

Town of Madison 2023 Annual Report

For the 2022 Fiscal Year

Town Meeting June 12, 2023
7pm Junior High Auditorium
Local Election June 13, 2023
8am to 8pm Old Point School

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Dedication: Buzzy the Barber!



This year the Madison Select Board is pleased to dedicate the Annual Report to Freeman 'Buzzy' Buzzell . Buzzy graduated from Madison High School in 1959 and set up his barber chair and opened for business on Main Street in 1960. In his 63rd year of operation, Buzzy's Barber Shop is Madison's longest running continuous Main Street business.

Buzzy has often referred to his store as one of the last of the dinosaur barber shops. When he went to barber school in the late 1950's there were already four other barber shops in Madison. Now he is the only one.

He said he has considered retirement time and again, but he would miss his regular customers too much.

As a Main Street mainstay, Buzzy is often quoted in local news articles about the ups and downs of the local economy. From the view of his barber's chair, he has seen buildings and businesses come and go including four changes at the paper mill from Great Northern, to Kennebec Pulp & Paper, to Madison Paper and now Timber HP by GO-Lab.

Thank you Buzzy for your years of service to your loyal customers and your community!

About the Cover



The Wesserunsett Arts Council is pleased to present two murals on the Old Point Avenue school building. The artists are Kristine Gordon and Ellen Nicholas, both members of the Passamaquoddy tribe, and are first cousins that grew up together on the Sipayik Reservation in Pleasant Point, Maine. One panel depicts the Wabanaki origin story of Koluskap, in the 'Welcoming Pose'.

The other panel depicts the region's most abundant resources; timber, fish, woods and waterways. The images below depict a year-round settlement of Nanrantsouak, which translates to "the people of the still water between the rapids, present-day Madison Maine. This is culturally and geographically important because of how the landscape shaped the identity of the Abenaki who call this land home.



Madison Departmental Directory

Town Office is open Monday through Friday 7:30 to 4:00 26 Weston Avenue (PO Box 190)

Town Manager, Tax Collector: Tim Curtis 696 3971 edd@madisonmaine.com
Administrative Asst: Deb Chandler 696 3971 admin@madisonmaine.com
Bookkeeper/HR Jill Wyman 696 3971 finance@madisonmaine.com
Town Clerk, Treasurer &
Registrar of Voters: Triss Smith 696 5622 townclerk@madisonmaine.com
Welfare Director: Tim Curtis 696 5621 edd@madisonmaine.com
Assessors Agent: Shirley Bartlett 318 8250 sbartlett213@yahoo.com

Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer &

Plumbing Inspector: Jay Watt 696-3971 code@madisonmaine.com
Recreation Director: Chris LeBlanc 696 3395 cleblanc@msad59.org

Highway Department open Monday through Thursday 6:00 to 4:30 140 Madison Avenue

Road Commissioner: 696 5378 highway@madisonmaine.com
Foreman: Peter Paine foreman@madisonmaine.com
Equipment Operators: Peter Dow, Matt Fourcadot, Nick Daigle **Mechanic:** Bill Pierce
Seasonal Workers: Alan Thibodeau, Meagan Corson, Nick Rollins

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

Sheriff : Dale Lancaster 474 9591
Animal Control Officer: Damien Kelley 431 8383
Dispatcher: Sharon Carey 696 5373

Fire Department (Paid On-Call)

Fire Chief Don French 431 1435 Company 1 26 Weston Ave
Deputy Chief Dan Bosworth 431 0813 Company 2 1110 East Madison Road

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

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

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

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

Town Manager's Report

To the residents of Madison,

I am pleased to serve as your Town Manager. This July will mark the beginning of my ninth year. I like to look at progress in our community in slow, steady increments. I compare progress to Tom Brady's career rushing statistics. In his 23 year career he gained over 1,000 yards on the ground and he did it 'an inch at a time'.

Ten years ago we first heard the rumblings of change when the valuation of Madison Paper began to be questioned, resulting in a loss of value of over \$180,000,000 and an increase to everyone's taxes. Around that same time, there were several empty storefronts in the downtown and 'for sale' signs seemed to litter every street.

Within this ten-year window of time we have seen new development, new businesses, a global pandemic and a housing boom. In the midst of these sweeping changes, the Town Office seeks to continually move forward, trying to balance services that residents need and a moderate and stable property tax rate.

As we move forward, change is inevitable. Of the seven full and part-time Town Office employees, five are new within the past year. We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of our past employees and wish them well in retirement or new ventures. Our new employees are quick studies who have hit the ground running.



Julie Rich
Deputy Clerk



Jill Wyman
Finance Director



Deb Chandler
BMV Agent

Julie Rich joined the staff in November. She is well known to residents for her many years with Taylor's Drug Store.

Jill Wyman was hired as the Town Finance Director in January. She had previously worked at the Madison Health Center and at Dr. Friedman's dental office.

Deb Chandler has worked for the Town since 2015, and has taken on the duties of Motor Vehicle Agent. The office has a new part time clerk as well; Kristen Plante works the counter Mondays and Tuesdays.



Tim Curtis
Town Manager

Change is a funny thing. Sometimes it happens so fast it makes our head spin, other times it seems as if change can't come soon enough. If you have concerns about local change happening too fast or too slow I encourage you to come by or contact me at the Town Office so we can talk about it. Positive change happens best when a community listens to each other.

While I can't promise to make everyone happy, I can promise to listen. Let's keep Madison moving forward.

Town Clerk's Report

Thank you for allowing me to serve the residents and greater community of Madison. I appreciate the support of the public and collaboration with our Town Manager, Select Board, fellow colleagues, board and committee members, and election personnel. The municipal clerk's office primary responsibilities include the care and preservation of municipal records, Agent for Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Administrator of Elections and Administrator of Voter Registration. We record and issue vital records, such as Birth, Death and Marriages. The following is a Fee Schedule for these records:

Marriage License	\$40.00
Birth, Death, or Marriage Certificate	\$15.00
Each Additional Copy of Certificate Same Day	\$6.00

Please call the clerk's office at 696-5622 to set up an appointment for a Marriage License

During 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Clerk's office received for filing the following vital records:

38 Births	31 Marriages	99 Deaths
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The Town Clerk's Office licensed 45 unaltered dogs, 166 neutered or spayed dogs for a total of 213 dogs, plus 2 kennel licenses. Dog licenses are \$6.00 for neutered or spayed and \$11.00 for unaltered dogs. Dog Licenses expire December 31st of every year and late fees of \$25.00 per dog goes into effect on February 1st if you fail to renew licenses by January 31st.

Hunting and fishing licenses, snowmobile, ATV, and boat registrations are also issued in the clerk's office, using Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's MOSES system. You must have proof of having held a previous Hunting license or have taken a Hunter's Safety Course in order to Purchase a Hunting License. Please provide prior registration and you drivers license when purchasing any IF&W item.

Sporting Licenses and Recreational Vehicle Registrations sold are as follows:

Sporting Licenses (Hunting, Fishing, Etc) 328	Boats & Personal Watercraft	302
ATV's	220 Snowmobiles	256

All Maine residents turning 70 in the current year can purchase a lifetime license for \$8.00. Other lifetime licenses are available for age (15 years and under) and (65 to 69) directly through IF&W for various fees. Stop by the town office for an application.

Annual Town Meeting and Election is held each year in June.

The location for Elections has been permanently moved to the 108 Old Point Avenue location. Parking is behind the building at 23 Locust St. This year there was a State Election on November 2, 2021 and a State Primary, Municipal, & School Election, combined on June 14, 2022. Madison has a total of 3407 registered voters. Absentee Ballots are available 30 days prior to any elections. Absentee balloting process is being conducted at the Town Clerk's office 26 Weston Avenue.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kathy Estes (Prior Town Clerk/Treasurer) for her assistance and help provided to me as I settled in to the daily routine and responsibilities of Town Clerk/Treasurer for Madison.

Please feel free to call the Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office with questions or concerns @ 696-5622.

Respectfully Submitted,

Triss A. Smith Municipal Clerk, CCM

Town Treasurer's Report



Triss Smith - Town
Clerk/Treasurer

To the Citizens of Madison:

Our year-end General Fund balance is now \$2,672,579 compared to last year's stated amount of \$2,309,605 as shown in the audit completed by RHR Smith & Company dated Nov 14, 2022. Audited financial Statements and other financial information is on file in the Treasurer's office for public review. If you would like to review the audit, please call ahead and make arrangements with the Treasurer 207-696-5622.

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

CEMETERY TRUST. This trust is to be used for management, maintenance and improvement of the Forest Hills cemetery. The cemetery fund balance for perpetual care was \$151,097 as of June 30, 2022. The account for lot sales has a balance of \$80,651 as of June 30, 2022.

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, 2022 is \$8,643.00.

DOROTHY BROWN SCHOOL ENDOWMENT TRUST. This is an expendable trust, which is to be used solely for public schools in the Town of Madison. We expended \$2,414.74 from this fund for such purpose this fiscal year. The balance in this fund as of June 30, 2022 is \$57,133.00.

REVALUATION FUND. The balance in the Revaluation Fund as of June 30, 2022 is \$108,580.00.

The treasurer of a municipality is a public officer, elected by the municipality or appointed by appropriate officials, whose duties under Maine law extend primarily to the receipt, safe-keeping and proper disbursement of public money. The treasurer is obligated to receive and account for late property tax payments being made after a tax lien mortgage has been filed in the registry of deeds and the foreclosure process. The treasurer is responsible for the daily cash receipting activities and depositing funds in the appropriate bank or trust fund accounts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Triss A. Smith, Treasurer

Madison Fire Department

To the residents of Madison,

Madison Fire responded to 248 calls in 2022, continuing to serve the community by protecting lives and property. Like every small community we continue to struggle to keep the numbers of available firefighters. I am pleased to say we have added a few new members this year, and I am grateful to the committed firefighters who have provided long term service to Companies One and Two.

With approved funding from 2022 Annual Town Meeting, the Town was able to purchase a new 2023 Tanker/Pumper Fire Truck. This unit replaces one that was 32 years old.

