$210.00
DIRIGO WOODLANDS LLC	\$7,954.80
DIXON, LINVILLE	\$1,440.60
DYAR, CLYDE E.	\$1,325.10
EDGERLY, CHRISTOPHER & DIANNA	\$1,505.70
FITZMAURICE, SHAYNE,	\$586.21
FLOOD, RONALD R	\$983.49
FOSTER, CHRISTIE L	\$2,186.10
FRANZOSE, ALLEN	\$573.30
GORDON, ELWOOD (JR) & BAMBI	\$581.70
GORNEY, KEITH & BETSY	\$1,379.70
GRAF, ROBERT M	\$349.02
GRANT, LORETTE R	\$292.43
GREENE, MELTIAH B.	\$1,320.90
GREENLAW, MARY LOUISE	\$906.05
GREENLEAF, RONALD L.	\$151.20
HACHEY, JEANIE	\$1,516.20
HALE, DAVID & ELLEN	\$2,324.70
HALL, DALE R	\$860.09
HALL, DALE R	\$926.10

Name	Amount
HALL, DALE R	\$926.10
HARRINGTON, GLEN	\$1,776.60
HARRIS, TERESA E.	\$176.32
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	\$1,417.50
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	\$321.30
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	\$535.50
HEALD, KIRK A. & DEBORAH	\$1,142.40
HEWEY-BARBEAU, MAXINE	\$386.40
HIBBARD, DANA & BRENDA	\$1,134.00
HINES, JAMES D & HILARY L	\$1,726.20
HOLLAND, JAMES A.	\$480.90
HOLT, ELWIN, ESTATE OF	\$1,642.20
INMAN, MARGARET	\$627.90
JENCKS, JULIE L. & RODERICK	\$875.70
KAJA HOLDINGS 2, LLC	\$1,278.90
KANE, CECIL W; ESTATE OF	\$2,163.00
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$17,606.40
LABONTE, ROBERT J.	\$1,228.50
LAFRENIERE, GARY & NEITA	\$1,818.77
LAMPHERE, CHARLES B	\$3,353.70
LARLEE, SANDRA J.	\$1,358.70
LEBLANC, ROBERT M.	\$1,152.90
LOMBARD, KEVIN R	\$1,142.40
LONG, STEPHEN, KELLY, MICHAEL	\$1,500.08
MALLARD, ROBERT JR.	\$3,605.70
MATSON, HAROLD A	\$1,696.80
MERRY, ERNEST R JR. & JODI L	\$1,310.40

Name	Amount
MINISTRIES, GERTRUDE	\$2,755.20
MITCHELL, BONNIE	\$109.20
MUDIE, CARLENE Y & LLOYD R	\$848.40
NELSON, RANDY A	\$434.51
NICHOLS, MARK E.	\$1,402.11
NILE, KAREN	\$79.80
NILE, KAREN	\$73.50
OLIVER, RUSSELL L & ANGELA	\$1,373.23
PALMER, LISA A.	\$1,661.10
PARLIN, DEBRA	\$190.80
PETERS, DENNIS J	\$351.40
PETERS, KENNETH E	\$638.40
PINKHAM, MARY	\$1,390.20
PLOURDE, CHRISTOPHER	\$286.47
POTVIN, MELISSA A	\$19.28
POWELL, WALTER J	\$831.60
PRICE, GARY	\$175.22
PROVOST, MICHELLE	\$1,175.56
QUIMBY, EDWARD A.	\$909.30
RANCOURT, JEFF	\$1,157.16
ROBBINS, MAURICE	\$384.30
ROBERTSON, ALASTAIR D.	\$1,005.90
ROWAN & OAK PROPERTIES	\$1,000.00
ROWAN & OAK PROPERTIES	\$1,500.00
ROY, ROBERT P. SR.	\$2,184.00
RUSHTON, KEMPTON & MARGOT B	\$831.60
SABOL, RICHARD	\$487.20

Name	Amount
SABOL, RICHARD	\$210.00
SABOL, RICHARD	\$210.00
SABOL, RICHARD	\$201.60
SALVO, DEAN C. &	\$1,041.60
SAMAROO, KELLY	\$1,022.70
SCHOPPE, DEBRA E.	\$1,302.00
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND	\$1,077.30
SHAW, ALICE ESTATE OF	\$1,390.20
SMITH, GORDON	\$846.30
TANNER, MARK K & DEBORA D	\$2,560.04
TAYLOR, DARLENE	\$756.00
TAYLOR, STEPHEN J	\$726.60
TEMPLIN, JOHN SR & LINDA	\$1,302.00
THEBARGE, KRIS A	\$760.20
THIBODEAU, ALAN & MARTHA	\$720.30
THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER	\$388.50
THOMPSON, MAUREEN A	\$1,495.20
THOMPSON, MAUREEN A.	\$199.50
THORNTON, JOHN K., JR.	\$1,344.00
TUFTS, DEBBIE L.	\$1,232.70
VAN RUTTEN, JESSICA	\$41.25
VENUTI, JAMES J.	\$1,541.40
VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	\$871.50
WAGG, BENJAMIN L.	\$818.46
WAGG, FRANK O.	\$582.22
WALLACE, RANDALL E	\$1,787.10
WARD, CHRYSTAL	\$186.90

Name	Amount
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$537.60
WARING, RUSSELL F.	\$562.80
WARING, RUSSELL F	\$808.50
WATTERS, NANCY	\$3,633.00
WEBB, JAY & JANNA L	\$2,058.00
WEBBER, ARCHIE L. KELLEY, LINDA	\$645.44
WEBER, THEODORE	\$1,656.90
WESTON, EDWIN B.	\$1,264.20
WESTON, THOMAS B	\$468.30
WESTON, THOMAS B	\$2,994.60
WESTON, THOMAS B	\$546.00
WHITNEY, HEATH T	\$1,039.50
WILDES, YVONNE M.	\$432.60
WILKINSON, SCOTT K.	\$546.00
WILLETTE, ABBY	\$1,182.30
WING, DONALD A SR. ET AL	\$157.50
WOOD, RITA I	\$722.40
YOUNG, CINDY	\$1,052.10
<b>Total 2016 Real Estate Taxes</b>	<b>\$158,473.97</b>

### 2014 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2018

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$69.04
<b>Total 2014 Personal Property</b>	<b>\$69.04</b>

### 2015 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2018

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$140.40
WILKINSON, SCOTT K	\$54.60
<b>Total 2015 Personal Property</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>

### 2016 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2018

Name	Amount
LABONTE ASSOCIATES INC	\$119.70
WILKINSON, SCOTT K	\$37.80
ROOF SOLUTIONS	\$105.00
NORTH WOODS CUSTOM FURNITURE	\$84.00
<b>Total 2016 Personal Property</b>	<b>\$346.50</b>

## Other Governmental Services

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

**Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG):** Based out of Fairfield this organization provides the Town with expertise and assistance with planning and code book updates, economic and community development, grant writing, and state wide joint purchases of salt and other bulk materials. Annual dues are based on a Town's population and valuation. Currently the Town of Madison pays \$7,300 each year to KVCOG.

