

## *Manager's Report – October 24, 2016*

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### ***Summer Street***

Summer Street is still yet to be completed. The binder course of asphalt has been placed and the contractor is making final adjustments and finishing up some ROW repairs before putting down the final layer next week. The stairs will be completed once the rest of the work is completed.

### ***High Sidewalk***

The High Sidewalk Project is still stalled awaiting utility relocation. The poles have been moved and CMP moved the power lines and we are now waiting for all of the cable and internet companies to move their wire. This is proving to be a problem that we may not be able to get resolved quickly and likely delay the project until next spring. These companies were notified early last winter that the work needed to be done last spring as we intended to begin the sidewalk then, however they still have not gotten it done. Mike has been on the phone with them daily and still no result.

### ***Town Office Vestibule***

The vestibule that was paid for with a grant from the Cascade Foundation is complete. The last window was installed and all the windows have been calked and are weathertight. We are working on new cameras for the town office and other locations that will be installed as well as an emergency phone inside the vestibule.

### ***West Street Sidewalk Extension***

The Market Basket side of the sidewalk extension is still not completed as the new culvert that was supposed to be replaced by MDOT last week, is still not replaced. If it is not done soon, we will have to fill in the pavement and finish up next spring. Given the timeliness of MDOT projects, I am not holding out any hope that the new traffic signals that were supposed to be replaced in early September will get installed this fall.

### ***Drainage from Central Street***

We have had an ongoing issue with the drainage system that runs from Central Street under the parking lots and through Rockport Marine's rear parking and out to the harbor.

Our pipe was collapsing and there was a huge sinkhole in the back parking lot this spring. We made some quick repairs at the time and hoped that it would be enough to carry us for a few years, but that was not the case. There were further problems downstream that made the repair ineffective.

We have since fixed that problem and replaced the whole length of metal pipe with new plastic in every place but one spot where it went under the building.

### ***Fire Department***

Jason has been very busy with training of firefighters as well as fire safety week. The fire department has been visiting schools and classrooms. Sparky has been a big hit in the program.

### ***Police Department***

Police officers from Rockport and Camden qualified at the range last week. I attended part of it to express my support for the work that they do and their working together as a team.

### ***Library***

The library has been holding their Seafaring series. Thursday night was a huge event with Peter Ralston talking about his trip through the Northwest Passage. The count in attendance was about 240 people.

### ***Harbor***

Docks will start coming out of the water soon but we will leave a couple in as long as it is safe to do so.

### ***Public Works***

The public works crew is mostly back to full staff now and working on preparing trucks for the winter. They also got the crosswalks painted. Hopefully they will be raising some of the sewer covers that are low because of the paving done by MDOT. Most of these covers were raised based on an estimated overlay of 5/8 inch of new pavement. What we actually got was about 2-3 inches in some places, leaving some covers very low.

The Ballfields at Marge Jones have been reworked and re-sodded as planned.