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**BACKGROUND:** Formerly, I was a resident of Clifton Park for 23 years (1972-96), and was appointed to the Town's Economic Development Council and Planning Board. I have been a resident of Halfmoon for over 24 years (1996-present), and have been a longtime Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library (CPHPL) patron and Friends of the Library member.

I am completing my second term as a CPHPL Trustee, and have served as Board Treasurer and, currently, as Board President. I am also in my second term as a Board member for the regional Southern Adirondack Library System, currently serving as the Board's Vice President and Board representative to the Joint Automation Council.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** After serving in the U.S. Air Force, I earned a BA (History) from Central Connecticut State University, an MA (Higher Education Administration) from the University of Connecticut, and a Certificate (Advanced Public Management) from SUNY at Albany.

Before retiring, I was director of opportunity programs at Sage/Junior College of Albany and Schenectady County Community College, budget examiner for the NYS Division of the Budget, and finance officer for the NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

**INTENTIONS:** Nationwide, libraries have evolved to become the new "town square," as inclusive places where residents can learn, meet and exchange ideas in a safe environment. The libraries of the greater Capital Region in upstate New York are considered to be above average to excellent, and the CPHPL - in terms of both quality and quantity - would be near the top of that regional list.

The CPHPL's directors, staff and Trustees work together to provide a full range of daily services and programs to patrons, to deal with crisis situations as they emerge, and to plan for the Library's future. In my experience, CPHPL Trustees may disagree, but they always come to consensus about what is best for the Library and its patrons. I would like to continue to contribute to that process.

## **Tom Madison**

Principal, TJM Advisors LLC

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Tom Madison's career includes a mix of public and private sector leadership positions in the transportation infrastructure space. He currently works as a consultant on transportation infrastructure matters, having most recently served the public as Executive Director of the NYS Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation where he led the successful project development, procurement, financing and delivery efforts for the \$4 billion New NY Bridge to replace the Tappan Zee. During the past four years, Mr. Madison also volunteered his time to help establish the Cornell University Program in Infrastructure Policy, serving as CPIP's Executive Director and a frequent lecturer on infrastructure development and public policy issues.

At the federal level, Mr. Madison was appointed by the President and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as U.S. Federal Highway Administrator. In this role, he helped prepare FHWA for Congressional funding reauthorization while leading the agency through a period of unprecedented near-insolvency of America's Highway Trust Fund. A strong advocate for the innovative funding, financing and delivery of America's transportation infrastructure, Administrator Madison worked to establish FHWA's Office of Innovative Program Delivery, the precursor to today's Build America Bureau.

Madison has served as a cabinet member and transportation advisor to two New York Governors, as Commissioner of the NYS Department of Transportation, and Chaired the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Capital Program Review Board, the NYS Public Transportation Safety Board, the NY Metropolitan Transportation Council, and the Mass Transit Task Force for the New NY Bridge. He has been a member of numerous state and national transportation boards and organizations, including the NYS Bridge Authority, the Buffalo-Fort Erie Peace Bridge Authority, NYU's Rudin Center for Transportation Policy and Management, ACEC-NY, the NYS Association of Transportation Engineers, and AASHTO, and has contributed to projects at TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program.

In addition to his consulting practice, Madison's private sector experience includes senior executive positions at STV, Inc. and Spectra Subsurface Imaging. Tom Madison started his career at his father's construction company in Binghamton, NY after earning his B.A. in Political Science and International Relations from the State University of New York at Geneseo.