

## *Manager's Report – March 14, 2016*

---

A great deal of my time over the past month has been taken up with budgets, which we are in the middle of now. In addition, the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Board and Executive Committee has also take a lot of my time with 7 different meetings last month. I have also been attending the AHLPC meetings and dealing with other library planning questions.

As you know the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration was a huge success and thank you to the members of the committee and other volunteers that made the first phase of this something to remember.

The Town will participate in a food drive to benefit the Camden Area Food Pantry which will be held on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have a basket in the Town Office for people to make donations the week prior to the 9<sup>th</sup>.

The “Keep Rockport Beautiful” group is gearing up for a big clean up event in April. Last year more than 100 volunteers helped pick up roadside trash on Rockport roads.

### ***Planning***

Solarize Maine Project roll out is March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Opera House at 6pm

Building permits and applications are very slow

Jamie is working on the sewer ordinance and other ordinances with the ORC

Helping to develop a CDGB grant request for Avena Botanicals

Participated in an Affordable Housing audit

### ***Fire Department***

The Department received a grant from in the amount of \$6,200 from State Farm Insurance to support Fire Prevention week. They will use the money to buy supplies and a “Sparky the Fire Dog” costume to be used in the schools.

The Fire Department responded to a call at the former CMCA building for a broken pipe that flooded the basement. Not only did they get the water shut off on one of the coldest days of the year, but they did their best to get the water out of the building limiting further damage to the building.

The Fire Department with their quick response to put a stop to a structure fire on Lake Chickawaukie that could have been a lot worse than it was.

With the lack of snow and dry weather we had our first grass fire of the year.

The Fire Department was our first department to go through a voluntary BLS SHAPE inspection and they found 9 minor violations, most of them were fixed the next day. Jason will be working with Mike to get ready to do the Public Works Department. This will help get our SHAPE certification and lower our worker's comp rate over time.

## ***Finance***

Megan has been working almost exclusively on the budget this past month.  
The bond application has been submitted.  
Cash flow is getting tight until tax bills go out and money starts coming in again.

## ***PWD***

In spite of the “easy” winter, the storms we have had have been enough of a problem to generate several “all-nighter” events and has used up a significant amounts of sand, salt and OT. Of course nowhere near as bad as last year.

With the good weather, the crew has been doing a lot of roadside ditching and this has paid off in that when we have a lot of rain, as we did this month, washouts are very minimal.

## ***Library***

We received 11 responses to the RFQ for architectural firms to help plan for a new Library. Those were narrowed down to 6 with two being local firms. The AHLPC will be hearing presentations from the 6 firms on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

The Llibrary held an open house in the new facility.  
Ben taught two classes at the school in adult ed.  
There has been an uptick in library visits  
There were 18 applicants for the Deputy Director position in the library  
They are planning for their annual Easter Egg Hunt  
There is a concert sponsored by the Library at the Opera House on March 17th

## ***Police***

Met with the school to review their safety plan  
Have been working with area agencies to apply for a regional Byrne Grant  
Officers participated in Search Warrant and Barricaded Subject training

## ***GA***

We have been very busy with GA over the past month with 2-3 requests for assistance every day.

## ***TC/TX***

Foreclosure notices have gone out and payments have been coming in,  
Excise tax is up 16%

### *Assessing*

Personal property mailings have gone out in the mail. Kerry has spent his first full month serving both towns and it appears to be going very well. There is one appeal to the Board of Assessment Review.

### *Harbor*

Abbie is back from maternity leave on March 4<sup>th</sup> and she has been attending Harbor Master School in Castine with her Deputy.