Thank you

Don French – Fire Chief



Vehicle Accidents	Fire Calls	Hazardous Cond
111	46	65
Service Calls	Good Intent	False Alarm
23	13	3

AMS Ambulance Service

The ambulance service has had a very busy year with a record number of calls for service (2,014 calls, 150 more than ever before). The higher demand on the AMS crews due to this increase has shown the value and dedication of all the employees. The medical world is facing the same shortages and price increases that you face in your everyday lives. Our cost for medical supplies has nearly doubled in the last 2 years, along with higher costs to maintain the building, fuel for the building and ambulances, wages and office supplies. I am happy to tell you even with all these increases we can operate another year without raising the costs to the towns we serve! This is possible due to the cooperation and good decision making between the AMS Board of Directors, and the AMS staff.

Some things to consider in the event you need an ambulance. Please keep your driveways, walkways, and stairs clear of snow and ice. We have to have easy and safe access. Please put all dogs in a separate room before our arrival. Even the friendliest dogs will bite when under stress. Keep an updated medication, allergy and problem list where it is easy to find. Please stay on the line with the 911 dispatcher until they tell you to hang up. Lastly, but very important, make sure your mailbox or house numbers can be seen easily from the roadway. Reflective numbers are especially helpful at night. Thank you for your cooperation and the ambulance service looks forward to helping the area citizens for another year. Wishing you all a safe and healthy year!

Respectfully, George Demchak Operations Director AMS Ambulance Service.

Road Commissioner's Report

To the Residents of Madison,

In 2022, the Highway Department completed a number of projects including ditching and culvert replacement on roads that were paved in the summer, including Lower Mills Road, Russell Road and Blackwell Hill Road. In town, resurfacing was done to Nichols Street, Young Street, Vaughn Street, and Ash Street.

On Blackwell Hill a coating of chip-seal was applied. This process has drawn much attention over recent years due to the disturbance it creates during the initial application. The purpose of a chip-seal application is to create a flexible bond on the road surface in an effort to make the paving last longer. An added benefit is that chip-seal creates a surface with better traction in the winter months. The application uses the same materials and chemicals as regular asphalt paving, but requires the removal of excess stone chips creating a great deal of dust.

Chip-seal is not ideal for all roads and currently has only been applied to a portion of Preble Avenue, Golf Course Road and Blackwell Hill Road. For 2023, there are no plans to apply chip-seal.

In November 2022, Road Commissioner Jeff Wright chose to resign from his elected position. Jeff had served the Town with the Highway Department for over 27 years and his contributions have been extensive. His knowledge of public works and equipment will be sorely missed. One candidate for Road Commissioner (Michael Gordon) will be on the ballot for the June 13, 2023 election.

In the meantime, the Select Board appointed me to serve as interim Road Commissioner to oversee the department budget and personnel. I would like to thank Peter Paine for his willingness to serve as Highway Foreman for this past winter. His years of experience were essential to ensuring roads were cleared and treated in a timely fashion.

William 'Billy' Pierce has submitted paperwork for his official retirement in August of 2023. Billy's work as a master mechanic has saved the Town thousands of dollars over the years, rebuilding, retrofitting and restoring equipment that would have to be purchased off the shelf otherwise.

Peter Dow, Nick Daigle and Matt Fourcaudot are the other full-time employees in the department and I appreciate their efforts this past winter, along with part-time winter help Alan Thibodeau, Nick Rollins and Meagan Corson.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Curtis - Town Manager/Interim Road Commissioner

Sidewalks Plowed in order of winter priority

Main Street (Bridge to Health Center)

Weston Avenue

Madison Avenue

Old Point Avenue

Maple Street

Pleasant & Garfield Streets

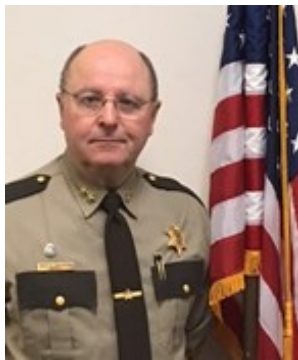
Bean & Hardy Streets

Pine & Kennebec Streets

Madison Elementary

Locust & Rowell Streets

Sheriff's Report (Madison Division)



Dale P. Lancaster
Sheriff

The Somerset County Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with the Town Manager and Select Board, has served the Town's law enforcement needs for 7 years. As your Sheriff, I consider it an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Madison. The Town of Madison budgets for 4 Deputies and 1 Secretary/Dispatcher. The compliment of personnel is assigned as follows: 3 full-time Patrol Deputies, 1 Deputy assigned as a School Resource Officer which is presently vacant, and a Secretary/Dispatcher for 32 hours a week.

2022 was an evolution to the policing model that is being deployed for the Town of Madison. To ensure coverage for the Town, the Shift Supervisor is assigning a Deputy to the Madison Community every shift. Not unlike many law enforcement agencies in the State of Maine and throughout the Country, we are experiencing difficulty hiring/retaining qualified police officers. In 2023, we will be entering into Union negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). The Sheriff's Office anticipates that we will be MLEAP (Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program) accredited in 2023.

In fiscal budget year 2022, the Sheriff's Office is anticipated to return approximately \$55,000 to the taxpayers of Madison. The refund is, in part, due to salary savings from the SRO position. In 2022, Deputies handled 5,557 calls for service, which represents a 26% decrease from 2021.

Deputies stopped 754 vehicles, covered 219 motor vehicle crashes, completed 175 property checks, assisted 210 citizens, and did 97 welfare checks. Deputies also responded to 46 domestic violence related calls, 53 theft complaints, and 25 scam reports. Secretary/Dispatcher Sharon Carey received 182 walk-in complaints.

In 2022, the State of Maine experienced a record setting 716 overdose deaths. The Deputies that patrol in and around the Town of Madison are issued and trained in the use of Narcan. The Fentanyl/opioid epidemic consumes a lot of the Sheriff's Office resources. The Sheriff's Office collaborated with the Maine Bicycle Coalition for the bicycle rodeo held in Madison in June. 15 children participated in slow races, radar runs, and a continuous loop course with two lanes, stop signs and crosswalks. In July, Boy Scout Troop 481 painted the exterior of the Madison Sheriff's Office station. This project allowed Scout members to earn service hours which are required for advancement. An activity report is generated each month that reflects the activities of the Deputies assigned to Madison. The monthly report is presented to the Town Manager and Selectpersons and is available to the public at the Town Office to review.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Sheriff Dale P. Lancaster

Tax Assessor's Report



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

Valuations as of April 1, 2022

Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$331,694,500
Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation	\$32,996,000
Total Taxable Valuation	\$364,690,500

Abatements Granted in 2022

Account #	Location	Abatement	Tax Reduction	Reason
1330	153 Madison Avenue	\$70,000	\$1,441.75	Homestead Reinstated (3-Years)
2572	480 White Schoolhouse Road	\$49,300	\$1,003.36	Building Removed
PP514	Business Park Drive	\$3,076,300	\$57,188.42	Incorrect Valuation
1505	301 River Road	\$25,000	\$464.75	Homestead Reinstated (1-Year)
1059	11 Rowell Street	\$25,000	\$464.75	Homestead Reinstated (1-Year)
1898	Drake Road	\$21,500	\$399.68	Sold 1 acre parcel
1801	River Road	\$8,100	\$150.57	Lot Unbuildable (Resource Protection)
1996	Lakewood Road	\$14,600	\$271.41	Incorrect Owner
2984	106 Nichols Street	\$31,000	\$576.29	Homestead & Veterans Exemption
Grand Totals		\$3,320,800.00	\$61,960.98	

Supplemental Taxes in 2022

Account #	Location	Value Increase	Tax Increase	Reason
887	148 Shusta Road	\$0	\$3,886.00	Tree Growth Penalty
3458	16 Drake Road	\$36,000	\$669.24	Property Split
1996	Lakewood Road	\$14,600	\$271.41	Corrected Owner
646	36 Main Street	\$25,000	\$464.75	Removed Homestead Exemption
Grand Totals		\$75,600	\$5,291.40	

Tax Stabilization for Seniors: With the passage of LD290 in 2022, the Maine Legislature created a program that allows residents over the age of 65 to have their property taxes frozen at the 2022 amount. As of the December 1, 2022 deadline, the Town of Madison had received 325 applications. At least one owner must be over the age of 65 and prove that they have lived in a home in Maine for at least 10 years. As of right now, participants must apply by December first every year to keep their tax amount stable. New applicants will be able to stabilize their taxes at the 2023 amount.

Homestead Exemption: Each year over 1,100 residents in Madison take advantage of the State Homestead Exemption. Rules have changed to limit the 12 month waiting period for residents who moved from one municipality to another. Contact the Town Office to see if this program applies to you. It could reduce taxable value \$25,000 resulting in a tax savings of over \$450.

Personal Property: Approximately 175 businesses in Madison declare their business equipment as personal property each year. That equipment includes furniture, fixtures, and machinery used in the operation of business. Personal property is taxed at the same rate as applied to taxable real estate. Forms are available at the Town Office to make adjustments for any new or deleted property.

Tax Collector's Report

For the 2022/2023 fiscal year \$6,779,596.40 was committed for taxes to be raised to fund the budgets approved for the school, county and municipal governments. Town Manager Tim Curtis serves as Tax Collector. Of the taxes collected, \$4,761,923.10 funds the local portion of the MSAD#59 School Budget, \$798,452.45 funds the Town's portion of the Somerset County Budget, and the remainder goes toward the Municipal Budget of \$3,567,135.

The strong housing market prompted an increase in property values resulting in a reduction in the mill rate (property tax rate) from **\$19.42 to \$18.59**.

Tax Club: For the 14th consecutive year the Town is pleased to offer taxpayers in good standing the opportunity to join the Tax Club. The enrollment period is from July 1st through the second Friday in September. Sign up forms are available at the Town Office and online at www.madisonmaine.com. Tax Club members receive a monthly payment book and are not charged interest on the outstanding balance. Payments are due by the 5th of each month.

Updates: Residents who have a change of address regarding where their tax bill should be sent must make sure Town records are updated. Keep in mind that property bought or sold after April 1st of the current year remains in the name of the previous owner until records are updated the following year.

