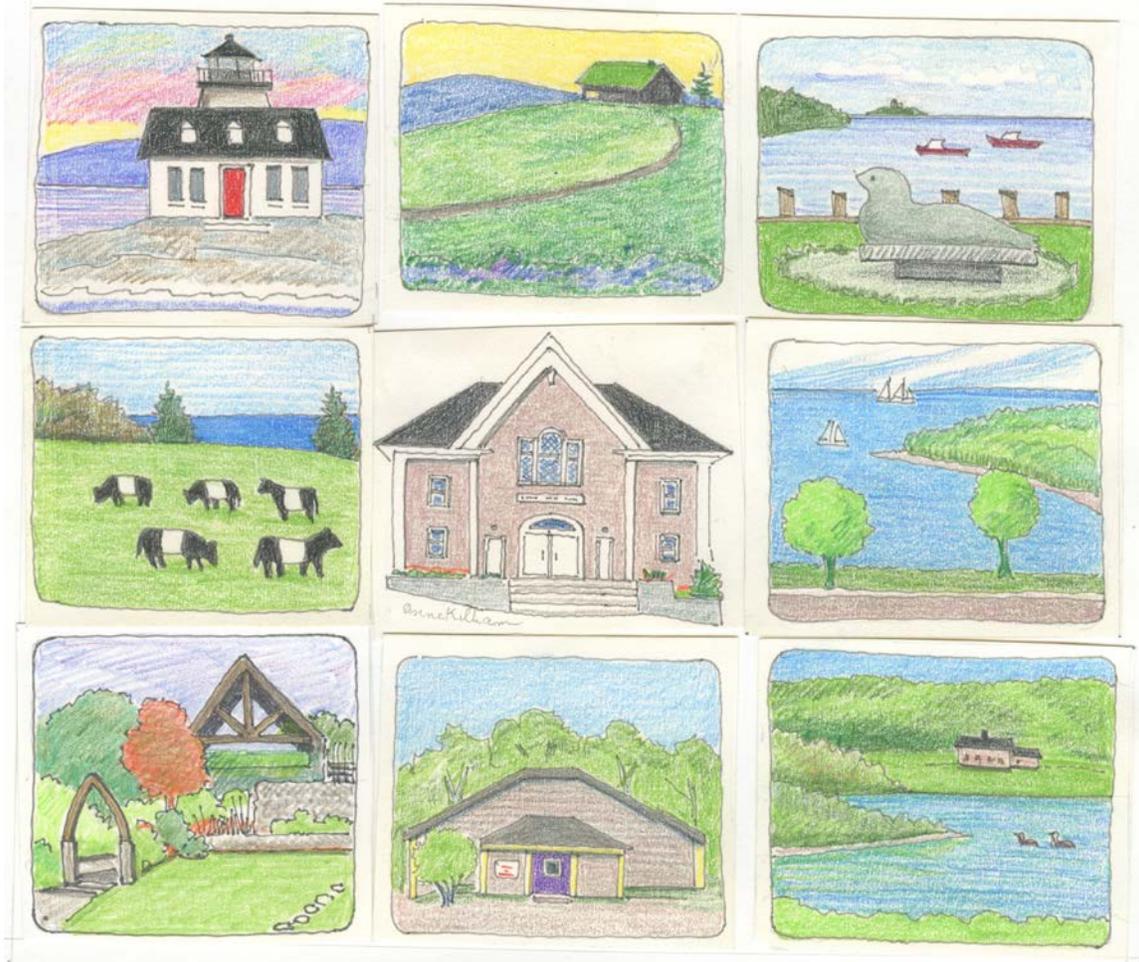


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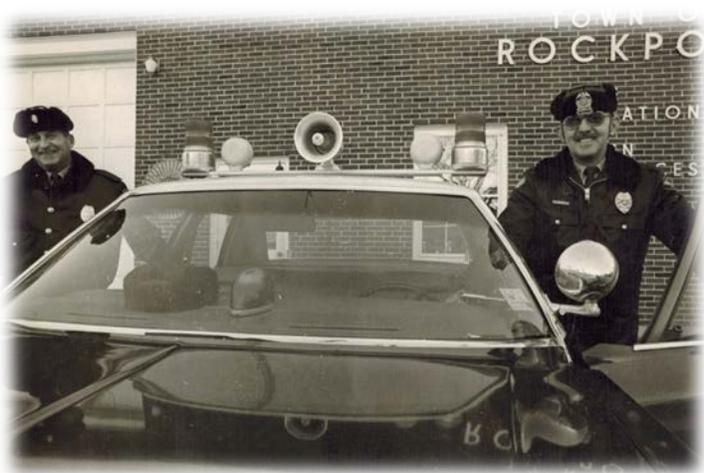
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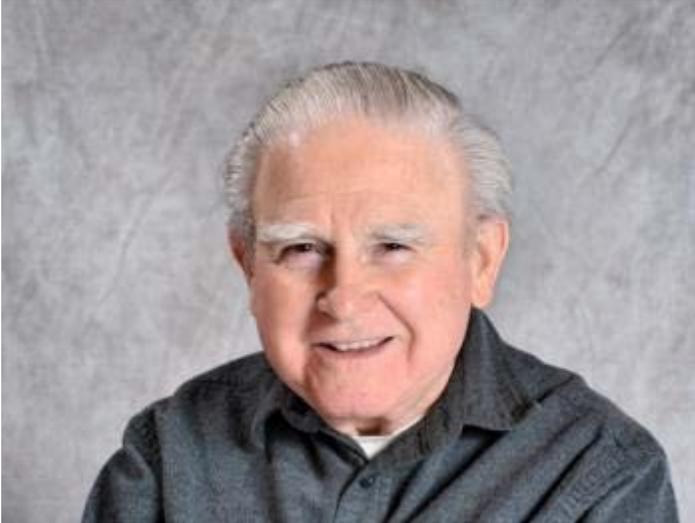
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TOWN OF ROCKPORT 2016 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

ROGER JONES



Roger has been a resident of Beech Hill in Rockport all of his life.

A man with a deep knowledge of the history of Rockport and a word of advice to share, Roger served on the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee, Recreation Committee and others. Roger was always willing to help his town in any way he could. He was instrumental in pursuing the purchase of the Marge Jones Recreational property and extending the water and sewer lines.

After attending local schools, Roger spent four years in the Coast Guard on the *Snohomish*, keeping the Penobscot River ice-free for oil transport to Bangor from mid-December to March. After leaving the Coast Guard he went to barber school in 1960, following in the footsteps of his father and older brother. He worked in Rockland for a while then in 1966 he and his brother Lowell joined in a business over Cappy's Chowder House for 25 years, then over French & Brawn for the past 25 years...and still going strong. They are local icons long known as the "Jones Boys."

