

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
JULY 2009**

General Government

Thomas Ford, Planner/Community Development Director
Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk
Virginia Lindsey, Finance Director
Judith Mathiau, 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

Office of Planning and Community Development
Monthly Report – July 2009

Permits

Miscellaneous Permits: Thirty-nine permits were issued in July 2009. This figure included: one new single family dwelling, accessory structures, decks, demolition, peddler permit, use permit, entrances, and eight signs permits. Twenty-two permits were issued in July 2008.

Plumbing and Subsurface Wastewater Permits: Ten plumbing permits were issued in July 2009 - seven internal and three subsurface wastewater disposal permits. A total of eight plumbing and subsurface wastewater permits were issued in July 2008.

Boards and Committees

Planning Board: The Planning Board met in July 2009 to review the following: Artisan Boatworks (5,000 s.f. boat storage building); Adventure Advertising, Inc. (378 s.f. addition and deck); and Rockport Homes, Inc. (outdoor storage of vehicles and earth materials).

In 2008 the Planning Board met to review the proposal of Fish & Ships LLC to construct a 900 sq. ft. addition to the existing boat building shop on Main Street.

Zoning Board of Appeals: In 2009 the Zoning Board of Appeals met to review a Special Exception application of Artisan Boatworks for a boat storage facility. The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in July 2008.

Harbor Committee: The Harbor Committee reviewed proposed Harbor Rules and Regulations; moorings and GPS for the harbor at the July 2009 meeting.

Conservation Commission: Charleton Ames discussed the future of Grassy Pond/ Mirror Lake with the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission has engaged Mike White to create a map to illustrate the parcels in Rockport that have some form of natural resource protection such as conservation easements or are in programs such as farmland and open space.

Ordinance Review Committee: The Ordinance Review Committee completed their work in April and will not reconvene until the fall unless requested by the Select Board.

Grants and Projects

Healthy Beaches Program – Water Quality Testing: The Planning Office in cooperation with the Maine Healthy Beaches Program has been testing the water on a weekly basis at Goodie's Beach and Clam Cove. Continued high rain events during July resulted in high bacteria levels at certain times of the month and appropriate advisory notices were posted at the beaches.

Pascal Ave Project: Staff at MDOT are reviewing additional information that was provided by Gartley and Dorsky. It is anticipated this additional review should be completed by mid-August and the project will begin by late August or early September.

Harbor Park Landscaping and Picnic Area Project: Work began on implementing the vision created in the Harbor Park Plan which was endorsed by the Planning Board in 2007 and funded by a grant from the State Planning Office. The pathway has been laid out and debris removed. It is anticipated this project will be finished by mid August.

Harbor Park Eagle Scout Project: The area of this project was cleared of debris and staked out. It is anticipated that construction will begin in August and should be completed by Labor Day. The genesis for this project was also generated by the 2007 Planning Grant.

**TOWN CLERK
MONTHLY REPORT
JULY 2009**

We issued 5 (15) Fishing Licenses, 2 (9) Hunting Licenses, 2 Fishing & Hunting License 2 (0), 0 (1) Junior Hunting License, 1 (0) Expanded Archery Anterled, 4 (0) Duplicate Licenses and 1 (1) Over 70 Fishing License. Fees collected totaled \$305.00 (\$519.00).

59 (59) Boat Registrations, 0 (0) Snowmobiles and 13 (26) ATV Registrations, 36 (34) Milfoil Stickers (Preserve Maine Waters), and 2 (1) Non-resident Milfoil Sticker were issued. Fees collected were \$3,197.90 (\$4,042.50), which includes \$1,316.90 (\$1,852.50) for sales tax.

We issued 22 (11) dog licenses at a fee of \$87.00 (\$68.00). Twenty-one of these dogs are new to Rockport.

Processed 11 (7) transfers, 250 (218) passenger cars, 0 (3) passenger cars (no fee), 2 (3) passenger (half rate), 6 (10) antique vehicles, 8 (23) commercial vehicles, 33 (25) trailers, 2 (2) motor home, 15 (12) motorcycles, 4 (1) moped, 0 (1) farm truck, 5 (6) duplicate registrations and 2 (0) duplicate stickers. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$75,171.34 (\$71,072.47).