Unpaid Taxes: Each year the good people and businesses of Madison do their civic duty by paying their taxes on time. But due to a variety of circumstances, there are some property owners that fall behind. The following pages provide the public record of uncollected taxes in the Town of Madison as of January 31, 2023. If taxes remain unpaid for 3 years then the Town assumes ownership as Tax Acquired Property. Each year the Select Board is responsible for selling this acquired property, often through public auction. I am pleased to report that as of this printing, there are no tax foreclosed properties on the books.

- Tim Curtis, Tax Collector

As of January 31, 2023 the total amount of unpaid Personal Property Tax was \$340.82

Unpaid 2020 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2023

Name	Amount
CARROLL, WAYNE W.	1,782.35
CHAPMAN, LETITIA	527.56
COURT, SANDRA	353.84
ELLIS, ELAINE	269.15
FINNEY, LORI	603.54
FLOOD, RONALD	90.00
FORD, BRUCE	2,246.13
GEHRKE, ANGELINA M	1,396.13
HEALD, KIRK	973.50
LARLEE, SANDRA	539.89
MCMANUS, JOSEPH SR.	1,315.38
NICHOLS, MARK	2,454.38
NV FUND II LLC	711.88
NV FUND II LLC	716.13
REYNOLDS, GARY	51.39
SHAW, ALICE ESTATE OF	1,421.63
TESSIER, ANTHONY	182.73

Name	Amount
VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	513.57
WEBB, JAY	2,082.50
WESTON, EDWIN B	1,294.13
WESTON, THOMAS B	2,107.49
Total 2020 Taxes Unpaid	\$21,603.37

Unpaid 2021 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2023

Name	Amount
ALLAIN, III, ROLAND I	571.49
ALLAIN, III, ROLAND I	5,863.97
BIXBY, BEVERLY C LIFE ESTATE	263.83
BOWRING, DECEMBER A., HEIRS OF	638.37
CARROLL, WAYNE W.	1,933.96
CHAPMAN, LETITIA	953.29
CHESLEY, BETTE A	65.45
CHESLEY, BETTE A	2,509.04
CORO, KEVIN	1,217.41

Unpaid 2021 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2023

Name	Amount
COURT, SANDRA M	836.27
CRAWFORD, ROBERT LEE JR	1,572.77
CYR, NICOLE R	259.82
DIXON, LINVILE	1,784.79
DYAR, CLYDE E	1,385.11
ELLIS, ELAINE R	1,756.39
EMERY, ERWIN L	324.80
FINNEGAN, JOAN	261.19
FINNEY, LORI	644.57
FLOOD, RONALD R	499.28
FORD, BRUCE E	2,281.02
FRANZOSE, ALLEN	602.20
FULTON, WILLIAM W	11,948.38
GEHRKE, ANGELINA M	1,431.52
GICKAS, PETER J	61.27
GREENE, MELTIAH B	1,029.97
GUZZETTA, JOHN	1,134.89
HAULK, PHILLIP A	1,921.84
HEALD, KIRK A	977.51
HICKS, CATHERINE	1,149.02
HOOLEY, SCOTT & DIANNE	1,669.62
KANE, CECIL W; ESTATE OF	2,198.30
KING, BRIAN L	653.97
KING, JANET M.	548.20
LACASSE, JESSE W	3,893.25
LARLEE, SANDRA J	1,233.77
MCGEE, MATTHEW L	73.53
MCMANUS, JOSEPH A SR	1,342.74
MEI, JIMMY	2,256.81
MENG, ALBERT R	676.85

Name	Amount
MENG, ALBERT R	335.84
MERRY, LAURIE	578.75
MUDIE, CARLENE Y	1,296.32
NELSON, RANDY A	322.11
NICHOLS, MARK E	2,486.83
NORRIS, HAROLD	740.49
NV FUND II LLC	727.30
NV FUND II LLC	731.33
O'BRIEN, THOMAS	757.56
O'BRIEN, THOMAS	1,161.12
O'BRIEN, THOMAS	1,716.03
O'BRIEN, THOMAS	1,693.84
O'DONNELL, MATTHEW J	1,574.78
O'NEILL, ANGELA R	2,091.51
PAWLOWSKI, ROBERT T	2,198.30
PINKHAM, MARY	1,266.06
POLLIS, JAMES A	2,361.74
PRICE, GARY	676.85
QUIMBY, EDWARD A	948.49
REYNOLDS, GARY	2,460.61
ROWAN & OAK PROPERTIES,	2,299.18
ROWAN & OAKS PROPERTIES	2,803.63
SEELEY, THEODORE E	1,413.36
SEELEY, THEODORE E	257.14
SHAW, ALICE ESTATE OF	1,449.68
SORDILLO, PAUL J	553.77
STEWART, LILLIAN M	1,028.88
STITHAM, BARRY	140.11
TAYLOR, STEPHEN J	593.51
TAYLOR, STEPHEN J	1,251.93

Unpaid 2021 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2023

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
TESSIER, ANTHONY L	783.80	WESTON, EDWIN B	1,320.54
TRUNDY, MATTHEW E	1,179.30	WESTON, THOMAS B	2,759.24
VENUTI, JAMES J	1,601.02	WIINIKAINEN, LINDA M	844.34
VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	737.39	WILLIAMS, KELLY JO	935.14
WAGG, FRANK O	346.68	WILLIAMSON, CODY	3,709.64
WALKER, KIMBERLY A	416.21	WITHEE, HAROLD S	1,234.57
WEBB, JAY	2,089.33		
WELLER, PATRICIA S. LIVING TRUST	2,131.70	Total 2021 Taxes Unpaid	118,432.41

General Assistance Report

The “General Assistance Program,” as it is known today, has progressed a long way from the Elizabethan Poor Laws of England that were re-established in the early colonial days of America and became a part of Maine law when Maine became a State in 1820.

The laws provided that the “Overseers” of a municipality or some person or persons designated by them to act on their behalf shall have the care of all persons within a municipality had the responsibility for all eligible people who were in need.

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

When applying for General Assistance its important to know that the Town is considered a last resort and if there are other resources available those would have to be exhausted before the Town can provide assistance. In FY22 the Town spent \$15,182 on General Assistance. In an effort to offset rising fuel and rental costs the Town has received additional funds from the State and Federal Government. As always the past year saw many local churches and businesses step forth to help those in need in our community. Thanks to all for their generosity.

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

Local Boards and Committees

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

Albert A. Veneziano, Chair (2025) Robert Hagopian, Vice Chair (2023)
Ronald Moody (2025) Sally Dwyer (2023) Shawn Bean (2024)

Planning Board

Mary Tomlinson, Chair (2023) Jeff Drew, Vice Chair (2024)
Mark Doty (2023) Brett Hagopian (2025) Randy Bliss (2023)
Association Member: Robin Turek (2023)

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

Bruce Thebarger, Chair (2024) Carla Franzose (2024) Angela McKenney (2025)
Irene Christopher (2025) Tammy Carrier (2023) Rob Dimmock (2023)
Jasmyn Horton (2024) Bonnie Levesque, Superintendent

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

Richard Bartlett	Randy Bliss	Patrick Dolan	Jeff Drew	Kathy Estes
Jack Ducharme	Peter Elias	Paul Fortin	Kristie LeBlanc	Michele LeBlanc
Kenneth Moore	Rob Shibley	Bruce Thebarger	Robin Turek	Cathy Wilson

Board of Appeals

Andrew Ketterer, Chair (2024) Cheryl West (2023) Brian Hale (2024)
Christine Stratton (2025) (Open 2023)

Somerset Community Television (Channel 11) Board of Directors

Janice Miller - President (Anson)	Bonnie Young - President (Skowhegan)
Jeff Evans - Secretary (Skowhegan)	James Smith - Member at large (Anson)
Ron Moody - (Madison)	Randy Bliss - Member at large (Madison)
Betty Vining - Treasurer (Madison)	John Harlow, Station Manager
Todd Smith - Member at large (Skowhegan)	

Madison Historical Society

Judy Mantor, President
Shirley Vigneault, Vice President

East Madison Historical Association

Eric Lahti, President
Sherry Howard, Vice President
Cathy Edgerly, Secretary and Treasurer

Recreation Committee

Chris LeBlanc, Chairman (2025) Michael Theriault (2025) Joseph Hayden Jr. (2024)
Kristie LeBlanc (2024) Jason Furbush (2025)

Madison Ethics Committee

Stacy Jordan (2024) Eric Lahti (2025) John Kenney (2025)
Wendy Boyton (2025) Corey Estes (2025) Alternate: Luke Hartwell (2024)

Library Trustees (meet fourth Tuesday of the Month)

Julie Forbus, Librarian
Barbara Moody, Chair (2024) Phil Daigle (2026) Christine Stratton (2027)
Ann Withee-Heald, Treasurer (2023) Kim Harper, Secretary (2025)

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

Marty Berry, Superintendent
Charles Worster, Chair (2027) Richard Bartlett (2023) Peter Elias (2025)
Chris Roy (2024) Craig Parker (2026)

Local Boards and Committees (con't)

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

Dale Clark, Plant Manager - Elected Representatives from Madison:

Robert Hagopian (2025)

Chuck Worster (2023)

Brock Hagopian, Chair (2024)

Michael Nelson (2023)

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

Kirsten Hebert (Superintendent – Maine Rural Water) - Elected Representatives from Madison:

Chris Roy (2024)

Jack Ducharme (2024)

Jeff Lloyd (2023)

Phil Curtis (2025)

Somerset Woods Trustees

Greetings: Many of you are aware that Somerset Woods Trustees owns and manages the Weston Woods & Waters (WWW) recreation area - a 330 acre forest extending from the Nathan Street boat landing up river to the tip of the Weston Homestead Farm and over to a new parking lot on Park St. (Route 43). It's a stunning area with 2.5 miles of Kennebec River frontage, miles of trails through woodlands and meadows, and a lot of history. It has a lot of potential recreation for residents and visitors to Madison.



Students gather with John Noyes at the dedication of cross country (XC) Trails on WWW

Somerset Woods Trustees is a land conservancy founded in 1927 (the oldest in the State) by Louise Coburn of the well-known Coburn family. We have a mission to make land available for the benefit of the public, which we do in a variety of ways: boat launches, picnic areas, ball fields, playgrounds, grassland bird and pollinator habitat, acreage for a rare orchid and of course WWW which is one of our jewels.

