

MADISON, MAINE

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

For the fiscal year 2020-2021

Town Meeting June 13, 2022 • Junior High Auditorium • 7pm

Local Election June 14, 2022 • Old Point School • 8am–8pm

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Dedication: Steve Foshay

This year the Madison Select Board is pleased to dedicate the Town Report to Steve Foshay for his years of dedication to the community. Steve was born and raised in South Portland in the 1940s. By 1965 his family had moved to Madison to start Foshay's Market on Glendale Street. Local markets like Foshay's, Veneziano's, Ferris' and Christophers thrived for many years.

Steve worked hard as a young man with many jobs at local businesses such as Campbell's True Value and Lessard's IGA. He also worked as a maintenance man for the Town Office for several years. In the 1970's and 80's Steve was active with the Chamber of Commerce in Madison and Skowhegan and was an active member of the committees organized to celebrate 'Father Rasle Days'.

When Madison did not have an active chamber or business alliance, Steve took it upon himself in 1990 to operate Foshay's Information Booth near the Main Street intersection. People could stop and find out what was going on in town from Steve and his many contacts around the state and community. In 2021, the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce provided Steve with a brand new building to continue the information business.

Steve may best remembered for his five decade role as Santa to area children and families. Santa would come to town in a Christmas parade and for the past 30 years the information booth would be transformed into Santaville. Santa would brave the cold winter nights in December to bring a little Christmas joy to our community.

In 2021 Steve was recognized for 50 years of service as a Mason with Euclid Lodge 194 in Madison, highlighting his willingness to go the extra mile for the people of his community. Steve says Madison is special and the people here have always been good to him. Thank you Steve for your service to the community.



Steve as Santa coming to Town. Check out those gas prices!



Steve recognized for 50 Years of Service with the Masons. Pictured with Steve are Town Manager Tim Curtis, and Erik Nielson and Michael Theriault with Euclid Lodge 194.

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

Finance Director: Tammy Carrier 696 3971 finance@madisonmaine.com

Town Clerk, Treasurer &

Registrar of Voters: Kathy Estes 696 5622 townclerk@madisonmaine.com

Welfare Director: Kim Moody 696 5621 deputyclerk@madisonmaine.com

Assessors Agent: Shirley Bartlett 318 8250 sbartlett213@yahoo.com

Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer &

Plumbing Inspector: Amos Michaud 413 6055 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: Jeff Wright 696 5378 highway@madisonmaine.com

Foreman: Jay Watt foreman@madisonmaine.com

Equipment Operators: Peter Dow, Peter Paine **Mechanic:** Bill Pierce

Seasonal Workers: Larry Lightbody, Alan Thibodeau, Meagan Corson

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



Thanks for your patience. That seems to be the theme for year number two of the great pandemic. I'm sure that I was just one of many people that wished things would get back to 'normal', and suffered the frustration of ups and downs and twists and turns that every day seemed to bring. Whether the Town Office was closed for an hour or for an afternoon due to protocols, or staffing, people seemed to understand that everyone was going through something. An extra amount of grace goes a long way.

I cannot thank the dedicated staff at the Town Office enough for their commitment to each other and to the town. Tammy Carrier, Deb Chandler, Kathy Estes, Kim Moody and Connie Vigneault worked tirelessly to provide coverage when the complications of pandemic life turned everything sideways.

Madison is moving forward. In January, Governor Mills was on hand for the official groundbreaking ceremony for GO-Lab's Timber HP manufacturing facility where Madison Paper used to be. A new chapter begins as the Town embarks on a venture that will provide good paying jobs in our area and have an impact on the 'green economy'. Development will continue at the mill site with expansion of the older portions of the facility to provide space for other wood products manufacturing that will co-locate with the Timber HP wood-fiber-based insulation product. There are also plans to develop the area's first anaerobic digester that can turn organic waste to energy to be used on site, further reducing the facility's carbon footprint.

While Maine enjoyed a real estate boom of sorts this past year, the availability of housing remains a struggle in most rural towns. In 2020, the Select Board directed me to assemble a Housing Initiative team to study and advocate for quality, affordable housing in Madison. With the help of the Maine Development Foundation, a housing market assessment was completed in December of 2021 with a number of recommendations and implementations. Work continues on plans to develop more housing in town. Stay tuned. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as Town Manager. Please stop by the office and say hello or reach out with questions at 696-3971 or email me at edd@madisonmaine.com

Tim Curtis – Town Manager



Deb Chandler



Tammy Carrier



Connie Vigneault



Kim Moody

Town Clerk's Report



It has been my pleasure 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 and Administrator of Elections. We record and issue vital records, such as, Birth, Death and Marriages.

The Following is a Fee Schedule for these records: Please call 696-5622 to set an appointment for a Marriage License:

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

During 2020-2021 fiscal year, I received for filing the following vital records:

48 Births

20 Marriages

67 Deaths

The Town Clerk's Office licensed 44 unaltered dogs, 353 neutered or spayed dogs for a total of 397 dogs, plus 2 kennel licenses. Dog licenses are \$6.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$11.00 for unaltered dogs. Dog Licenses expire December 31st of every year. February 1st late fees of \$25.00 per dog, goes into effect every year.

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.

Sporting Licenses and Recreational Vehicle Registrations Sold are as Follows:

Sporting Licenses (Hunting, Fishing, Etc)	392	Boats & Personal Watercraft	357
ATV's	222	Snowmobiles	288

All Maine Residents turning 70 in the current year can purchase a lifetime license for \$8.00. Other lifetime licenses are available for 65 and over through the IF&W for various fees. Stop by the town office for an application.

June 7, 2021 was the Town Meeting and Elections were June 8, 2021 The location for Elections has been permanently moved to the Old Point Ave. location. Parking is behind the building at 23 Locust Street. This year there was one State Election on November 2, 2021 and a Municipal & School Election, combined on June 8, 2021. Madison has a total of 3427 registered voters. Absentee Ballots are available 30 days prior to elections.

All voting activities, including voter registration 30 days prior to election are now at the Old Point Ave. Location.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Madison residents for your support for the last 19 years. Moving forward, I will certainly miss many of you, on a daily basis. However, I look forward to my new and exciting adventures retirement has to offer.

Please feel free to call the Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office any time with questions and concerns at 696-5622

Please be sure to welcome your new Town Clerk/Treasurer with the same support and kindness you have shown me throughout the years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Estes, Municipal Clerk

Town Treasurer's Report

Thank you for all your trust and support and through out the year. I am pleased to have had an opportunity to serve as Madison's Treasurer for the past 19 years. It is with many mixed emotions I have made my final decision to retire this year. I'm looking forward to starting my next chapter in life, but at the same time will miss seeing all the familiar faces each day.

Once again, the town did not need to resort to a Tax Anticipated Note. The tax abatement request from MPI has been resolved, in favor of the Town.

Our year-end General Fund balance is now \$2,309,605 compared to last year's restated amount of \$1,870,447 due to audit.

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

CEMETERY TRUST. This trust is to be used for management, maintenance and improvement of the cemetery. The cemetery fund balance for perpetual care was \$171,718, as of June 30, 2021. The account for lot sales has a balance of \$83,692.00 as of June 30, 2021.

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, 2021 is \$8964.00.

DOROTHY BROWN SCHOOL ENDOWMENT TRUST. This is an expendable trust, which is to be used solely for public schools in the Town of Madison. We expended \$8368.00 from this fund for such purpose this fiscal year. The balance in this fund as of June 30, 2021 is \$77,921.00.

REVALUATION FUND The balance in the Revaluation Fund as of June 30, 2021 is \$110,727.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Estes, Treasurer

Madison Fire Department

To the residents of Madison,



In addition to the 238 calls for service that Madison Fire responded to in 2021, there were two new additions to the crew. In the summer, the Town was able to purchase a 2015 Dodge Ram Rescue Vehicle from the Town of Winslow. This unit is a major upgrade from the 1997 model that was provided by AMS and has filled a need in responding to emergencies in our area.

The past year also saw the arrival of ‘Tanker’ the Fire Dog. A rescue pup from Puerto Rico, Tanker is a fixture in the Company One Fire Station.

At Town Meeting, voters will decide on the final funding for an upgrade to the 1990 tanker/pumper truck. The new truck has been designed by a committee led by Deputy Chief Dan Bosworth and several others. We much appreciate the work that went into this process.

Thank you

Don French – Fire Chief

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

AMS Ambulance Service

Dear Citizens,

Another year has passed and it was a busy one for the Ambulance service. We responded to 1730 calls during 2021 which was 170 more than last year. 2021 was another trying year for anyone working in health care. It has also become much harder for those who need home health to get the assistance they need. We are finding people who may have to be hospitalized or go to a Nursing Home sent home to recuperate. While we cannot take the place of home health we are here if you have an emergency.

Please check to make sure your house numbers can be seen from the road especially at night. It is also helpful if the entrance to your house is easily accessible for a stretcher. When you call 911 try to answer all the questions the dispatcher asks you to the best of your ability. These items will not only speed up reaching you in case of an emergency but will also be helpful for us to provide appropriate care.

