

I. PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

This section reviews existing public facilities and services, and estimates future needs based on anticipated growth and economic development. Current facilities and services are described to determine if they adequately serve the town today and if they have the available capacity to serve the town for the next ten years. The goal of this section is to plan, finance, and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services that will accommodate the town's future needs.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

Addison is part of State Senate District 4, State House District 131, and U.S. Congressional District 2. The town has a Selectmen/town meeting form of government and is administered by three selectmen, an administrative assistant, an office assistant, a code enforcement officer, and a part-time treasurer. The selectmen meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month and are available by appointment at the Town Hall. The administrative assistant and office assistant are available at the Town office during the week. The town's fiscal year ends January 31st and approval for the budget is achieved through the annual town meeting/election that is held on the second Tuesday of March. Additional office space may soon be needed for the Town offices. Storage and office workspace is limited. The town is currently working on these needs.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Board of Selectmen appoints long term, short term and project committees as needed.

Appointed Boards (By Board of Selectmen)	Elected Officials/Boards
Animal Control Officer Board of Appeals Board of Assessment Assessor Budget Committee Code Enforcement Officer Comprehensive Plan Committee Constables E-911 Addressing Officer Fire Chief Harbor Committee Harbor Master (3) Health Officer Office Assistants Planning Board Plumbing Inspector Shellfish Conservation Committee & Warden Washington County Council of Governments (2) Pleasant River Solid Waste District Director (1) Pleasant River Ambulance Service Directors (2)	Board of Selectmen Administrative Assistant General Assistant Overseers (3) Treasurer Road Commissioner SAD #37 School Directors (2)

The board of appeals hears grievances regarding Planning Board & General Assistance decisions. The Board of Assessment Review hears grievances regarding tax abatements.

The Board of Selectmen and town departments prepare a budget for review and recommendation of the budget committee. The annual budget is then presented at the town meeting.

The town's planning board consists of five members and two alternates, some of these individuals have served in this capacity for many years. Bi-monthly meetings are held to review site plans for any development proposals. The planning board also reviews Shoreland Zoning and wetland issues; Subdivision Regulations, Land Use & Development and Floodplain criteria in order to maintain compliance with local and state ordinances.

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS/FACILITIES

The Town owns relatively few properties. They include the two fire stations and Town Hall. Table I.1 lists all public and tax exempt land and buildings in Addison and Map 2, Addison Public Facilities and Cemeteries depicts all the public facilities.

Table I-1 TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES – TOWN OF ADDISON, 2003

Assessed Valuation	Name & address	Map & Lot #	Acres	Location
25,300	Fire Department, Station #2	019-056	1.0	137 Mooseneck Road
32,900	Addison Point Water District	004-056-1	.2	280 Point Street
12,200	Town Landfill Site	008-013	12.3	229 Wescogus Road
91,600	Town Hall	001-086	.5	334 Water Street
45,800	Town Landing	001-028	1.7	517 Ridge Road
31,200	Town Land	008-045	76.2	Indian River Road
13,400	Town Land (Stoney Brook Lot)	008-043	36.0	Indian River Road
28,900	Cape Split Chapel (Town Owned)	019-031	.2	253 Cape Split Road
11,400	Town Land	008-056	19.5	Indian River Road
18,700	Fire Department, Station #1	001-104	0	301 Water Street
221,400	Great Auk Land Trust, Inc	023-028-2	10.5	116 Marsh Island Lane
85,000	Indian River Grange	003-022	.4	1439 Indian River Road
67,500	Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	021-012	2.7	Round Goose Island
90,000	Masonic Hall	001-099	.87	325 Water Street
47,000	Mayhew Library	001-079	.25	290 Water Street
123,000	Nature Conservancy	026-004	7.8	Island South Plummer Is
197,800	Nature Conservancy	019-003	27.6	Plummer Island East
1,060,400	SAD #37 DW Merritt School	005-049	47.8	518 Indian Rive Road
149,500	Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	027-002	11.5	Little Drisko Island
92,200	US Government	025-0003-1	4.72	Nash Island
415,000	Town Land (Johanson Property)	023-019	51.12	Narrows Road
131,200	Town Landing	023-030	4.2	113 Marsh Island Road
2,900	Town Land	003-039	.21	Crowley Island Road
5,200	Town Landing (West River)	018-059	.36	56 The Lane
4,500	Town Land	018-079	.69	Basin Road