I remember many hours waiting for my son to get his haircut, with Roger and Lowell talking to me about Rockport politics, remembering my grandfather's store downtown and the state of the country. My son may have disliked the long wait, but I cherished the banter between the brothers, their clientele and me. Roger is a die-hard Democrat...just kidding, Roger...he's a Republican through and through.

Roger has a deep love for his property on Beech Hill, and loved to hunt with his father and now with others around his property and elsewhere. His farm was a favorite location for many to get their annual Christmas tree and of course some words of advice or wisdom as they were doing so. He donated annually as many Christmas trees as the town needed to make it look festive.

He and his wife, Joanne Loffman Jones of Rockville, will celebrate 60 years of marriage this year. They have two children, Roger Jones, Jr. of Florida and Elizabeth "Betsy" French, her husband, James, and daughter, Marina, of Rockport.

The Town of Rockport is fortunate to have Roger.

Photo Courtesy of Pen Bay Pilot and dedication written by Stacey Parra.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT

2016 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

MEMORIAM

JAMES D. BROWN



ROCKPORT — James David Brown, 72, creator and founder of Windsor Chairmakers in Lincolnton Beach, died May 6, 2015, at his home in Rockport. He was born in Pomona, Calif., on Feb. 16, 1943, and was the son of John D. and Eleanor (Cram) Brown.

