

## The Town of Madison well represented at the 2017 Somerset Public Health Awards



From left, Doris Lindblom & Lisa Pierpont with MSAD59, Town Manager Tim Curtis, Penny Emerson with MSAD59, and MSAD59 Superintendent Bonnie Levesque

**On September 20th Somerset Public Health recognized individuals and communities for outstanding efforts in fostering healthy lifestyle choices. The Town of Madison was fortunate enough to be recognized as a community, as well as having two residents awarded for their individual efforts.**

### **The RFGH Award for Commitment to Public Health - Town of Madison**

The Town of Madison has been instrumental in moving forward with a focus toward improving the quality of living for residents and visitors. Playgrounds, trail, and garden development to benefit young and old alike. Its solar energy development, for the future cost reductions of energy to benefit their citizens, is forward thinking and environmentally healthy for the community. The town is expanding senior housing, a public health need, especially as our population ages.

Despite losing tax base in recent years, one thing the Town has not lost is their spirit and knowing what is important. All schools are registered Let's Go! sites and both the elementary school and junior high were recognized as GOLD level sites through Let's Go! program this year. The 100 Mile Club is very popular in Madison and Madison Junior High was #1 in the state for the most miles walked and/or ran during the 2016/17 school year with almost 29,000 miles! Many teacher volunteers stayed after school weekly to help support and grow this program, and the administration was instrumental in building a relationship with the Good Shepard Food Bank, where they wrote and received a grant to open a school food pantry at the Madison Junior High for families in Madison.

### **The Bruce Farrin "Wellness Starts with Me Award"**

#### **John Kenney, Madison**

John is the epitome of health and wellness. At the young age of 69, he works out daily either outside hiking or running the trails, lifting in the high school weight room or his 4 days a week in Spin/Bootcamp and yoga. John recently completed his 9th Beach to Beacon 10k and 3 years ago participated on a sprint triathlon team with 2 members half his age.



Bruce Farrin, Kristie LeBlanc with Somerset Public Health and award winner John Kenney



Tony Billington with Madison Town Manager Tim Curtis

### **New Balance Spark Start Award - Tony Billington, Madison**

The Spark Start Award recognizes a commitment to encouraging fitness and activity for your people. Tony Billington is a Madison resident who has a passion for reaching young people through sports. He is in the process of becoming a regional director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes program. Through FCA Tony helps to lead sports camps throughout Central Maine in the summer months and works with sports clubs in the local school systems.