We processed \$298,539.23 (\$207,572.49) in real estate taxes this month compared to last months' \$187,262.12 (\$303,240.91). On July 10th, we processed 26 (38) personal property summons. This is for taxes that have not been paid. The due dates were November 10, 2008 and May 1, 2009. We sent 561 (443), 30 day notices for real estate taxes that are unpaid. Also sent notices to 29 new owners. The next process will be liens on August 11th.

We collected \$2,543.00 (\$2,348.00) for mooring, tie-off, dinghy rack space, etc. and waiting lists fees. We also collected \$2,042.99 (\$1,900.00) in boat excise tax.

We sold three cemetery lots at the Sea View Cemetery for \$2,200. I attended a Select Board meeting and took minutes for same. I attended the Select Board Workshop. I also attended a Vitals Record Workshop held in Hallowell. This consists of four clerks that are responsible for assisting the State with updating the Clerk's Manual.

Virginia B. Lindsey
Rockport Finance Director
Monthly Report - July 2009

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 July 2009 includes the following:

- Investments increased again in July by 4.13%.
- Interest earned on general funds remained at the low rate of 0.20%. The interest rate earned July 208 was 1.74%.
- Cash on hand at month end totalled \$1,216,292.09.
- Taxes paid to date represents 97.21% of taxes committed for FY 08-09, compared to 97.15% collected July 2008 for FY 07-08 taxes.

	July - 2008		July - 2009		Difference		
Budget							
Wages	\$	127,385.11	\$	133,805.56	\$	6,420.45 5.04%	
Other Expenses	\$	1,075,360.01	\$	954,645.77	\$	(120,714.24) -11.23%	
Total Expenses	\$	1,202,745.12	\$	1,088,451.33	\$	(114,293.79) -9.50%	
Total Revenue					\$	-	
NET	\$	1,202,745.12	\$	1,088,451.33	\$	(114,293.79) -9.50%	
Cash on Hand Balance							
General Fund	\$	964,377.55	\$	1,216,292.09	\$	251,914.54 26.12%	
Taxes Paid (for the month)	\$	197,449.73	\$	374,853.87	\$	177,404.14 89.85%	
Taxes Paid (to date)	\$	10,227,729.09	\$	10,598,623.44	\$	370,894.35 3.63%	
Investments							
Public Assistance	\$	272,532.83	\$	259,254.04	\$	(13,278.79) -4.87%	
Cemeteries	\$	351,372.39	\$	322,692.80	\$	(28,679.59) -8.16%	
Wastewater	\$	142,893.62	\$	135,931.32	\$	(6,962.30) -4.87%	
Total Investments	\$	766,798.84	\$	717,878.16	\$	(48,920.68) -6.38%	
Wastewater							
Expenses	\$	28,075.65	\$	46,489.26	\$	18,413.61 65.59%	
Revenue	\$	36,219.26	\$	24,367.68	\$	(11,851.58) -32.72%	
NET	\$	(8,143.61)	\$	22,121.58	\$	30,265.19 -371.64%	
Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance							
WW General Fund	\$	270,545.50	\$	275,500.09	\$	4,954.59 1.83%	
WW Accounts Receivable							
	30 Day	60 Day	90 Day	Over 120 Days			
	\$	75,062.25	\$	3,157.00	\$	1,197.96	
				\$	27,978.05		
	TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable Jul 2009				\$	107,395.26	21.77%
	Accounts Receivable Jul 2008				\$	88,196.87	

JULY 2009
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Judy Mathiau
Assessor