Jim graduated from Southern Illinois University and shortly after, he moved to Camden. While working here in boatyards in the 1960s, and inspired by his grandfather's woodworking, he had a vision of creating his own furniture and returned to the Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he earned a degree in furniture design. After working in the furniture design industry in High Point, NC, Jim returned to the Camden area with the desire to design and build traditional American furniture. In 1987, he founded Windsor Chairmakers in Lincolnton Beach, where he established a quintessential Yankee workshop, designing and building exceptional quality custom furniture made to last. Since then, Windsor Chairmakers crafted furniture for more than 5,500 customers worldwide. As recognition grew for his Windsor chair design, so did Jim's reputation as a charming and authentic character.

Jim viewed obstacles as challenges, and never let them get him down. When he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1996, he felt a strong responsibility to become educated about it, both for himself and in order to help and support others who were newly diagnosed. Jim and his wife, Nance, saw the need for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers to have mutual support, which led to the creation of the Quarry Hill Parkinson's Support Group in 2003. Additionally, Jim and Nance were happy to participate in an educational documentary, *Easing the Burden: Parkinson's disease*, produced by Maine Public Broadcasting Network. A second health challenge for Jim led to successful treatment for advanced cancer at Dana Farber in Boston. Even this did not slow him down; all Jim ever wanted to do was go to work every day.

Jim had a great love of the history of Rockport; the home he lived in is one of the oldest in town. He was always interested in learning interesting facts about the older things in town.

Photo and story of his life provided by the family, Long Funeral Home & Cremation Service and Stacey Parra.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT

2016 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

MEMORIAM

MAYNARD C. INGRAHAM



ROCKPORT — Maynard C. Ingraham, fifth-generation Rockport resident and community leader, passed away August 14, 2015, at Bartlett Woods in Rockland. He was 90 years old.

Born December 29, 1924, he was the son of Maynard C. and Marion E. Ingraham. He graduated from Rockport High School and was in the third class to graduate from Maine Maritime Academy. He served in the Merchant Marine from 1944 to 1946 as a third and second mate on the vessel *Cape Matapan* with the United States Lines.

After returning from sea, he attended Bryant & Stratton College in Boston. He then joined his family's business, Enos E. Ingraham Co., Rockport's general store, in 1947, which he operated until 1975. Maynard married Joyce

Mitchell October 26, 1947. He was a notary public from 1947 to 2010 and married more than 700 couples. After selling the family business, Maynard became the co-owner and president of MIST Associates, and developed three housing subdivisions in Rockport. He was also the designated broker for MIST Real Estate Agency, earning the Pen Bay Board of Realtors' "Realtor of the Year" award in 1996. Maynard was a real estate appraiser for more than 30 years, starting the company Ingraham Associates. He was joined in appraising by his son-in-law in 1988. After his retirement, Maynard was proud to have his grandson join the company.

Maynard was involved in many community activities, serving five years on both the inaugural MSAD 28 Board of Directors and the Rockport Select Board. He served on the Building Committee for Camden Hills Regional High School, was past president of the Camden-Rockport-Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce, and past chair of the Rockport Republican Party. He served on advisory committees for both Depositors Trust Co. and Key Trust Co., and on the Board of Trustees of Vesper Hill Children's Chapel for many years. Maynard was among the first to receive the Camden-Rockport-Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce "Townsperson of the Year" award, in 1982.

Maynard made his life in Rockport, and gave much to many—more than he ever received. He tried not to let anyone go hungry and his gestures of kindness still stay with many of us. Maynard always came into the Town Office with a smile on his face and a story to tell. He was "elegant."

Picture and story of life provided by the family, Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home and Stacey Parra.

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2016 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

MEMORIAM

JOHN S. MCCORMICK, JR.



ROCKPORT — John S. “Jack” McCormick Jr., 84, quietly slipped the bonds of this life at his home early Wednesday, December 2, 2015, following an extended illness.

Born in Starks, Maine, on July 26, 1931, he was the son of John S. and Lizzy E. Brackett McCormick. Educated in local schools, he was a 1949 graduate of Farmington High School and a 1958 graduate of the University of Maine at Orono.

After one semester at UMO, he entered the Air Force, where he served from 1950 to 1953. During his enlistment, he met and fell in love with Dorothy M. “Suzie” Lamkin. They were married July 8, 1952, at Travis Air Force Base Chapel, Fairfield, Calif.