Assessed Valuation	Name & address	Map & Lot #	Acres	Location
13,000	Friends of Nash Island Light	025-03-2	.52	Nash Island
196,600	Maine, State of	027-001	27.2	Stevens Island
157,600	US Government	027-005	14.2	Inner Sand Island
65,500	Various Cemetery Lots		Total 13.7	018-063,010-022,013-006,028-023,001-039,020-050
26,100	Unknown Ownership		Total 103-5	014-001,016-004,019-004,022-037
31,700	Other Acquired Lands	001-100	.41	319 Water Street
354,500	Church Properties		Total 54.6	001-024,001-082,002-050,003-041

Source: Addison Town Records, 2003

The Town Hall is a large, old structure that has been recently improved. The building was once the home of the Pleasant River Grange Hall (prior to 1968). Pleasant River Grange #433 was organized May 7, 1904 and held the first meeting in the Wescogus Hall (now the Masonic Hall). **Around 1907** the Pleasant River Grange built a new hall on the former site of Captain Obed T. Crowley's house, which burned. In 1968 Pleasant River Grange #433 closed and gave the hall to the town for \$1.00.

Additional improvements to the building are needed including handicapped accessibility to the second floor, efficiency improvements and other modernizations (wiring, plumbing, secure storage). The town will examine whether these needs could be met through renovations or new construction. The Town also owns 73 acres on Route 187 which could also be used for a similar purpose. Town made a donation of 10 acres to the V.F.W.

The Mayhew Public Library (approximately 800 sq.ft. in size) is open year round, operated by its own board of trustees and staffed by one paid, part-time librarian and by volunteers. The municipality contributes money annually (\$1500 in 1992; \$2,000 in 2003) toward the library. Circulation in 1992 was 1750 volumes and had risen to 2,159 by 2003 representing a steady increase over the years. In 2003 the library was open nine hours per week on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Town Office

The Administrative Assistant is an elected position which combines the positions of clerk and tax collector and is responsible for administering the town's routine business. Each department head reports directly to the Board of Selectmen. Staffing of the Town Office includes one full-time staff assistant, a part-time bookkeeper and addressing officer, and a part-time assessor.

The town provides Local Plumbing Inspector services to property owners on a fee for service basis. The local Code Enforcement Officer is paid for by the town to enforce local ordinances. Both individuals are fully certified to enforce the state and local regulations.

Solid Waste Disposal District Management

The Pleasant River Solid Waste Disposal District (PRSWDD) is operated by its own staff. The residents take their trash to the transfer station/recycling facility, located in Columbia Falls, thirteen miles north of the village. The town ceased using its landfill at 229 Wescogus Road area in 1994 and completed landfill closure in 1997 as required by the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection. PRSWDD is open on Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and accepts recycling materials, i.e., cardboard, newspaper, plastic, glass, mixed paper, office paper and metal. Addison currently spends approximately \$25,000 annually towards the cost of the transfer station.

Each of Maine's municipalities has to submit an annual report of its solid waste management practices; however, PRSWDD has this obligation. The state's objective is for each municipality to recycle at least 50 percent of its household waste. If the quota is not attained, a fee is imposed, unless the municipality indicates good faith in attempting to improve its recycling rate. Developing a reasonable progress plan agreeable both to Maine Solid Waste Agency and the municipality helps to reach this goal. Many communities did not achieve the State Planning Office's (SPO) 1998 deadline for achieving 50 percent recycling. According to the State Planning Office the Pleasant River Region (Addison, Beals, Centerville, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Jonesboro, Jonesport) had a 46.3% recycling rate in 2001 with a trend of increasing participation. Figures are not available for the town itself. Recycling should be actively promoted in the community.

