

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
APRIL 2010**

General Government

Thomas Ford, Planner/Community Development Director
Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk
Virginia Lindsey, Finance Director
Kerry Leichtman, Assessor

Culture and Recreation

Susan Dates, Rental Agent, Rockport Opera House
Molly Larson, Librarian

Public Safety

Stephen Beveridge, Public Works Director
Craig Cooley, EMA Director
Mark Kelley, Police Chief
Abbie Leonard, Harbor Master
Bruce Woodward, Fire Chief

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Permits

Miscellaneous Permits: Thirty permits were issued in April 2010. They included: 13 building permits; demolition; filling and excavating; signs; and use permits. In April 2009 twenty-eight permits were issued.

Plumbing and Subsurface Wastewater Permits: Five internal plumbing permits and two subsurface wastewater disposal permits were issued in 2010. In April 2009 eight plumbing permits were issued.

Boards & Committees

Planning Board: The Planning Board met in April 2010 to review a site plan preapplication to redesign and expand Atlantis Maritime LLC. In April 2009 the Planning Board met to review a request from the Rockport Planning Office for endorsement of a conceptual plan for shore access from the Glen Cove Rest Area.

Planning Board: The Planning Board conducted a public hearing in April, 2010 on proposed changes to the Land Use Ordinance, Zoning Map, Subdivision Ordinance and E-911 Ordinance. The Board held a similar Town Meeting in April 2009.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in April 2010 or April 2009.

Harbor Committee: In April 2010 the Harbor Committee discussed: a fisherman's request for a mooring extension; proposed Marine Park Rental Fees; and winter storage fees. In April 2009 the Harbor Committee reviewed and approved the application of Oivind Lorentzen for a pier, ramp and float.

Conservation Commission: In April 2010 the Conservation Commission met to discuss the Treasurers report and plan for the upcoming wind power forum. In April 2009 the Conservation Commission met to schedule the mailing of the pesticide letter; approve Marsha Mongell's request for \$75 to cover cost of pesticide educational material; discuss participation in Green Fair at Plants Unlimited; review a progress report on water testing and posting for Clam Cove water quality; and review a report drafted by Bob Shafto, Executive Director of the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions.

Ordinance Review Committee: In April 2010 the Ordinance Review Committee held a public informational meeting on proposed ordinance changes. This meeting completed their work for the year. They will not reconvene until the next term unless requested by the Select Board.

*Applications, permits, and supporting documentation are available
for public review at the Planning and Community Development Office*

**TOWN CLERK
MONTHLY REPORT
APRIL 2010**

- **We issued 3 (4) Hunting Licenses, 14 (17) Fishing Licenses, 7 (4) Hunting and Fishing Licenses, 7 (4) Spring/Fall Turkey, 0 (2) Bear Hunting License, 1 (1) Fishing and Archery License, 0 (1) Migratory Waterfall Hunt, 1 (0) Expanded Archery Antlerless, 1 (0) Archery, 1 (0) Expanded Archery Antlerless and 1 Military Fishing License. Fees collected totaled \$987.00 (\$750.25).**
- **60 (66) Boat Registrations, 0 (0) Snowmobiles and 0 (1) ATV Registrations, 0 (1) Duplicate ATV License, 0 (1) Non-Resident Milfoil Sticker, 40 (51) Milfoil Stickers (Preserve Maine Waters) (These are now issued as part of the Registration.) were issued. Fees collected were \$4,271.33 (\$2,081.45), which includes \$2,528.33 (\$392.45) for sales tax.**
- **We issued 6 (15) dog licenses at a fee of \$18.00 (\$59.00).**
- **Processed 10 (10) transfers, 188 (188) passenger cars, 3 (0) antique vehicle, 23 (27) commercial vehicles, 32 (32) trailers, 0 (2) motor home, 9 (14) motorcycles, 0 (0) tractor/spec mobile, 1 (0) mopeds, 0 (0) special equipment, 1 (0) farm truck, 7 (4) duplicate registrations and 2 (4) duplicate stickers. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$50,948.80 (\$53,883.62) (decrease of 5.45%)**
- **We processed \$3,797,824.54 in real estate taxes this month compared to last months' \$537,298.68. Real Estate Taxes were due April 15th.**
- **Harbor Fees are still coming in. We collected \$5,401.50 (\$8,078.00) for mooring, tie-off, dinghy rack space, etc. and waiting lists fees. We also collected \$2,992.90 (\$1,899.10) in boat excise tax. Several mooring fees are still outstanding. The due date was March 31st.**
- **I attended three Select Board meetings and took minutes for two of them. Held a Parks and Town Properties Rental Committee Meeting and set fees for rental of the old RES property. Held a Cemetery Committee Meeting. I prepared and sent ballots to the printer.**