A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Jack was an amazing man who had many titles in his 84 years: son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, papa, great-grandfather, surveyor, pizza parlor worker, real estate broker, tree house builder, draftsman in the USAF, godfather, civil engineer, student, uncle, business owner, nephew, boss, cousin, state representative, friend, school board member, field stone fireplace mason, bank director, ditch

digger, soda jerk, hospital board chairman, “Jack” of all trades, wheelchair repairman, world traveler, cooked Cheerios maker, carpenter, shop owner, classmate, builder, toy maker, violin player, tractor aficionado, bartender, cribbage player, farmer, role model, library worker, Rotarian, volunteer, cheerleader, volunteer fireman, veteran and patriarch.

Jack served on the Board of Selectmen and was very active in all aspects of the community. He, while his grandsons assisted him in supplying engineering plans and layout for the Marge Jones Recreational Facility free of charge, was instrumental in creating a location that the youth and adults from all over have the benefit of using. He lent much expertise and was a great resource for all town projects, and his legacy can be seen throughout town.

Picture and story of life provided by the family, Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home and Stacey Parra.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT

ARTIST LAUREATE

ANNE KILHAM

Not every town has an Artist Laureate, but then not every town has the good fortune to have Anne Kilham residing in it. Anne has spent the past 40+ years dressing up Rockport, in colors muted and bold, for all to see. Anne was named Rockport's first-ever Artist Laureate in 2008. A plaque in the Town Office lobby honors Anne for, "generously giving her time and talent, and for always showing Rockport in our best light."

Anne's signature style was once described in *Down East* magazine as "graphic expressions of serenity." If there's a chair in an Anne Kilham painting, you want to sit on it—a kind of relaxful peace. Anne's collective imagery of Rockport defines Rockport in much the same way that L.L. Bean defines Maine.

Whenever we have needed something special to commemorate an event, or to raise awareness or money for an issue, Anne has been quick to volunteer her talent and vision, creating an image or lending her unique artist's eye to make something better.

Rockport is not only Anne's subject; it is her canvas. She lets Public Works know when a park needs sprucing up or street trees need to be trimmed, she has debated with friends the merits of particular curb cuts on Route 1, and convinced a local business owner to change his roadside display because it seemed, well, untidy.

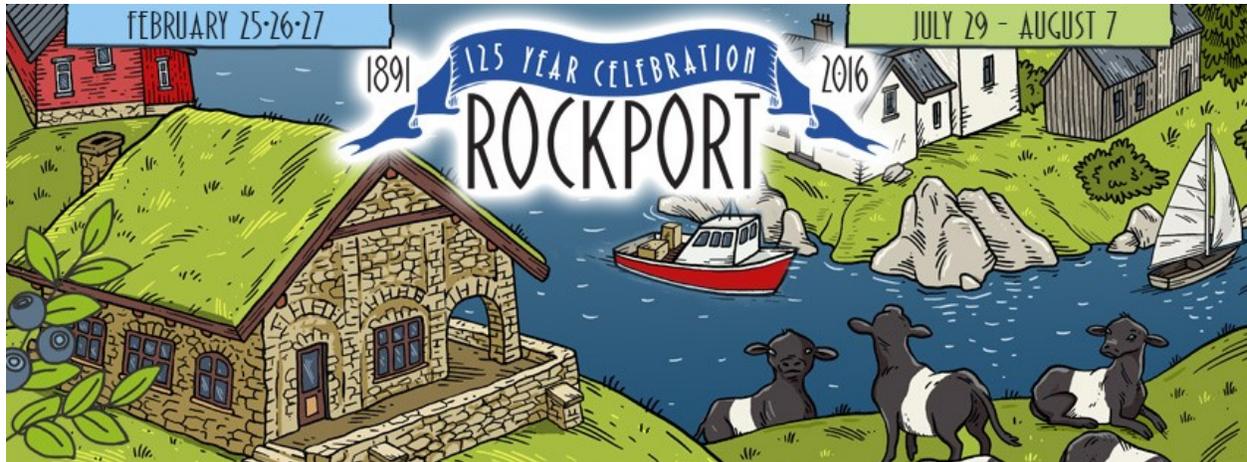
Anne's tireless dedication to the Town of Rockport runs deep. Her images have graced our Town Report for over 30 years, and every desk in the Town Office is adorned with an Anne Kilham desk calendar—each new edition personally delivered by the artist herself at Christmas. Her wonderful rendering of sites to see in Rockport adorns the kiosk at the Glen Cove Rest Area. She has served on, and/or contributed to, the Conservation Commission, the Garden Club, the Opera House Committee, the Capital Improvement Committee, and the Comprehensive Plan Committee, to name just a few.