Water Supply, Septic Systems, Overboard Discharges, and Sewer Systems

The vast majority of structures in Addison are served by private septic and wells. A small water district, with a capped spring serves roughly 70 households and several businesses including the post office, library, and Town Hall. Water supplies are discussed further in the Natural Resources chapter. The district operates on a budget of \$9,200. New federal regulations require the district to do monthly testing. With grant monies a new well was drilled in 2002. Improvements on the water lines have been completed in recent years.

The district is managed by a board of trustees and is separate from the town. This same area of the community may at some time need some form of clustered or "community" septic treatment to alleviate problems associated with many poor septic systems which currently threaten the spring and wells in the area, as well as a major aquifer where the village is located. Addison is on a shared program with Jonesport for the repair or replacement of faulty septic systems. At present, soil and water and sewer infrastructure limitations in areas should be recognized as a major obstacle to growth.

Over the past 15 years, the town has applied for and received several DEP grants through the Small Community Grant Program to correct numerous malfunctioning septic systems. Some funds are available but have restrictive guidelines.

Stormwater Management System

Addison's stormwater system consists primarily of roadside ditches, catch basins and piping. Sub-surface stormwater drainage pipes are located along State Road 187. The state owns and maintains the system located along Indian River Road formally State Road 187, Basin Road, East Side Road, and Wescogus Road while the town is responsible for the rest of the roads in town.

Cemeteries

Addison has over 40 large and small cemeteries. These are listed in the History chapter and mapped on Map 2, Addison Public Facilities and Cemeteries. The town does not own any cemeteries. Usually a group of interested volunteers maintain the cemeteries.

The remaining cemeteries are privately-owned and do not require town maintenance. All are shown on Map 2 – Addison Public Facilities and Cemeteries.

Addison does not have sufficient capacity in the existing cemeteries to accommodate anticipated needs for the next 10-20 years.

Public Works Department

The Town of Addison has an elected Road Commissioner who hires contractors and arranges for the upkeep of Town roads, in accordance with the Town Meeting approved budget. The Town designates a major section of town road each year for improvement, usually consisting of ditching and paving. All services, maintenance and plowing of roads are contracted out. The condition and mileage of the various town roads is provided in Tables H-1 and H-2 in the transportation section of the Comprehensive Plan.

Although the deadline of 1995 for the covering of salt-sand piles has been postponed, the Town has not yet established a reserve account for such a shed. The salt/sand pile is located at 229 Wescogus Road.

Public Safety

Police Protection. Addison's police protection is provided by Washington County Sheriffs Department and the Maine State Police.

Fire Protection. The Addison Fire Department is a volunteer department with a chief, two assistant chiefs, and a captain. In 2002 it responded to 52 calls.

It provides services to the town from Station 1, a 30X50 cedar shingled, one story, wood framed structure located at 301 Water St., and Station 2, a 30X40 cedar shingled, one story, wood framed structure located at 137 Moose neck Rd.

Station 1 is a 2 bay facility currently housing a 2000 FreightlineFL 80 pumper with 1000 gallons of water, a 1000gpm pump and class A and B foam capability, and a 5 ton military 6X6 tanker/brush truck with off road capability, 1000 gallons of water and a 250 gpm pump. A 1976 Chevy 1 ton rescue/utility van containing the Jaws of Life, a cascade system for filling SCBA bottles and other rescue and support equipment is also housed there.

By today's standards, Station1 is very substandard, although it only has 2 bays it currently houses 3 vehicles, which make for very cramped conditions. It is not possible to walk around two of the vehicles of the vehicles at all. Without adequate access to the vehicles proper maintenance and servicing is nearly impossible. The building has no indoor plumbing, no decontamination facilities, no training room and inadequate storage and office space. The building was last added to in 1975 and the current location offers no room for expansion.

