

## *Manager's Report – Monday, July 11, 2016*

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This will be a relatively short report as we just met two weeks ago.

### *Infrastructure projects -*

**School Street** is underway and was proceeding slowly.

**Summer Street** is also underway. The water work has taken longer than expected so the contractor is asking for an extension for the remainder of the work.

**The High Sidewalk** is due to be started in September. CMP is all set to relocate the power to the east side of Pascal Avenue and are waiting for FairPoint to schedule the pole move. As of today, they have not informed us of the date they will be moving poles.

**Mill Street Bridge** is on track for a July 15<sup>th</sup> start, again the potential snag is getting utilities moved. Signs will be going up alerting commuters who use that road as a cut through by the end of the day on Monday.

**Pascal Avenue** resurface is still scheduled for after the first of September (the same time we will be doing the High Sidewalk) and the Route 90 and Route 1 intersection traffic light upgrade is scheduled for October.

**West Street Sidewalk Extension** – is all designed and the PWD will begin the construction in the coming weeks. As you remember this is necessary to get the signal at the intersection of Route 90 and Route 1 signaled for a pedestrian crossing.

### *Library*

The Library AC unit is ordered and should be installed soon. The new sign is up and they had a good turnout for the Beech Hill workshop.

### *Planning*

Jamie has been working on the ORC summer schedule, getting MUBC up and running

### *Fire Department*

The Fire Department has been busy again with a great many traffic accidents and other calls. It has been pretty much non-stop.

Truck 25 has had another batch of issues meaning we are spending even more money to keep it functional.

The Fire Chief attended the annual Chief's convention in Connecticut. Lt. Rollins, Lt. Pearson and FF Rollins also attended.

He is also working on a unified tag in program as well as getting the Town's safety and training program up to date.

### ***Finance***

Megan has started working on the CIP with the goal of having it completed by October. She is also working on the end of the year close out and encumbrances.

### ***Public Works Department***

The new excavator has been put into service very quickly replacing culverts and cleaning ditches.

We have a potentially serious problem with an underground drain pipe that we own that is going under the parking lot of Rockport Marine. Mike has tried the quick repair but that did not seem to work so we might have a big can of worms when we get into a real repair.

### ***Police***

Chief Kelley is officially retired as of July 2<sup>nd</sup> and his retirement party was July . Randy Gagne has taken over as chief at a particularly busy time. We have had as many as five working incidents in both towns at the same time. There have been several incidents at PBMC which involved officers and supervisors from both agencies. We have had numerous crashes, some being very serious. There has also been a string of car and possible residential burglaries in Rockport as well. The officers, detective, and supervisors of both departments have performed excellent in all instances. We have shared coverage numerous times on a number of calls. I have been busy getting things going and spending a few hours at each location going back and forth throughout the day.

While it is still very new the sharing of the chief and the expanded mutual aid agreement has had benefits to both towns. Each town has had the benefit of calling the supervisor in the other town for assistance in a case. And in both cases that request came from an officer generated request.

There are many other cases of the two departments working together for better service.

Camden officers will be providing 18 hours of coverage in Rockport to allow our officers a week without over time for a change.

We are down one person in the office right now to do administrative work and are looking at having that work done by Camden and we will reimburse them for this time.

Additionally, we are considering having the business line forwarded to Camden where they would answer all calls simply Police Department. Currently calls are going to voice mail to be picked up at some point. This would allow the call to be answered, dealt with immediately if possible or forwarded to the correct person in one step.

In short it has been a busy two weeks but the system is working very well.

### ***Town Clerk/Tax Collector***

Linda is gearing up for the next election on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### ***Assessing***

Inspections have taken up a lion's share of Kerry's time this far.

### ***Harbor***

The Harbor and Marine Park are busier than ever. The beach is getting a lot of use and there are an increased number of tour busses using the harbor as a stopping point. Parking is an increasingly difficult problem.

### ***General Assistance***

All food left over from the retirement was taken to the Mid-Coast Hospitality House. They were very appreciative of this donation.