

Planning and Community Development and Code Enforcement

July permit data is down considerably over last year at this time only about \$2,000 in permits compared to \$13,000 last year.

Jamie was able to cover inspections during the time that Scott was out.

We have been working on a plan to install Solar Collectors on the roof of the Town office building and are developing an RFP for an energy project. We will hopefully be bringing this to the Board next month.

Library

Lots of summer events and programming going on.

The new AC is in and functioning great and is definitely needed this summer.

Harbor

Overnight dockage has improved over last year, although a bit of a lull this past week.

We are dealing with the power issue on the dock, the waterproof box that is installed on the bulkhead is not waterproof enough for the surging tide and has to be moved up higher.

We have begun parking enforcement for vehicles that are parking longer than two hours at a time.

Big wedding this weekend with nearly 200 guests.

The local band “Just Teachers” played in the park as a fundraiser and it was very well attended.

Fire Department

The Fire Department has been very busy with calls and accidents that seem to come in threes.

The boot drive on Friday raised \$8,000 plus in 4 hours. This money goes to scholarships, uniforms and other equipment that was not budgeted for.

They held their annual Firefighter Dinner on Thursday night paid for by the Rockport 125th as they were not able to enjoy the full extent of the feast at the Firefighter’s Ball as there

was a call that they responded to that kept them from not getting back to the Samoset until after 9:30 pm.

Public Works Department

Three trucks needed to be inspected and passed.

Weed whacked in the harbor on the hill and over in the Boy Scout Park.



PWD guys started installing new pilings on the bulkhead today at the harbor.



Paving has been awarded to Bard Paving out of Fairfield and is under way now.

Mill Street Bridge is going as hoped. Backfilling has begun and is expected to be open on schedule.



August 26th is the tentative date for MDOT to start paving Pascal Avenue, Central Street and Union Street.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

30 day notices are being mailed on Friday to those that have not paid their taxes.

Lots of new vehicles are being registered.

Working on getting ready for the election in November.

We will have ballots for 100% of our voters and we plan on as many as 50% voting absentee.

Assessing

Kerry and Caitlin have been working very hard on finishing inspections and finishing the commitment. It is hoped that it will be finished on Monday, August 22nd with tax bills going out by the end of that week.

Once the work here is complete, they will switch gears and move to Camden and work full time getting their commitment done.

This has worked very well and the sharing of the assessor has meant for a much smoother and better process.

Police

Complaints as of:

Monday, August 8th - Camden 62 Rockport 58.

Monday, August 15th - Camden 62 Rockport 35

Officers had a successful joint roadside safety check point Friday evening, August 12th. Camden, Rockport, and Knox County law enforcement officers checked a few hundred cars. There were 3 drug charges, 15 traffic tickets, and 1 OUI resulted from this team effort.

All in all, the sharing of the chief seems to be going very well this far. The officers have been very responsive and appear to be doing a great job of working together. I want to say thank you to the officers of both departments, it would not be going as well as it is if it wasn't for them.

MCSWC

The Board needs to be aware that you will have to have a special meeting by August 30th at the latest, to have any vote on the recommendations made by MCSWC as to the post 2018 options for our MSW disposal.

Infrastructure projects

School Street is underway and was proceeding slowly. They are on to the end of the street with the last of the waterline installation. Drainage has all been installed.



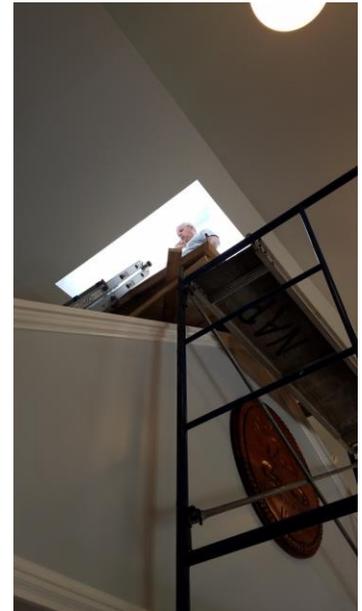
Summer Street is also underway. Construction of the sidewalk is underway with retaining walls poured.





West Street sidewalk extension began on Thursday, August 4th with the goal of getting it done before the work being done on the lights on the intersection at 1 and Route 90. The pavement is being cut out on Friday, August 19th and new curb and sidewalk will begin being installed next week.

Vestibule and Painting and new carpets - the work to build a new vestibule that was generously donated by the Cascade Foundation has begun. The painting is nearly complete. As part of the work we repaired cracks in the sheetrock caused by expansion and contraction over the years in the wall structure and fixed the windows in the cupola that are supposed to be able to be opened to let heat escape and reduce our cooling costs. Pictured below is Will Power from Phi Home Designs of Rockport who has done an excellent job making this job go smoothly. Peter Berke and the painting crew from North Atlantic Painting here in Rockport have been very accommodating and a pleasure to work with.



Rockport 125th – The 125th celebration was a big success. The bridge dinner that culminated the event on Sunday, sold out and there is talk of making it an annual event! A huge thank you to the many volunteers and donors that helped to make this happen. Finally, with any luck, I will be on vacation beginning August 26th through Labor Day.