In the last 2 years we have heard many people say “thank you for what you do”, and I want to say that means a great deal to the crew! It is always inspiring to be acknowledged by the people we serve. Please continue to be safe, listen to the facts and take care of each other. Call 911 for any emergency. - George Demchak AMS Ambulance Operations Director

Road Commissioner's Report



To the Residents of Madison,

Thank you for electing me as your Road Commissioner for the 2021-2022 season. I sincerely appreciate your votes and your confidence in me.

The Town of Madison plows 52 miles of town roads, 27 miles of state roads, 6 miles of sidewalks and five parking lots. The Town is only responsible for plowing the 27 miles of state roads during the winter months. All other maintenance, including patching, is done by the State of Maine Department of Transportation.

Our new pieces of equipment for 2022 include a new one-ton truck with a sander and plow for plowing parking lots, a new sidewalk machine (pictured) and a new 10-wheel dump truck that will be here late this summer. An efficient new natural gas furnace was installed at the garage to replace the old oil furnace.

Some of our past summer projects included the ditching and paving of Eames Hill Road, Orchard Road, Preble Avenue, Hayden Street and half of Russell Road. Chip Seal was placed on the Golf Course Road. The sidewalk on Bean Street, between Madison Avenue and Maple Street, was rebuilt and the street paved. We also replaced culverts on Ward Hill Road, and started on the second phase of the River Road corner widening by the gravel pits.

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

The Road Commissioner is also the appointed Tree Warden in town. The duties are to see that any trees that need removal are taken care of properly and that new ones are planted in the proper places. Remember that trees grow, so keep them away from buildings and wires. Think before you plant.

Respectfully,

Jeff Wright

Road Commissioner



Jay Watt, Meagan Corson, Bill Pierce, Jeff Wright, Peter Paine & Larry Lightbody (not pictured Peter Dow)

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)



The Somerset County Sheriff's Office has served the Town's law enforcement needs for 6 years. As your Sheriff, I thank you for the honor and consider it a 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, Deputy Chelsea Merry, assigned as a School Resource Officer, and a Secretary/Dispatcher for 32 hours a week.

Dale P. Lancaster Sheriff
2021 was another challenging year. Covid-19 continued to dominate not only our personal lives, but also our policing activities. Covid-19 has had a direct impact on our law enforcement, Courts, civil processing, and Jail. After taking appropriate Covid-19 protective measures, the Madison Office has been open since May for walk-in business.

In fiscal budget year 2021, the Sheriff's Office returned approximately \$26,937.19 to the taxpayers of Madison.

In 2021, Deputies handled 7,471 calls for service, which represents a 4.4% increase from 2020.

Deputies stopped 1,232 vehicles, covered 201 motor vehicle crashes, completed 378 property checks, assisted 203 citizens, and did 104 welfare checks. Deputies conducted 8 downtown foot patrols. Deputies also responded to 69 domestic violence related calls, 65 theft complaints, 8 burglary complaints, and 32 scam reports. Secretary/Dispatcher Sharon Carey received 185 walk-in complaints.

Due to Covid-19, the Sheriff's Office continued to limit the number of community activities the Agency participated in to reduce Deputies exposure to the coronavirus. The Sheriff's Office did collaborate with KVCAP for their "Stuff the Cruiser" diaper collection held in the Hannaford parking lot on October 22, 2021. Data shows that 1 in 3 U.S. families lack enough diapers to keep a baby clean, dry and healthy. KVCAP reported they collected over 25,000 diapers in Madison, Pittsfield and Skowhegan. A portion of the diapers collected were distributed to families in Madison and the surrounding area.

A 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.

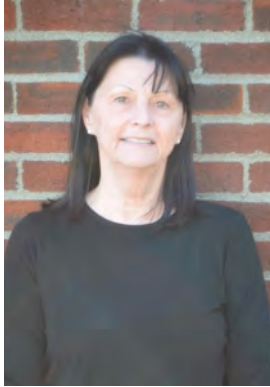
The Somerset County Sheriff Office remains committed to our core values:

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

Valuations as of April 1, 2021

Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$315,516,900
Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation	\$28,507,900
Total Taxable Valuation	\$344,024,800

Abatements Granted in 2021

Account #	Location	Abatement	Tax Reduction	Reason
1687	Salmon Road	\$173,800	\$3,375.20	Correct Ownership
3412	Salmon Road	\$27,600	\$535.99	Correct Ownership
112	Lakewood Road	\$31,300	\$607.84	Removed Buildings
2347	Jones Street	\$13,100	\$254.40	Removed Buildings
1336	Phyllis Court	\$8,600	\$183.45	Correct Acreage
3170	Madison Avenue	\$9,800	\$208.25	Correct 1/2 Interest
1683	Bass Road	\$2,200	\$47.06	Correct Ownership
3376	White Schoolhouse Road	\$25,000	\$531.25	Add Homestead Exemption
2872	Blackwell Hill Road	\$65,000	\$1,386.25	Add Homesteads (3 yrs)
Grand Totals		\$356,400	\$7,129.69	

Supplemental Taxes in 2021

Account #	Location	Value Increase	Tax Increase	Reason
1687	Salmon Road	\$173,800	\$3,375.20	Correct Ownership
3412	Salmon Road	\$27,600	\$535.99	Correct Ownership
1334	Madison Avenue	\$9,700	\$206.12	Remove 1/2 Interest
884	Hidden Acres Drive	\$13,600	\$289	Homestead removed
882	Old County Road		\$4,480	Tree Growth Penalty
Grand Totals		\$224,700	\$8,886.31	

A Note about Home Sales & Property Values

This year the Madison Board of Assessors will once again consider an across the board adjustment to building values when the taxes are committed in August of 2022. This adjustment will increase the value of property which, depending on the amount raised to cover town, school and county budgets, may increase individual tax bills. If you have questions about your valuation, please contact Assessor's Agent Shirley Bartlett by email at sbartlett213@yahoo.com.

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 \$500.

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

Tax Collector's Report

For the 2021/2022 fiscal year \$6,680,961.62 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, \$4,646,679 funds the local portion of the MSAD#59 School Budget, \$776,045.85 funds the Town's portion of the Somerset County Budget, and the remainder goes toward the Municipal Budget of \$3,446,750.

Due to an increase in building values the *tax rate was able to be reduced from \$21.25 to \$19.42*

Tax Club: For the 13th consecutive year the Town is pleased to offer taxpayers in good standing the opportunity to join the Tax Club. The enrollment period is from July 1st through the second Friday in September. Sign up forms are available at the Town Office and online at www.madisonmaine.com. Tax Club members receive a monthly payment book and are not charged interest on the outstanding balance. Payments are due by the 5th of each month.

Updates: Residents who have a change of address regarding where their tax bill should be sent must make sure Town records are updated. Keep in mind that property bought or sold after April first of the current year remains in the name of the previous owner until records are updated 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, 2022. 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, 2022 the total amount of unpaid Personal Property Tax was \$21.59

Unpaid 2019 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2022

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
BROWN, ERNEST	254.66	HEALD, KIRK A	1,286.88
CARROLL, WAYNE W.	1,161.35	INMAN, MARGARET	1,132.54
CHAPMAN, LETITIA	808.88	LARLEE, SANDRA J	28.95
CROCKER, BRANDON	4,667.06	MCMANUS, JOSEPH A SR	1,580.39
CULLINGTON, VICTOR	235.40	MOORE, JAMES G	269.45
DEROSA, CHRISTOPHER	356.13	NICHOLS, MARK E	3,052.62
DSV SPV1, LLC	944.31	POLLIS, JAMES A	1,149.37
ELLIS, ELAINE	1,043.44	PRICE, GARY	79.15
FLOOD, RONALD	422.49	QUIMBY, EDWARD A	571.65
GEHRKE, ANGELINA M	608.25	RALSTON, FRANCES C	197.67
GREENLAW, MARY LOUISE	513.40	SALVO, DEAN	1,241.00
HACHEY, JEANIE	526.51	VAN RUTTEN, JESSICA	95.33
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	1,737.10	VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	191.48
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	438.70	WITHEE, STEVEN D	336.49
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	692.42		
HAULK, PHILLIP A	2,289.30		
HAULK, PHILLIP A	560.58		
		Total 2019 Taxes Unpaid	24,219.57

Unpaid 2020 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2022

Name	Amount
ACEVEDO, SONIA	1,416.07
BISHOP, SCOTTY D	521.82
BROWN, ERNEST	411.38
CARROLL, WAYNE W	2,075.16
CHAPMAN, LETITIA	1,034.60
CJK REALTY HOLDINGS, LLC	274.58
COCHRAN, JUDITH A	1,736.54
CORO, KEVIN	1,045.12
CORSON, STEVEN	810.56
COURT, SANDRA M	671.68
CROCKER, BRANDON	4,196.66
CULLINGTON, VICTOR D	1,680.46
CYR, NICOLE R	1,415.84
D-7 EXTERIORS	3,918.22
DEROSA, CHRISTOPHER J	1,395.66
DEROSA, CHRISTOPHER J	1,579.77
DSV SPV1, LLC	1,427.05
DYAR, CLYDE E	1,483.34
ELLIS, ELAINE R	1,873.33
FINNEY, LORI	691.06
FLOOD, RONALD R	545.71
FORD, BRUCE E	2,418.29
FOSTER, CHRISTIE L	1,826.51
FRANZOSE, ALLEN	660.09
GEHRKE, ANGELINA M	1,521.25
GORDON, ELWOOD B (JR)	268.52
HACHEY, JEANIE	1,456.65
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	1,577.31
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	393.21
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	626.44