- This month, I finalized the real estate values. As of the end of July, we have increased our taxable real estate value from \$948,098,400 to \$962,473,700. Still pending is the inner harbor review which should be completed at the beginning of August.
- Personal Property is also complete. The assessed values and new information must be entered into the tax billing system manually. To date, we have approximately 30 new accounts since last year, however, we have removed 45 accounts. Most of the removed accounts were leasing companies. We have increased the taxable value this year by approximately \$60,000 as a result of our comprehensive review.
- I have met with several taxpayers, both real estate and personal property owners. These meetings entailed providing assistance with the personal property listings, reimbursement programs and in depth discussions regarding the current lack of market activity and the existing valuations based on the 2005 revaluation.
- I have plotted several maps for other department heads, including schematic plans for the Mid Coast Solid Waste, Zoning Maps, TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Districts and neighborhood delineations for pricing land values. The GIS program and the large plotter printer have proved to be a valuable tool for all of the department heads.

TO: Robert Peabody, Jr., Rockport Town Manager & Board of Selectmen
FROM: Sue Dates, Rental Agent
RE: **Opera House Department Head Report**
DATE: **July 2009**

During the month of July Bay Chamber rented the Opera House for the Summer Series Concerts held on Thursdays and rehearsals, as necessary, and the annual Young Stars of Maine Concert was held. They use the entire building for Thursday evening concerts and for the Young Stars Concert. The one wedding reception we had booked, unfortunately, had to cancel. The Garden Club held its monthly meeting in the meeting room – due to rain.

Revenue for July was \$1720.00.

Town meetings held in the Opera House Meeting Room this month were the Select Board, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board. The Library held a concert with several rehearsals to benefit the roof repairs and the weekly summer children's program was held in the meeting room. This month the Opera House was used on 20 of the 31 days. Many days it was for multiple events. I would like to thank Bay Chamber for going out of their way to work around the Library rehearsal schedules for the benefit concert.

Maintenance this month included: repairs to balcony chairs – several chairs have developed problems with the seat cushions, arms, and chairs themselves. These are old chairs and the screws are falling out. We believe the metal is wearing thin due to years of use and is breaking, making the seats unsafe. Public Works is doing their best to make repairs as best they can. This winter we will try to find out about the chairs to see if replacement pieces are available. Patrick went to the Dominican Republic to do volunteer work for one week and Susan covered the setup and cleaning of the Opera House while he was away. The air conditioner was working at the beginning, but we have had many problems since that time. Rockport Mechanical found several items that needed replacing, including the Freon, belts, and fans. They have replaced most of them and are working on others. They repaired the A/C enough to cool, but more needs to be done. We replaced light bulbs in the spot lights in the auditorium with the CSD lift and replaced other bulbs in the building. A plumbing repair to a toilet was made and the heating unit has been worked on. We are keeping an eye on and consulting our plumber on the water heater as it seems to not be heating properly. It is difficult to see if it is leaking due to all the water coming in from outside. Put up two shades in the windows at the back of the stage to stop light from coming in for BCC. The stove has not been needed, yet this year. It will remain off until such time as it is needed. The large frig and freezer are both being used and are on.

Last year BCC used the Opera House for their Summer Series Concert and Young Stars of Maine Concert. The meeting room was rented once for a meeting. Revenue was \$2,062.50. The Opera House was used 24 of 31 days. A few days it was for multiple events. Maintenance included: meetings about the air conditioner problems and yearly cleaning of the a/c unit was done; borrowed the lift twice to change bulbs; replaced the water fountain; & several plumbing problems were taken care of. The stove, large frig, and freezer were all back on until no longer needed.

**Rockport Public Library Director's Report
July 2009**

Circulation

	Children / YA	Adults	Total	% Change
July 2009	2078	3956	6034**	- 3.7 %
July 2008	2315	3953	6268	

***Includes 74 additional items in paperback and honor system books.*

Attendance

	Children / YA	Adults	Total	% Change
July 2009	449	2323	2772*	- 5.2 %
July 2008	484	2439	2923	

Closed 3 extra days this month due to staff training and holiday.

Interlibrary Loans

	July 2009	July 2008	% Change
Incoming	513	580	- 11.6%
Outgoing	226	355	- 36.3 %

Notes: Interlibrary loan van delivery service essentially ceased in July but there were pockets of successful delivery days. The figures above are not bad considering the lack of service.