**Maine Municipal Association (MMA):** Based out of Augusta, this group provides a wide range of services and legislative support for municipalities. In addition to providing liability insurance and health care coverage for Town employees, MMA helps guide the Town Manager and Human Resources through employee relations, hiring and background checks. The association provides 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 \$5,600.

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

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

## Father Rasle Days

## Madison/Anson Days



The celebration many will remember as "Father Rasle Days" commemorated the historical significance of the work of the Jesuit priest along the Kennebec River near the Madison Norridgewock line. Now known as Madison/Anson Days this year's theme will be "Back to the Farm" to highlight the hard work of our local farms.

**Activities will begin Thursday August 23rd and continues through Sunday the 26th with family friendly events on both sides of the Kennebec River.**

## *Rolling Back the Clock...*



This picture of the Dairy Treat surfaced this spring as work was being done to renovate the property into a new business office. This picture will surely spur on nostalgic conversations of classic cars, shopping for groceries at the “Superette”, and ice cream scooped to perfection.



Cool Santa came to town during a Christmas Parade from years gone by. Check out the price of gas!!

For nearly two generations Santa has been making his rounds near the corner on Main Street in Madison. As soon as it's cold enough to snow, Foshay's Information Booth magically transforms into “Santaville” to provide Kris Kringle with a place to meet with kids for a photo and to spread some holiday cheer. Next time you see Steve Foshay make sure to thank him for allowing Santa to take over his shop every Christmas.

# 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)  
Paul R. Fortin (2018)      George Elias (2020)      Ronald Moody (2019)

## **Planning Board**

Jeff Drew, Chair (2018)      Doug Denico (2018)      Mark Doty (2019)  
Mary Tomlinson, Vice Chair 2020      Lewis Ouilette (2019)      Chris LeBlanc (2020)  
Brett Hagopian (2019)      Code Enforcement Officer: Susan Hathaway

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

Bruce Theborge, Chair (2018)      John Krasnavage (2018)      Robert Hagopian (2019)  
Jeff Wright (2019)      Kristie LeBlanc (2020)      Rob Dimock (2020)  
Zena Griffeth (2018)      Bonnie Levesque, Superintendent

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

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

## **Board of Appeals**

Jim Ireland (2019)      Cheryl West (2020)      Brain Hale (2018)  
Christine Stratton (2019)      Andrew Ketterer, Chair (2018)

## **Board of Ethics**

Christine Stratton (2018)      Curtis Kanagy (2020)      Suzanne Ketterer (2017)  
Corey Estes (2019)      Margi Browne (2019)  
Associate Members: Gary Ward (2018), Phil Morey (2019)

## **Somerset Community Television (Channel 11) Board of Directors**

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

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

Mary Tomlinson, Chair (2018)      Nancy Drew (2018)      Kathy Lightbody (2018)  
Renee Bristow (2019)      Diane Pinkham (2019)      Betty Vining (2019)

**Madison Historical Society**

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

**East Madison Historical Society**

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

**Recreation Committee**

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

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

Phil Daigle (2021)	Robert Roy, Chair (2022)
Ann Withee-Heald (2018)	Kim Harper (2020)
Barbara Moody (2019)	

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

Dale Clark, Plant Manager	
Robert Hagopian (2019)	George Elias (2020)
Brock Hagopian (2018)	Robert P. Roy, Sr. Chair (2020)

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

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

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

Calvin Ames, Superintendent	
Steven Dean, Chairman (2020)	Richard Bartlett (2018)
Dennis Wright (2019)	Craig Parker (2019)
Charles Worster (2022)	

# Board of Selectmen



Albert Veneziano  
Chairman

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

It is with great honor that I write this report for the selectmen. Another year has gone past way too quickly. In our dealing with the closing of Madison Paper many issues have arisen that the selectmen are dealing with at this time. 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.



Jack Ducharme  
Vice Chair

Backyard Farms continues produce a high quality product with a local workforce. We hope to hear soon about other development in Madison that will bring quality jobs to town. 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. We are also trying to maintain a tax rate that is reasonable while still attracting new residents and business to our town in the midst of this changing time.

Providing excellent customer service to the citizens continues to be a goal of the selectmen while doing it in a cost effective manner. We would like to thank Sheriff Lancaster and his staff for their dedication in making the Madison Division of the Somerset County Sheriff Office a success. Providing a high level of police protection for the town at a cost we can afford is very important to the selectmen.



George Elias

I would like to express my thanks to all town employees for a job well done. Our Highway department under the direction of Glen Mantor did a 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 and her staff.



Paul Fortin

I would like to thank all citizens who have become involved in Madison town government. We have many committees that need community involvement. Applications are still available at the town office for the recreation committee, advisory board, channel 11 committee, recycling committee, planning board and many more interesting committees. It is great to see all the new faces on our various boards and committees. I would say thanks again for joining a committee to make the town a better place to live.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert A. Veneziano  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen



Ronald Moody

# Planning Board

In 2017 the Madison Planning Board spent much of its time reviewing and updating ordinances and procedures. Working with Planner Chris Huck of Kennebec Valley Council of Governments, the Board updated the Site Review Ordinance and changes were put into affect at the 2017 Town Meeting. Changes have also been made to the application process. When a business plans to build in Madison, the first step is to contact the Town Office to determine whether the project requires Site Review.

The Board also completed the process of updating the Town Subdivision Ordinance with changes ready for the 2018 Town Meeting. In 2017 the Board reviewed five (5) Shoreland Zoning applications and worked on two (2) Site Review projects.

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

# Code Enforcement

The Maine Uniform Building & Energy Code (MUBEC) applies to municipalities with more than 4,000 residents. This can often cause confusion, because many of our smaller neighboring communities do not require the same standards as Towns like Madison and Skowhegan. For example, in Madison a building permit is required for any new structures, and any additions, alterations and repairs to existing structures including demolition. Certain projects like small fences, decks and sheds under 200 square feet may not need a permit.

**It is always best to check with the Town Office before you begin a project. Building permits are \$20. If a project is started without a permit the cost is much higher. At Town Meeting 2017 voters approved a \$500 fee for projects that have been started without a building permit.**

Recently the State Legislature passed laws giving municipalities more authority to deal with buildings that are determined to be dangerous or abandoned. In 2017 the Town of Madison began to hold public hearings on properties that needed attention and had been considered blight for several years. The process is slow and cumbersome but some progress is being made.



The Madison Board of Selectmen would like to thank Robert Dunphy for his many years of service to the Town as Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector, Local Health Officer and 911-Addressing Officer. Bob has tendered his resignation due to health reasons after 13 years of service in Madison. His friendly demeanor, sense of humor and tireless efforts will be missed.

The Town has hired **Susan Hathaway** as interim Code Enforcement Officer. Her office hours are 730am-4pm each Monday and 730am-12pm on Thursdays. Please stop by and say hello.