We are honored to call you neighbor.



ROCKPORT'S QUASQUICENTENNIAL

February 25, 1891 - February 25, 2016



Rockport 125 Artwork provided by Adventure Advertising

Rockport Celebrates 125 Years of History, with Winter and Summer Parades, Ball, Ceremonies, Dinner, Theater and Art

With heart and soul, Rockport celebrated its 125th anniversary as a town February 25–27, with events spread from Opera House gatherings to the stage at Camden-Rockport Elementary School, to the arch on Union Street and the Masonic Hall on Main Street.

It was a blast, and it was memorable. Longtime citizens shared their stories of growing up in a community where kids once sledged down Beech Hill all the way to Ingraham’s Store, near the harbor. Where Granville Ames remembers being a delivery boy and taking roses to Betty Bohndell, and she, now 94, remembers hunting in the woods with her father-in-law; a town where Carlton Farley remembers names of his students from 50 years ago, and Herb Annis remembers saving the Opera House from burning down.

Townsppeople sat on the stage of that Opera House in comfortable and colorful armchairs (on loan from the Samoset Resort), recounting the history of a town with agricultural and maritime roots, a one-time industrial harbor, and now a community of creative, innovative and academic enterprises.

Town officials and politicians delivered remarks, and Camden Select Board members even showed up to congratulate their sister town for reaching the grand old age of 125 (while Camden, this year, is noting its own 225 years as a town).

When Camden and Rockport split, there was little goodwill toward each other. Reuel Robinson wrote in his book, *History of Camden and Rockport*, that “sectional feelings ran high and sectional virulence became so acute that for a time it was hardly safe for a Rockport man to favor the proposition to ‘divide’ or a Camden man to oppose it.”

Rockport's Quasquicentennial - *continued*

Those days are long over, and the towns are working together like never before, sharing visions—and sharing costs—in innovative ways.

Rockport celebrated its township, its community, but even more importantly, a sense of place. As Granville Ames recounted, no matter where in the world he traveled, he always came home to Rockport. And as State Sen. Dave Miramant and Sen. Angus King pointed out, people across the globe know about Rockport, Maine. It's just that kind of place.

In the summer of 2016, even more celebrations will occur. A community Firefighters' Ball is scheduled for July 29 at the Samoset Resort, and all are invited to that. A parade through the village is scheduled for July 30, followed by a week of music, more slide shows, history and art presentations, film festival, harbor events, and all culminating August 7 with a community dinner on the Goose River Bridge.

Mark your calendars for July 29–August 7, and plan to have fun in Rockport.

The 125th Committee meets every Thursday at 3:00 PM at the Rockport Town Office. Help with visioning, organizing and executing the summer events is more than welcome. Call 236-9648, or visit facebook.com/Rockport125 and join the party!



Bridge in the 1940's



Powerhouse Hill



Central Street



The Village



The Train

Photos Courtesy of Camden-Rockport Historical Society, Penobscot Bay Marine and the archives.

ROCKPORT PROFILE

The Town of Rockport is the quintessential Maine coastal village, blessed with miles of coastline and beautiful rural countryside, several lakes and ponds, and mountains. While many areas of Maine struggle with out-migration, Rockport enjoys a stable population and in-migration of young people because of the excellent school system. The town is situated in the midcoast area of Maine, nestled between two excellent neighbors, Camden and Rockland. Long noted as a vacation destination as well as being a popular location for summer homes, Rockport is also a center for experiential lifelong learning, and local artists and craftspeople who maintain studios and a cultural presence here have become part of the fabric of the community.

Rockport is home to Maine Media College, Bay Chamber Concerts and Music School, and the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship, all of whom bring students and staff from around the country and around the world to learn and to enjoy this beautiful place. Rockport's quaint harbor is noted as being one of the prettiest on the Maine coast, and has been a favorite of recreational boaters and also as a home base for a vibrant lobster industry.