Name	Amount
HAULK, PHILLIP A	2,059.47
HAULK, PHILLIP A	500.86
HEALD, KIRK A	1,043.57
HICKS, CATHERINE	1,229.71
HOCKENBERRY, MARK W	2,288.22
HOOLEY, SCOTT & DIANNE	2,319.62
HOWE, JAMES G	58.21
INMAN, MARGARET	1,012.40
KANE, CECIL W; ESTATE OF	2,357.73
LACASSE, JESSE W	4,782.11
LARLEE, SANDRA J	1,292.50
LESSARD, JACQUELINE F	72.53
MCMANUS, JOSEPH A SR	1,436.02
MILLER, THOMAS	953.86
MOORE, JAMES G	173.28
MUDIE, CARLENE Y	1,422.57
NICHOLS, MARK E	2,645.01
NV FUND II LLC	799.13
NV FUND II LLC	803.61
O'BRIEN, THOMAS	812.80
O'BRIEN, THOMAS	1,222.98
O'BRIEN, THOMAS	1,835.21
O'BRIEN, THOMAS P	1,803.81
ONEILL, ANGELA R	1,327.95
OUILETTE, LEWIS A	2,198.54
PAWLOWSKI, ROBERT T	2,342.03
PINKHAM, MARY	1,333.08
POLLIS, JAMES A	2,514.71
POMELOW, JASHUA	184.65
PRICE, GARY	689.24

Unpaid 2020 Real Estate Taxes as of January 31, 2022

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
QUIMBY, EDWARD A	794.64	WESTON, EDWIN B	1,420.56
RALSTON, FRANCES C	969.78	WESTON, THOMAS B	969.78
RANCOURT, JEFF	1,274.62	WESTON, THOMAS B	545.71
REYNOLDS, GARY	101.06	WESTON, THOMAS B	3,001.37
ROBERTSON, ALASTAIR D	1,122.06	WESTON, THOMAS B	612.99
ROWAN & OAK PROPERTIES	2,454.39	WIINIKAINEN, LINDA M	918.42
ROWAN & OAK PROPERTIES	2,988.13	WILLIAMS, KELLY JO	1,016.88
SALVO, DEAN C	1,160.18	WILLIAMS, QUINTON M	919.77
SHAW, ALICE ESTATE OF	1,548.16	WITHEE, HAROLD S	1,902.72
TANNER, MARK K	4,634.20	WITHEE, STEVEN D	186.89
TESSIER, ANTHONY L	837.25	ZIEMEK, JUSTIN J	763.46
TRUNDY, MATTHEW E	641.97		
VENUTI, JAMES J	1,707.38		
VON HUSEN, ROBERT W	767.73		
WEBB, JAY	2,252.55		
		Total 2020 Taxes Unpaid	119,980.94

General Assistance Report

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

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

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

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

Kim Moody - Welfare Director

Local Boards and Committees

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

Albert A. Veneziano, Chair (2022) Robert Hagopian, Vice Chair (2023)
Ronald Moody (2022) Sally Dwyer (2023) Glen Mantor (2024)

Planning Board

Mary Tomlinson, Chair (2023) Jeff Drew, Vice Chair (2024)
Mark Doty (2023) Brett Hagopian (2022) Randy Bliss (2023)
Association Members: Robin Turek (2023) Jay Watt (2024)

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

Bruce Theborge, Chair (2024) Carla Franzose (2024) James Robbins (2022)
Steve Austin (2022) Tammy Carrier (2023) Rob Dimmock (2023)
Jasmyn Horton (2024) Bonnie Levesque, Superintendent

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

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

Board of Appeals

Andrew Ketterer, Chair (2024) Cheryl West (2023) Brian Hale (2024)
Christine Stratton (2022) (Open 2022)

Somerset Community Television (Channel 11) Board of Directors

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

Madison Historical Society

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

East Madison Historical Society

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

Recreation Committee

Chris LeBlanc, Chairman (2022) Michael Theriault (2022) Joseph Hayden Jr. (2024)
Kristie LeBlanc (2024) Jason Furbush (2022)

Madison Ethics Committee

Stacy Jordan (2024) Eric Lahti (2022) John Kenney (2022)
Wendy Boyton (2022) Alternate: Corey Estes (2022)
Alternate: Luke Hartwell (2024)

Library Trustees (meet fourth Tuesday of the Month)

Julie Forbus, Librarian
Barbara Moody, Chair (2024) Phil Daigle (2026) Christine Stratton (2022)
Ann Withee-Heald, Treasurer (2023) Kim Harper, Secretary (2025)

Local Boards and Committees

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

Dale Clark, Plant Manager

Elected Representatives from Madison:

Robert Hagopian (2022)

Chuck Worster (2023)

Brock Hagopian, Chair (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)

(Open 2024)

Dana Berry (2023)

Phil Curtis (2022)

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

Marty Berry, Superintendent

Charles Worster, Chair (2022)

Richard Bartlett (2023)

Peter Elias (2025)

Chris Roy (2024)

Craig Parker (2026)

Living Well in Madison (Age-Friendly)

2021 was a growing year for Living Well in Madison. One of the biggest accomplishments was developing a Living Well Committee that helped with the age-friendly and intergenerational work

that was done in 2021. Social Isolation was the domain that was focused on in 2021. With the help of Julie Wallace and the Pathway Students at Madison Junior High, a shoveling and raking program was started and has been put into effect. With the help of Melanie Marchman, an Arts Circle was formed where older adults in the community can meet once a month for a craft, snacks, and meet others in the community and surrounding communities. With the help of JMG students, a card program was started with Maplecrest Nursing Home. Living Well in Madison looks forward



Students at Madison High School preparing Thanksgiving Dinners to deliver to older adult adults. November 2021.

to 2022 to see what the future holds in the coming year for intergenerational and age-friendly work.

The Living Well Committee includes Julie Forbus, John Harlow, Sally Dwyer, and Barbara Cary.

Select Board Report

It is with great pleasure that I write this report for the Select Board. Another year has come and gone. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the citizens of The Town of Madison as chairperson of the Select Board. The pandemic has dominated our last two years with many challenges and concerns about providing the necessary services in the town office while keeping our employees safe.

We have finally come to a conclusion with both Madison Paper and Eagle Creek. The court's final judgment came down in favor of the town. This has been a time consuming and costly issue for the town since the closing of Madison Paper. Property valuations have been settled with Eagle Creek. Negotiations with Eagle Creek were very respectful and came to a speedy conclusion. These are both big items for the town which have been removed from the table of the town and Select Board.

This year brings the retirement of our Town Clerk Kathy Estes. Many thanks to her for the great effort as our Town Clerk. Kathy has been an important part of our town office staff for nineteen years. Her tireless efforts to improve the election process has brought us to our new election area at the Old Point School. Our elections have been in good hands for the past eighteen years. Kathy we hope you will not be a stranger to the town office in your retirement. But we do understand if you stop attending board meetings. We wish you both health and happiness in your retirement.

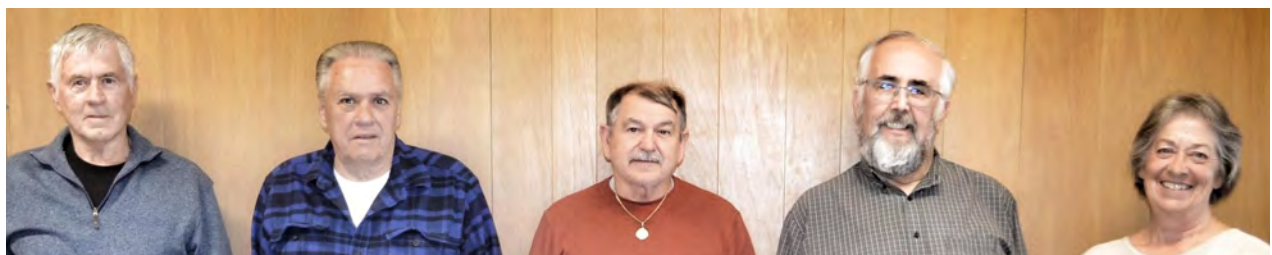
I would like to express my thanks to all town employees for a job well done during this second pandemic year. The level of service provided by our town office staff was outstanding. The town office staff was constantly adjusting schedules as well as how to deal with the public in a safe manner for both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

Our highway crew under the direction of Jeff Wright did a great job this past winter dealing with a challenging winter season. Dealing with road conditions in Maine is a constant issue for our road crew. The library as always is a very friendly and inviting place to go in town; a big thanks to Julie and her staff for their hard work and dedication during this year. The recreation department worked hard to provide a program for our youth to get them outside in a safe environment.

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

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

- Al Veneziano



Glen Mantor

Ron Moody

Bob Hagopian

Al Veneziano

Sally Dwyer

Planning Board/Code Enforcement

In 2021, the Planning Board finalized Site Review on Walden Solar proposal to build a 20Mw solar array off East Madison Road which will be partly in Madison and partly in Cornville. This would be the largest of the four solar projects within our borders.

As part of renewing the Town's Site Review Ordinance specific standards were added to large projects such as solar arrays, cell towers, battery storage facilities and windmills. These standards were approved at Town Meeting 2021.