2017 Building Permits Issued	
Single Family Homes	7
Mobile Homes	3
Business Expansion	9
Additions	6
Garages	10
Shed/Deck/Barn	7
Other	10

# 2018 Proposed Ordinance Changes

## **New: Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments, Retail Gifting and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs in the Municipality of Madison, Maine.**

After much debate, hundreds of surveys and two votes at the ballot box, the Selectmen are proposing an ordinance to prohibit retail marijuana establishments. On November 7, 2017 residents voted 448-424 in favor of the prohibition ordinance. As a result of that local referendum vote, the Selectmen were duty bound to bring an ordinance to the voters at Town Meeting.

The ordinance would prohibit a business from manufacturing, testing and/or selling marijuana for retail as well as banning the practice of ‘retail gifting’ where a business may give away marijuana product as part of a purchase of another product or service. The language does not relate to medical marijuana, nor would it affect any retail business that sells related products such as Cannabidiol (CBD).

If, sometime in the future, a business did want to establish a retail marijuana establishment in Madison, the plan would have to be brought to Town Meeting where voters could opt to change the prohibition ordinance.

### **In addition to the Marijuana Prohibition Ordinance, the Madison Selectmen are recommending the following code changes and updates:**

**Chapter 484 Site Review:** There were two small technical oversights in the update to Chapter 484 approved at Town meeting last year. This article authorizes those small changes.

**Chapter 189 Excavations:** This change would remove specific language regarding fees and replace with language consistent with other codes.

**Chapter 490 Subdivision of Land:** Planner Chris Huck with the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments worked with the Planning Board to update the language in the Subdivision Ordinance.

**Chapter 148 Animals:** Language had been added to allow for better enforcement for barking dogs and a new section has been developed restricting farm animals to lots of 1.5 acres or more.

**Chapter 26 Cemeteries, Town:** Several changes have been proposed to allow for more consistent practices with internments, placing of monuments and creation of a cremation section.

**Chapter 532 Cemeteries:** Enacted in 1984, this ordinance pertained to changes in the newest section of Forest Hills. Most of the pertinent information has been incorporated into the changes in Chapter 26. As such the Selectmen propose eliminating Chapter 532.

**Chapter 677 Parks and Recreation Areas:** The names and location of some local parks have changed. The ordinance should be updated to reflect those changes.

**Chapter 285 Parks, Cemeteries and Water-Access Areas:** This ordinance includes language that lists local parks. Recommended changes would make reference to Chapter 677.

**Chapter 308 Sex Offenders:** This ordinance includes language that lists local parks. Recommended changes would make reference to Chapter 677.

**Chapter 702: Smoking:** This ordinance includes a random cluster of rules. Recommended changes would create a policy for town employees and town owned property.

# 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.

This year's report includes a letter from the Superintendents of both MSAD59 Madison and MSAD74 Carrabec highlighting the efforts to share services to improve offerings for students in our area.

The school district's website has been updated. For all school related info check out the site at [www.sad59.k12.me.us](http://www.sad59.k12.me.us)

Dear RSU #74 and MSAD #59 Families and Friends,

Since the Summer of 2017 the administrative teams (superintendents, principals, special education directors etc.) from MSAD13, MSAD59, and MSAD74 have met (and are meeting) on a regular basis to discuss ways to collaborate between districts. These efforts resulted in many shared services between districts. Including:

**Transportation:** One Transportation Director shared between MSAD59 & MSAD74 coordinates regular bus runs and vocational transportation from Bingham, through Anson and Madison to Skowhegan. In addition, the districts share maintenance and repair costs and share a larger pool of experienced bus drivers.

**Course Offerings:** All three districts can participate in additional classes that are offered at one school that may not be offered at their resident high school. All three school districts were recently awarded a State Grant that allows for a new collaborative Alternative Education program. These same districts have been working together on a middle level Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program, and were awarded an expansion grant for next school year which also incorporates the Arts (STEAM). Additionally, we continue to focus on Special Education and other areas that naturally make sense for the student's benefit to collaborate.

**Food Services:** All three districts participate together in training, with hopes to collaborate more in the future.

**Extra and Co-curricular Activities:** MSAD59 & MSAD74 have successfully fielded shared football, soccer and baseball teams for several years. More extra and co-curricular collaboration is underway. College visits and team travel continue to be prioritized by our districts. Now shared opportunities for students exist in band and Math teams, and we continue to explore more of this.

We are currently working together to align more of the academic year calendar and daily schedules where possible. This will open opportunities for shared teacher professional development.

We continue to prioritize the best education possible for your children while looking for efficiencies for our tax payers every chance we get!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Tracy".

Mike Tracy,  
RSU #74 Superintendent of Schools

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bonnie C. Lesveque".

Bonnie Lesveque,  
MSAD #59 Superintendent of Schools

## Budget Advisory Board

### BUDGET



On April 4, 2018 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 62 through 65 in the Town Report.

The budget presented by the Town Manager and the Department Heads included an increase of 2.5%. This was the first recommended increase to the budget since 2014. An additional \$235,375 was recommended for capital expenditures including money to allow the Town to replace a 1995 plow truck and to continue with small road paving projects. The Advisory Board supported the Town Manager's recommendations and both the Select Board and the Advisory Board voted in favor of moving \$300,000 from the Town's undesignated fund balance to offset taxes.

This recommended budget brings an overall increase to the taxpayer of less than one percent (.6%). If all things remain equal that should allow for no change in the tax rate. The tax rate will be set in August and tax bills will be mailed in September.

This year the Advisory Board and a majority of the Selectmen voted to 'cap' or close the budget articles. That means the recommended amount cannot be increased, only decreased if voters so choose.

2018 Advisory Board members include: Lynn Andrews, Dana Berry, Doug Denico, Patrick Dolan Jeff Drew, Jeff Foss, Jim Ireland, Michelle LeBlanc, Ken Moore, Lew Ouillette, Rob Shibley, Robin Turek, Jean Veneziano, Cathy Wilson and Tim Worster.

## Board of Appeals

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

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

In 2017, the Board met to review an appeal of a Planning Board decision to deny a permit to Roy's Waterpark for inadequate parking. The Appeals Board found that the Planning Board decision was bound by outdated wording in the Site Review Ordinance. Since that ordinance was in the process of being changed, the Appeals Board granted a variance on parking allowing for the permit to be issued for 93 spaces.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Ketterer, Chairman

## Somerset Community Television (Channel 11)

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

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

John Harlow, SCTV 11 Station Manager

## Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee



To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

Committee highlights of 2017 include: Two well-received recycling presentations for the students of Madison Elementary School. The recycling brochure was revised and is available at the Town Office. It contains information about what to recycle, where to take materials, and contact information; One member attended the Annual Maine Recycling and Solid Waste Conference in Rockland.

The “Colorecycle” Color Marker Recycling Program continues in the schools. Spent markers are recycled for use in the production of biofuels. Residents and businesses are encouraged to drop spent markers off at any Madison school or the town office.

Six households participated in the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event Day, delivering 10 units of hazardous wastes. This event is held annually on the first Saturday in October. Unwanted medications and electronics also collected at the event. There is no charge to Madison residents for participation, but pre-registration is required.