*The first number represents 2010 and the second one in parenthesis 2009

Virginia B. Lindsey
Rockport Finance Director
Monthly Report - April 2010

The finance department is responsible for the administrative and accounting work necessary to maintain the town's finances. Work involves maintaining the chart of accounts, preparing monthly financial reports, preparing payrolls (including all required state and federal payroll reports and taxes), preparing accounts payable warrants, reconciling bank statements, preparing insurance renewals, and submitting claims (auto, property and casualty, workers compensation claims), and a number of other bookkeeping requirements. Annually, the finance director assists the town manager in the preparation of the town's budget.

The report for the month of April 2010 includes the following:

- Investments increased during the month of April from the previous month by 1.38% and were up overall for the year thus far by 11.2%. \$20,000 was withdrawn from the Cemeteries investment for the annual support of the Cemeteries.
- Interest earned on general funds remained at the low rate of 0.20%. The interest rate earned as far back as January 2009 was also 0.20%. The interest rate has remained unchanged for 16 months.
- Taxes paid to date represents 90.06% of taxes committed for FY 09-10, compared to 79.31% collected April 2009 for FY08-09 taxes.
- The TAN in the amount of \$650,000 that was borrowed on March 13th was paid back on April 12th. The cost to borrow TAN for less than 30 days was \$229.72.

	Previous Month March 2010	Current Month April 2010	Difference	% Change	One Year Ago April 2009	Difference	% Change	
Budget		<i>Taxes due April 15, 2010</i>				<i>Taxes due May 1, 2009</i>		
Wages	\$ 100,793.61	\$ 124,267.11	\$ 23,473.50	23.29%	\$ 126,324.45	\$ (2,057.34)	-1.63%	
Other Expenses	\$ 818,314.67	\$ 1,521,493.15	\$ 703,178.48	85.93%	\$ 826,748.22	\$ 694,744.93	84.03%	
Total Expenses	\$ 919,108.28	\$ 1,645,760.26	\$ 726,651.98	79.06%	\$ 953,072.67	\$ 692,687.59	72.68%	
Total Revenue	\$ 1,409,664.17	\$ 3,937,109.53	\$ 2,527,445.36	179.29%	\$ 3,108,410.12	\$ 828,699.41	26.66%	
NET	\$ 490,555.89	\$ 2,291,349.27	\$ 1,800,793.38	367.09%	\$ 2,155,337.45	\$ 136,011.82	-6.31%	
Cash on Hand Balance								
General Fund	\$ 725,595.19	\$ 3,016,944.46	\$ 2,291,349.27	315.79%	\$ 2,723,603.75	\$ 293,340.71	10.77%	
Taxes Paid (for the month)	\$ 549,508.60	\$ 3,753,590.61	\$ 3,204,082.01	583.08%	\$ 2,849,436.64	\$ 904,153.97	31.73%	
Taxes Paid (to date)	\$ 6,294,413.56	\$ 10,018,004.17	\$ 3,723,590.61	59.16%	\$ 8,646,633.06	\$ 1,371,371.11	15.86%	
Investments								
Public Assistance	\$ 280,390.83	\$ 284,259.28	\$ 3,868.45	1.38%	\$ 237,226.73	\$ 47,032.55	19.83%	
Cemeteries	\$ 349,001.70	\$ 333,816.75	\$ (15,184.95)	-4.35%	\$ 284,935.56	\$ 48,881.19	17.16%	
Wastewater	\$ 147,013.70	\$ 149,042.00	\$ 2,028.30	1.38%	\$ 124,382.03	\$ 24,659.97	19.83%	
Total Investments	\$ 776,406.23	\$ 767,118.03	\$ (9,288.20)	-1.20%	\$ 646,544.32	\$ 120,573.71	18.65%	
Wastewater								
Expenses	\$ 48,375.83	\$ 41,027.32	\$ (7,348.51)	-15.19%	\$ 99,907.73	\$ (58,880.41)	-58.93%	
Revenue	\$ 35,996.55	\$ 57,253.35	\$ 21,256.80	59.05%	\$ 41,623.98	\$ 15,629.37	37.55%	
NET	\$ 12,379.28	\$ (16,226.03)	\$ (28,605.31)	-231.07%	\$ 58,283.75	\$ (74,509.78)	-127.84%	
Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance								
WW General Fund	\$ 334,544.18	\$ 350,770.21	\$ 16,226.03	4.85%	\$ 219,360.99	\$ (74,509.78)	59.91%	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00						
Total Cash	\$ 434,544.18	\$ 450,770.21	\$ 16,226.03	3.73%	\$ 219,360.99	\$ 74,509.78	105.49%	
WW Accounts Receivable								
30 Day		60 Day	90 Day	Over 120 Days				
\$ 88,272.40	\$ 4,824.41	\$ 2,700.22	\$ 36,479.72					
		TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable April 2010			\$ 132,276.75		-12.27%	
		Accounts Receivable April 2009			\$ 150,776.49			