There were a few shoreland zoning matters to come before the board, and by the fall we were able to take up review of updates to the Town of Madison Comprehensive Plan. The plan which is the formal land use guide for municipalities was last updated in 2014. A lot has changed in Madison over the past eight years and the new plan will reflect that in matters of housing, transportation, economic development, and natural and historical resources.

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 can also be found on our town website at www.madisonmaine.com.

This summer Maine updated its Energy Efficiency code from the 2009 IECC to the 2015 IECC. With this update came much stricter requirements for proper insulation and weatherization. For clarification of the new code or if you have any questions on insulation requirements, please reach out to our code office. The chart below shows the new insulation requirements for the state.

FENESTRATION U-FACTOR ^{b, i}	SKYLIGHT ^b U-FACTOR	CEILING R-VALUE	WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE ^g	MASS WALL R-VALUE ^h	FLOOR R-VALUE	BASEMENT ^{c, g} WALL R-VALUE	SLAB ^d R-VALUE & DEPTH
0.30 ⁱ	0.55	60	20 + 5ci or 13 + 10ci or 0 + 20ci	15/20	30	15ci or 19 or 13 + 5ci	10ci, 4 ft

Building Permit Report

We have issued a total of 60 building permits over the past year with an estimated construction value of \$23,692,000. We also issued a total of 53 plumbing permits for a variety of work ranging from internal plumbing to subsurface waste disposal systems.

Type of Construction	# of Permits	Estimated Value
Commercial	6	\$20,637,000
Single-Family Homes	8	\$1,776,000
Mobile Homes	7	\$260,000
Renovations	6	\$77,000
Garages	8	\$238,000
Sheds/Barns/Storage	5	\$21,000
Other	20	\$683,000
Total	60	\$23,692,000

Board of Appeals

To the Citizens of the Town of Madison:

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Ketterer, Chairman

Budget Advisory Committee

This year the Budget Advisory Committee met to review the proposed municipal spending found on pages 55-59 in this report. Overall spending increased by 3.49% to \$3,567,135.00. The committee agreed with the Select Board to dedicate funds for improvements to sidewalks and cemeteries in addition to completing funding for a new tanker/pumper truck to replace a 1990 Fire Truck.

The committee also approved language to authorize the Town to utilize funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to fund road paving projects, and matching grant programs for local businesses who were negatively impacted by the pandemic.

Based on recommendations from the Town Manager the committee recommends bringing \$400,000 from undesignated fund balance to help offset taxes in this year's budget.

Overdraft of Article 8

Town Meeting Warrant Article 5 authorized the Select Board to move up to \$25,000 from the general fund to offset overdrafts of spending articles from the previous year. Due to higher than anticipated costs related to Municipal Solid Waste, the amount approved for Article 8 (Public Utilities) at Town Meeting 2020, was overspent by \$21,672.73. The Select Board authorized a transfer from the general fund to cover the overdraft of \$21,672.73 in public utilities at a public meeting in August 2021.

MSAD 59 Local Schools

It is my pleasure to share with you many of the events, undertakings, and accomplishments taking place in Madison schools during the 2021-2022 school year. After sixteen months of remote and hybrid learning Madison students were able to come back to school in person, and there was excitement in air that education might be on track to “normal”. The Department of Education offered Standard Operating Protocols (SOP) that included social distancing, limits to students on buses and a strong recommendation for masking to ensure students and staff would continue to be safe with the in person learning. The original protocols for quarantining and isolation for exposure to COVID-19 played havoc with attendance for many families and their children, and as the year progressed the SOP changed many times.

In spite of COVID and the SOP changes, MSAD59 staff and students have worked diligently this year to bridge the achievement gap created from many unusual circumstances. Using ESSER I and II (grant funds), additional staff were hired at the elementary and middle levels to create smaller class sizes in order to give more one-on-one time with student instruction. At MAMHS special instruction times were set up during school vacations to help failing students with credit recovery. Summer school took on a more hands-on approach and transportation was provided for the first time in many years.

Athletic programs were able to embrace the restrictions in place at the time to have some kind of competitive seasons, and masking during play became the new “normal”. Athletes were excited to play regardless of masks.

February 28, 2022, masking in MSAD59 schools became optional (parent choice). That day was filled with smiling faces, and for the first time in nearly twenty-three months, there was real hope that school would be more like the old “normal”.

The funding MSAD59 has received from federal grants has been put to good use to enhance student learning, upgrade technology, replace outdated phone systems, remodel bathrooms and some office space, purchase two busses equipped to transport PreK students in the future, hire additional staff, purchase cleaning supplies specific to COVID, etc. All of this is a savings to the Madison school budget in the future.

In closing – I’m proud to say that in spite of COVID-19 – the good spirit of Bulldog Pride lives on!

Respectfully,

Bonnie C. Levesque
Superintendent of Schools
MSAD59



Innovations in Local Education



In October 2021 a **new welding center** opened at Madison High School expanding the job training offerings through the Somerset Career and Technical Center (SCTC). Eight state-of-the-art welding booths were designed by Cianbro in the former metal shop area at the school. The project was funded in part by funds from the state and contributions from area businesses. SCTC serves over 300 students from Skowhegan, Madison, Anson, Bingham and Pittsfield. The new welding facility will reduce the waiting list for students and give them the hands on training they need. The facility will also be available for adult education and serve as a place for local businesses to send employees for welding training and certification.

The new buzzword in public education is **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)**. If you through the Arts into the mix the acronym grows to STEAM. Madison STEAM Coordinator Kathy Bertini is very excited about the opportunities that are available for students through these programs. Since 2018 the Madison School District has received over \$400,000 in grants to fund these programs. Some of their projects include a food sustainability model that allows students hands on experience with 3D printers to create biodegradable containers to plant in a greenhouse and ultimately transfer to gardens on-site at the high school.

The program partnered with engineers from Colby Company, LLC to hold an event at the high school this winter to challenge students to engineer a safe health care environment similar to all the engineering health care facilities have had to implement during the pandemic. Several emergency stations were set up in the gymnasium and students had to use plastic sheathing and fans to create an airflow that would not allow the spread of germs (corn starch would represent the airborne virus). Math teacher Joshua Bishop said it was a great exercise and, “students gained a much better understanding of what it meant to be an engineer, while having fun.”

At Madison Junior High, students are given the opportunity to work on their job skills through the **Kennebec Valley Multiple Pathways Academy**. Instructor Julie Wallace turns carpentry, mechanics and aquaponic gardening into math and science credits for local students.



East Madison Historical Association

To the citizens of Madison,

The past year has presented challenges for the Association. The pandemic has disrupted our activities and programs and the loss of valued members has saddened all involved with the organization. We have cancelled open house days, scaled back on our fundraising and eliminated historical presentations. During the summer lull in COVID-19 cases we were able to hold East Madison Days with a yard sale, antique appraisal, Grange supper, an open mic night and community picnic. During the picnic we celebrated Alfred Jackson's 94th birthday.



We grieved the deaths of valued members during the year. Herbie Edgerly died in June after a long illness. He was a behind the scenes supporter who contributed much to Association projects. Marlene Brooks passed away unexpectedly in September. She was a skilled quilter who was a major force behind the "Quilts of Valor" that were presented to area veterans. Alfred Jackson died in November after a long period of declining health. Alfred was a charter member and contributed generously financially and with labor. He and his wife Dassie funded the construction of the History House. Katie Ouilette died in January of this year after a long illness. She will be missed for her extensive knowledge of local history and storytelling.

In spite of these obstacles and losses, we had a number of successes. The Association, along with the Grange and East Madison Square Garden applied for and received a generous grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. From our share we purchased a high quality digital camera that will be used to photographically archive our collections. It also has the capability to record interviews. We have made much progress on inventorying our collection.

We have also established a medical equipment lending library. We have wheelchairs, walkers, and various bathroom adaptive items that may be signed out to meet short term needs. Call 474-5961 for more information. Our "Blessings Box" which is kept stocked with food has seen much use and our "Little Library" has been regularly used as well. Our research library continues to grow. We have the Mayflower genealogy, a number of family histories and recently acquired the Roster of Maine in WWI. Once we are open again, all these and much more is available for use in house. Here's, hoping for a return to normalcy!

Respectfully submitted,

Eric R. Lahti, President

Historical & Genealogical Society



2021 was a very challenging year. While we were closed to the public until September, several members were very busy working on our two second floor rooms. Gratefully we had extra help with the heavy work.

In the hall we have an early telephone table with attached chair.

The teacher's room is now "Industry" with paper mill photos and artifacts, other mills, ice harvesting, and business photos.

The large classroom is more diverse. There are several shelves of very early town receipt books (car purchases, who bought dynamite, etc.) We also have the Mayflower Genealogy books, town reports and more. Wall displays are: Military Honor Roll, Pelton paintings, early homes and churches. Showcased are Colonel Robert A. Rushworth, Alex & Shirley Richard and Lakewood memorabilia.

In addition we have DAR, Kiwanis, Churches, Women's Clubs and much more. There are many very old maps and a large blueprint book opened to Old Point Ave Elementary School layout.

Floor exhibits are 1833 Melodeon, Mary the packs cart, spinning wheel and yarn holders.