Our aim for WWW, as well as for our other properties in Madison, is for it to become ever more integrated into the recreational psyche of the area: for XC running, snowshoeing, skiing, nature exploration, story walks, a poetry corner, or simply going out for a stroll. As you go out to

explore any of our properties, if you have ideas, let us know. The Trustee's office is at the Hilton law office just across Weston Avenue from the Town Office. Jennifer is usually out exploring properties in the field, but Ernie is often there. Stop by for a chat, or call 696-3800 (Ernie) or 679-7306 (Jennifer). We would love to hear from you. If you happen to catch our land steward Bob Abbott on the trails some morning, please engage with him as you will be charmed by his extensive knowledge of local history. Find out more at www.somersetwoodstrustees.org

Ernie Hilton, Vice President SWT

Jennifer Brockway, Executive Director SWT

Madison Select Board Report

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

It is with great pleasure that I get to write this update. Another year has come and gone. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the community as chair of the Select Board.

This year brings some new faces at the town office as we welcomed new employees. Jill Wyman is our HR/Finance Director and Julie Rich our Deputy Clerk at the town office counter. Earlier in 2022 Kristen Plante was hired as a part-time counter person, working Mondays and Tuesdays. I would like to express my thanks to all town employees for a job well done during this year. The level of service provided by our town office staff was outstanding. The town office staff constantly adjusted schedules as well as how to deal with the public in a safe manner for both staff and the public.

Timber HP by Go Labs is making great strides at the former Madison Paper site. Seeing life at that site has brought great anticipation to the community. Many former Madison Paper employees have returned to work with the new company. Great to have them back in Madison. Watching the work being done outside by Cianbro Corporation has been a real boost to the area.

Our highway crew deserves a lot of credit for doing such a great job with a challenging winter season. Dealing with road conditions in Maine is a constant issue for our road crew. The library is a very friendly and inviting place to go in town, a big thanks to Julie Forbus and her staff for their hard work and dedication during this year. The recreation department worked hard to provide a program for our youth to get them to enjoy the outside.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert A. Veneziano
Select Board Chair



Glen Mantor

Ron Moody

Bob Hagopian

Al Veneziano

Sally Dwyer

Planning Board

In 2022, the Planning Board finalized the review of several major projects. The first was to put the finishing touches on a Walden Solar proposal to build a 20Mw solar array off East Madison Road which will be partly in Madison and partly in Cornville. This prompted a review of fees the Town charges for large scale solar arrays.

By far the project that garnered the most attention was a proposal to build 18 apartment units on land owned by the Town at 55 Weston Avenue. This project met the standards of the Site Review ordinance and was the subject of multiple public hearings and a special Town Meeting. The project has received a 'Notice to Proceed' from Maine Housing and is scheduled to be built in the spring/summer of 2023.

In an effort to spur housing development statewide, the Maine Legislature passed LD2003 which provided for sweeping changes impacting a municipality's local control over housing standards such as density and parking. The Planning Board continues to watch these changes closely.

There were a few shoreland zoning matters to come before the board, and several chapters of the Town of Madison Comprehensive Plan were updated.

Code Enforcement

Madison residents should call the Town Office with any and all permitting / code enforcement questions, and to apply for proper permits *before* you begin any new construction or renovation project. This application process is in place to ensure all projects are meeting code, setback, and Shoreland Zoning requirements. Our municipal code and links to applications can also be found on our town website at www.madisonmaine.com/government/code-enforcement.

In 2022 the Town issued 50 building permits and 42 plumbing permits. The total estimated value of the building projects is \$4.9M.

Currently the Town has two appointed Code Officers (Jay Watt & David Savage). Both work on an on-call basis. There has been debate at the Select Board level as to whether or not a full-time position should be created for Code Enforcement to also include facilities maintenance for town properties. The proposed budget for Code Enforcement being brought to Town Meeting includes funding for a full time CEO and Facilities Maintenance.

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. In 2022, the board met to hear an appeal of the Animals Ordinance to allow for farm animals on a parcel less than 1.5 acres. The board denied the appeal, citing insufficient evidence of financial hardship.

According to Chapter #7 of the Madison Code of Ordinances, the Appeals Board is authorized to hear variance requests pertaining to Shoreland Zoning, Subdivision, Site Review, and Floodplain ordinances. The Board can also hear appeals on decisions made by various boards and officers of the Town.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Ketterer, Chairman

Budget Advisory Committee

This year the Budget Advisory Committee met to review the proposed municipal spending found on pages 54-58 in this report. Overall spending increased by \$371,000, but the committee approved bringing \$700,000 forward from undesignated fund balance to minimize the impact on local taxes.

The committee also approved language to authorize the Town to utilize funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to fund equipment purchases and road reconstruction (Articles 19 & 20). In addition, the committee recommended that the Town authorize the Select Board to carry forward unspent capital funds (Articles 21 & 22).

Overdraft of Article 10

According to Article 7 of the 2022 Town Meeting Warrant, the Select Board is authorized to use up to \$25,000 from undesignated revenue in the event of overdrafts, unforeseen events or emergencies. Any action to this effect must be published in the next year's Town Report.

From the Select Board minutes of August 8, 2022: Motion by Mrs. Dwyer to move \$10,513.41 from undesignated fund balance to offset the over draft of Public Utilities (Article 10), seconded by Mr. Mantor. Mr. Mantor asked why the Town overran the amount of the Water District Fees for Hydrants. The Town Manager explained that the Water District provided a budget figure, but also approved a rate increase midway through the budget year. Motion carries 5-0.

MSAD 59 Local Schools

To the residents of Madison,

The 2022 - 2023 school year has finally found us back on more of an even keel after two years of COVID-19 rocking our boat! Students came back to school in late August with smiles on their faces (that could be seen with no masks) and optimism that life at school would be back to normal.



Class size was taken into consideration to continue to give staff the opportunity to work with small groupings in order to bridge the achievement gaps created by COVID-19, sports resumed their competitions without restrictions, and Mother Nature handed us a mild Fall and early winter.

In October, under the facilitation of Dr. Michael Cormier, a committee was formed which included parents, school staff and the town manager, to explore the option of expanding Pre-K at Madison Elementary School. Over the years the kindergarten population has been twice what the Pre-K enrollment was the year before. With only one classroom available for Pre-K, this was not affording equal opportunity for all early childhood children in the Madison community. And, during this exploration it was, also, discovered that special education students at MES were desperately in need of more space!

In January, the committee came to the MSAD59 Board of Directors with the recommendation to expand the Pre-K program, and in order for this to happen, to restructure the grade levels in each of the district schools where there was room to create the needed space for the Pre-K program. Additionally, the restructuring would help to solve the special education needs. In February, the Board voted 4 to 2 in favor of the recommendations of the committee.

The Board recognized that change is difficult, and there would very likely be bumps along the way, but felt it was the only fiscally responsible solution. The district schools were originally built to house a far greater population than currently exists - with the high school offering the greatest space. As a result of the vote, in the Fall of 2023, Madison Elementary School will house Pre-K thru grade 2, Madison Junior High will become an upper elementary school housing grades 3 - 6, and Madison Area Memorial High School will become Madison Junior Senior High School housing grades 7 thru 12.

These changes will sustain the future of MSAD59 for many years to come.

Thank you for your continued support with the education of the students in MSAD59.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie C. Levesque". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bonnie C. Levesque

Superintendent of Schools MSAD59

Community Service

Each year good people in our communities chip in to help care for our parks and playgrounds. Much of the work goes unnoticed but it is always appreciated. Last summer Betty Vining put her grandchildren to the good work of public service and documented with a few pictures.

They pulled up weeds, and raked chips to ensure a longer lasting play surface for all the neighborhood kids at the Fortin Family Playground behind the Old Point School.



Brother and sister Justin and Alyssa Vining from Springfield Florida spent several nice sunny days putting in some sweat equity! The Town of Madison is very appreciative of this community spirit and perhaps this report will spur on others to do the same!



Historical & Genealogical Society

We would like to thank the citizens of Madison for their continued support in helping us preserve the history of our town. Many new items were donated and our displays are expanding. We continue to do our best in preserving Madison's history for future generations. We are open Saturdays from 10am to 2pm, weather permitting at the Old Point School (108 Old Point Avenue). Our meetings are held the third Saturday of each month. We encourage the public to visit the museum and research rooms.

We have six or seven people who donate their time every Saturday to work on preserving the displays. Their time is greatly appreciated. Our most recent display was donated by Larry & Diane Caldwell. They donated several old medicine bottles, some with labels that read Cushing, Mantor and Taylor. Also donated were a scale with weights, glass funnels, pharmacy books and a five-foot Taylor's Drug Store sign.



We are working on setting up a displays to feature area dairy farms. Gerald Paine donated his grandparent's crosscut saw. Anyone who has pictures or items from area farms they would like to preserve, we would greatly appreciate them.

This past year we heard from several featured speakers, including:

Dave Calder, who shared stories, photos and songs from the log drive era.

Julie Forbus, who shared stories and history of the Madison Public Library.

Libby Bischof with the Osher Map Library at USM gave a talk on the history of Maine postcards, including the history of Madison in postcard – the most efficient way of communication in the day.

Laurie Moody gave a talk on Fenton glass which included a beautiful display.

From July through October we had a few member's genealogies in display which brought people in from all over the state.

Some of our research books include; Maine Families; The Second Boat; Mayflower; Downeast Ancestry and the Maine Genealogists.

We lost two treasured members in 2022, Gerald Paine and Olive Corson. The will be greatly missed.

In 2024 we celebrate 25 years of preserving Madison's History.

Respectfully submitted,

The Madison Historical & Genealogical Society

East Madison Historical Association

To the residents of Madison,

The EMHA has had a very successful year in spite of the continued presence of the pandemic. We have adapted by establishing a ZOOM hybrid option for our meetings which has the added benefit of allowing the participation of members outside the immediate area or who have family responsibilities that would otherwise keep them from attending in person. We expect to continue this option even when the original purpose is not a factor.