**MAY 2010
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

**Kerry Leichtman
Assessor**

This week begins my fourth week as Assessor. It's been a busy few weeks. I began with, and am still involved in, property inspections – following up on building permits issued between March 31, 2009 and April 1, 2010, and permits from previous years for projects that have not yet been completed.

Interspersed with site visits, I am working on other year-end activities in preparation for commitment.

Last week I processed all new Homestead and Veteran Exemption applications, and removed a few Homesteads for people who have moved or passed away. This week I intend to get up to speed on the Route 1 TIFF and get started on those calculations. After that I'll move along to the Farmland, Open Space and Tree Growth properties and contact the property owners who are in need of updating their files to stay current.

While I'm engaged in these activities, Mel has been logging-in personal property schedules as they've come in. Last week we sent out a mailing to businesses who have yet to file, and so far the response to that 2nd Notice mailing has been good. Mel has also been keeping up with address changes and routine filing. Her good assistance has allowed me to concentrate on the above activities.

Also, I went to Vision Appraisal's Northborough, MA offices, in late April, for a Maine Vision Users Group session in which we were shown the improvements made to the software for its next release (6.5, which is due out in about six weeks). I went there with a list of things I'd like to see changed, but didn't have to bring any of my issues up as they have all been addressed in the upcoming release.

I'll be going back to Vision next week for a one-on-one training session in which I hope to get an in-depth knowledge of how the software establishes values.

TO: Robert Peabody, Jr., Rockport Town Manager & Board of Selectmen
FROM: Sue Dates, Rental Agent
RE: **Opera House Department Head Report**
DATE: April 2010

During the month of April Bay Chamber rented the Opera House for Odeon rehearsals on Mondays and Tuesdays, for music lessons on Wednesdays in the green room, and for one concert. Nothing was held during school vacation. The MS Society held their annual fundraising walk and used the meeting room as a rest stop and Knox County Home Energy held a successful talent show fundraiser. Per the Select Board they only paid for the security guard as this benefits lower income and elderly citizens of Rockport. The Rockport Garden Club held their 1st meeting of the year and are very appreciative to have this space for their meetings and Christmas fundraiser.

Revenue for April was \$457.50. The Opera House was used 13 of the 30 days. This looks like this is the last of "slower" months for at least the next 5 months.

Town meetings held in the Opera House Meeting Room this month were 3 Select Board meetings and a Planning Board meeting. Zoning Board meeting was canceled.

Maintenance this month included: general cleaning & set up for the concerts.