2022 projects have already begun. We look forward to the challenge of discovering more information and artifacts that will continue to enrich Madison History.

We're always a work in progress, grateful for our space and the opportunity to care for and preserve Madison's Legacy.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Madison Historical & Genealogical Society

OPEN:

Saturdays 10-2 (Weather Permitting)

Recreation Committee

In the summer of 2021 there were summer recreation activities for children in Madison and Anson. Due to the pandemic some of the offerings were different and more workers were hired to provide better coverage. There continue to be offerings for sports in the spring and fall as well as winter time activities.

The 2021-2022 Madison Recreation Basketball had a successful season! We offered skill clinics to grades K-6, which included Saturday clinics for grades 3-6 during the month of December, and weekly skill clinics for grades K-2 in January. Regular recreation basketball games resumed this year



through the Skowhegan league with Saturday games for seven weeks at both our home gym at Madison Elementary School as well as other area school gyms.

Overall, it was an extremely successful season with 75+ Kindergarten – 6th grade Madison children participating. This season felt much more like a regular season!

Many volunteer coaches graciously donated their time and expertise to the success of the Madison Basketball program: Luke & Jason Hartwell, Brock Hagopian, Jason Furbush, Mike Packard, Al Veneziano, Matt Dyer, Bart Barnum, Micah LaGross, Angie Arbour, Ashley Kresge and the boys and girls high school basketball teams.

Thank you all for a great season!

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie LeBlanc

Madison Basketball Commissioner

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 2021 as many residents were impacted by COVID19 and the economic hardships that effect our elderly population.

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.

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 2021

Jan	513
Feb	574
Mar	526
Apr	588
May	612
Jun	566
Jul	589
Aug	671
Sept	609
Oct	635
Nov	873
Dec	961

Madison/Anson Senior Citizens

To the Citizens of Madison,

In 2021, The Seniors continued to struggle to get back to regular meetings and road trips. With the pandemic, and various other illnesses and injuries to key staff members we had to forego most of our regular programming.

This year we hope to get back on track by resuming our Tuesday meals and Beano at the VFW on Preble Avenue. We are very grateful to the VFW for opening their hall to us each week, and for the financial support provided by the VFW and 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 628-4329.

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN BISHOP, DIRECTOR

ELIZABETH CORO, TREASURER

Madison Public Library

To the residents of Madison,

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic is still influencing our lives in significant ways, life at the library did indeed return to some semblance of normalcy in 2021. Total checkouts for 2021 were as follows:

Print books	10,580	(+886)	E-Books	1,527	(-18)
Digital audiobooks	646	(-113)	Total	12,753	(+755)

These totals reflect an overall increase in library usage, specifically in the children's section where circulation increased by over 1,100 checkouts compared to the previous year.

We hosted a 6-week summer program with an average attendance of 21 people, 14 children and 7 adults each week. The families were thrilled to have something to do, someplace to go. One little 5-year-old girl told me, on our last day, "Thank you for doing this for us. I really appreciate it."

Story time began again for preschoolers and homeschoolers in the fall. We meet every Tuesday at 10AM. We have about ten families who attend; not every family attends every week but the average attendance for story time is 6 children and 3 adults. All children are welcome but stories are geared toward ages 3-8.

After being delayed due to weather and Covid, the roof work was completed in August. It looks beautiful and will protect our building and its contents for decades. The town also decided to switch the library to natural gas and that installation was completed in the fall. There will always be more maintenance but I am happy to get these big projects done.

We held not one but three books sales, in February, April and August. Madison-Anson Days resumed with limited events including our book sale, the parade and fireworks.

The Madison Christmas Celebration was held again as well, with most events being held outside. We changed our event this year and gave out books and gift bags to children during the day instead of after the parade; 86 children and their parents/caregivers visited the library. The remaining 14 bags were given to children who visited the library during December.

The library received \$3,250 from the Maine State Library through the American Rescue Plan Act. Funds had to be used on specific improvements including HVAC solutions, programming, and print collection. We have new air purifiers, dehumidifiers, and wifi routers and boosters for outside use. In addition to all that, we were able to spend about \$1,700 on new books to expand and diversify our adult and juvenile collections.

Business hours are as follows:

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

Saturday **9AM - 2:00PM**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Forbus, Head Librarian

Anson/Madison Sanitary District

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

The AMSD treatment facility uses many distinct treatment processes to treat wastewater. As the wastewater enters the treatment plant it goes through preliminary treatment which is a physical process to remove debris, sand, and other inorganics that can't be biologically treated. The second process is primary treatment. This process utilizes settling and filtering to remove organic solids. The third step is biological treatment in which oxygen is injected into the wastewater to support the growth of microorganisms. These microorganisms clean the wastewater by consuming organic matter (suspended and dissolved) and convert ammonia-nitrogen to nitrogen gas through the process of nitrification/denitrification. The microorganisms are then separated from the treated water by secondary clarification and removed from the process as sludge. In the final stage, the clarified water is disinfected with sodium hypochlorite to eliminate disease causing pathogens before the treated effluent is 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 upgrades to its wastewater treatment facility to improve efficiency, reliability and meet more stringent water quality standards. The District has received the following funding for the projects:

Aeration System

Northern Border Regional Commission Grant	\$1,000,000
USDA Rural Development Grant /Loan	\$587,000 / \$1,453,000
Maine DEP Grant	\$300,000
Total Project Funding	\$3,340,000

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) Treatment

Maine DEP Principal Forgiveness	\$1,050,000
State of Maine ARPA Funds	\$1,000,000
Senator Susan Collins - Congressionally Directed Spending	\$1,600,000
Total Project Funding	\$3,650,000

Anson/Madison Water District

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

In 2021, the District used grant monies left over from the 2020 Raw Water Transmission Project to complete 1400 feet of water main. The "Elm Street Project" included a 16" water transmission line along Elm Street between Embden Pond Road and Mill Stream, replaced two hydrants and all of the service connections to the right of way.

On July 01, 2021, a 3% revenue increase anticipated to generate \$12,040.00 annually became effective in accordance with Maine Public Utilities Commission review and approval. Docket # 2021-00086.

December 14, 2021, the District entered into a contractual agreement with the Maine Rural Water Association to serve as their Designated Operator and to provide financial and customer support. The office located at 15 Maple Street, Madison is no longer accepting in-person payments, nor is it open to the public. Customers may make payment at the Camden National Bank Madison Branch. Customers will need to be prepared in advance to provide account number and account balance to utilize this service. Camden National Bank representatives will not provide customer account information. Mail-In payments may be made by check/money order addressed to Anson Madison Water District, PO 293, Richmond ME 04357. Customers may make debit/credit, and check payments by telephone by calling: 844-301-5631. Note, this is an automated third-party service that will assess a fee of 2.95%. Customers must be prepared before calling with their account number and balance in order to use this service. Customers with questions, concerns, application for service, service termination or to obtain account balance information may call 207-424-3288 or email AMWDCustomerService@mainerwa.org Monday Friday (Excluding Holidays) 8:00 am 3:00 pm. In the event of a water emergency, call 207-424-3288.

We invite customers and residents to attend the regular monthly board meetings. Meetings are informative, allowing the public to listen to discussions regarding water district business activities, system issues, and progress. Board Meetings are the third Thursday of each month, 6:00 pm, at the Old Point Avenue School in Madison.

Randy Turner, Chair Anson Representative

H. Ralph Withee, Treasurer Anson Representative

Gary Anderson, Anson Representative

Phil Curtis, Madison Representative

Dana Berry, Madison Representative

Chris Roy, Madison Representative

John 'Jack' Ducharme, Madison Representative



Lake Wesserunsett Association (LWA)

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 924 boat inspections and logged 608 hours manning the boat landing at the outlet dam in 2021. This program is especially important as the infested waterbodies creep closer and closer to our lake. Invasive aquatic plants have now been found in the Kennebec River below Skowhegan, the boat launch is only 8.5 road miles from the lake's boat launch.

The water quality sampling program for Lake Wesserunsett continued for the 40th consecutive year in 2021. 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 association for several years has been increasing its efforts to reduce the phosphorus contribution to the lake from camp road runoff. As part of that effort in 2021 we hosted a day of camp road tours and discussions, led by the now retired state soil scientist, who suggested voluntary practical steps for each road that could be taken to control runoff and reduce phosphorus flow into the lake.

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

In 2022, we expect to expand many of our programs to provide stewardship for the lake. We are fortunate to have such a valuable resource within town boundaries. We thank the town in advance for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Doty
President, LWA



LWA Water Quality Report

The Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM) Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) water quality sampling program for Wesserunsett continued for the 40th consecutive year in 2021. The program was run by volunteers on the Lake Wesserunsett Association (LWA) Water Quality Committee and funded by the LWA.

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 can both 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 nine times from May into October. High wind conditions limited monitoring this year.