The biggest development of the year was the bequest from the Alfred Jackson estate. In his will, Mr. Jackson left the contents of his garage and two barns to the Association. The contents included his collection of Model T Fords, antique tractors, antique engines and tools as well as shop equipment and parts. Also included is a 1940 Ford farm truck that has been in his family since new. A major undertaking has been to inventory this collection. Fortunately we are able to continue to house the collection in the garage and barns. We hope to have some items ready for display during our summer events.

The second big development is our plan to open a larger version of our Little Free Library. We have had large collections of books donated to us and decided to acquire another building to house the volumes and make them available to the community. Through the generosity of a Skowhegan family who donated one of the former Somerset Motor Lodge cabins, we have the building. The interior has been painted and shelving is being constructed in readiness for an early summer opening! We are also continuing to catalog and digitize our collections, maintain the Blessings Box, plan our annual fundraising yard sale and organize East Madison Days.

We hope to resume our program offerings this year and welcome the public to our facilities to view our historical collections and use our growing research library. We also invite all who have an interest in the history of the area to become members. Our facilities are located at 1108 East Madison Road adjacent to the fire station. As we are open at irregular times, please call 474-5961 to arrange a visit.



Respectfully submitted,

Eric R. Lahti – President, East Madison Historical Association

Recreation Activities



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

There are also activities available for all ages including disk golf at Madison High School, access to cross country skis, snow shoes and mountain bikes for use on area trails.



Recreation Basketball

The 2022-2023 Madison Recreation Basketball season was extremely successful with 97+ Kindergarten – 6th grade Madison children participating. Practices and skill clinics began in early December and were run by the high school basketball coaches and players. The eight week game season started the beginning of January and Saturday games were held until February break. Teams also participated in the Skowhegan Round Robin in early March.

Many volunteer coaches graciously donated their time and expertise to the success of the Madison Recreation Basketball program: Luke & Jason Hartwell, Jason Furbush, Mike Packard, Nick Gilman, Joshua Bishop Al Veneziano, Matt Dyer, Ashley Krege, Angie Arbour, and the boys and girls high school basketball teams.

Thank you all for a great season!

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie LeBlanc

Madison Basketball Commissioner

Summer Recreation at Sandy Beach



52 kids from Madison participated in this year's summer recreation program with two hot but fun days at the newly opened Sandy Beach on Lake Wesserunsett. For those of us old enough to remember swimming at the "Totem Pole", it was great to see this location partnering with the Town for summer activities.



People Who Care Food Cupboard

People Who Care thanks the town of Madison for your continued support of your Food Pantry. With the funding provided we are able to feed thousands of local residents. Your support was greatly appreciated in 2022 as the number of people served through our work literally doubled due to the rapidly rising cost of food.

People Who Care is committed to ending hunger and food insecurity in all of the communities we serve. We welcome all residents of Madison to utilize your pantry for all your food needs including fresh vegetables, fruit, dairy and meat. This year we have added a Farmers Market 9am-10am Every Saturday.

People Who Care operates from 378 Lakewood Road on Wednesdays from 9am – 12pm and Thursdays from 9am – 11am, monthly delivery service to residents at One Madison Avenue, and weekend hours at Calvary Pentecostal Church on Old Point Avenue. Contact Shannon for more information at 399-0452.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Blouin Drury

Individuals served 2022

Jan	952
Feb	970
Mar	1573
Apr	1224
May	1212
Jun	1347
Jul	1677
Aug	2041
Sept	2029
Oct	1672
Nov	2252
Dec	2473

Madison/Anson Senior Citizens

To the Citizens of Madison,

In 2022 the Madison/Anson Senior Citizens were able to provide weekly gatherings for a meal and Bingo at the VFW hall each Monday from August through early November. In 2023 they plan to provide the same from June through Thanksgiving. Special thanks to Karen Bishop for all the leadership she provided over the years! She chose 2022 to be her last year serving.

Many thanks to the VFW for lending their hall to us each week, and for the financial support provided by the Towns of Anson and Madison.

If you have any questions or recommendations for programs that we can offer, please don't hesitate to contact me at either 696-4720 or 696-5500.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH CORO

Madison Public Library

To the residents of Madison,

Our library is busier than ever. Story times, book clubs and summer programs were all well attended. Library checkouts are back to normal, with some significant increases. Total checkouts for 2022 were as follows:

Print books	13,414 (+2834)
Ebooks	1,793 (+266)
<u>Digital audiobooks</u>	<u>656 (+10)</u>
Total	15,863 (+3,110)

These totals reflect an overall increase in library usage, with almost 2,000 additional checkouts in the children's section and over 850 additional checkouts in the adult section, compared to the previous year. We hosted two 7-week summer programs, one for elementary school children, the other a junior high book club. Average attendance for the younger group was 26 people – 18 children and 8 adults – with 6-7 middle schoolers attending book club each week.

Story time continues to be offered every Tuesday at 10AM. Average attendance for story time is 4 children and 3 adults. Life is busy. Many different families attend when they can; not every family attends every week. All children are welcome but stories are geared toward ages 3-8.

The Madison Christmas Celebration was held on December 4th. We gave out books and gift bags to children during regular business hours; 89 children and their parents/caregivers visited the library. The remaining 11 bags were given to children who visited the library during December.



Also in December, we received a grant for \$50,000 from The Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation. This grant will pay the bulk of the dome window restoration project, with the remaining \$24,000 being paid out from a combination of maintenance funds, copies and fines monies, an anonymous donation of \$5,000 that we received in January, and the library trust fund. The project should be completed by the end of this fiscal year.

The ramp will have to be replaced in the next few years; it is serviceable for now but is almost 40 years old. As each project is finished, another comes along...we trust the town will support us in that endeavor when the time comes.

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

Business hours are as follows:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Forbus, Head Librarian

Anson/Madison Sanitary District

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

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

The District is planning to replace a portion of the stormwater drainage system that serves Main Street, Madison. Over the years, during heavy rain events Main Street and area business have become flooded (see picture). A larger diameter pipe will be installed from Main Street to Jones Brook to increase flow capacity. The project will be funded by a grant from the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund.



The Trustees meet at 52 Main Street, Madison on the third Wednesday of each month @ 5:30pm and the public is always welcome to attend. 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 at 696-5211 for further information.

Respectively Submitted,

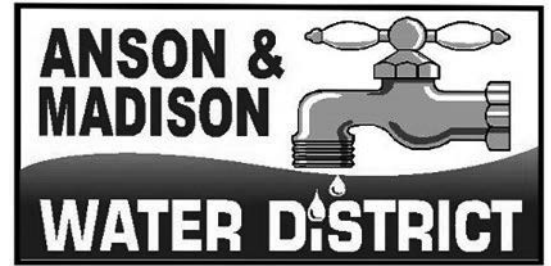
Brock Hagopian - Board Chair

Anson/Madison Sanitary District Board of Trustees

Anson/Madison Water District

The Annual Report of the Anson and Madison Water District will be available as a separate publication, distributed to its customers and the community at a later date. The Districts fiscal year differs from that of the municipalities it serves, which results in their own auditing schedule.

It has been both an exciting and challenging year for the District! The Board of Trustees in 2022 welcomed two new members: John Durcharme III and Jeff Lloyd. Both are valuable assets to the Board and to the communities served. Board of Trustees meetings are conducted the third Thursday of each month at 15 South Maple Street, Madison at 5:00 P.M.



Many upgrades and improvements have taken place to ensure we continue to provide our customers with a safe, dependable, and affordable water. We continue to appreciate the patience and support of our customers as we progress with these changes.

In 2022, the District was approved to receive a \$3.5 million dollar grant by the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development toward the replacement of the existing distribution main from the treatment plant to Pinkham's Market.

The District's SCADA system was replaced. A SCADA system is a combination of hardware and software that enables the automation of industrial processes by capturing operational technology in real-time. SCADA connects the sensors that monitor equipment like motors, pumps and valves and sends the information to onsite or remote servers.

Over seventy (70) inoperable meters were replaced throughout the system, and continued repairs and replacements are scheduled for 2023.

The District developed and adopted a long-range Master Plan. A Master Plan is a guideline for the future development of the District. It assists with the use, replacement, and planning of infrastructure projects.

New customer billing software was acquired. The updated software offers additional features and capabilities that improve efficiency and accuracy to the customers. The District's **rate structure** has not changed since July 2021. In October 2022, the District's **billing schedule** changed. To summarize, the District continues to bill customers in 3-month intervals, however, the customer base has been divided into routes, allowing a third of the customers to be billed each month of the quarter, rather than all in the same month. This allows more time to identify billing and metering issues, in addition to providing the District a consistent cash flow.

The District submitted a revision to their current Terms and Conditions to the Maine Public Utilities Commission Docket # 2022-00233, effective October 1, 2022. The current Terms and Conditions had been in effect since April 2012. Terms and conditions are the rules and guidelines that the District sets forth for its customers use of its services. Copies of the District's Terms and Conditions are available by contacting Customer Service by email at AMWDCustomerService@mainerwa.org or calling 207-424 - 3288 during business hours.

Lake Wesserunsett Association (LWA)

To the Select Board and Citizens of Madison:

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



The Courtesy Boat Inspection Program, to thwart the introduction of damaging invasive aquatic plants, conducted 711 boat inspections and logged 591 hours manning the boat landing at the outlet dam in 2022. This program is especially important as the infested waterbodies creep closer and closer to our lake; invasive aquatic plants have now been found in the Kennebec River below Skowhegan and the boat launch is only 8.5 road miles from the lake's boat launch.

The water quality sampling program for Lake Wesserunsett continued for the 41st consecutive year in 2022. Colby College in its 2001 report about the lake stated that its future water quality was "uncertain" and that it had reached "... the threshold at which ecologically detrimental algal blooms can occur" and our sampling data indicate this is still the situation 20 years later. Runoff from roads, bank erosion and lawns contribute phosphorus to the lake which in excess quantities reduces water quality.

The LWA has for many years maintained an informational kiosk at the East Madison boat launch. In 2022 we put up 3 more, one at the Lakewood Town dock & swim area, and one at each of the campgrounds. Thank you to the town & campgrounds for that partnership.