Internet Usage

July 2009	July 2008	% Change
317	433	- 26.8 %

Reference

July 2009	July 2008	% Change
353	282	+ 25.2 %

Gifts and Grants

The library received \$7383.95 in desk income, gifts, and grants in July. Desk income includes donations, fundraising activities, photocopy charges, fines, and non-resident card renewal fees. Among these gifts was a check from the Friends of Rockport Public Library for \$5,000, a Camden Rotary Grant for \$300.00, and \$1,027 in fundraising activities for the roof and entryway (670.00 from the Youth for the Roof Review).

Programs & Community Outreach

In total the library had 28 programs or community outreach activities during the month of July. There were 15 programs and community outreach activities for adults, 11 programs and community outreach activities for children, 2 and events that were targeted to both groups. 263 people attended the adult programs and 219 (57 adults and 162 children) attended the programs and library tours for children.

Volunteers: Volunteers gave **96.5** hours of support in July.

Program highlights:

- Twice-weekly French conversation group with Paul Charbonneau
- Weekly story time and craft with Jane Babbitt
- Weekly Summer Reading Programs (Get Creative @ Your Library) included activities such as dance, music, puppetry, and crafts.
- Rockport Public Library Book Group with Jenni Ruddy
- Weekly community outreach to day care centers and Coastal Workshop
- BookLovers' Café with Iris Eichenlaub
- Youth for the Roof Review Fundraiser for the Roof & Entryway Repair Project
- Theater in the park with Jon Potter and his play *Sweet Medicine*

TO: Robert Peabody, Jr., Rockport Town Manager & Board of Selectmen
FROM: Steve Beveridge, Director **Public Works** Department
RE: **Department Head Report**
DATE: **July 2009**

1. Worked on: '09 F550 – placed tool holders under dump body, took head gear off; '99 F550 – worked on the starter (3 hrs); '07 Freightliner – spring?? (3 men/3hrs); Backhoe Jaw Bucket – repined and bushed & emergency brake worked on and welded
2. Harbor: cut 2 large trees under the bridge 2 guys; cleaned up the boat storage side of the Harbor – 3 trailer loads of junk/ 1 load of junk iron/ 5 loads of cut up brush/3 loads of cut up wood/1 load of stone brought in from stockpile and spread at sight , hauled 12 cy of 1” minus and curbing to area, hauled spoils away, hauled 3 loads of trash & earth, picked up and cleaned up in the bushes and under the bridge; changed a bulb while doing the Walk Way
3. Harbor Walk Way Project: hauled 11 loads of brush from the hill – Backhoe & driver and 2 trucks and drivers; used the rented excavator to clear and clean the hillside of debris and used the backhoe to load it into 2 trucks - hauled brush and stumps- at least 30 loads – 4 large loads, seeded the walkway path. Took 2 days plus 2 hours of excavator & backhoe & 1 or 2 trucks (depending upon work load) plus drivers.
4. Library: moved 60 tables of various sizes from RES East, West Rockport Fire Station, and the CSD to the Midcoast Rec Facility for the annual book sale, moved books from Swift Storage to the Facility for the sale, took all tables back to their places of origin and books to the dump after sale done
5. Opera House: Balcony seats looked at and repaired- 2 guys 1st time, 1 guy 2nd time, 3 guys 3rd time. The balcony seats are old – the screws are falling out of the seats and the metal in the seats is starting to show signs of stress and is breaking; borrowed the man lift from the CSD and changed 3 overhead bulbs (electrician and 1 person 2 hrs)
6. Town Office: used the man lift to change overhead bulbs in the entry
7. Public Works: used the man lift to change overhead bulbs at the garage
8. Parks: made sure all parks were cleaned and ready for July 4th holiday-picked up one load of trash 1 dead skunk; 1 man patrolled and cleaned the parks all of July 6;
9. Ditching & Drainage: Vinal Street about 100 feet ; South St. – 120 feet with 9.5 yards of rip rap added; Calderwood Lane- French drain built –used a rented mini excavator to dig, 24 cy of 1” minus, 150’ drain pipe, filter fabric, 20 cy stone, and three 1 ton trucks (4 men total); cleared culverts on outer Main St. and went back to hay and seed the ditches; shimmed Calderwood Lane; rented a large excavator for large ditching on Main St – spent three days ditching with 2 trucks/3 men/ more than 30 loads of material hauled from site
10. Cleared 2 culverts out on Vinal Street; added onto a culvert at the Land Trust on Beech Hill
11. Graded: Beauchamp Point, Chapel Road, and Calderwood Lane; graded Mt. Pleasant
12. Beauchamp St. – cut & picked up brush, ditched & hauled 20 loads of material to pile, loamed and seeded area – portions of 3 days with the backhoe & 2 trucks
13. Cut brush and ditched on Russell Ave. with the backhoe & 2 trucks
14. Road Construction Projects: Main Street sidewalk from the Iron Bridge to Summer Street- Hauled 6 loads of stone, hauled gravel from our stockpile to the sidewalk project, swapped a catch basin frame, paving done on the road, our Freightliner & driver was used all of one day plus, loaded large rocks and hauled rip rap for drainage and stability on the hill, had granite