Two programs were taped for Channel 11 about the Skowhegan and Waste Management transfer stations and the importance and process of recycling. Residents who wish to recycle must continue to pay a private service to pick up recyclables or take recyclables to the Waste Management transfer station in Norridgewock or to the Skowhegan transfer station. Skowhegan requires recyclables be sorted and does not accept the full range of plastics accepted by Waste Management.

The committee continues to seek new members. Any interested residents are encouraged to contact the town office for more information. For 2017 the committee members included:

Renee Bristow, Jennifer Dean, Nancy Drew, Diane Pinkham, Charles Potratz, Mary Tomlinson, Co-Chair & Betty Vining, Co-Chair

On November 19, 2017, Madison Recycle Advisory Committee members Jennifer Dean, student representative, and Betty Vining spoke to kindergarten classes through 4th grade at the Madison Elementary School to encourage and the benefits of recycling everyday items. Joining Jennifer and Betty was Levi Dube, a student at the school for the presentation. Jennifer and Betty donned vests attached with recyclables that can be found in any home.

# Madison Historical Society

## The Madison Historical and Genealogical Society

### Old Point Avenue Facility, Madison, Maine

The highlight of the year for our Society was the Pelton Art Show held in September. We own several of the Willis Pelton paintings. He was an itinerant painter, born in Starks, and later lived in Michigan but returned to the Madison area during the summers. He walked or bicycled around the area and sold some of his paintings for as little as \$.25 or gave them away for a meal or a nights lodging.

In early spring of 2017 we received a call from Ron Pelton, a distant relative of Willis Pelton, from Connecticut who planned on coming to Maine later and he was willing to bring his Pelton paintings with him if we wanted to hold a show. We were delighted with the offer of bringing 69 framed paintings and several unframed ones and he and his wife, Jane would stat for the show, so plans were made for the September 16 event. Several local people also showed their Pelton paintings and over 100 people were in attendance at the Old Point School. After the paintings were boxed up for the return home the Peltons decided to spend the night in Madison and arrangements were made for them at the Somerset Abbey. They were taken out to see Pelton Brook and the old Pelton homestead in Starks. They also got to see Backyard Farms and the Lakewood area.

We are glad to say that the remainder of the energy efficient lights have been installed in the hall and the bathroom at the Old Point facility. The Society gained six new memberships this past year, but unfortunately four of our members passed away.

The members are currently doing research of Madison's early history with stories about the early businesses, churches, schools, gas stations, Main Street stores, etc. The plan is to publish a book for the 20th anniversary of the Society in May of 2019.

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 2017 Board of Directors are Rodney Arno, Patricia Labun and Eleanor LeBlanc.

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*

This year was a busy one for the East Madison Historical Association, with many activities. We have been granted a solicitation license from the State of Maine and a 501c3 from the Federal government.

We have put in stairs to an upper floor in the new post and beam barn. We received a grant from the Stephen King Foundation for technology improvements.

In June we held our two day yard sale. In July the association members heard a talk from Jenny Obie while she held a book signing at the History House.

East Madison Days is always the third weekend in July. Bob Clement and Katie Ouilette had talks on their respective books and some of Florence Jacobs poetry was read. We also held our First Annual Antique Appraisal. It was a big hit and will return again this summer. We helped the East Madison Grange with a Bean Supper. Our annual luncheon at the East Madison Fire Station was the perfect time to celebrate 90th birthdays for Alfred Jackson and Lew Ouilette. This past fall we had a Cookie and Candy table at the Athens Craft Fair in November.

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



# Recreation Committee



The Madison Recreation Committee is proud to work with parents and students to offer year-round activities including soccer, cheer-leading 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 2017-2018 Madison Recreation Basketball season was a success with 102 Kindergarten – 6th grade Madison children participating. Over 60 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 40 boys and girls in grades K - 2 participated. 4 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 our 4th Annual Madison Round Robin, hosting 19 teams across the state.

Leadership was provided by both the Madison High School Varsity and JV coaches as well as players offering skill clinics.

A special thank you to the many volunteer coaches who graciously donated their time and expertise to the success of the Madison Basketball program: Heath Cowan, Amanda Robbins, Greg Murray, Justin Cornforth, Jason Furbush, Erin Furbush, Cheryl Burgoyne, Chris Dickey, Scott King, Danyel Clark, Luke Hartwell, Jason Hartwell, Al Veneziano, Matt Dyer, Roger Stinson, and the boys and girls high school basketball teams

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 2017 calendar year are as follows: 12,595 Print books, 758 Digital audiobooks, and 1265 E-books for a total of 14,618 checkouts.

In today's world, internet access is expected at public libraries. We have replaced all five public computers. Job applications, tax forms and filing, research and recreational use are available to all at no cost to the user. Many people use their own laptops, tablets or phones to access the internet before, during, and after library hours. 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, per day.

We held an event in April in cooperation with KVCAP to educate children about first responders in a non-emergency environment. It was well attended and the children were thrilled with the opportunity to explore a sheriff cruiser, an ambulance and a fire truck!

The public bathroom was renovated, the furnace repaired, and a wireless router replaced twice, after it was somehow compromised by malware. Other repairs included some new, simple shelving and more lighting installed in the hallway by the children's non-fiction.

Madison was recently designated an Age-Friendly Community. As such, AARP Maine offers several collections of books to the community's library about matters associated with growing older. At the time this report was written, we had received our first shipment, which deals with caregiving. The next shipment should arrive in early 2018 and will highlight financial matters.

## **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

Robert Roy Sr., Chairman  
Steve Everett, Treasurer  
Brock Hagopian, Assistant Chairman  
Raymond Moody, Assistant Treasurer

Robert Hagopian, Clerk / Secretary  
Heather Taylor, Trustee  
George Elias, Trustee

## Anson-Madison Sanitary District

Year 2017 was the first complete fiscal year without Madison Paper Industries. Anson-Madison Sanitary District (AMSD) focused a significant amount of resources managing expenses and pursuing additional revenues. This year AMSD decreased expenses by \$3.5 million dollars. This was achieved thru reductions in electrical usage, chemical usage, labor costs and sludge disposal costs as well as terminated contracts and bond retirement. Also, many process changes were implemented such as improvements to: building heat, water systems, oxygen injection systems and pumping systems. By taking advantage of the treatment facility's additional unused capacity, AMSD was able to increase trucked-in-waste volumes from a variety of sources. Revenue from trucked-in-waste in year 2017 increased over 90% over year 2016.

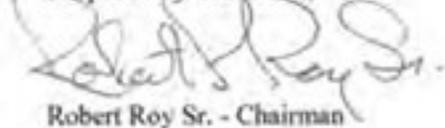
AMSD entered into a unique partnership with Backyard Farms to process over 3,000 tons per year of reject tomatoes and plant waste. Tomato and plant waste consist of 90% liquid. The tomato waste is pulped and pumped to a clarifier for liquid / solids separation. The solids are further dewatered through chemical conditioning and mechanical pressure to remove excess liquid. The dewatered solids are disposed of at Waste Management's Landfill, located in Norridgewock, ME.