Results: **Secchi Disk** (water clarity) averaged 19.5 ft, which is a bit deeper than the long-term average of 19.2 ft (40 years of data). **Total Phosphorus (TP)** averaged 6.80 ppb, which is less than the long-term average of 6.95 ppb (17 years of data). **Color** averaged 15.7 SPU, which is so low that it suggests faulty equipment and is likely not valid. Color typically averages about 20 to 21 SPU (13 years of data). **Surface Temperature** was highest on August 17 when it was 77.2°F. The highest temperature measured last year was 80.6°F. **Dissolved Oxygen/Temperature** profiles were typical for Wesserunsett with both oxygen and temperature being lower near the bottom at times due to weak partial stratification. *Gloeotrichia echinulata* (a cyanobacteria) was detected in only two of nine checks, and those were very low densities. **Ice-Out** was on April 8, about 11 days earlier than the average date (138 years of data). Final **Ice-In** was on Dec. 4, about three days later than the average date (36 years of data). **Open Water Duration** was 240 days, 19 days shorter than last year but close to the long-term average of 236 days (36 years of data). **Rainfall** from Ice-Out on Apr. 8 to the last sampling on Oct. 5 totaled 23.76", over 10" more than during a similar period of time last year when there were severe drought conditions.

Climate Change: The two earliest Ice-Outs in 138 years of records for Wesserunsett were in 2010 and 2012. Six of the eight longest open water durations in 36 years of records for the lake were in 2006, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2020. These observations are consistent with a pattern of warming. However, the later than usual Ice-Outs in 2017, 2018 and 2019, the earliest Ice-In and shortest Open Water Season in 2018, and the shorter than average Open Water Duration in 2019 are contrary to that warming trend.

Conclusions: The water quality results for 2021 were encouraging regarding water clarity, Total Phosphorus, and *Gloeotrichia*. The lake was clearer and had less nutrients and cyanobacteria. Lack of heavy or intense rainfall was likely a positive factor. 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. Despite some recent inconsistencies, the trend in the 21st century has been one of warming. Continuation of the lake monitoring program and retention of all data for future analysis are important so that any trends and changes over the long-term may be identified. Wesserunsett is an important economic and environmental resource that deserves protection and in order to be successful, all need to take part.

Water Quality Committee Members and Responsibilities: William Reid, Chair: John Bonsall, Primary Monitor, Jay Conway, Backup Monitor. For more information, contact williamfreid@gmail.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 Bee Line Channel as well as Facebook, YouTube and even on Zoom!

In the second year of Covid, we took many of our programs out of the studio and went 'on the road' to share what was happening in the community. We also used this time to work behind the scenes and bring our policies, procedures and operations up to date.

Unfortunately, this past year SCTV 11 lost two pioneers and champions of the station, Katie Ouilette and Darla Pickett. We would not be where we are today without these two women, who worked tirelessly to promote and advance the mission of SCTV 11. They are missed but will continue to be remembered through all their good work in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

John Harlow – Station Manager



Katie Ouilette on set with Chris Perkins



Darla Pickett

Madison Electric Works

To Madison Ratepayers and Residents,

2021 was another busy year for Madison Electric Works. Our crew did upgrade work on Madison Avenue moving the new taller poles behind the sidewalk, along with tree trimming and line maintenance.

We also replaced our building that contained our 1 megawatt Caterpillar peak shaving diesel generator that we lost in the fire in May of 2020, with a 2.5MW natural gas Cat 3520. This generator is a peak shaving unit that helps to keep our rates down. The replacement generator came on line in October of 2021.

Sincerely submitted,

Martin Berry

Superintendent

The following pages are from the MEW audited finances through December 31, 2021



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, 2021 and 2020 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, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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, 2021 and 2020 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, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Assets: Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,433,282	\$ 1,494,664
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	909,029	1,887,464
Accrued interest receivable	4,839	8,122
Note receivable, current portion	188,740	179,668
Materials and supplies	374,728	391,806
Prepaid expenses	<u>58,899</u>	<u>53,470</u>
Total Current Assets	2,969,517	4,015,194
Other Assets: Note receivable, less current portion	786,843	973,936
Property, Plant and Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>6,139,393</u>	<u>4,740,226</u>
Total Assets	9,895,753	9,729,356
Deferred Outflows: Deferred outflows related to OPEB	49,187	54,016
Total Deferred Outflows	49,187	54,016
Liabilities: Current Liabilities: Accounts payable	359,319	377,634
Other current and accrued liabilities	30,503	29,788
Unearned revenue	194,000	-
Customer deposits	16,250	18,281
Bond payable, current portion	150,000	155,000
Capital lease, current portion	<u>35,365</u>	<u>34,341</u>
Total Current Liabilities	785,437	615,044
Long-Term Liabilities		
Bond payable, less current portion	710,000	860,000
Capital lease, less current portion	79,782	115,146
Net OPEB liability	114,864	99,872
Accrued paid leave	<u>102,473</u>	<u>96,982</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>1,007,119</u>	<u>1,172,000</u>
Total Liabilities	1,792,556	1,787,044
Deferred Inflows		
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	<u>40,515</u>	<u>49,003</u>
Total Deferred Inflows	40,515	49,003
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	5,164,246	3,575,739
Unrestricted	<u>2,947,623</u>	<u>4,371,586</u>
Net Position	\$ 8,111,869	\$ 7,947,325

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, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Electric Operating Revenues	\$ 4,589,515	\$ 5,084,514
Operating Expenses		
Operations and maintenance	4,430,397	5,063,781
Depreciation	304,535	309,732
Total Operating Expenses	<u>4,734,932</u>	<u>5,373,513</u>
Net Operating Loss	(145,417)	(288,999)
Other Income (Expenses)		
Interest income	34,995	61,840
Interest expense	(33,585)	(39,072)
Grant proceeds	227,280	35,395
Gain on insurance proceeds	42,577	1,116,956
Gain (loss) on disposal of property and equipment	<u>12,875</u>	<u>(134,317)</u>
Net Other Income	<u>284,142</u>	<u>1,040,802</u>
Increase in Net Position	138,725	751,803
Contributions in Aid of Construction	25,819	8,294
Change in Net Position	164,544	760,097
Net position at beginning of year	<u>7,947,325</u>	<u>7,187,228</u>
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 8,111,869	\$ 7,947,325

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, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Cash Flows from Operating Activities: Cash receipts:		
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 5,384,217	\$ 4,103,487
Other operating cash receipts	203,525	330,466
Cash disbursements:		
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees	(1,301,767)	(1,352,146)
Cash payments to suppliers and vendors	<u>(2,924,588)</u>	<u>(3,636,866)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	1,361,387	(555,059)
 Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(1,703,702)	(552,837)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	12,875	3,000
Insurance proceeds	42,577	1,259,592
Grant proceeds	227,280	35,395
Contributions in aid of construction received	6,027	(16,183)
Debt interest payments	(34,785)	(40,772)
Debt principal payments	(155,000)	(155,000)
Proceeds from capital lease	-	177,844
Capital lease principal payments	(34,340)	(28,357)
Payments received on note receivable	<u>178,021</u>	<u>158,970</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(1,461,047)	871,652
 Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest income received	38,278	64,604
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	38,278	64,604
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(61,382)	381,197
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,494,664</u>	<u>1,113,467</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 1,433,282	\$ 1,494,664

Statement of Cash Flows (2 of 2)

Town of Madison, Department of Electric Works

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Net operating loss	\$ (145,417)	\$ (288,999)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:		
Depreciation	304,535	309,732
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	15,000	15,000
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable	983,227	(665,561)
Materials and supplies	17,078	3,364
Prepaid expenses	(5,429)	32,473
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	4,829	(675)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(18,315)	31,126
Other current and accrued liabilities	1,915	5,655
Unearned revenue	194,000	-
Customer deposits	(2,031)	(2,010)
Accrued paid leave	5,491	19,070
Net OPEB liability	14,992	(48,755)
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	(8,488)	34,521
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 1,361,387	\$ (555,059)

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, 2021. I would like to thank 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

Madison, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the 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, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Madison, Maine's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Madison, Maine as of June 30, 2021 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, 2020. They do not purport to and do not present fairly the financial position of the Madison Electric Works as of June 30, 2021 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.

Other Matters

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 4 through 12 and 73 through 79 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing

standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

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

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2021, on our consideration of the Town of Madison, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Town of Madison, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

RHR Smith & Company

Buxton, Maine October 28, 2021

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 \$1,206,982 from \$8,480,296 to \$9,687,278. For the business type activities, total net position increased by \$760,097 from \$7,187,228 to \$7,947,325.

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 \$1,890,565 and an increase for the business-type activities to a balance of \$4,371,586.