- curbing placed, placed steel and bridge plates welded in place, helped with cement work and steel (1 man ½ day plus), and had cement poured to finish sidewalk
15. Meetings: met with Taylor Allen, Mike Sabontini, and Richard Lermond about Main Street and Harbor; met about the Harbor Walk Way Project; EMA meeting; Library Committee meeting
 16. Removed 10 school signs from RES East on West St.
 17. Trimmed weeds, grass, and bushes around signs and guard rail areas around Town
 18. Hauled old asphalt to Washington and brought back reclaim
 19. Cold Patched all roads throughout the Town- twice
 20. Brush cut on: Mill Street
 21. Picked up and pumped 200 gallons of waste oil; picked up oil from other sites
 22. Welded chimney
 23. Put out flags and took them in for July 4th holiday
 24. Moved plow gear around in the salt shed
 25. Cleaned up the garage
 26. Repaired a washout on South St.
 27. Put up a sign on Whitetail Dr. and made several signs for other areas in Town (need to be put up)
 28. Sue prepared and mailed 20 abutters notices to Russell Ave. residents from Calderwood Lane to Mechanic St. for brush cutting (about 3 hours with a trip to the Town Office for address checking)
 29. Catch basin cleaning patrol – 1 man and truck
 30. Did road patrol of Town roads after rain/wind storms
 31. 3 big trucks hauled 1” minus to our stock pile
 32. Removed the Beaver dam on Wellington Drive with our back hoe-several times. We are attempting to get the State to trap and remove the beavers
 33. Trash is usually removed from all Town owned properties twice a week and the parks properties are patrolled for trash more than twice a week
 34. Oil spill on Mill Street
 35. We had 240 man hours available in July. The two largest jobs - #9 & #14 – took about 108 man hours plus hours of overtime to complete. The remaining 132 hours were divided into the above projects.

Last year we took the '86 to Patterson Trailer Park and to MCSWC each time it was filled; planted a new tree at the Town Office; removed the shrubs from the Public Safety Building and helped plant a new bed; put out flags and took them in for July 4; started the Main Street construction project from the Iron Bridge to Summer St.; borrowed the lift from the CSD and changed bulbs at ROH; assisted the CSD with the placement of a new generator; repaired the water pump on the '04 FL80 for the Fire Dept. and repaired 2 portable pumps; cold patched; ditched, seeded, and hayed Gurney, Alexander, Mt. Pleasant, and Kathy's Lane; cut brush and ditched on Porter St.; cleaned up after heavy rains; swept Rockville & West Sts., Rec. Field, & Spruce Mtn.; placed liquid calcium chloride on Beauchamp Point, Main St., Mt. Pleasant; reviewed the Pascal Ave./Rt. 1 traffic calming issues; had the excessive seaweed deposited by storms removed from Kononen Beach; worked on the '08 F350 and '93 L8000 brakes.