Station 2 is a 2 bay facility built in 1991. It currently houses a 1992 Ford F800 tanker/pumper 1500 gallons of water and a 500 gpm pump. It also houses a 5-ton military 6X6 tanker with 2000 gallons of water and a 90-gpm PTO pump. This truck is excess military property and is not owned by the town. Station 2 also has no indoor plumbing or training area but is otherwise adequate for the current needs of the area.

The department has reciprocal mutual aid agreements with the towns of Harrington, Columbia, Columbia Falls, and Jones port.

The department has the following equipment:

Year	Make	Model	Cost New
1999	Freightliner	Pumper—FD	162,000.00
1978	Chev	Van #344—FD	8,000.00
1992	Ford	Fire #343 Truck	80,000.00
1975	Unknown Manufacturer	Military #342	12,000.00
1975	Unknown Manufacturer	Military #345	15,834.00

The department does not face the need for any major equipment purchases in the next 5 to 10 years. The biggest challenges facing the department are the replacement of station 1 and the recruitment, training, and retention of an adequate number of volunteers to continue to provide service to the town.

Emergency Services. The Pleasant River Ambulance Service provides around the clock emergency medical services and is supported by Addison, Harrington, Columbia, and Columbia Falls. Washington County Dispatch provides dispatching services.

Enhanced 9-1-1. The Emergency Services Communication Bureau and the E9-1-1 Addison Addressing Committee assigned physical addresses to all property owners with structures in November, 2002. The switchover from Rural Route numbers has been completed. E9-1-1 service automatically displays a caller’s address on a computer screen at a call-answering center. Also, the caller’s telephone number is displayed on screen and can automatically be redialed if the line is disconnected. The service was implemented on September 26, 2001.

Marine Rescue. The United States Coast Guard (USCG) maintains a search and rescue station on 9 Bridge Street in neighboring Jonesport. The area is serviced by three vessels: 1) a 22 foot rigid hull and inflatable; 2) a 47 foot motor lifeboat and (3) an 87 foot patrol boat. The USCG promotes safe boating through classes on boat handling, navigation, and emergency situations. They are very beneficial to the fishermen and to everyone who uses a boat for work or pleasure.

Marine Patrol. The Department of Marine Resources maintains a presence in the area; the “Sentinel” docks at the USCG Station in Jonesport.

MAIL DELIVERY

The Addison Post Office (04606) is located at 297 Water Street. Although many residents have a post office box, part of the mail is delivered through a rural carrier for home delivery.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND SERVICES**Electrical Service:** Bangor Hydro**Telephone Service:** Verizon

Television, Cable, and Radio	Newspapers
WLBZ - Channel 2 (NBC affiliate)	Bangor Daily News (daily)
WABI - Channel 5 (CBS affiliate)	Calais Advertiser (weekly)
WVII - Channel 7 (ABC affiliate) Bangor	Downeast Coastal Press (weekly)
Maine PBS- Channel 13 (PBS affiliate)	Ellsworth American (weekly)
Adelphia	Lubec Light (monthly)
WQDY (1230 AM & 92.7 FM) Calais	Machias Valley Observer (weekly)
WALZ (95.3 FM) Machias	Quoddy Tides (twice-monthly)
WMED (89.7 FM) (NPR affiliate) Calais	
DirectTV – out of state	

Internet Providers: There are a number of Internet service providers with the local access numbers. DSL technology is currently available providing some high speed access within Addison.

EDUCATION

The Towns of Addison, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington, Milbridge, and Cherryfield are partners in School Administrative District #37. There is one primary school (grades K-8) in Addison, the D.W. Merritt Elementary School. It is a 29 year old (1974), 23,000 square foot facility, currently housing 130 students. Enrollment has declined by approximately 7 percent over last year, from 140 students to 130. Ten students from neighboring towns attended the Merritt School this year. Space appears adequate for the near future.

In addition to the daytime instruction and students' extra-curricular activities, the community uses the building for a wide variety of functions, both public and private. These include but are not limited to: adult basic education, public hearings and meetings, private parties and receptions, religious services, pageants, and musical performances.