AMSD has been able to manage expenses and revenues to keep sewer rates low. Rates have gone unchanged for over 12 years. Unfortunately, AMSD could not sustain these same sewer rates into the future. January 1, 2017, AMSD increased customer sewer rates 10%. The implementation of this rate increase will help AMSD continue to reinvest in its aging infrastructure and fund the daily operations and maintenance of the District.

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.

The Anson Madison Sanitary District is committed to protecting water quality of the Kennebec River and surrounding environment for all to enjoy.

Respectively Submitted,



Robert Roy Sr. - Chairman

# Anson/Madison Water District



13 South Maple Street, Madison, ME 04950

## ANNUAL REPORT 2017

To our valued Customers and Residents,

It is my pleasure to submit the (6<sup>th</sup>) Sixth Annual Report for year ending December 31, 2017. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

During 2017 we had a peak of 1,744 customers,

- (1) One Transmission main break
- (1) One distribution main break
- (8) Leaks.

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 is now scheduled to be finished in the spring of 2018. New rates will take effect Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to cover the cost of the project.

Monthly Board of Trustees meeting are held at 6:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the public meeting room, located at 108 Old Point Ave. in Madison.

2017-2018 Board Members were:

	Madison		
Phillip Curtis,	<i>Trustee</i>		Madison
Allen French,	<i>Trustee /Clerk</i>		Madison
Dana Berry,	<i>Trustee</i>		Madison
Chris Roy,	<i>Trustee</i>		Madison
Randy Turner,	<i>Trustee/Chairman</i>		Anson
H. Ralph Withee,	<i>Trustee /Treasurer</i>		Anson
Brian Nelson	<i>Trustee</i>		Anson

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Michael M. Corson  
Superintendent

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# Madison Electric Works



Madison Electric has had another busy year. We are down one employee due to a retirement, and he will not be replaced at this time. We are doing all that we can to not have a rate increase, the full effect of the solar comes in to play next year. Depending on what that does to our system peak we may even be able to reduce our rate a little. In year 5 of the solar we should be able to purchase the system from IGS and if interest rates don't go up to much this will help us lower rates even more.



I would like to take a minute to talk about the big wind storm we had last fall. I know that you all have read about CMP and their long outages we had most our customers' on by midnight that day and a few single people the by the next morning. We then sent our crews to help CMP and they restored many people in and around Madison, Anson, Solon, and Norridgewock. We helped CMP for the next three days.

Lastly I would like to thank all the people of Madison for the great 19 years that I have been here at Madison Electric. I am retiring at the end of the year.

Calvin Ames

Superintendent, Madison Electric Works

## **Independent Auditors' Report**

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works (Electric Works) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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 an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

## Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Electric Works as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

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

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming 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 years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, on pages 16 and 17, 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 Poulos & Company*  
Professional Association

Portland, Maine  
March 28, 2018

**Statements of Net Position**

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

**As of December 31, 2017 and 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,277,093	\$ 835,029
Restricted cash	-	746,294
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	1,081,366	931,415
Accrued interest receivable	13,541	6,233
Note receivable, current portion	164,784	159,758
Materials and supplies	344,149	345,150
Prepaid expenses	89,710	92,543
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>2,970,643</u>	<u>3,116,422</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Note receivable, less current portion	1,465,701	1,600,080
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>1,465,701</u>	<u>1,600,080</u>
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b> , net of accumulated depreciation	<u>5,079,857</u>	<u>5,189,743</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>9,516,201</u>	<u>9,906,245</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	273,114	365,923
Other current and accrued liabilities	35,285	39,126
Customer deposits	15,146	17,821
Bond payable, current portion	155,000	170,000
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>478,545</u>	<u>592,870</u>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>		
Bond payable, less current portion	1,325,000	1,480,000
Accrued paid leave	45,684	67,954
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<u>1,370,684</u>	<u>1,547,954</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1,849,229</u>	<u>2,140,824</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	3,599,857	3,539,743
Restricted, expendable	-	746,294
Unrestricted	4,067,115	3,479,384
<b>Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 7,666,972</u>	<u>\$ 7,765,421</u>

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

**Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**  
**Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Electric Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 4,564,984	\$ 4,997,404
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Operations and maintenance	4,473,375	4,938,274
Depreciation	<u>279,403</u>	<u>289,902</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>4,752,778</u>	<u>5,228,176</u>
<b>Net Operating Loss</b>	(187,794)	(230,772)
<b>Other Income (Expenses)</b>		
Interest income	90,039	84,711
Interest expense	(53,814)	(37,523)
Gain on sale of assets	<u>13,110</u>	<u>3,025</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>49,335</u>	<u>50,213</u>
<b>Net Loss</b>	(138,459)	(180,559)
<b>Contributions in Aid of Construction</b>	<u>40,010</u>	<u>27,992</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	(98,449)	(152,567)
Net position at beginning of year	<u>7,765,421</u>	<u>7,917,988</u>
<b>Net Position at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 7,666,972</u>	<u>\$ 7,765,421</u>

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

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

**For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Cash receipts:		
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 4,248,983	\$ 4,928,142
Other operating cash receipts	184,893	194,482
Cash disbursements:		
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees	(1,357,082)	(1,282,810)
Cash payments to suppliers and vendors	<u>(3,232,054)</u>	<u>(3,656,426)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</b>	(155,260)	183,388
 <b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(169,517)	(317,716)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	13,110	9,725
Contributions in aid of construction received	21,167	6,885
Debt interest payments	(55,814)	(59,232)
Debt principal payments	(170,000)	(150,000)
(Deposits into) withdrawals from restricted cash	746,294	(6,913)
Debt refinance	-	(1,650,000)
Payments received on note receivable	129,353	165,591
Proceeds from general obligation bond	<u>-</u>	<u>1,650,000</u>
<b>Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>	514,593	(351,660)
 <b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Interest income received	<u>82,731</u>	<u>92,072</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities</b>	<u>82,731</u>	<u>92,072</u>
 <b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	442,064	(76,200)
 Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>835,029</u>	<u>911,229</u>
 <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 1,277,093</u>	<u>\$ 835,029</u>

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

## Statements of Cash Flows (2 of 2)

### Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Net Operating Income (Loss) to</b>		
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b>		
Net operating loss	\$ (187,794)	\$ (230,772)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	279,403	289,902
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	15,000	15,000
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable	(146,108)	410,220
Materials and supplies	1,001	47,144
Prepaid expenses	2,833	(38,050)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(92,809)	69,663
Other current and accrued liabilities	(1,841)	(96,817)
Customer deposits	(2,675)	(295,426)
Accrued paid leave	(22,270)	12,524
<b>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</b>	<u>\$ (155,260)</u>	<u>\$ 183,388</u>

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. Poland bus is very accommodating even when I mess up and forget to call. We got the Black bus for our trip to Pemaquid Point. It was overcast, but the diner was inviting and fun. Our fall trip was to Rangeley via Sugarloaf. Our guide was the daughter of the owners and she showed us many new things. It was fun and she was a riot. We plan at least one trip this year. Destination unknown.