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

In 2023, we expect to expand many of our programs to provide stewardship for the lake. We are fortunate to have such a valuable resource within town boundaries. We thank the town in advance for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Doty

LWA Water Quality Report

The Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM) Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) water quality sampling program for Wesserunsett continued for the 41st consecutive year in 2022. The program was run by the Lake Wesserunsett Association (LWA) Water Quality Committee, whose members are listed at the end of this summary

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

Sampling: John Bonsall monitored eight times from late May through September.

Results: Secchi Disk depths (water clarity) averaged 19.9 ft, which is slightly more than the long-term average of 19.2 ft. (40 years of data). One reading was on the bottom. Total Phosphorus (TP) averaged 7.0 ppb, which is the same as the long-term average (17 years of data). Color averaged 12.5 SPU, which is much less than the long-term average of 21.0 SPU. Last year the average was 15.7 SPU. The reason for these very low readings remains unknown. Surface Temperature was highest on July 27 when it was 77.9°F. The highest temperature measured was on July 17, 2013 when it was 82.2°F. Dissolved Oxygen/Temperature profiles were typical for Wesserunsett with both oxygen and temperature being lower near the bottom at times due to weak partial stratification. *Gloeotrichia echinulata* (a cyanobacteria) was slightly detected in only three of eight checks. Ice-Out was on April 10. Final Ice-In was on Dec. 25 following an initial, temporary ice-in on Dec. 22 that lasted only two days. Open Water Duration was 258 days, 18 days more than last year and much longer than the long-term average of 236 days. Rainfall from Ice-Out to the sampling on August 15 was only 14.2", but having 10.34" of rain in late August through September raised the total rainfall to 24.54".

Climate Change: The two earliest Ice-Outs in 139 years of records for Wesserunsett were in 2010 and 2012. Seven of the nine longest open water durations in 37 years of records for the lake have been after 2005. These observations are consistent with a pattern of warming. However, the later than usual Ice-Outs in 2017, 2018 and 2019, the earliest Ice-In and shortest Open Water Season in 2018, and the shorter than average Open Water Duration in 2019 are contrary to that warming trend.

Conclusions: The water quality results for 2022 were encouraging regarding water clarity and overall *Gloeotrichia* results and Total Phosphorus levels. Colby College in its 2001 report about the lake stated that its future water quality was "uncertain" and that it had reached "... the threshold at which ecologically detrimental algal blooms can occur" and our sampling data indicate this is still the situation

Continuation of the lake monitoring program and retention of all data for future analysis are important so that any trends and changes over the long-term may be identified. Wesserunsett is an important economic and environmental resource for the Town of Madison and camp owners that deserves protection and in order to be successful, all need to take part.

Water Quality Committee Members and Responsibilities: John Bonsall, Chair and Monitor: Reports and Data bases. Secchi Disk. TP. Color. Surface Temp. DO/Temp. *Gloeotrichia*. William Reid: Ice-Out/Ice-In/ Open Water Duration. Rainfall. To obtain the full 2022 lake water quality report or additional information, please contact John Bonsall at bonsalljh@aol.com

Somerset Community Television

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Harlow – Station Manager



SCTV11 Board: Randy Bliss, Jim Smith, Janice Raine Miller, Bonnie Young, Jeff Evans, Betty Vining, with John Harlow

Madison Electric Works

To Madison Ratepayers and Residents,

2022 was a good year for Madison Electric. Peak shaving with our Cat Generator has helped us reduced our energy costs. Along with our regular line maintenance we upgraded the river crossing from Starks to Norridgewock and upgraded the poles on Houghton Street.

We had Shusta Rd and Walker Rd trimmed along with our crew doing our regular maintenance tree trimming.

Sincerely submitted,

Martin Berry

Superintendent



Madison Electric's Cat G3520 natural gas generator. With 2500 kw output, this device is located at the Jones Street power station.

The following pages are from the MEW audited finances through December 31, 2022



To the Board of Director

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Electric Works as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information, the Schedule of Changes in the Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works' Total MMEHT Plan OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, and the Notes to the Schedule, as noted in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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 Works' basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental information for the years ended December 31, 2022 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.

Statement of Net Position, Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

As of December 31, 2022

Assets: Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,316,156
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful account	1,003,153
Accrued interest receivable	3,897
Note receivable, current portion	194,481
Materials and supplies	472,537
Prepaid expenses	<u>68,407</u>
Total Current Assets	3,058,631
Other Assets: Note receivable, less current portion	592,832
Right-to-use assets	<u>122,050</u>
Total Other Assets	5714,882
Property, Plant and Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>5,764,540</u>
Total Assets	9,538,053
Deferred Outflows: Deferred outflows related to OPEB	28,871
Liabilities: Current Liabilities: Accounts payable	399,896
Other current and accrued liabilities	35,844
Unearned revenue	194,000
Customer deposits	51,316
Bond payable, current portion	150,000
Leases payable, current portion	<u>46,082</u>
Total Current Liabilities	877,138
Long-Term Liabilities	
Bond payable, less current portion	877,138
Capital lease, less current portion	81,648
Net OPEB liability	70,786
Accrued paid leave	<u>96,589</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>809,023</u>
Total Liabilities	1,686,161
Deferred Inflows	
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	<u>43,336</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	4,926,810
Unrestricted	<u>2,905,617</u>
Net Position	\$ 7,832,427

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, 2022

Electric Operating Revenues		\$ 4,852,834
Operating Expenses		
Operations and maintenance		4,794,652
Depreciation		<u>354,607</u>
Total Operating Expenses		<u>5,149,259</u>
Net Operating Loss		(296,425)
Other Income (Expenses)		
Interest income		26,141
Interest expense		<u>(28,106)</u>
	Net Other Expense	(1,965)
	Decrease in Net Position	(298,390)
Contribution in Aid of Construction		<u>18,948</u>
	Change in Net Position	(279,442)
Net Position at beginning of year		8,111,869
	Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 7,832,427</u>

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

Statements of Cash Flows (1 of 2)

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Years Ended December 31, 2022

Cash Flows from Operating Activities: Cash receipts:

Cash receipts from customers	\$ 4,550,996
Other operating cash receipts	231,775
Cash disbursements:	
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees	(1,514,207)
Cash payments to suppliers and vendors	<u>(3,317,996)</u>
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(49,432)

Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities

Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(53,856)
Contributions in aid of construction received	(5,113)
Debt interest payments	(29,206)
Debt principal payments	(150,000)
Payments received on note receivable	<u>188,270</u>
Net Cash used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(94,777)

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Interest income received	<u>27,083</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	27,083

Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents (117,126)

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year 1,433,282

Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year **\$ 1,316,156**

Statement of Cash Flows (2 of 2)

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Years Ended December 31, 2022

Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to

Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:

Net operating loss	\$ (296,425)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Depreciation	319,038
Right of use amortization	45,076
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	15,000
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	
Accounts receivable	(85,063)
Materials and supplies	(97,809)
Prepaid expenses	(9,508)
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	20,316
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Accounts payable	40,577
Other current and accrued liabilities	6,441
Customer deposits	35,066
Accrued paid leave	(5,884)
Net OPEB liability	(44,078)
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	<u>7,821</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ (49,432)

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, 2022. I would like to thank former Finance Director Tammy Carrier, the Town Office Staff and the team at RHR Smith & Associates for the many hours dedicated to this process. A complete copy of the financial report is available for public review at the Town Office or online at www.madisonmaine.com.

Tim Curtis

Town Manager



Proven Expertise and Integrity

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Selectboard; Town of Madison Maine

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Madison, Maine as of June 30, 2022 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter As discussed in Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements, the financial statements of the Madison Electric Works are intended to present the financial position and the changes in financial position of only the business-type activities of the Town of Madison, Maine that is attributable to the transactions of the Madison Electric Works which are presented as of their last audited financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2021. They do not purport to and do not present fairly the financial position of the Madison Electric Works as of June 30, 2022 and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Basis for Opinions We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Madison, Maine and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Madison, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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

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

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Madison, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise doubt about the Town of Madison, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and OPEB information on pages 5 through 13 and 74 through 80 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us **with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.**

Supplementary Information Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Madison, Maine's basic financial statements. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of 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 November 14, 2022, 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 November 14, 2022

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 \$976,761 from \$9,687,278 to \$10,664,039. For the business type activities, total net position increased by \$164,544 from \$7,947,325 to \$8,111,869.

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 \$2,324,916 and decreased for the business-type activities to a balance of \$2,947,623.

Table 1 - Town of Madison, Maine

Net Position - June 30, 2022

	<u>Government Activities</u>		<u>Business Type Activities</u>	
	2022	2021	2021	2020
		(Restated)		
Assets				
Current Assets	\$4,222,778	\$ 3,439,959	\$ 2,969,515	\$4,015,194
Noncurrent Assets:				
Capital Assets	6,473,483	6,235,637	6,139,393	4,740,226
Other	411,325	431,340	786,843	973,936
Total Assets	11,107,856	10,106,936	9,895,753	9,729,356
Deferred Outflows of Resources:				
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	77,859	104,653	49,187	54,016
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	77,859	104,653	49,187	54,016
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	96,492	80,838	785,437	615,044
Noncurrent Liabilities	241,941	306,445	1,007,119	1,172,000
Total Liabilities	338,433	387,283	1,792,556	1,787,044
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Prepaid Taxes	54,078	50,826	-	-
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	128,895	86,202	40,515	49,003
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	182,973	137,028	40,515	49,003
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	6,884,808	6,666,977	5,164,246	3,575,739
Restricted: Special Revenue Funds	1,294,575	949,054	-	-
Permanent Funds	157,740	180,682	-	-
Unrestricted	2,234,916	1,890,565	2,947,623	4,371,586
Total Net Position	\$10,664,039	\$ 9,687,278	\$ 8,111,869	\$ 7,947,325

