

Manager's Report – December 7, 2015

Temporary library relocation – The library move is a week behind schedule and will begin on Saturday December 12th. The library will be closed for approximately one week and is expected to reopen the following Saturday, December 19th. But that will be formally announced at a later date. Some of the move is dependent on PWD and as we know their assistance is weather dependent at this time of year. There was a slight hold up over the phone connections and getting all the many shelving units set up. But all in all, it has been fairly smooth thus far.

The State Fire Marshal's office completed their inspection and with a few minor changes, the building passed as a temporary location. If the temporary location is needed much past two years, we will need to make some additional changes.

Jennie Ruddy has announced her retirement from her position in the library and Kim Slocum submitted her resignation to move back to the warmer climate down south.

Holiday on the Harbor – Holiday on the Harbor is on schedule. Although we miss Abbie – why she picked now to have a baby, I just don't understand – the committee has been meeting regularly and are attending to last minute details. At last word, they could use volunteers putting out the luminaries on Saturday and lighting them.

Schedule of HOH events:

- Noon – 5 pm Cellardoor Winery at the Villa hosts a holiday wine tasting.
- 1 – 3 pm Barnswallow Books - Free coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and live music
- 2 – 5 pm Wine tasting at RAYR Wine Shop
- 3 pm Bay Chamber Concerts presents Rumberroco at Rockport Opera House
- 3 – 5 pm Pictures with Santa Claus and FREE ArtLab at Union Hall
- 5 – 6 pm Fireworks, tree lighting and caroling at Rockport Marine Park
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm Happy Hour at Shepherd's Pie

Solarize Mid-Coast Maine Project – Included in your packet is a brief memo from Jamie explaining the project and a copy of the flyer sent out by MCEDD.

It is basically a program designed to help provide residential users access to assistance for solar energy.

Staffing – The past month has been particularly challenging with the loss of staff due to medical leave, and vacancies due to job changes. Right now we are down 5 people but the good news is that will get better in the next two weeks when two employees come back to work again.

PWD – We are still waiting for the new one-ton P/U to be sent back with the plow and wing installed. New radiators were installed in-house at a significant savings on two of the big trucks. Thankfully the defective radiators were discovered before the winter set in.

Fire – The Chief is out for a fire analysis course at the Criminal Justice Academy all this week.

Assessing – Kerry was elected president of the Maine Assessors' Association. He also went for training from KRT, who did our revaluation, and was trained how to do more with the Vision software, which will be very helpful to us in the future.

PD – The Chief is finishing up his review of all of our street lights and has been talking with CMP.

Planning – Jamie is back from leave and working on several grant applications.

125th – Plans are going very well. Fundraising is underway; the committee has a Facebook page; and they have a good many events planned already. They meet every Monday at 1 pm. Calendars have been ordered and should be in before Christmas in time for gifts. The first event is February 25th at the Rockport House.