Our weekly meetings normally see 50 to 60 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. The People Who Care Food Cupboard serves the towns of Madison, Anson, North Anson, Embden, and New Portland. We are located at 108 Old Point Ave in the basement of the former Old Point Avenue School. We are open every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Families who qualify for assistance may come once a month, on a Wednesday of their choice, to pick up a supplemental supply of food.

In 2017, we served a monthly average of 121 family requests/307 individuals from the town of Madison. 57% of the clients we served were from the town of Madison. Many of these are seniors and children. We filled a total of 2532 household requests from all the towns we served for the year.

We continue to shop at our local Hannaford and Dollar Tree as well as Save-a-lot. We order once a month from Good Shepherd Food Bank and also pick up USDA food on a quarterly basis. We are very thankful for the weekly donations of tomatoes from Back Yard Farms and apples from North Star Orchards.

Volunteers rescue food everyday from our local Hannaford and once a week from Skowhegan's Wal-Mart through the Good Shepherd's Retail Store Donation Program. This requires someone to volunteer an hour or so everyday. **We are getting to the point where able body volunteers with vehicles are few and the need is great. Anyone who is interested in helping out should stop by the cupboard on a Wednesday.**

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,

Barbara Santiago 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 at the end of 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 held an appreciation dinner for our landowners and their families on March 25th to thank them again for their permission to use their land for the trails.

Turkey pies are available by contacting 431-8544, Motor Supply in Madison and Pizzarama.

The trails required some fixing especially after the terrible windstorm. With help from numerous people, some major issues with trails were addressed. On ITS 87, south of the Hunnewell Road, there was a deep washout down the middle of the trail and this was repaired. The corner north of the Hunnewell Road on Mr. Milton's property was repaired but still needs a culvert put in when it is dryer. The bridge on the Bunny Trail was rebuilt. After the windstorm numerous people went out to cut trees, brush, and help with clean up so the trails would be passable.

The trails in many places still need to be brushed back and we will be organizing to get more of that done this year. We are hoping to make the trails even better for the next season.

We had great reports on the 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 too 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 2018-2019

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# Lake Wesserunsett Association

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Madison:

The members of Lake Wesserunsett Association wish to thank the citizens of Madison for their continued support of our efforts to provide good stewardship of Madison's most valuable natural resource. Association activities include the courtesy boat inspection program, invasive aquatic plant surveys, camp road maintenance education, an extensive program of water quality testing, and placement and maintenance of navigational markers. Property around the lake is a valuable contributor to the tax base.

The Courtesy Boat Inspection Program is operated with funds from a state grant, an appropriation from the town and LWA membership dues. In 2017 the program conducted 1,001 inspections and logged 506 hours manning the boat landing to thwart the introduction of damaging invasive aquatic plants. Additionally, an 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 testing in 2017 showed poor results early but improved over the summer. Some other lakes reportedly noted the same trend. Runoff from roads, bank erosion and lawns contributes phosphorus to the lake which in excess quantities can reduce water quality. For a full report of the lake's water quality see the Wesserunsett Water Quality Report submitted by Will Reed on the Town of Madison website ([www.madisonmaine.com](http://www.madisonmaine.com)).

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.

The association has been increasing its efforts to reduce the phosphorus contribution to the lake from camp road runoff. As part of that effort in 2017 we hosted a very successful workshop with the state soil scientist and and DEP personnel presenting and then leading us for camp road tours and discussions of practices to control runoff and reduce phosphorous flow into the lake.

In 2018, 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



## Madison Farmer's Market



In 2017 the Madison Farmer's Market celebrated it's 5th 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).

## Community Gardens



With help from a New Balance Move More Kids Grant, Somerset Public Health, and the hard work of local Boy's and Girl's Scout troops, three community gardens were built on site at the Old Point Avenue School. The school serves as a community center which houses the Madison Historical Society, Somerset Community Television, various meeting rooms and the People Who Care Food Cupboard. These gardens which are maintained by local volunteers provide fresh produce directly to the Food Cupboard.

# *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, 2017. 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](http://www.madisonmaine.com).

The report includes details of the stabilization of the Town's net position and cash reserves. In fiscal year 2017 the Town was able to increase its net position by \$314,742.00. This increase comes primarily from additional funds set aside in case the abatement appeal from Madison Paper Industries resulted in the Town having to refund taxes paid by MPI in 2016.

In 2017 the Town of Madison's bond rating improved from a 'BBB' to 'A+' which according to the Global Ratings Scale means the Town has moved from an adequate capacity to meet financial commitments to a strong capacity. The improved bond rating reflects the Town's proactive approach to the sudden loss in valuation from the closure of Madison Paper Industries.

Moving forward the Town's financial stability will improve with the closure of abatement appeals and the redevelopment of industrial property.

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, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Madison, Maine's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditors' Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly,

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we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine as of June 30, 2017, 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 42 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 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 6, 2017, on our consideration of the Town of Madison, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Madison, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*RHR Smith & Company*

Buxton, Maine  
October 6, 2017

## 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 increased by \$314,742 from \$8.63 million to \$8.95 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 \$2,220,347 at the end of this year.

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

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016 (Restated)</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets	\$ 2,949,594	\$ 2,843,162
Capital Assets	8,120,212	5,994,302
Total Assets	9,069,806	8,837,464
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	63,009	147,225
Long-term Debt Outstanding	32,205	30,541
Total Liabilities	95,214	177,766
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Prepaid Taxes	26,828	26,676
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	26,828	26,676
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	8,120,212	5,994,302
Restricted: Special Revenue Funds	306,532	552,639
Permanent Funds	300,673	302,224
Unrestricted	2,220,347	1,783,857
Total Net Position	\$ 8,947,764	\$ 8,633,022

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

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
<i>Program revenues:</i>		
Charges for services	\$ 141,694	\$ 91,748
Operating grants and contributions	59,600	59,876
<i>General revenues:</i>		
Taxes	8,425,592	8,172,051
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	885,189	878,635
Miscellaneous	186,135	199,787
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>9,698,210</b>	<b>9,402,097</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
General government	581,168	587,333
Public safety	966,115	970,204
Public works	1,010,923	1,024,437
Parks and recreation	69,295	72,680
Cemeteries	29,963	31,079
Community and social agencies	178,890	194,251
Education	4,972,897	4,972,897
County tax	858,605	1,140,205
Unclassified	715,415	728,511
Capital outlay	197	1,406
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,383,468</b>	<b>9,723,003</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>314,742</b>	<b>(320,906)</b>
<b>Net Position - July 1, Restated</b>	<b>8,633,022</b>	<b>8,953,928</b>
<b>Net Position - June 30</b>	<b>\$ 8,947,764</b>	<b>\$ 8,633,022</b>

### Revenues and Expenses

Revenues for the Town's governmental activities increased by 3.15%, while total expenses decreased by 3.49%. Tax revenues experienced the largest increase while community and social agencies and county tax expenses had the largest decreases.

## TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,578,358
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation	6,120,212
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	286,000
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	<u>(36,806)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 8,947,764</u>

## TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	All Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 7,582,606	\$ -	\$ 7,582,606
Excise taxes	776,986	-	776,986
Intergovernmental	944,789	-	944,789
Charges for services	141,694	-	141,694
Miscellaneous revenues	152,896	33,239	186,135
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>9,598,971</u>	<u>33,239</u>	<u>9,632,210</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	553,713	-	553,713
Public safety	918,815	-	918,815
Public works	821,678	-	821,678
Parks and recreation	69,135	-	69,135
Cemeteries	29,963	-	29,963
Community and social agencies	179,927	-	179,927
Education	4,972,897	-	4,972,897
County tax	858,605	-	858,605
Unclassified	96,401	911,893	1,008,294
Capital outlay	94,449	-	94,449
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>8,595,583</u>	<u>911,893</u>	<u>9,507,476</u>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>1,003,388</u>	<u>(878,654)</u>	<u>124,734</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
Transfers in	285,249	912,911	1,198,160
Transfers (out)	(912,911)	(285,249)	(1,198,160)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>(627,662)</u>	<u>627,662</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	375,726	(250,992)	124,734
<b>FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED</b>	<u>1,549,056</u>	<u>904,568</u>	<u>2,453,624</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30</b>	<u>\$ 1,924,782</u>	<u>\$ 653,576</u>	<u>\$ 2,578,358</u>

## 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, 2017

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement E)	<u>\$ 124,734</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense allocated to those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Capital asset acquisitions	388,168
Depreciation expense	<u>(262,258)</u>
	<u>125,910</u>
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:	
Taxes and liens receivable	<u>66,000</u>
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	<u>(1,902)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u>\$ 314,742</u>

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PAUL R. LePAGE  
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Madison:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.

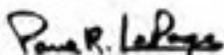
It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

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

Sincerely,

  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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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.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nations most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for the construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

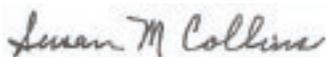
As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower-and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Madison and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta state office at (207) 622-8414 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins United States Senator

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January 3, 2018

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Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine’s forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine’s wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King

United States Senator

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It is a true honor to serve on behalf of the honest and hardworking men and women of our Great State. As your Representative, I am proud that, by working with everyone – Republicans, Democrats, and Independents – we were able to achieve some major victories for Maine in 2017.

Creating and protecting jobs has been and remains one of my top priorities in Congress, and this year we had some big successes. Continuing our work from last Congress, I joined forces with Senators Collins and King to fight to ensure the Department of Defense uses American tax dollars to purchase American made products, like the shoes made by the nearly 900 hardworking Mainers at New Balance. Too often in the past, our foreign competitors made these shoes for our troops, but we won the fight this year and now those shoes can be made in the Pine Tree State. This is a huge victory for the 900 hardworking Mainers at New Balance in Skowhegan, Norway, and Norridgewock.

In addition, the House of Representatives voted 418 – 1 to pass my bill to help business development and job creation in Old Town, and the House Natural Resources Committee voted unanimously in favor of my bill to help worm and clam harvesters settle boundary disputes with Acadia National Park. These are two more big wins for job creation in Maine, and I will not let up one inch until they become law.

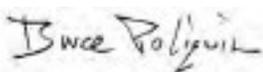
Thankfully, this year we stopped the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) in its tracks and fought against other unfair trade deals. I testified before the International Trade Commission (ITC) on behalf of Colombia Forest Products in Aroostook County when illegal Chinese products were hurting their business and threatening its 161 workers. I was thrilled the ITC ruled in favor of Mainers and against illegal Chinese manufacturers. Mainers are the hardest working people in the world and we can compete and win against anyone, but the rules must be fair.

As a new member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, I created a Veterans Advisory Panel comprised of Maine Veterans from all corners of our Great State. This panel gives Maine Veterans a direct seat at the table and a voice in Washington, D.C. Together, we worked to address malpractice at Togus, resolved numerous late payments from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to several rural Maine hospitals, and settled dozens of Maine Veteran's disability claims at the VA.

Unacceptably, this past year multiple members of Congress committed sexual harassment in the workplace. This is reprehensible behavior and should not be tolerated anywhere. As the lead Republican, I joined Democrats and Republicans to pass a resolution that significantly changes outdated sexual harassment procedures in the House of Representatives. Employees should always feel safe and comfortable in their own workplace, and it is past time Congress resolves this issue.

Lastly, I am extremely proud of the services that our Congressional office has been able to provide to help hundreds of Mainers in the past two years. Whether it is a helping a Veteran navigate the bureaucracy at the VA, assisting an elderly Mainer with Medicare issues, or advising a Mainer with a case at the IRS, my office is always available to help. I encourage anyone who is experiencing problems with a government agency, including our Veterans when dealing with the VA, to contact one of my Congressional offices in Maine—Bangor (942-0583), Lewiston (784-0768), Caribou (492-1600)—or visit my website at [Poliquin.House.Gov](http://Poliquin.House.Gov).

We have made great progress, but our work is far from over. The Great State of Maine and our Nation face many critical challenges. Please know that I am working hard, every day, to serve you and that I will continue to work here at home and in Washington D.C. for our families, Veterans, elderly Mainers, local small businesses and communities. It is an honor to represent you and our fellow Mainers in Congress.



Bruce Poliquin

Maine's 2nd District Congressman



## **Annual Town Report Letter**

A Message from Senator Rod Whitemore

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Rodney Whitemore  
State Senator District 3



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January 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is truly an honor to serve as your State Representative in Augusta. While the 128th Legislature has been nothing short of interesting or challenging, I am thankful for the opportunity to be your voice at the State House, making Maine an even better place to live, work, and play.

After a short government shutdown over some key elements to the state's biennial budget, the Legislature adjourned the first session on August 2, 2017. While no budget is perfect, I am proud of the hard work we were able to accomplish by removing the burdensome, job-killing surtax while putting more funding into education at the request of voters during the November 2016 election. For the first time, we were able to fund our schools at a level we have never been able to before without any additional taxes.

While we were able to address many issues during the first session, on January 3, 2018 the Legislature came in to begin the second regular session, which is the session where we only take up bills considered to be emergency legislation. I can assure you that there are many challenges ahead of us and I will do my best to address the issues with a thoughtful approach. Among a range of policy areas that will be taken up, Maine's drug crisis, Medicaid expansion funding, and recreational marijuana laws will be at the forefront.

As the lead House Republican on the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, my committee we will be taking up bills around reforming the current referendum process and how signatures can be gathered. I am sure there will be a lot of discussion around the referendum process and I will do my best to keep you up to date with how the process moves along.

Again, thank you for your continued support and feedback. Please call me anytime at (207) 634-3074 or email me at [Bradlee.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Bradlee.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov) to share your thoughts or concerns on the issues with me. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly.

Bradlee Farrin

State Representative



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Dear East Madison Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve residents of East Madison in the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature. It is truly an honor to serve our community in the Maine House of Representatives.