High school students (45 Addison residents in 2003) attend the Narraguagus Regional High School in Harrington. A new addition to this facility was completed in 2003 and space appears adequate. The School Administrative District purchases a new school bus and cost is apportioned among the five towns and is part of the overall Town budget for education.

Each town has elected school directors that oversee school affairs.

MSAD 37 operates the following schools:

School Name	Address	Enrolled Pupils (2002-2003)	Grades
Cherryfield Elementary	85 School St.	129	K-8

School Name	Address	Enrolled Pupils (2002-2003)	Grades
	Cherryfield, ME 04622		
Columbia Falls Elementary	8 Point St PO Box 130 Columbia Falls, ME 04623	88	K-8
Daniel W Merritt School	518 Indian River Road Addison, ME 04606	140	K-8
Harrington Elementary School	Rte 1A PO Box 77 Harrington, ME 04643	133	K-8
Milbridge Elementary School	200 Washington Street Milbridge, ME 04658	101	K-8
Narraguagus High School	RR 1 Box 489 Harrington, ME 04643	268	9-12

The above table includes all resident pupils who were attending these schools on October 1, 2003. These counts include some pupils who do not reside in the school unit, but attend these schools; the school unit where they live pays their tuition charges. Narraguagus High School enrollment peaked in the mid-90s and has declined since. For more recent student enrollment figures and enrollment over past 10 years, please see the Population Section.

The schools are in good condition overall.

Census figures show that the number of Addison residents who are high school graduates (76.8%) is lower than that of Washington County (79.9%) and significantly lower than the State of Maine average (85.4%). The town ranks similarly in college graduates (12.6%) relative to the County (14.7), and to the State (22.9%).

Population School-Age and Under Western Washington County

Geography	1990		2000		Percent Change	
	Under 5	5 - 17	Under 5	5 - 17	Under 5	5 - 17
Addison	57	223	50	234	-12.28	4.93
Beals	38	125	29	125	-23.68	0.00
Centerville	0	4	3	3		-25.00
Cherryfield	84	228	51	209	-39.29	-8.33
Columbia	37	101	29	84	-21.62	-16.83
Columbia Falls	40	97	28	117	-30.00	20.62
East Machias	72	245	63	242	-12.50	-1.22
Harrington	50	178	42	148	-16.00	-16.85
Jonesboro	42	114	39	107	-7.14	-6.14
Jonesport	97	313	74	221	-23.71	-29.39
Machias	143	386	102	343	-28.67	-11.14
Machiasport	62	230	46	196	-25.81	-14.78
Milbridge	84	211	51	185	-39.29	-12.32
Steuben	76	217	63	211	-17.11	-2.76

Data Sources:

P12: Sex by Age: Total Population (Census 2000 Summary File (SF1) 100 - Percent

Geography	1990		2000		Percent Change	
	Under 5	5 - 17	Under 5	5 - 17	Under 5	5 - 17

Data

P011: Age: Persons (Census 1990 Summary Tape File (STF1) 100-Percent Data

Accessed from American Factfinder website (<http://factfinder.census.gov>) on October 29, 2003

State financial support of local education is declining and additional local funds will be required just to maintain the present level of instruction. As enrollment decreases, communities may not be able to individually continue funding quality education. Education accounts for the largest percentage of local budgets.

This should not be an issue of money, but of quality. Education is critical if the area's children are to be equipped to compete in an increasingly technological world. This is vital to the economic and social future of the community.

The Maine State Legislature adopted the State of Maine *Learning Results* in 1996, establishing learning standards for all Maine students educated at taxpayers expense. The legislation also required that a new system for assessing student progress be established.

The assessment system has both State and local components. The State component includes the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) that is given to students in grades 4, 8, and 11. The MEA has been aligned with the Learning Results, with individual student scores being reported in the content areas. State initiatives also include assisting educators in clarifying standards for local assessment systems, including developing and evaluating performance tasks and student portfolios, serving as a clearinghouse for exemplary local assessment practices, and developing a framework for alternative assessments.