Town of Rockport

Department Head Report

JULY, 2009

Nothing Significant to report for this month.

**Craig Cooley
EMA Director**

ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

JULY, 2009

OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	0	0
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	09	08
203/Wes Butler	16	07
204/Dana Smith	43	21
205/Dan Brown	02	0
211/ C. Cooley	04	10

VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	6,871	454.0	15.1

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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	14
Administrative	15
Agency Assistance	31
Alarm	24
Animal Bite/Attack	1
Animal Noise	8
Animal Problem	15
Animal Welfare	3
Attempt to Locate	1
Non-sufficient Funds Check	3
Violation of Bail Conditions	1
Car/Deer 10-55	3
Citizen Assist	13
Citizen Dispute	1
Civil Problem	4
Criminal Mischief	1
Deliver Message	1
Detail Assignment	5
Diabetic Emergency	1
Disorderly Conduct	16
Domestic	1
Controlled Substance Problem	2
Emergency	1
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	20
Fireworks	2
Found Property	3
Harassment	2
Information Report	22
Juvenile Problem	2
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1
Lost Property	4
Medical Emergency	1
Mental Health Issue	1
Missing Person	1
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1
Nuisance	5
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	4
Overdose	1
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	15
Paperwork Servd For This Agenc	1
Parking Problem	3
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	10
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	5
Probation/Bail Check	1
Probation/Parole Violation	2
Property Check	49
Radar Detail	4
Sex Offender Registration	2
Report of shots fired	1
Stray Animal	1
Suspicious Vehicle	7
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	14
Theft	8
Theft of Services	2
Theft - Automobile	1
Threatening	3
Traffic Hazard	3
Traffic Violation	50
Traffic Stop	12
Trespassing	1
Unsecure Premise	4
Utility Problem	3
Vagrancy	1
Vehicle Search	1
Wanted Person	1
Well-Being Chck	4

Total Incidents for This Report:	444

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Rockport Police Department
CAD Calls by Day and Time

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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	2	2	2	3	0	4	1	14
01:00-01:59	0	1	0	2	4	2	2	11
02:00-02:59	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	4
03:00-03:59	6	4	3	2	1	2	2	20
04:00-04:59	1	0	6	0	0	1	2	10
05:00-05:59	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	7
06:00-06:59	1	1	0	5	0	0	1	8
07:00-07:59	1	4	3	2	4	5	2	21
08:00-08:59	3	3	4	4	3	7	2	26
09:00-09:59	4	4	4	1	1	3	1	18
10:00-10:59	3	6	4	3	2	3	2	23
11:00-11:59	5	3	1	1	6	4	3	23
12:00-12:59	3	2	2	4	3	1	2	17
13:00-13:59	2	1	0	3	3	2	5	16
14:00-14:59	7	4	0	5	1	5	1	23
15:00-15:59	6	2	3	1	1	0	3	16
16:00-16:59	3	3	3	8	6	2	4	29
17:00-17:59	4	6	7	4	1	1	3	26
18:00-18:59	4	0	2	3	1	2	3	15
19:00-19:59	2	0	2	5	4	3	1	17
20:00-20:59	3	2	5	3	4	2	3	22
21:00-21:59	3	3	4	5	6	4	4	29
22:00-22:59	6	4	0	4	3	2	5	24
23:00-23:59	4	4	3	3	2	2	4	22
Total by Day	74	60	61	72	57	59	58	441

Report Includes:

All reported dates between `00:00:01 07/01/09` and `23:59:59 07/31/09`
All nature of incidents
All respond to addresses
All respond to cities
All agencies matching `0704`

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Harbormaster Report July 2009

The Mackerel have yet to be seen in schools, the beach goers are in abundance and the improvements made at the Marine Park in July are hard to miss, just drive down Main Street.