Table 1 - Town of Madison, Maine

Net Position - June 30, 2021

	<u>Government Activities</u>		<u>Business Type Activities</u>	
	2021	2020	2020	2019
		(Restated)		
Assets				
Current Assets	\$ 3,439,959	\$ 2,854,831	\$4,015,194	\$ 2,978,246
Noncurrent Assets:				
Capital Assets	6,235,637	5,981,478	4,740,226	4,807,074
<u>Other</u>	431,340	-	973,936	1,152,220
Total Assets	10,106,936	8,836,309	9,729,356	8,937,540
Deferred Outflows of Resources:				
<u>Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB</u>	104,653	114,928	54,016	53,341
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	104,653	114,928	54,016	53,341
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	80,838	89,117	615,044	547,632
<u>Noncurrent Liabilities</u>	306,445	228,871	1,172,000	1,241,539
Total Liabilities	387,283	317,988	1,787,044	1,789,171
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Prepaid Taxes	50,826	48,692	-	-
<u>Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB</u>	86,202	104,261	49,003	14,482
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources 1	37,028	152,953	49,003	14,482
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	6,666,977	5,981,478	3,575,739	3,637,074
Restricted: Special Revenue Funds	949,054	456,755	-	-
Permanent Funds	180,682	162,785	-	-
<u>Unrestricted</u>	1,890,565	1,879,278	4,371,586	3,550,154
Total Net Position	\$ 9,687,278	\$ 8,480,296	\$ 7,947,325	\$ 7,187,228

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

	Government Activities		Business Type Activities	
	2021	2020	2020	2019
Revenues: Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 120,330	\$ 102,577	\$ 5,084,514	\$ 5,660,333
Operating grants and contributions	58,488	62,592	-	-
General revenues: Taxes	8,562,998	8,125,176	-	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	2,229,413	1,580,274	-	-
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>684,712</u>	<u>444,152</u>	<u>97,235</u>	<u>78,956</u>
Total Revenues	11,655,941	10,314,771	5,181,749	5,739,289
Expenses General government	1,403,637	606,328	-	-
Public safety	707,858	674,582	-	-
Public works	1,267,932	1,330,037	-	-
Parks and recreation	66,342	72,591	-	-
Cemeteries	26,904	25,530	-	-
Community and social agencies	175,734	174,818	-	-
Education	4,714,652	4,912,001	-	-
County tax	808,680	798,596	-	-
Town property	26,239	27,713	-	-
Unclassified	1,250,981	1,765,784	5,412,585	5,730,041
<u>Capital outlay</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenses	10,448,959	10,422,362	5,412,585	5,730,041
Special and extraordinary items:				
Gain on insurance proceeds	-	-	1,116,956	-
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	-	-	(134,317)	-
Contributions in aid of construction	-	-	8,294	-
<u>Total special and extraordinary items</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>990,933</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	1,206,982	(107,591)	760,097	9,248
Net Position - July 1, Restated	8,480,296	8,587,887	7,187,228	7,177,980

TOWN OF MADISON, MAINE
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 JUNE 30, 2021

	Total Governmental Funds
Total Fund Balances	\$3,569,137
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	\$6,235,637
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	\$179,363
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	\$104,653
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Net OPEB liability	(\$70,918)
Accrued compensated absences	(\$244,392)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	(\$86,202)
Net position of governmental activities	\$9,687,278

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

	General	Other Governmental	Total Governmental
REVENUES Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 7,674,951	-	\$ 7,674,951
Excise taxes	949,365	-	949,365
Intergovernmental	2,287,901	-	2,287,901
Charges for services	120,330	-	120,330
Miscellaneous revenues	72,977	611,735	684,712
TOTAL REVENUES	11,105,524	611,735	11,717,259
EXPENDITURES			
Current: General government	1,301,058	-	1,301,058
Public safety	646,668	-	646,668
Public works	1,185,783	-	1,185,783
Parks and recreation	65,682	-	65,682
Cemeteries	26,904	-	26,904
Community and social agencies	175,734	-	175,734
Education	4,714,652	-	4,714,652
County tax	808,680	-	808,680
Town property	26,239	-	26,239
Unclassified	422,954	828,027	1,250,981
Capital outlay	424,422	-	424,422
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,798,776	828,027	10,626,803
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,306,748	(216,292)	1,090,456
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	200,000	1,075,334	1,275,334
Transfers (out)	(1,067,590)	(207,744)	(1,275,334)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	(867,590)	867,590	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	439,158	651,298	1,090,456
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED	1,870,447	608,234	2,478,681
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 2,309,605	\$ 1,259,532	\$ 3,569,137

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement E) \$1,090,456

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	\$576,807
Capital asset disposals	(\$30,001)
Depreciation expense	<u>(\$292,647)</u>
	\$254,159

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

(\$10,275)

Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:

Taxes and liens receivable	<u>(\$61,318)</u>
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Deferred inflows of resources are an acquisition of net position by the government that are applicable to a future reporting period and therefore are not reported in the funds

\$18,059

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	(\$52,201)
Net OPEB liability	<u>(\$31,898)</u>
	(\$84,099)

Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B) \$1,206,982

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Dear Friends:

For three 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. In the last year, 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, I will be 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 Mills'.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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Dear Friends:

I am deeply honored to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of the areas I have been working on over the past year. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose enormous challenges for our state and our country.

When the pandemic began, I co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program that helped small businesses remain afloat and keep their employees paid. In Maine, our small businesses received more than 47,000 forgivable loans totaling \$3.2 billion. I also led efforts to provide relief for loggers, lobstermen, and bus companies.

In addition, I helped secure \$700 million to assist Maine's overwhelmed hospitals and nursing homes, and a new law I led prevented Medicare payment cuts to help further ease the financial strain on our hospitals. I also urged the CDC to update its recommendations so that our students and teachers could safely return to their classrooms, and I pressed the Administration to end the closure of the U.S.-Canada border.

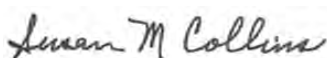
While addressing the pandemic has been a major focus, I've also worked hard to ensure Maine's other needs are met. A group of 10 Senators, of which I was a part, negotiated the landmark bipartisan infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November. I co-authored the section of the bill that will provide Maine with as much as \$300 million to expand high-speed internet in rural and underserved areas.

Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded \$35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill included \$3.5 billion to help families make energy efficiency improvements that would permanently lower their heating costs.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have supported investments in Maine's communities. This year's funding bills include \$265 million I championed for 106 projects across Maine. These projects would help create jobs, improve workforce training, address the opioid crisis, and increase access to childcare and health care services. In addition, I worked to reverse proposed cuts to our Navy in order to help protect America and keep the skilled workers at Bath Iron Works on the job. The bills also include \$475 million for the construction of a new dry dock at Maine's Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that will allow the Navy to continue to carry out its submarine missions. I will keep working to get these important bills enacted.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,000th consecutive vote, becoming the only Senator in history to do so without ever having missed a roll call vote. The Lugar Center at Georgetown University once again ranked me as the most bipartisan Senator for the eighth year in a row. In the New Year, I will keep working to solve problems and make life better for the people of Maine and America. May 2022 be a happy, healthy, and successful one for you, your family, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins United States Senator

January 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

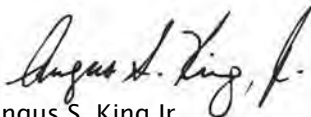
On the heels of 2020’s challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged this crisis and created new risks for Maine people. The challenges raised tension levels to boiling points during the fall-out of the 2020 presidential election and the January 6th Capitol attack. But despite that, Congress was able to deliver for a nation gripped by an unprecedented pandemic. As we reflect back on the year, we see the important action that will make a difference for Maine people – as well as work still unfinished.

As COVID-19 continued to impact communities across our state and the country, Congress’s first priority this year was to confront the pandemic’s health threats and economic toll. We immediately got to work on the *American Rescue Plan*, crafting an emergency bill to meet the moment and get our nation back on stable footing. The legislation delivered essential support to businesses facing crises, households in need, and the medical professionals on the front lines of this fight. The funds helped get vaccine shots in arms, while also confronting the damage done to our economy. All told, the *American Rescue Plan* is bringing billions of dollars to Maine, helping the state continue to push through this crisis and bounce back stronger than ever.

After passing the *American Rescue Plan*, Congress turned its attention to a longstanding but unfulfilled priority: infrastructure. Through hard work and compromise, both parties came together to pass a bipartisan bill that finally addresses key infrastructure needs. For Maine people, the bill means an estimated \$1.5 billion to repair crumbling roads and out-of-date bridges, \$390 million to improve access to clean drinking water, and more. I am most excited about the significant funding for broadband – because, as we have seen during the pandemic, broadband is a necessity to succeed in the 21st century economy. The historic investments in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, combined with additional funding I pushed for in *the American Rescue Plan*, will bring an estimated \$400 million for broadband home to Maine. These funds will be nothing short of transformational, creating new opportunities across our state.

These two bills have made and will continue to make a real difference for Maine people, helping to both address the challenges of COVID-19 and lay a foundation for long-term success. I am proud of what we’ve accomplished this year – but I know there is still a lot of work to do and that the road ahead is challenging. Even still, I am filled with optimism because I know the true nature of our citizens, though challenged, has not changed. Despite every hardship, people in towns and communities have stepped up with strong local leadership, a willingness to help, and a Maine ‘neighborhood’ spirit. It is why I truly believe we can and will get through anything together. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2022.

Best Regards,



Angus S. King Jr.

United States Senator

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It remains a privilege to represent you in Congress, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on for the people of the Second Congressional District.

This year, our small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, states, and towns continued to face challenges related to the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health and our economy that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. While we are not yet out of the woods, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Still, I know there are many Mainers who will continue to need assistance getting through this pandemic. I am committed to making sure our communities' most urgent needs are met to get our economy back on track.

One thing I am particularly proud of this year is that Democrats, Republicans, and the Biden Administration worked together to pass the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, which will make a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure and support Maine jobs. This bill will bring \$1.3 billion to Maine for highways and \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs, as well as \$234 million to improve public transportation options. It will also allocate over \$100 million to help provide broadband access to the 42,000 Mainers currently without it and make 310,000 Mainers eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Benefit to help families pay for internet access. Crucially, it will also provide Maine with \$390 million to combat Maine's historically high rates of lead poisoning by replacing lead pipes and allowing Maine families access to clean drinking water.