MEA Average Score Scale

(561-580)	Exceeds the Standards
(541-560)	Meets the Standards
(521-540)	Partially meets the Standards
(501-520)	Does not meet the Standards

Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) Results 2001-2002

Subject	Moosabec CSD	Narraguagus	Machias Memorial	Washington Academy	State
Reading	538	541	536	537	540
Writing	531	542	533	529	536
Math	521	525	524	524	528
Science	524	526	529	526	527
Social Studies	521	529	532	529	530
Visual / Performing Arts	522	528	529	523	525

Subject	Moosabec CSD	Narraguagus	Machias Memorial	Washington Academy	State
Health	540	541	536	535	535

The school district is aware of the importance of these figures and how they may impact on the future of local education administration. There is an array of opinions as to their value and whether or not they truly reflect the strength of the curriculum or the ability of the faculty to “teach to the tests.” The district is analyzing the statistics in order to identify and correct any deficiencies. The schools’ administration and faculty are professionals in the field of education, continually attending classes, conferences and seminars to keep abreast of changes in educational building blocks, goals, and methodologies; and emerging trends. It is yet unclear how the recently legislated federal mandate “No Child Left Behind” will affect the implementation of Maine’s assessment system and local efforts. Regardless, the impetus behind public education in our community is not to top the statistical charts; rather, to provide the instruction necessary to prepare our students for higher education and to become self-sufficient productive citizens.

Vocational, Technical and Higher Academic Schools

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE. Formerly the Washington County Technical College, WCCC serves the entire population of our County. As a part of College’s approach to total quality management, strong partnerships have been established with the area’s businesses and public schools that seek to make their graduates employable in the world. The Vocational Center currently serves secondary students from area high schools with additional adults annually participating in secondary technical, as well as post-secondary program offerings.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT MACHIAS. <http://www.umm.maine.edu> This 1,000 student branch of the University of Maine System is less than half an hour from Addison, and offers Bachelor and Associate degrees in a wide range of subjects including business education and administration, recreation management, biology, environmental studies, English, and history. Many of its students are “non-traditional” (older persons returning for their degrees). The University is linked to all the other branches of the system by inter-active TV. In general, classes are three hours long, starting at either 4:00 or 7:00 pm. Associate degrees in Science, Business Administration, Liberal Arts, and other subjects may be earned without entering a “traditional” university classroom. ITV is funded by a grant and administered through the University of Maine in Augusta.

HEALTH CARE

The Town has access to good medical and dental facilities. Downeast Health Services in the Harrington Family Health Center on Route 1 provides good medical care to people of the Town. The Washington-Hancock Community Action Agency, Community Health and Counseling in Machias, and the Maine Department of Human Services also provide services to Addison residents. Specific care is provided in neighboring communities and throughout the region. They include the following:

HARRINGTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTER, located on Route 1 in Harrington provides a wide variety of service to the community. This facility has recently (2002-03) been renovated to make it more handicap accessible.

ARNOLD MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, located at 70 Snare Creek Lane in Jonesport, was constructed in the mid-1990s. It employs 20 total, including 7 Physicians Assistants and Nurse Practitioners. The basement has been converted into a modern dentist's office.

MILBRIDGE MEDICAL CENTER, located on School Street in Milbridge. Provides services to this community.

SUNRISE CARE FACILITY, located at 11 Ocean Street in Jonesport, is a 28-bed skilled nursing facility, affiliated with the Down East Community Hospital and owned by the Downeast Health Care Foundation. It is the area's second largest employer, (employs 48 professionals from the communities of Jonesport, Beals and Addison, as well as other surrounding towns).

MAINE COAST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, located in Ellsworth, is a 64-bed fully accredited community hospital healthcare center. They offer extended services at two major clinical centers in Gouldsboro and Southwest Harbor and four rehabilitation centers. The Active Medical Staff consists of 31 practitioners who provide a comprehensive range of medical, surgical, obstetrical, orthopedic, and ophthalmic service to the community. Outreach programs like support groups and on-going health classes are also offered.