The major building maintenance project started this month and should be completed by Memorial Day-weather permitting. This will include: 6 new doors in the auditorium (2 of which are falling apart), scrape and paint the front of the building, and repairing the 2 front gutters and downspouts. As has been our practice the stove and large refrigerator are turned off, except as needed for energy conservation. The back stairway hall is being worked on- as events and time permit. Eventually it ~~maintenance included keeping picked up between and during events; repairs to plumbing,~~ consultation on heating problems, auditorium light problems, the dirty and worn carpet in the auditorium entry was replaced at no charge- donation.

Rockport Public Library Director's Report
April 2010

Circulation	Children / YA	Adults	Total	% Change
April 2010	2080	3738*	5818	+ 4.6 %
April 2009	1909	3594	5561	

**includes*47 honor system books*

Attendance	Children / YA	Adults	Total	% Change
April 2010	380	2120	2500	+ 5.6 %
April 2009	343	2025	2368	

Interlibrary Loan	April 2010	April 2009	% Change
Incoming	536	648	- 17.3 %
Outgoing	422	338	+ 24.9 %

Internet Usage	April	April 2009	% Change
	301	193	+ 56 %

Counting actual usage rather than by individual as directed in the MSL annual report.

Reference	April 2010	April 2009	% Change
	244	359	- 32 %

New Category...

Technology Classes*	April 2010	April 2009	% Change
	3	<i>Not counted previously</i>	

**These are individual lessons with the need of the consumer in mind. It could be "How do I set up an email account?" or "How do I book a flight online?" or "How do I change my privacy settings on Facebook?" These lessons are done by appointment and as the schedule and staffing allow.*

Programs	Program type	No. of Programs	Participants
	Adult	25	178
	Child	21	Adults 55 Children 193 Total 248
	Total		(248 + 178) = 426

Volunteers

- Volunteers gave 86 hours of support in April.

Desk Income, Gifts, Grants, or Donations

- \$2555.80 (Among these was a gift of \$1,000 for children's programs, books, and movies from the MLDC Charitable Fund).

Activities and programs in April:

- 426 people attended library programs or benefitted from outreach programs in April
- Weekly community outreach to area organizations
- Monthly book group
- Monthly Art @your library program
- Twice-weekly French Conversation Group
- Weekly story time and after-school read aloud
- Learn Mah Jong classes, and then a drop-in Mah Jong group on Wednesday evenings
- Chess club
- BookLovers' Cafe
- Youth Advisory Board meeting
- Health Series on end of life issues-partnership with Kno-Wal-Lin
- National Poetry Month series—poetry readings, Poem in your Pocket, displays
- Earth Day program with Jesse Watson on permaculture
- For current and upcoming programs: view the Events Calendar and "What's Happening" at www.rockport.lib.me.us

TO: Robert Peabody, Jr., Rockport Town Manager & Board of Selectmen
FROM: Steve Beveridge, Director **Public Works** Department
RE: **Department Head Report**
DATE: **April 2010**