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

	Government Activities		Business Type Activities	
	2022	2021	2021	2020
Revenues: Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$112,917	\$ 120,330	\$4,589,515	\$ 5,084,514
Operating grants and contributions	63,676	58,488	-	-
General revenues: Taxes	7,726,748	8,562,998	-	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	3,147,358	2,229,413	-	-
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>202,370</u>	<u>684,712</u>	<u>262,275</u>	<u>97,235</u>
Total Revenues	11,253,069	11,655,941	4,851,790	5,181,749
Expenses General government	627,198	1,403,637	-	-
Public safety	667,146	707,858	-	-
Public works	1,305,253	1,267,932	-	-
Parks and recreation	91,504	66,342	-	-
Cemeteries	35,140	26,904	-	-
Community and social agencies	179,303	175,734	-	-
Education	4,646,679	4,714,652	-	-
County tax	776,046	808,680	-	-
Town property	26,889	26,239	-	-
<u>Unclassified</u>	<u>1,921,150</u>	<u>1,250,981</u>	<u>4,768,517</u>	<u>5,412,585</u>
Total Expenses	10,448,959	10,422,362	5,412,585	5,730,041
Special and extraordinary items:				
Gain on insurance proceeds	-	-	42,577	1,116,956
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	-	-	12,875	(134,317)
Contributions in aid of construction	-	-	25,819	8,294
<u>Total special and extraordinary items</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,271</u>	<u>990,933</u>
Change in Net Position	976,761	1,206,982	164,544	760,097
Net Position - July 1/January 1	9,678,278	8,480,296	7,947,325	7,187,228
Net Position - June 30/December 31	\$ 10,664,039	\$ 9,687,278	\$ 8,111,869	\$ 7,947,325

TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 JUNE 30, 2022

	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Total Fund Balances	\$4,302,603
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	\$6,473,438
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	\$188,527
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	\$77,859
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Net OPEB liability	(\$188,763)
Accrued compensated absences	(\$60,775)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	(\$128,895)
Net position of governmental activities	\$10,664,039

TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	General	NBRC	ARPA	Other Governt	Total Governt
REVENUES Taxes:					
Property taxes	\$ 6,805,383	\$	\$	\$	\$6,805,383
Excise taxes	912,201				912,201
Intergovernmental	1,880,054	842,468	488,512	-	3,211,034
Charges for services	112,917	-			112,917
Miscellaneous revenues	52,567			149,803	202,370
TOTAL REVENUES	9,763,122	842,468	488,512	149,803	11,243,905
EXPENDITURES					
Current: General government	599,086				599,086
Public safety	625,599				625,599
Public works	1,252,859				1,252,859
Parks and recreation	90,844				90,844
Cemeteries	35,140				34,140
Community and social agencies	179,303				179,303
Education	4,646,679				4,646,679
County tax	776,046				776,046
Town property	26,889				26,889
Unclassified	1,805	842,468	35,468	1,041,409	1,921,150
Capital outlay	356,844				356,844
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,591,094	842,468	35,468	1,041,409	10,510,439
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,172,028		453,044	(891,409)	733,466
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Transfers in	152,000			961,054	1,113,054
Transfers (out)	(961,054)			(152,000)	(1,113,054)
TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES	(809,054)			809,054	-
NET CHANGE FUND BALANCE	362,974		453,044	(82,552)	733,466
FUND BALANCES - July 1	2,309,605			1,259,532	3,569,137
FUND BALANCES - June 30	2,672,579		453,044	1,176,980	4,302,603

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, 2022

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement E) \$733,466

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	\$587,870
Capital asset disposals	(\$34,154)
Depreciation expense	<u>(\$315,870)</u>
	\$237,846

Deferred outflows of resources are a consumption of net position by the government that are applicable to a future reporting period and therefore are not reported in the funds (\$26,794)

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	\$9,164
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Deferred inflows of resources are an acquisition of net position by the government that are applicable to a future reporting period and therefore are not reported in the funds (\$42,693)

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	\$10,143
Net OPEB liability	<u>\$55,629</u>
	\$65,772

Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B) \$976,761

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- District 1** **Robert Sezak** (Fairfield, Norridgewock)
- District 2** **Cyprien Johnson** (Anson, Central Somerset, Highland Plt, **Madison**, Mercer, New Portland, Northwest Somerset, Smithfield, Starks)
- District 3** **Scott Seekins** (Cambridge, Detroit, Harmony, Palmyra, Pittsfield, Ripley, St. Albans)
- District 4** **John Alsop** (Cornville, Skowhegan)
- District 5** **Joel Stekis** (Athens, Bingham, Brighton, Canaan, Caratunk, Dennistown, Embden, Hartland, Jackman, Moose River, Moscow, Northeast Somerset, Pleasant Ridge Plt, Seboomook Lake, Solon, The Forks, West Forks)

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Dear Friends:

For four years it has been my privilege to guide our great state, working with the Legislature to keep Maine people safe and put our economy on a path to recovery.

Since the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines in December 2020, we have worked hard to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly as possible. Since the COVID-19 vaccine became available, more than a million Maine people have gotten fully vaccinated from COVID-19. It is thanks to them that our state has one of highest vaccination rates and one of the lowest death rates from COVID-19, despite having a much older population than other states. People are coming to Maine because we are one of the safest states in the nation.

Following the recommendations of the Economic Recovery Committee, our economy has not only fully recovered, but has surpassed pre-pandemic projections and unemployment claims have dropped to pre-pandemic levels. And, last year, I was pleased to sign a balanced, bipartisan budget that finally achieves the State's commitment to 55 percent education funding, fully restores revenue sharing, and expands property tax relief for Maine residents.

Maine can be proud of our nation-leading progress, but our work is far from done. Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we will continue to address our longstanding workforce shortage, the expansion of broadband, education and job training opportunities, housing, child care, and transportation. Drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, together we will rebuild our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge a state that is stronger than ever.

In 2022, we focused on our economy, on our climate, on our kids, on keeping people safe and on the health and welfare of all Maine people. We have persevered, and, while challenges remain, we will get through them together. I am proud of the people of Maine, and I am proud to be your Governor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet T. Mills".

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate. I am grateful for the trust that Mainers have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments for our state.

Last year, I secured more than \$500 million for 285 projects from Aroostook County to York County that will promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; improve public safety, infrastructure, and community resources; and protect our environment. To address the crisis of soaring inflation and high energy prices, I led efforts to provide \$2 billion in supplemental funds to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. In the new Congress that begins in 2023, I expect to be the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and will continue to champion investments to support Maine's communities and families.

Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations that jeopardize our lobster fishery's very existence. Another ongoing threat to Maine's small businesses is the shortage of workers. That's why I led an effort to push the Administration to nearly double the number of H-2B visas that are critical to our hospitality industry. Additionally, when the Administration proposed to cut the construction of a destroyer to be built by Bath Iron Works, I restored this funding to protect Maine jobs and our national security.

When Maine Veterans' Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help with upgrades to these facilities. My *AUTO for Vets Act* also became law, which will help disabled veterans maintain their independence by supporting the purchase of a new adaptive vehicle once a decade.

This past year, Congress demonstrated how effective it can be on behalf of the American people when both parties work together. A few of the bipartisan achievements that I was involved in include the *Respect for Marriage Act*, which will provide certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex marriages while protecting religious liberties, and the *Electoral Count Reform Act*, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one.

I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices.

Susan M Collins

January 1, 2023

I've often thought that Maine is just one big small town connected by long roads. Well, in the past year or two, those roads have gotten steeper and bumpier as we dealt with an unprecedented pandemic and the resulting economic troubles.

As we faced the historic challenges, something impressive happened. We came together and lent a hand to our neighbors wherever we could to keep things running and spirits high.

Down in Washington, Congress tried to help Maine communities get through this struggle, so that our state would come out stronger. To do that, we put in the work and set some things into motion that are already helping Maine people. That's why you hired us, after all.

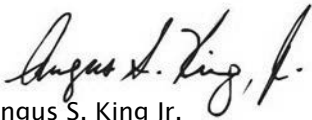
The pandemic made something we'd known for a while clear: those roads and networks that connect our big town needed repair, improvements, and expansion – from bridges to broadband. So, while Maine was uniting towards a common purpose, Congress came together to pass the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* – legislation that makes generational investments in physical infrastructure, broadband connections, harbors, and the energy grid. These efforts will lay the foundation for Maine's 21st century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed the *American Rescue Plan* in 2021, which enabled Governor Mills and the state of Maine to better meet the health and economic difficulties of the pandemic. At a critical moment it expanded healthcare efforts to confront COVID and invested in the state to keep the economy in far better shape than most others nationwide.

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis, we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

So, as Maine worked to get through hard times, Congress took steps to support our state – and we're already starting to see brighter days ahead. I'm proud to have played a small part down here; it's a true privilege to listen to you, work with you, and build a brighter future for all the incredible people up and down the roads that connect our big small town. Mary and I wish you a happy, and safe 2023.



Angus S. King Jr.

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

Dear Friends,

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

In August, I voted for the *Inflation Reduction Act* because it represented a dramatic turnaround from misguided efforts to pass sweeping, ill-designed legislation that tried to accomplish too many things through budget gimmicks, setting up problematic fiscal cliffs in numerous programs and refusing to make the difficult decisions to allow for a fiscally responsible bill.

The *Inflation Reduction Act*, which was signed into law by the president, was fiscally responsible and targeted four key priorities: reducing our national debt and putting our country back on a more sustainable path, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, and making health care more affordable, investing in an all-of-the-above energy strategy to significantly increase oil, gas, and renewable energy production to lower energy costs for Americans, and cracking down on the tax avoidance of billion-dollar multinational corporations. This bill was the first major legislation in the last decade to use the reconciliation process to create a fiscally responsible budget to reduce deficits. The Congressional Budget Office estimated it would reduce deficits by approximately \$300 billion.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I also helped pass the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, which among other things, included key wins for Bath shipbuilders, UMaine, and servicemembers and their families. For shipbuilders, the bill secured authorization for a third DDG-51 destroyer; established a new contract for up to 15 DDG-51 destroyers over the next five years, many of which will be built at Bath Iron Works; and included funding for shipyard infrastructure. The bill also authorized over \$25 million for defense research programs, including UMaine's large-scale manufacturing program. Finally, the bill authorized a 4.6% pay increase to help servicemembers and their families deal with rising costs due to inflation.

Additionally, at the end of 2022, Congress passed a spending bill to fund the government through September of 2023. The bill funds nearly \$27 million in funding for community projects across the Second Congressional District, a lifeline for our lobster industry that freezes any regulatory action for at least six years, and secures millions in additional funding for the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help Mainers heat their homes.