Another one of my priorities in Congress is protecting Maine jobs. For one, shipbuilders at Bath Iron Works are a vital part of our economy, and the ships they build are critical to our national security. Throughout 2021, I led the Maine congressional delegation in pushing back against the Biden Administration's proposed decrease in DDG-51 shipbuilding, a proposal that would have had serious consequences for the shipbuilding workforce at BIW, one of the two shipyards that produces these destroyers, and American naval capabilities around the world. We fought successfully to include authorization for construction of three new DDG-51 destroyers in the final National Defense Authorization Act. I will continue to work hard with my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to ensure that we protect our national security and shipbuilding jobs in Maine.

My most meaningful work in Congress continues to be providing direct assistance to Mainers. My staff and I stand ready to serve you. If you are looking for assistance with a federal agency, help for your small business, or want to keep me informed about the issues that matter to you, please reach out to one of my offices below:

Caribou Office: Phone: 492-6009

Bangor Office: 249-7400

Lewiston Office: 241-6767

I am especially glad to share that my wife Izzy and I were pleased to welcome our daughter, Rosemary, into the world this year. Mom and baby are happy and healthy, and we're so thankful for this blessing. We look forward to showing her the beauty of Maine in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden

Member of Congress



Brad Farrin

130th MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta.

The 130th Legislature began unlike any other. Public hearings and work sessions, traditionally held in filled committee rooms at the State House, took place virtually via Zoom. And the Legislature did not convene in person at the State House until June. Given the unusual nature of how the Legislature met to accommodate safety considerations required by the pandemic, I was adamant that the balance in state government between the Executive and Legislative branches be restored – and that the public continues to play a critical role in the Legislative process.

Prior to adjourning on July 19, we passed a supplemental budget and determined how the federal American Rescue Plan funds should be appropriated. We also passed Republican-led legislation to give nearly \$150 million in surplus revenue back to hard-working taxpayers as a one-time payment of \$285 that was distributed between November and December.

The 2nd Session will begin in January, and I am eager to get back to work supporting bills that help Mainers and small businesses alike who have struggled as a result of the pandemic. I will continue to serve as Chair of the Veterans Caucus and as the ranking Republican on two legislative committees – Transportation as well as Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 287-1505 or at brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or need assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. If you would like to receive regular legislative updates, you may sign up to do so at www.mesenategop.com. Finally, I encourage you to get involved and contact your local, state and federal representatives to let them know how you feel on various matters. Many things have changed during the pandemic that will have a lasting impact, and it is imperative your representatives know how you feel on these critically important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Farrin', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Brad Farrin
State Senator



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am honored that you entrusted me with the responsibility of being your State Representative for House District 111 in the Maine Legislature.

The first session of the 130th Legislature convened in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which meant we met in the Augusta Civic Center every few weeks through May 19 to preserve social distancing for safety. This enabled us to begin voting on over two thousand bills that were before us. Committee meetings and hearings were and continue to be streamed on "Zoom." We did finally get back to our chamber in the State House and finished business on July 19. We met again briefly this fall to vote on redistricting.

This was my first session serving on the Joint Standing Committee for Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee for Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. Here, I had the opportunity to show my support for TimberHP by Go Lab and other local economic development efforts, particularly in the forest industry.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome, however, due to the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are even more accessible. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos. I also send a weekly email with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at Jack.Ducharme@legislature.maine.gov and I will gladly add you to the list. I also make frequent posts on my Facebook page at *Representative Jack Ducharme*.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

John 'Jack' Ducharme

State Representative

District 111 Norridgewock, Solon, Madison (most of)



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am honored that you entrusted me with the responsibility of being your State Representative for House District 107 in the Maine Legislature.

The first session of the 130th Legislature convened in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which meant we met in the Augusta Civic Center every few weeks through May 19 to preserve social distancing for safety. This enabled us to begin voting on over two thousand bills that were before us. Committee meetings and hearings were and continue to be streamed on "Zoom". We did finally return to our chamber in the State House and finished business on July 19. We met again briefly this fall to vote on redistricting.

This was my first session serving on the Joint Standing Committee for Judiciary. Here, I had the opportunity to show my support for law enforcement officers by voting in opposition to LD 214 "An Act To Eliminate Qualified Immunity for Police Officers." The bill was defeated in both the House and the Senate. Additionally, I delivered a speech before the Committee in support of legislation that would increase penalties for child sex offenders, which became Public Law. I am proud of my work to retain the rights of choice for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome, however, due to the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are even more accessible. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos. I also send a weekly email with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at Jennifer.Poirier@legislature.maine.gov and I will gladly add you to the list. I also make frequent live posts on my Facebook page at *Representative Jennifer Poirier*.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2022.

Jennifer L. Poirier

State Representative

Skowhegan and Southern Portion of East Madison

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 2022

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

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Madison, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Madison Junior High School Auditorium**, in said Town, on Monday, the thirteenth (13th) day of June, 2022 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 37 as set out below to wit:

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the **Old Point School Election Room** in said Town, on Tuesday, the fourteenth (14th) day of June, 2022 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
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 3 years
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Water District for 3 years
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Water District for 2 years
- 1 Trustee for Madison Public Library for 5 years
- 1 Director for Madison Electric Works for 5 years
- 1 Town Clerk/Treasurer for 1 year
- 1 Road Commissioner for 1 year

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to change the Town Clerk/Treasurer position from elected to appointed beginning July 1, 2023.

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to change the term of the elected Road Commissioner position from one-year to three-year beginning July 1, 2023

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 5

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 6

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 7.

Article 7

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 8

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

Administration	\$551,425.00
Planning Board	\$5,775.00
Code Enforcement	\$52,750.00
Boards & Committees	\$19,300.00
Assessing Services	\$42,500.00
Elections	\$7,500.00
Total Expenses	\$679,250.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$37,000.00)
Total Raised by Taxation	\$642,250.00
Select Board Recommends	\$642,250.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$642,250.00

Article 9

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

Ambulance	\$80,500.00
Police	\$480,000.00
Fire	\$114,000.00
Animal Control	\$9,950.00
Total Expenses	\$684,450.00
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$25,000.00)
Total Raised by Taxation	\$659,450.00
Select Board Recommends	\$659,450.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$659,450.00

Article 10

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

Street Lights	\$64,000.00
Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling	\$275,000.00
Storm Drains	\$50,000.00
<u>Fire Protection (Hydrants)</u>	<u>\$260,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$649,000.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$40,000.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$609,000.00
Select Board Recommends	\$609,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$609,000.00

Article 11

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

Public Works	\$683,050.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$43,000.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$640,050.00
Select Board Recommends	\$640,050.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$640,050.00

Article 12

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

Select Board Recommends	\$83,500.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$83,500.00

Article 13

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

Select Board Recommends	\$44,050.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$44,050.00

Article 14

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

General Assistance	\$17,500.00
Community Programs	
US Naval Sea Cadets Corps	\$1,000.00
Lake Association	\$5,500.00
American Legion Flags	\$600.00
People Who Care Food Cupboard	\$16,500.00
Recycling/HHW	\$1,000.00
Lakewood Theater	\$5,000.00
St. Sebastian Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Total Community Programs	\$30,600.00
Service Organizations	
Madison Anson Senior Citizens	\$4,500.00
Somerset Humane Society	\$7,650.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$2,500.00
Spectrum Generations	\$4,600.00
Total Service Organizations	\$19,250.00
<u>Grand Total Community Services</u>	<u>\$67,350.00</u>
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$5,000.00 Lakewood Theater)
Select Board Recommends	\$62,350.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$62,350.00

Article 15

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

Select Board Recommends	\$122,935.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$122,935.00

Article 16

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

Select Board Recommends	\$26,550.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$26,550.00

Article 17

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

Select Board Recommends	\$157,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$157,000.00

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$115,000.00** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for **Road Surface Projects:**

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 19

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

Select Board Recommends	\$110,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$110,000.00

Article 20

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

Select Board Recommends	\$160,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$160,000.00

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$50,000.00** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for **Fire Department Equipment Purchases.**

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$35,000.00** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for a **Small Business Matching Grant Program.**

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$60,000.00** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for **Town Property Renovations.**

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 24

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

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

Article 25

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

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

Article 26

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

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommend	YES

Article 27

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 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2023-2024 not yet due or assessed.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 29

To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2022 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, 2023, 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 four percent (4.00%) per annum from said dates.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 30

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

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 31

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

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Article 32

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 33

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

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 34

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 35

To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote to fix the rate of one percent (1.00) % interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 36

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 37

Shall an ordinance entitled “Expenditure of Public Funds” (Chapter 572) be amended?

Select Board Recommends YES

Article 38

Shall an ordinance entitled “Fees” (Chapter 583) be amended?

Select Board Recommends YES

Town of Madison Select Board

Albert A. Veneziano, Chairman

Robert Hagopian, Vice Chair

Sally Dwyer

Glen Mantor

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	Independence Day	Labor Day	Columbus Day
Veterans Day	Thanksgiving Day	Friday after T-Giving	Christmas Eve
Christmas Day	(In observance of Good Friday the Town Office closes at 11:30 the Friday before Easter)		