The town maintains several parks, including the 15.22 acre Marge Jones Recreational Facility with tennis courts, ball fields, basketball courts, and a playground. Of the town's 12,750+ acres, almost 1,000 acres are under conservation either through easements or have been purchased by land trusts outright for preservation.

Although located in the center of beautiful midcoast Maine you *can* get there from here! Rockport is within easy commuting distance from Portland, Bangor, and the state capital of Augusta. Boston is just a four-hour drive. As part of Knox County, Rockport is advantageously located between the service centers of Rockland and Camden. Three major roads traverse the town: Route 1, Route 17, and Route 90.

Route 1 is the principal regional arterial road for the state. It is a mobility corridor and all other arterial, collector, and local roads in the midcoast feed traffic at some point to Route 1. The road is heavily traveled with traffic counts increasing dramatically during the tourist season. Development along the road is mixed and includes the hospital, motels, restaurants, banks, retail, medical offices, an office park, and residences.

Route 17 is the arterial corridor connecting Rockland (the abutting community to the west) and the midcoast to Augusta, the state capital. It too is a well-traveled road. There is limited commercial development along Route 17's Rockport section.

Route 90, originally constructed as a Route 1 bypass around Thomaston and Rockland, has experienced steadily increasing usage. Its popularity as a bypass has led to increased commercial development. It is also the location of the new high school, new elementary school, the town-owned outdoor recreation facility and the privately-owned Midcoast Recreation Center which offers indoor ice skating, tennis and daycare.

If you need to get to Boston or New York in a hurry, you can do that from Rockport. Knox County Regional Airport, 15 minutes away with no traffic or parking problems, provides residents with scheduled commercial air service, air taxi, and general aviation. You can leave your home in Rockport and be in Boston at 8:00 AM. If you have a lunch meeting in New York you can do that and be back home for dinner with your family. The Portland Jetport and Bangor International Airport are also within easy commuting distance. With our super high speed fiber network, you can work from Rockport with the same speeds you can get in Boston or New York if not faster!

Rockport Profile - *continued*

Our municipally-owned fiber network is the first in the state and has gained national attention. The “dark fiber” model we have will encourage competition and the best possible service, at a fraction of the cost currently available. We have begun the feasibility study that will bring gigabit fiber to every home and residence in Rockport. We hope to begin construction on the next phase of the project within two years.

Opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty of the town are abundant. Marine Park and Walker Park provide recreational opportunities with their harbor access, beach area, and picnic sites. Marine Park includes the harbormaster’s building (replete with restrooms and showers), boat launching, docks, picnic benches, and a sandy beach, as well as historic lime kilns. Walker Park has a nice playground, picnic benches, and a small beach at low tide. Cramer Park, situated along Goose River, offers walking trails, picnic sites, and old limestone tailings. Goodridge Park, Village Green, and Mary Lea Park are within the downtown area and offer both rest opportunities and beautiful scenic views. Glen Cove Rest Area offers views of—and frontage on—Clam Cove, and provides picnic sites and an information kiosk.

Local and summer residents can also become members of a great public library. The Rockport Public Library is temporarily located at 485 Commercial Street, is open six days a week year round, and offers a variety of free programs for adults and children, along with free internet access.

Historic Rockport Opera House is truly the center of our cultural community here in midcoast Maine. Located in the heart of the village overlooking picturesque Rockport Harbor and Mary Lea Park, it offers a remarkable venue for cultural and performing arts events, public and private meetings, dances, weddings and numerous social gatherings.

In addition to the aforementioned town facilities, there are a number of nonprofit parks, farms, open space, and trails. Merryspring Nature Park is a privately owned 66-acre nature preserve that is free to the public. Aldermere Farm, a 136-acre working farm owned and managed by Maine Coast Heritage Trust, supports a world-renowned herd of Belted Galloway cattle. Vesper Hill Children’s Chapel has 3.43 landscaped acres with a pine chapel sitting high on a ledge looking eastward over Penobscot Bay. Beauchamp Point Scenic Byway, a seasonal road extending around Beauchamp Point, is favored by walkers, runners, and cyclists. The Ledges are off the road and are a favorite ocean swimming and picnic area. Harkness Preserve is a 21.25-acre nature preserve on the outskirts of the village. Its nature trail winds through the preserve and includes shore frontage on Rockport Harbor. Beech Hill Preserve offers 295 acres of blueberry fields and scenic vistas of the Camden Hills and Penobscot Bay. The Sides Preserve on Mace’s Pond consists of 8.5 acres with 1,400 feet of shoreline and a meandering trail. Coastal Mountains Land Trust maintains these three Preserves. Georges River Highland Path and Ragged Mountain Trail are managed by the Georges River Land Trust and provide 4.9 miles of trail connecting with over 20 miles of trail situated in neighboring towns.

