

## **TOWN RECOGNITION**

We have two employees to recognize this month for reaching employment milestones:

Deputy Town Clerk Brenda Kurr for 15 years of service to the Town of Rockport on April 23, 2001 and Police Chief Mark Kelley for 30 years of service on March 27, 1986.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

The final bids are in for all of the large infrastructure projects and we are doing VERY well.

The biggest factor is that the Mill Street bridge came in significantly under budget at \$161,777.00. This is very good because both School and Summer Street came in significantly over budget as you can see it on the attached spread sheet. The good news is that the engineering worked, the bids were accurate, and at the end of the day we are able to do all of the projects and will ultimately come in under budget.

We are looking at being able to pave an additional 500-600 feet of Mt Pleasant Street on the worst part of the hill in the end of the current paved section. This will mean fewer repairs over time to the worst part of the hill and make plowing that section much easier.

There is still some question about the best method of repair to the Public Works Garage roof that could bring that cost in significantly less as well.

## **WEST ROCKPORT FIRE STATION**

The West Rockport Fire station may need up to \$100,000 of work/improvements, but I believe that we have the buffer to do that right. If we are able to purchase the land next door we may want to consider a little more space in the building and some other work to carry us further into the future.

## **KEEP ROCKPORT BEAUTIFUL**

The Keep Rockport Beautiful group is diligently working and has set the date of Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> as the clean-up days. They have a goal of getting 1 ton of trash picked up at this event! These people are amazing volunteers who have started showing up as volunteer help in various other project that the Town has. Town Office Employees will be cleaning Camden Street and maybe others. Thank you all.

## **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

The Technology Committee has dug in full force in helping to promote the fiber project. The team has been meeting regularly and has a very good plan for how to get people to understand the benefits to continuing the work that we started.

## **MEETING ATTENDANCE**

I have felt like I have simply been attending meeting after meeting all month with the number of ADHOC Library Planning Committee meetings, Budget meetings, Technology Committee meetings and Midcoast Solid Waste committee meetings.

I attended a ICS /EOC training course sponsored by Knox County EMA which helps us towards our NIMS compliance and I attended the MTCMA Statewide Manager's Interchange in Bangor.

## **LIBRARY**

We hired Keith Drago as the new Deputy Director for the Library and his start date is Tuesday, April 19, 2016. He comes to us from the Rockland Public Library and has his Master of Library and Information Science. The Library held the first in what I hope is a series of concerts in the Opera House last month.

Ben completed his Library 101 training offered for new Library Directors by the Maine State Library Association.

78 people participated in the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Mary Lea Park.

They will hopefully have a new sign soon.

Ben attended the MSLA meeting about the Children's Protection Act as it relates to internet usage.

## **HARBOR**

Abbie and her Deputy attended the Harbor Master training in Castine last month.

More mooring re-issues than in previous years which has made some people on the very long waiting list happy.

Abbie has been helping out with the construction of the new floats.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Chief completed his SHAPE inspection last month and expects certification soon. We have begun work in getting all departments ready for a SHAPE inspection. The chief is working with

Mike and Abbie on getting prepared for their inspections and will work through other departments when they are completed.

The Safety and Health Award for Public Employers (SHAPE) recognizes public sector employers who maintain an exemplary safety and health management system. Acceptance into SHAPE by the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards is an achievement that distinguishes your organization as a model for workplace safety and health. On top of being a safer workplace, when we receiving SHAPE recognition, the Town will be exempt from programmed inspections during the period your SHAPE certification is valid.

The Chief is also working on getting us NIMS compliant by getting paperwork on training all in place.

The Rockport FD responded to the structure fire in Rockland

They have received all of the fire safety things to be used to promote fire prevention in the schools.

The Chief attended a training on ammonia calls. This is particularly important with the MRC Skating rink that uses ammonia in its system.

They are turning engine 24 into a forestry truck.

The Department did a brush burn at the school to help control ticks around the ball fields.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Department has been in the middle of spring clean-up as well as continuing snow removal operations. They have been doing a lot of ditching which pays off when we get heavy rains like we have had in the last month by limiting washouts. They have also been doing a lot of work on the floats in the harbor and are in the process of building two new floats to replace the ones that fell apart when removed last Fall.

The Grader has been repaired at a very reasonable cost and is back in service

The crew have been out straightening up street signs bent during snow removal operations and upgrading STOP signs.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Police Department has been dealing with an unusual number of domestic disputes and OUI's this past month. They have also been doing a review of their policy and procedures manual.

## **GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

Numbers are still high as people receive eviction notices, shut off notices and a large population is Homeless.

Changes in the local temporary housing options is making it difficult for Stacey to find temporary housing when needed.

## **ASSESSING**

Kerry is working on inspections of property and personal property. Kerry used Caitlin from Camden for the first time to help with inspections last month this is making the inspections go much smoother.

## **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

Nomination papers are being taken out through the Town Clerk's Office.

## **PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Jamie has been working on the Broadband grant.

Avena Botanicals is moving forward with the Community Development Block Grant.

ORC is finished with their normal season of meetings.

The Planning Board has received a new site plan for Jeff's Vacuum which is moving into a new building on Route 90.

Building permits are picking up - there were 18 in the month of March.

## **FINANCE**

With the budget behind us for the most part Megan has been working on other things including starting the process of credit card payments. We will be starting in the Harbor as a test this Spring and have ordered the equipment to start there and after that we will be moving to other areas once we work any bugs out of the system.

Megan has prepared the quarterly budget and is doing a budget analysis to let Department Heads know where they stand as year-end is getting near.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
**PROJECT TABLE**

Project	Project Number	Bond Estimate	Project Description	Construction Contract Amount	Design and Direct Cost	Total	Total Over/Under Budget
Mill St. Bridge	15-120	\$600,000	Culvert Replacement	\$160,777	\$28,678	\$189,455	410,545
Pascal Avenue	15-121	\$200,000	Sidewalk & Wall Replacement	\$195,278	\$14,000	\$209,278	(9,278)
School Street	15-122	\$177,200	Drainage Improvements and Reconstruction	\$266,330	\$16,712	\$283,042	(105,842)
Mt. Pleasant Street	15-123	\$125,000	Grading & Repairs	<b>\$125,000</b>	\$14,965	\$139,965	(14,965)
Public Works Garage	15-124	\$120,000	Roof replacement	<b>\$99,400</b>	\$3,600	\$103,000	17,000
Summer Street	15-125	\$90,550	Drainage & Reconstruction	\$227,500	\$12,397	\$239,897	(149,347)
West Rockport Fire Station	15-126	\$85,000	Renovations & Expansion	<b>\$85,000</b>	\$7,500	\$92,500	(7,500)
		\$1,397,750				\$1,257,137	140,613

Opera House	15-127	\$350,000	Roof Replacement & Boiler & Controls	\$340,873	\$13,458	\$354,330	
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