- Public Works and Richard Lermond have done a fantastic job thinning out the overgrowth to open up the view from above the harbor.
- Have been working as time allows to build new signage for the docks.
- A huge thank you to Geoff Cox who offered his valuable time and knowledge in helping obtain the mooring coordinates. We have the coordinates of 278 moorings. Now we can input those into the GIS system and begin cross referencing all of the data so that I can begin to have the complete picture of who may be in violation of the ordinance. This project would have been costly and time consuming without Geoff's generous donation of time and effort.
- 8 Pilings have been replaced along the sea wall.
- Worked on creating a Rules and Regulations policy to augment the Marine Ordinance. The current ordinance does not specify minimum mooring requirements. I have taken the old regulations (from the last ordinance) and researched what other harbors require. I will present the figures to the Harbor Committee at the next meeting.
- There were two calls from disabled vessels in the outer harbor. Both were towed safely into the harbor.
- Received a call from Knox County dispatch regarding a dinghy that was washed ashore. The boat was retrieved from the rocks and claimed, no major damage sustained.
- Responded to a report of a capsized boat in the out harbor. We retrieved the men from the water and with the help of some helpful bystanders were able to right the boat, bail enough water to make it stable and tow it in. The sail and the boom of the boat sunk in the process.
- A swimming advisory was posted on Goodies beach due to a high bacteria count for 3 days. In an effort to try and ensure the pollution is not coming from the boating community I am going to schedule and post the dates for a weekly visit from Camden's pump-out boat.

Harbor Revenues

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Boat Excise Tax	\$1,900	\$2,042.99
Overnight Dockage	\$915.00	\$145.00
Parking	\$144.00	\$66.00
Showers	\$259.50	\$118.00
Launching Fees	\$419.00	\$220.00
Merchandise	-	\$427.00
Misc. Fees	-	\$152.00
Mooring fees	\$80.00	\$680.00
Wait List Fees	\$70.00	\$40.00
Total Harbor Revenue	\$4,561.99	\$4,591.00

BRUCE WOODWARD, FIRE CHIEF

I attended the summer meeting for Knox County Mutual Aid Association. One of the topics that came up was radio reception issues with the Knox County Regional Dispatch. That issue precipitated a couple more meetings to identify the problems and find methods to improve the transmissions. Some of the reception issues have been improved and the other problems are still being worked on.

I assisted the town office in repairing a plastic laminating machine that had been jammed up a couple of times. I also repaired a fire department SCBA that had a pressure gauge line leak.

I attended a table top exercise at the EMA office which was designed to test the emergency plan for any large scale emergency event at the Rockland Lobster Festival. Representatives from many emergency agencies were on hand to assist with ideas on how to coordinate and handle a variety of emergencies that could arise. There was a lot of emphasis put on communications and how the agencies can all work together to get the job done efficiently.

A fire in a barn on Gurney Street on July 8th kept our firefighters busy for about six hours. Mutual aid from Camden and Rockland Fire Departments assisted us in extinguishing the fire. The water to extinguish the fire had to be trucked from a fire hydrant at Gurney Street and Old Rockland Street. The barn was well involved when the fire was discovered and the roof and floors collapsed shortly after our arrival. The building was not safe for firefighters to enter and try to overhaul the smoldering debris. We had to bring in an excavator to knock down the building and overhaul the buried fire to complete extinguishment. There were no injuries.

Report Period: 01/1/09-07/31/09

Comparables: 01/1/08-07/31/08

Calls by Incident Type	Percent of Total Calls 2008	Percent of Total Calls 2009	Total Incidents 2008	Total Incidents 2009
Building Fires	3.92%	2.47%	6	2
Vehicle Fires	1.96%	1.23%	5	1
Other Fires	.98%	1.23%	3	2
Overpressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat	0%	1.23%	0	1
Emergency Medical Treatment	.98%	0%	2	0
All Others	1.96%	0%	2	1
Hazardous Condition Calls	24.51%	35.80%	26	29
Service Calls	6.86%	3.70%	7	5
Good Intent Calls	16.67%	8.64%	18	7
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	0%	1.23%	0	1
Other False Calls	41.18%	43.21%	43	36
Total Calls	100%	100%	112	85
Total Fire Dollar Loss	\$217,700	\$31,200	\$217,700	\$31,200
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