1. Worked on: #2 '04 F550; greased the Backhoe; summer tires put on the '01 Freightliner; started to work on the '99 F550 – new brakes
2. Finished taking sanders out of the trucks, all plows and wings off- although they were left in the garage for a while to be sure we didn't get snow. Most of the plows and wings have been painted & are stored for the winter. Sanders are all in storage for the summer and in the future will be "painted" for summer storage to keep in good condition
3. Started sweeping the town in early April this year- included were the sidewalks, most streets and Town owned parking lots. Done with the loader-sweeper, Trackless, and rental sweeper
4. Town Office: delivered a desk to Stacey from storage
5. Garage: started to clean some of the cement walls from winter grime
6. Meetings: Opera House Committee, Pascal Ave. intersection preconstruction meeting & other meetings, Select Board, FEMA kick off meeting in Rockland; Dept. Head meeting
7. Harbor: worked on the railroad – placed ties and a bed for the locomotive and the locomotive has been repaired and placed back in its space at the Harbor; placed the floats back in the water in early April; dug out sink holes and repaired-seeded and hayed; several other holes filled in; worked on the foot bridge by placing new ends and did other repairs; repaired erosion spots under the bridge – 9 cy stone placed; cut brush around the bridge; worked on the Boat Club float hardware & eye bolts; manufactured new anchors for the Harbor for Abbie; pored cement; hauled the Harbor boat for scraping and put back in.
8. Opera House: placed mulch on the slope outside the meeting room door; doors delivered
9. Cemeteries: opened all the cemeteries early in April due to the good weather
10. Salt deliveries – 1 (private purchase in a win-win situation)
11. Rec Field & Parks: opened all parks early due to weather – had portable toilets delivered; trash bins put in; repaired fence gates at the Rec Field; repaired the ball field & the tennis court fences; put up the tennis net; graded the road and parking area; 4 loads of ball field mix placed on the fields; cut and removed brush
12. Opened Beauchamp Point – removed piles of gravel, graded, and cleaned up brush and trees
13. RES East – repaired the old riding lawn mower so it would mow and Chief Kelley mowed the field one time – except the wet spot; Kevin has mowed & cleaned up other times. The Park Rental Committee met, voted on a fee schedule, and presented it to the Select Board. They approved the fee schedule to cover the costs of mowing and upkeep not in the budget. PW made a sign for rental of the field and put it up.
14. FEMA – Steve & Sue attended the kick off meeting in Rockland for the storm events from February 23 to March 2. They prepared the forms for Category A – Town Wide Brush Removal, Category B – Snow Plowing & Sanding, Category C – Mt. Pleasant Rd. repairs. At least 20.5 hours was spent doing the paper work. The town will get reimbursed 75% of the costs by the FEMA, 15% by MEMA, and the town pays 10%- which we have already done. This includes vehicles and some of the labor costs and gravel placed on Mt. Pleasant. After all the figures have been reconciled by several people we will receive (at some point) the FEMA money for Category A & B. We do not know when we will receive Category C money. And do not know when we will receive State money.
15. Met with Aqua Maine about projects in town- they borrowed our detour signs for a large project they are doing.
16. Repaired steps to the beach at Kononen Park
17. Cold patched around town – we used 3 tons of patch on roads to fill potholes
18. Check culverts on Calderwood Lane
19. Screened fill from our pile

20. Answered calls from 5 concerned citizens about items in town on Patty's Circle
21. Ditched – Alexander Drive & other areas
22. Put up and took down the flags
23. Replaced the signs that were damaged or disappeared from Mt. Pleasant
24. Completed several small projects to repair damage to resident's lawns during the winter season-loamed, seeded, and hayed.
25. Placed cones on both sides of the entrance to Wellington Drive. The culvert needs to be replaced as the road is caving in on both sides of the culvert.
26. Filled washouts on Forest Street.
27. Screened fill in back lot
28. Checked catch basins all over town- Pascal Ave. catch basin
29. Hauled 12 loads of 1" minus from the pit to our stockpile
30. Narrowing and rebuild of the Pascal Ave. / Rt. 1 intersection has started.
31. Replaced culvert on Warrenton St. by Pieper's property
32. Loaded 9 loads of loam purchased by resident
33. Delivered 2 loads of stone to MCSWC
34. 2 loads of stone to our stockpile

Man hours available this month -1,131; Approximate man hours on the above projects – 1,040. This does not include the small extra projects, errands, and twice a week trash removal.

Last year we worked on the grader and the broom/sweeper; repaired a fire truck for Bruce to save money – radiator, oil, antifreeze and other problems; had wheels on the '04 Freightliner painted; cold patched; painted the plows and wings and put away; took out the sanders; hauled reclaim to our stockpile; hauled 3" minus to our stockpile; helped Aqua Maine repair a water problem on Park St.; graded areas; opened Beauchamp Point; mailed out 36 Contractor's Bids for requests for prices for 2009; PW water heater problem repaired; took down posted road signs; cleaned roadsides from winter disposals; built picnic tables for Rec Field and opened the Field; put up street signs; replaced a large culvert on Gurney St; put up flags and took down. At the Harbor we worked on the hoist, put out and repaired floats, moved one float, put up a sign at Cramer Park and put out Jersey barriers. We started sweeping and did not get a complaint this year. We had a large rainstorm on April 7th with many streets involved- hauled 21 loads of stone and reclaim.