DOWN EAST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, located in Machias, is a 36-bed nonprofit acute care, general community hospital. The Active Medical Staff consists of 25 practitioners who provide a range of medical, surgical, obstetrical, orthopedic, and ophthalmic service. Additional physicians serve as consultants, regularly providing care in the specialty disciplines of cardiology and oncology. The Hospital also houses a full-time Pharmacy, Physical and Cardiac Rehab Departments, and maintains an active continuing education program.

EASTERN MAINE MEDICAL CENTER, <http://www.emh.org>, A 411 bed facility and one of only three trauma centers in the state, is located in Bangor, 80 miles to the west. Their 300 physicians provide primary care hospital services, as well as specialty and intensive services. There are other medical facilities available in Bangor, including St. Joseph's Hospital.

DIALYSIS CENTER. Fresenius Medical Care is opening a dialysis center on the site of the former Gates Fiber Extrusion plant in Eastport. Formerly patients in the area had to travel to Bangor up to four times a week. Making this level of care available on the local level is a huge step for the dialysis patients in the region. The facility opened in the summer of 2003.

CULTURE/COMMUNITY EVENTS

The community of Addison has various events including Addison Days, and the annual Alumni Banquet.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community services include the Boy/girl scouts, The Edge Program, Indian River Grange, Pleasant River Historical Society, Mayhew Library, Fireman's Auxiliary, Masonic Hall, and various church related activities.

POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTATION

The town has developed the following policies and implementation strategies:

Goal: Addison will plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate current and anticipated growth and economic development.			
Policy	Implementation Strategy	Responsibility	Timeframe
Local Services			
Local services will be maintained and address community needs.	The town will address future funding needs for new and replacement items through the Capital Improvement Plan	Selectmen	On-going
	The town will examine the placement and construction of a sand and salt shed; with possibility of coordinating with neighboring communities on its construction.	Selectmen	Short-term (within 2-5 year)
	Maintain communication with quasi-municipal agencies such as the Water District whose facilities affect the town's growth pattern	Selectmen; Planning Board	On-going
	Town will encourage expansion of local cemeteries through private or public land additions to existing private cemeteries.	Selectmen; Cemetery Associations; Historical Society	On-going
Support the location of public facilities near population centers.	(implemented 1994)	Selectmen	On-going
In conjunction with Harbor Committee, continue to guarantee public access to the water	All three town landings have been upgraded and hot topped. Additional facility improvements are needed including a wharf and additional parking in South Addison; new floats and loading area at Addison Point; and extension of floats and hot topping at West River town landing.	Selectmen; Harbor Committee	Short Term (2-5 years) Wharf (long term)
Education about Services			
Local services will be visible and available for Addison Citizens.	The town will continue to educate its citizen on the importance of recycling through the use of fliers.	Town Clerk	On-going
	Literature on the local recycling program will be made readily available to residents at the town office. Continue to educate residents on other services and new services as they become available	Town Clerk	On-going

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Policy	Implementation Strategy	Responsibility	Timeframe
Regional Coordination			
The town will cooperate on the delivery of regional services and endeavor to achieve economies of scale where feasible.	Addison will continue to cooperate with neighboring communities to seek funding for upgrading or replacing inadequate well and septic systems and reducing overboard discharge.	Selectmen	On-going
	The town will seek out cooperative means of reducing regional administrative costs for the school district and delivery of public services.	Selectmen	On-going

SUMMARY

Through proper maintenance and investment, Addison’s public facilities and services have remained in good condition overall. The town has prepared a Capital Improvement Plan as further discussed in the fiscal capacity section. Previously, it has provided reserve accounts for many necessary items. Prudent management decisions at the local level have prevented the town from being forced to make large capital investments within one tax year. However, there are issues that do need to be addressed including a fire house; renovated or new town hall; sand and salt shed; and wharf in South Addison.