Our second regular legislative session is now underway and should adjourn by late April. Our work during the so-called "short session" is generally limited to bills carried over from the previous session and bills deemed urgent by legislative leadership. Over the next several months, we will consider roughly 400 bills.

One of our top priorities will be implementing recommendations from the Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State, which completed its work last fall. Their recommendations include bettering prevention efforts and law enforcement resources and increasing treatment options. This is a serious issue and we must do more to protect Maine families. You can access the final report at: <http://legislature.maine.gov/uploads/originals/opioidtffinalrpt-3.pdf>

I am proud to continue to serve as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The committee's work of preserving Maine's roads and bridges and the infrastructure our businesses rely on to be successful continues to be a top priority.

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

Respectfully,

Betty Austin  
State Representative

# Rules for Town Meeting

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

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

**No smoking is allowed in the building.**

**Budget Articles (#3-#14) are ‘capped articles’ which means the amount recommended cannot be raised but can be lowered by Town Meeting vote.**

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.

# 2018 Town Meeting Warrant

## 2018 Town of Madison Town Meeting Warrant

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

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Madison, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Madison Junior High School Auditorium**, in said Town, on Monday, the eleventh (11th) day of June, 2018 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 36 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 twelfth (12th) day of June, 2018 A.D. at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon by secret ballot Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours, therefore, to be from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening:

### Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

### Article 2

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

- 1 Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for 3 years*
- 3 Directors for SAD #59 for 3 years*
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 3 years*
- 2 Trustees for Anson-Madison Water District for 3 years*
- 1 Trustee for Madison Public Library for 5 years*
- 1 Director for Madison Electric Works for 5 years*
- 1 Town Clerk/Treasurer for 1 year*
- 1 Road Commissioner for 1 year*

### Article 3

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

Selectmen Recommend

YES

### Article 4

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

Advisory Board Recommend

YES

\*Compensation is included under Article 5.

**Article 5**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$525,934.46** from property taxation to fund the General Government account.

Selectmen Recommend:	YES
Advisory Board Recommend:	YES
Administration	\$475,200.00
Planning Board	\$5,825.00
Code Enforcement	\$26,400.00
Boards and Committees	\$19,350.00
Assessing Services	\$45,500.00
<u>Elections</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$575,295.00
<b><u>Approved revenue from TIF</u></b>	<b><u>(\$49,360.54)</u></b>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$525,934.46

**Article 6**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$869,461.60** from property taxation to fund the Public Safety account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES
Ambulance	\$92,250.00
Police	\$440,000.00
Fire	\$103,230.00
Animal Control	\$10,900.00
Street Lights	\$58,000.00
<u>Hydrants</u>	<u>\$225,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$929,380.00
<b><u>Approved revenue from TIF</u></b>	<b><u>(\$59,918.40)</u></b>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$869,461.60

**Article 7**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$218,930.00** from property taxation to fund the Other Government account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES
Storm Drains	\$45,000.00
<u>Waste Disposal</u>	<u>\$204,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$248,000.00
<b><u>Approved revenue from TIF</u></b>	<b><u>(\$29,070.00)</u></b>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$218,930.00

**Article 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$501,873.94** from property taxation to fund the Public Works account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES
Public Works	\$598,525.00
<b><u>Approved revenue from TIF</u></b>	<b><u>(\$96,651.06)</u></b>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$501,873.94

**Article 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$73,950.00** from property taxation to fund the Recreation account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

**Article 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,900.00** from property taxation to fund the Cemetery account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

**Article 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$175,735.00** from property taxation to fund the Community Services account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES
Library	\$113,940.00
Tree Warden	\$3,000.00
US Naval Sea Cadets Corps	\$950.00
Abnaki Snowmobile Club	\$1,900.00
Lake Association	\$5,225.00
American Legion Flags	\$570.00
People Who Care Food Cupboard	\$14,250.00
Recycling Committee	\$1,500.00
Somerset Community TV (Ch.11)	\$1,000.00
General Assistance	\$15,000.00
Madison Anson Senior Citizens	\$4,500.00
Somerset Humane Society	\$7,300.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$2,000.00
<u>Spectrum Generations</u>	<u>\$4,600.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$175,735.00</b>

**Article 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,275.00** from property taxation to fund the Town Owned Property account.

Selectmen Recommend YES  
Advisory Board Recommends YES

**Article 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$235,375.00** from property taxation to fund the Capital Expenditures account

Selectmen Recommend YES  
Advisory Board Recommends YES  
  
Capital Equipment \$55,000.00  
Road Surface Projects \$176,375.00  
Capital Improvements Fire Dept \$4,000.00  
**Total \$235,375.00**

**Article 14**

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to use **\$300,000.00** from undesignated fund balance to offset taxes.

Selectmen Recommend YES  
Advisory Board Recommends YES

**Article 15**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Madison Electric Works Board of Directors to amend the MEW charter to authorize the Electric Works to borrow through the issuance of revenue bonds.

Selectmen Recommend YES

**Article 16**

To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2018 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, 2019, when the second one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable, with taxes unpaid after said dates to bear interest at the rate of eight percent (8.00%) per annum from said dates.

Selectmen Recommend YES

**Article 17**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2018-2019 not yet due or assessed.

Selectmen Recommend YES

**Article 18**

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 19**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Madison Public Library Board of Trustees to convey all rights, title and interest in the land in East Madison known as “Jacob’s Pines” to the Somerset Woods Trustees to be conserved in a manner fitting with the intentions of George Jacobs when he willed the property to the Town in 1987.

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 20**

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 21**

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 22**

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 23**

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 24**

To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote to fix the rate of 4% interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 25**

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 26**

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

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 27**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Cemeteries” (Chapter 532)” be eliminated?

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 28**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Site Review” (Chapter 484)” 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 “Parks and Recreation Areas” (Chapter 667)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 31**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Parks, Cemeteries and Water-Access Areas” (Chapter 285)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 32**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Sex Offenders” (Chapter 308)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 33**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Prohibition of Marijuana Retail Establishments” be adopted?

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 34**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Subdivision of Land” (Chapter 490)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 35**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Smoking” (Chapter 702)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 36**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Excavations” (Chapter 189)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Town of Madison Board of Selectmen**

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Albert A. Veneziano, Chairman

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John E. Ducharme, III, Vice Chair

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George Elias

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Paul R. Fortin

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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](http://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-Fri 7:30-4:00)	696 4401
MADISON HEALTH CENTER		696 3992
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY	(Opens at 10:00am Mon-Sat)	696 5626
MADISON ELEMENTARY	SCHOOL	696 4607
MADISON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL		696 3381
MADISON HIGH SCHOOL		696 3395
POLICE (MADISON DIVISION OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE)		696 5373
POST OFFICE		696 3045
SOMERSET CO-OP EXTENTION		474 9622
SOMERSET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		474 9861
TOWN OFFICE	(Mon-Fri 7:30-4:00)	696 3971
TREE WARDEN		696 3894

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)		