Town of Rockport

Department Head Report

April 2010

Nothing of great Significance to report this month.

Craig Cooley
EMA Director

ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

April, 2010

OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	01	17
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	12	16
203/ W. Butler	03	06
204/ D. Smith	51	16
205/ D. Brown	10	11
211/ C. Cooley	12	08

VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	7,852	448.5	17.5

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Rockport Police Department
Law Total Incident Report, by Nature of Incident

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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Hangup	7
Administrative	11
Agency Assistance	15
Alarm	26
Animal Problem	3
Animal Welfare	1
Non-sufficient Funds Check	2
Check In Per Court Order	27
Citizen Assist	7
Civil Problem	3
Criminal Mischief	1
Deliver Message	1
Detail Assignment	2
Disorderly Conduct	2
Domestic	3
Controlled Substance Problem	1
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	19
Escort	2
Found Property	3
Fraud	1
Harassment	3
Hit and Run 10-55	1
Information Report	14
Intoxicated Person	2
Juvenile Problem	2
Lost Property	1
Mental Health Issue	11
Nuisance	1
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	4
Parking Problem	1
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	4
Violation of Protect Frm Abuse	1
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	1
Police Information	1
Probation/Bail Check	2
Property Check	44
Radar Detail	14
Recovered Stolen Property	1
Structure Fire	1
Suspicious Vehicle	3
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	4
Theft	8
Threatening	1
Traffic Hazard	9
Traffic Violation	68
Traffic Stop	8
Trespassing	1
Unsecure Premise	6
Vehicle off roadway no damage	1
Vehicle Maintenance	4
VIN Number Inspection	2
Wanted Person	1
Well-Being Chck	3

Total Incidents for This Report: 365

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Rockport Police Department
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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	1	1	0	2	3	3	5	15
01:00-01:59	1	1	0	0	3	4	3	12
02:00-02:59	0	5	1	2	1	2	3	14
03:00-03:59	2	0	3	0	0	1	3	9
04:00-04:59	1	3	3	1	0	0	1	9
05:00-05:59	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	6
06:00-06:59	3	1	2	4	1	1	4	16
07:00-07:59	1	6	4	5	4	3	1	24
08:00-08:59	2	3	0	6	8	4	5	28
09:00-09:59	2	3	1	3	1	1	3	14
10:00-10:59	1	2	1	2	3	7	2	18
11:00-11:59	0	3	1	6	2	2	2	16
12:00-12:59	4	4	0	5	2	2	2	19
13:00-13:59	2	3	1	0	1	1	1	9
14:00-14:59	3	3	3	5	3	4	1	22
15:00-15:59	7	0	2	3	3	2	3	20
16:00-16:59	3	5	3	6	0	1	0	18
17:00-17:59	6	3	3	2	3	2	2	21
18:00-18:59	4	2	2	3	2	1	0	14
19:00-19:59	2	2	0	3	2	0	3	12
20:00-20:59	3	0	2	2	1	1	0	9
21:00-21:59	2	3	1	5	5	3	1	20
22:00-22:59	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	8
23:00-23:59	2	0	5	1	2	0	2	12
Total by Day	52	57	40	69	53	47	47	365

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 04/01/10` and `23:59:59 04/30/10`
All agencies matching `0704`
All offenses observed
All offenses reported
All offense codes
All nature of incidents
All location codes

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Harbormaster Report April 2010

The weather actually worked in our favor for a few days in April, allowing us to get all of the floats in and tie-off's in early. Spring time is a crazy mix of paper work and projects in the Harbormaster business and I continue to plug away at both.