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

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I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2023. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden

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Brad Farrin
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Dear Neighbors and Friends:

It is an honor to represent you, your family, and the communities of District 3 in the Maine Senate. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of our region.

This will be my third term in the Maine State Senate, previously serving the towns from Norridgewock to Seboomook Lake. While some of the towns in District 3 have changed as a result of redistricting, I know many of the important issues to those in rural Maine remain the same; I assure you that I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf to address these issues.

This session, I will be serving as the Republican Lead on the Transportation Committee, a position I have had the privilege of serving in before. With harsh winters, our roads and bridges continuously need repair and I am eager, once again, to work with my colleagues and the Maine Department of Transportation to develop and pass policies that support their improvement and long-term sustainability.

With a struggling economy and the cost of groceries, gas, home heating oil, and electricity increasing, Maine families, seniors, and small businesses need relief from the high costs breaking our budgets. Addressing the policies that have created some of these high costs is a priority of mine in the coming session.

There is one item the Legislature is required to pass according to the Constitution of Maine: a balanced, biennial budget. By June 30, 2023, the Governor must submit and the Legislature must enact a balanced budget. This will require careful review of current state spending and prioritizing our needs versus wants, just like you and I do with our own budgets. As your State Senator, I will be working to find ways to lower taxes and rein in state spending so that you can keep more of your hard-earned money.

Again, thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of representing your interests in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you or a member of your family is having difficulties navigating state bureaucracy. I can be reached by email at brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov or you can contact my office by phone at (207) 287-1505.

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

Brad Farrin
State Senator



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

For the past two years, I have worked hard to be an effective voice for you in Augusta – putting my real world experiences to work while navigating the legislative process. It was truly an honor to be re-elected this past November to serve you and continue this important work.

I am very proud to call “small town” Maine my home - where neighbors will always do what it takes to help each other. On our Main Streets, we find that our differences often bring about our greatest strengths. Whether it is the excitement we feel for TimberHIP bringing new life to the former Madison Paper Mill or the fun we find on the new Kennebec Valley Trail, these small town values and out of the box thinking have certainly worked for us here in Madison and Somerset County.

I am happy to report to you that I was reappointed to the Legislature’s important Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee where I will work with my colleagues to craft a responsible state budget that prioritizes the needs of our most vulnerable while being fiscally prudent with your tax dollars.

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

Thank you for allowing me to be your voice in the Maine House of Representatives. I look forward to the opportunity to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Jack Ducharme

State Representative – House District 71 (Madison, Cornville, Norridgewock)

Guidelines for Town Meeting

All comments or questions will be directed to the Moderator.

No one may speak until recognized by the Moderator.

No smoking is allowed on school grounds.

Each article will be read in full and the recommendation of the budget committee will be stated as necessary. An affirmative motion will be made by an identified voter and seconded by an identified voter. No negative motions, including a motion to pass over, will be accepted. Vote will be by a show of hands. The results of the vote will be announced. Vote counts may be challenged by a minimum of 7 voters.

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

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

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

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

- A. Calling for the election of a moderator by written ballot of the Select Board
- 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 of the meeting. If the clerk is absent the moderator shall appoint and swear in a temporary clerk.

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

TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2023

To: Kathy Estes, a resident of the Town of Madison, in the County of Somerset, State of Maine:

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Madison, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Madison Junior High School Auditorium**, in said Town, on Monday, the twelfth (12th) day of June, 2023 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 35 as set out below to wit:

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the **Old Point School Election Room** in said Town, on Tuesday, the thirteenth (13th) day of June, 2023 A.D. at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon by secret ballot Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours, therefore, to be from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening:

Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2

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

- 2 Select Board, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for 3 years
- 2 Directors for SAD #59 for 3 years
- 2 Trustees for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 3 years
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Water District for 3 years
- 1 Trustee for Madison Public Library for 5 years
- 1 Director for Madison Electric Works for 5 years
- 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years

Article 3

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 4

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

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

Article 5

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

Select Board Recommends YES
Advisory Board Recommend YES

Article 6

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

Administration	\$573,680.00
Planning Board	\$5,725.00
Code Enforcement/Facilities Maint	\$81,700.00
Boards & Committees	\$19,440.00
Assessing Services	\$45,000.00
Elections	\$8,000.00
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Total Expenses	\$733,545.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$30,000.00)
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Total Raised by Taxation	\$703,545.00
Select Board Recommends	\$703,545.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$703,545.00

Article 7

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

Ambulance	\$81,000.00
Police	\$589,325.07
Fire	\$138,400.00
Animal Control	\$6,950.00
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Total Expenses	\$815,675.07
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$20,000.00)
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Total Raised by Taxation	\$795,675.07
Select Board Recommends	\$795,675.07
Advisory Board Recommends	\$795,675.07

Article 8

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

Street Lights	\$65,000.00
Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling	\$290,000.00
Storm Drains	\$100,000.00
Fire Protection (Hydrants)	\$275,000.00
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Total Expenses	\$730,000.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$30,000.00)
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Total Raised by Taxation	\$700,000.00
Select Board Recommends	\$700,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$700,000.00

Article 9

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

Public Works	\$799,550.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$35,000.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$764,550.00
Select Board Recommends	\$764,550.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$764,550.00

Article 10

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

Select Board Recommends	\$87,450.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$87,450.00

Article 11

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

Select Board Recommends	\$48,475.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$48,475.00

Article 12

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

<u>General Assistance</u>	<u>\$17,500.00</u>
<u>Community Programs</u>	
US Naval Sea Cadets Corps	\$1,000.00
Lake Association	\$5,500.00
American Legion Flags	\$600.00
People Who Care Food Cupboard	\$16,500.00
Recycling/HHW	\$1,000.00
Lakewood Theater	\$5,000.00
St. Sebastian Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Madison Business Alliance	\$3,000.00
<u>Total Community Programs</u>	<u>\$33,600.00</u>
<u>Service Organizations</u>	
Madison Anson Senior Citizens	\$4,500.00
Somerset Humane Society	\$8,100.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$3,000.00
Spectrum Generations	\$5,000.00
<u>Total Service Organizations</u>	<u>\$20,600.00</u>
<u>Grand Total Community Services</u>	<u>\$71,700.00</u>
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$5,000.00)</u>
Select Board Recommends	\$66,700.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$66,700.00

Article 13

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

Select Board Recommends	\$136,150.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$136,150.00

Article 14

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

Select Board Recommends	\$35,900.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$35,900.00

Article 15

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

Select Board Recommends	\$230,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$230,000.00

Article 16

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

Select Board Recommends	\$150,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$150,000.00

Article 17

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

Select Board Recommends	\$25,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$25,000.00

Article 18

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Cemetery Repair**.

Select Board Recommends	\$25,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$25,000.00

Article 19

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

Select Board Recommends	\$50,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$50,000.00

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$50,000** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for **Highway Equipment Purchases**:

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$150,000.00** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for **Road Reconstruction Projects**

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward **\$103,500.00** in unspent capital funds to be designated for the purchase of Highway Equipment.

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward **\$15,000** in unspent capital funds to be designated for repairs to the Forest Hills Cemetery.

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to use **\$700,000.00** from undesignated fund balance to offset taxes.

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommend	YES

Article 25

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

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2024 -2025 not yet due or assessed.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 27

To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2023 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, 2024, when the second one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable, with taxes unpaid after said dates to bear interest at the rate of eight percent (8.00%) per annum from said dates.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 28

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 29

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town-owned property in any manner that the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 31

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 32

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 33

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 34

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 35

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Town of Madison Select Board

Albert A. Veneziano, Chairman

Robert Hagopian, Vice Chair

Sally Dwyer

Shawn Bean

Ronald A. Moody

Municipal Calendar

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

- ◆ Dog license late fee goes into effect

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

- ◆ Personal property business equipment lists due 5/1
- ◆ ATV registrations available
- ◆ Baseball, Softball
- ◆ SAD #59 Annual Meeting
- ◆ Moose application deadline (online)
- ◆ Summer Rec/Swim Program Registrations

JUNE

- ◆ Annual Town Meeting & Elections
- ◆ Moose Drawing
- ◆ ATV registrations expire
- ◆ Snowmobile registrations expire
- ◆ 30-day lien notices mailed
- ◆ Summer Rec/Swimming lessons start (Madison Rec)

JULY

- ◆ Madison Fiscal Year begins
- ◆ Real Estate taxes go to lien
- ◆ Appointments to local Boards/Committees
- ◆ Summer Rec/Swimming lessons (Rec)
- ◆ East Madison Days

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

ANIMAL CONTROL		696 5373
ANIMAL HOSPITAL		696 5200
ANSON&MADISON SANITARY	(Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00)	696 5211
AMS AMBULANCE		696 5332
ANSON-MADISON WATER	(Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00)	696 4221
CHANNEL 11 (SCTV):	(Mon-Fri 10:00-4:00)	696 4145
DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	Dixfield Office	562 4228
FIRE DEPT COMPANY 1	Madison	696 4146
FIRE DEPT COMPANY 2	East Madison	474 8336
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	(Mon-Thurs 6:00-4:30)	696 5378
KVCAP	Fuel Assistance, Transportation	474 8487
MADISON ELECTRIC WORKS	(Mon-Thurs 7:30-4:00)	696 4401
MADISON HEALTH CENTER		696 3992
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY	(Opens at 9am Mon-Sat)	696 5626
MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		696 4607
MADISON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL		696 3381
MADISON HIGH SCHOOL		696 3395
POLICE (MADISON DIVISION OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE)		696 5373
POST OFFICE		696 3045
SOMERSET CO-OP EXTENTION		474 9622
SOMERSET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		474 9861
TOWN OFFICE	(Mon-Fri 7:30-4:00)	696 3971
TREE WARDEN		696 5378

The Municipal Offices of the Town observe the following holidays:

New Years Day	Martin Luther King Jr Day	President's Day	Patriot's Day
Memorial Day	Juneteenth	Independence Day	Labor Day
IP (Columbus) Day	Veterans Day	Thanksgiving Day	Friday after T-Giving
	Day Before Christmas	Christmas Day	