- All of the recreational floats are in and the tie-offs strung and await summer traffic.
- Replaced boards on transient floats and installed them to the pilings.
- Public Works moved the hardware on the Boat Club's dock up river 4' in an attempt to get more space between their dock and the Fishermen's float. This will hopefully solve the problem of the fisherman's dinghy's blocking the north entrance to the Boat Club's floats.
- Tom Ford and I began the process of applying for SHIP grant funds. There is \$500,000 *potentially* available from the state for "small harbor improvements". One of the stipulations of the grant is that the project be ready to start on August 1st. The new floats in the river that I proposed for the 2010-2011 budget fits that stipulation. The June 1st deadline does not give town's much time to get the application in, so we will get it in and keep our fingers crossed.
- The locomotive has a shiny new coat of paint, thanks to Bob Tassi's commercial grade paint sprayer. All that is left is to stencil "Rockport R.R." onto the side and she'll be good as new, well better at least.
- Met with Queenies Weenies proprietor Doreen Duke to discuss the carts placement for the season, provided approval from the board.
- Power washed and prepped the garage door for sanding and varnish. The temperature needs to warm up and be dry for at least 3 days to complete the project.
- Towed a lobster boat from a mooring that was deemed unsafe. Owner was contacted and hired the mooring contractor to make necessary repairs.
- Put a final coat of sealer on the tile in the bathrooms.
- Made phone calls to the first 10 people on the waiting list for moorings. There are 4 re-issues in the works and I am waiting to hear from a few folks before I go to the next one and drop them to the bottom of the list.
- The "Lynx" will be making its return to Rockport on the first weekend in June. They will be offering tours from the dock and taking day trips around the Bay.
- Prepped the channel markers and 'No Wake' markers for placement. Thanks to Public Works for putting together the anchors from old snow plow blades. This saves money and recycles!
- Contacted two local artists and one graphic designer to inquire about new designs for t-shirts and if they would be interested in doing the artwork.

The harbor is filling up with boats and the park with patrons. There even have been some die-hard beach goers and a couple of kids actually swimming. BRRRR.....

BRUCE WOODWARD, FIRE CHIEF

On April the 10th we responded to a structure fire at 79 Old Rockland Street and found fire showing from the second story of an out building. The fire had self vented from a window on the street side of the building. Firefighters quickly controlled the fire with tank water from the first arriving engine and did not have to use the fire hydrant which was right next to the building. The fire appeared to have started from an extension cord that had probably been pinched.

The spring burning season was full swing during the month of April with 15 to 20 burning permits issued for each weekend. For many of those weekend days, the permits were not activated because of "high" fire danger. We have had no escaped permit burns this season. We extinguished one small brush fire on South Street near Beech Hill that appeared to have been caused by a discarded cigarette.

On Sunday April 11, we took Engine 21 to the Mid Coast School of Technology for live fire training for the students of the Firefighter I & II program. Each student got to extinguish a car fire as part of a two person team. Students were then trained on LP gas fires by working with two hose streams to protect themselves from the heat and flames and simulate shutting off a valve. We have two firefighters in the program, Robert Ames and Ryan Hill. All the students were excited about the chance to extinguish real fires.

The sprinkler system at the public safety building has had some periodic sessions where the air compressor would run for many short spurts just a few minutes apart. This is abnormal behavior and did not happen all the time. I have spoken about my concerns on this issue several times. The sprinkler technician re-piped the air switch and the problem has not occurred since.

Report Period: 04/01/10-04/30/10
Comparables: 04/01/09-04/30/09

Calls by Incident Type	Percent of Total Calls 2009	Percent of Total Calls 2010	Total Incidents 2009	Total Incidents 2010
Building Fires	0.00%	6.25%	0	5
Vehicle Fires	2.38%	0.00%	1	0
Other Fires	2.38%	2.08%	2	1
Overpressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat	0%	0.00%	0	0
Emergency Medical Treatment	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
All Others	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Hazardous Condition Calls	26.19%	37.50%	11	18
Service Calls	7.14%	10.42%	4	6
Good Intent Calls	14.29%	12.50%	6	8
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Calls	0%	0%	0	0
Special Incident Calls	0%	0%	0	0
Unknown Incident Type	0%	0%	0	0
Malicious Calls	2.38%	0%	1	0
Other False Calls	45.24%	31.25%	19	16
Total Calls	100%	100%	44	54
Total Fire Dollar Loss	\$4,200	\$2,200	\$4,200	\$2,200
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