Recreational opportunities are rounded out with the Penobscot Bay YMCA, Midcoast Recreation Center and Samoset Resort (both privately owned), and the Marge Jones Recreational Facility, mentioned previously. There is a joint effort underway between Rockport and Camden to build a shared pathway for bikes and pedestrians. The Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee heads up the effort and has successfully built a trail portion along Union Street in Rockport. Additionally, there are three golf courses in town: Goose River, Samoset Resort, and the private Megunticook Golf Course.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Main number: (207)236-9648

The Rockport Town Office is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
www.town.rockport.me.us

Assessing.....	236-6758
Fax Number for all Administration.....	230-0112
Finance.....	230-0180
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	236-4437
Fire Department – Fax	236-4141
General Assistance – Monday–Friday: 8AM–4:30 PM (by appointment only)	236-0806
General Assistance – After Hours Emergency.....	594-5656
Department of Health and Human Services.....	1-800-442-6003
Harbormaster’s Office.....	236-0676
Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation – Tuesday–Saturday: 8 AM–4 PM.....	236-7958
Opera House.....	236-2514
Planning and Community Development.....	236-0989
Police Department (Non-Emergency).....	236-2026
Police Department – Fax.....	236-4141
Public Library (Phone/Fax) – Monday–Saturday: 9 AM–5:30 PM, Wednesday: 11 AM–8 PM.....	236-3642
Public Works Department – Monday–Friday: 7 AM–3:30 PM.....	236-6245
Public Works – Fax.....	236-2653
Town Manager – Manager’s Office.....	236-0806
Town Office – Clerk’s Office.....	236-9648

HOLIDAYS - Town Offices Will Be Closed on the Following Dates:

Monday, July 4, 2016.....	Independence Day
Monday, September 5, 2016	Labor Day
Monday, October 10, 2016	Columbus Day
Friday, November 11, 2016	Veterans’ Day
Thursday, November 24, 2016.....	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25, 2016	Thanksgiving Friday
Monday, December 26, 2016*	Christmas Day
Monday, January 2, 2017*	New Year’s Day
Monday, January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 20, 2017	Presidents’ Day
Monday, April 17, 2017	Patriots’ Day
Monday, May 29, 2017	Memorial Day

*Observance

General Information – continued

WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A CAR:

RE-REGISTRATION: Previous registration, current insurance card and mileage

NEW REGISTRATION (**Dealer Sale**): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, blue title application form, current insurance card and mileage. It is MANDATORY to have the monroney label or window sticker on a brand new vehicle. This became law on September 19, 1997.

NEW REGISTRATION (**Private Sale**): Bill of sale and titles on vehicles 1995 or newer.

NEW REGISTRATION (**Transfer**): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from. **In order to receive excise tax credit, this vehicle must no longer be owned by you, or in your possession.**

WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A SNOWMOBILE/ATV/BOAT:

RE-REGISTRATION: Old registration

NEW REGISTRATION (**Dealer Sale**): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, ME-assigned number on used recreation vehicles.

NEW REGISTRATION (**Private Sale**): Bill of sale, ME-assigned numbers and serial numbers, horsepower & length for boats.

NEW REGISTRATION (**Transfer**): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN LICENSING A DOG:

Current rabies certificate and neutering/spay certificate (furnished to you by your vet).

WHAT TO BRING/SEND WHEN PAYING TAXES:

Please enclose or bring your tax bill.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Property Taxes are Due: Monday, October 17, 2016 and Monday, April 17, 2017

Mooring Fees/Tie-Off Fees are Due by close of business day May 1st except if falls on a week day or holiday

Snowmobile Registrations Expire: June 30

Boat Registrations Expire: December 31

ATV Registrations Expire: June 30

Dog Licenses are Due: December 31

Select Board Meeting: 2nd Monday of each month, 4th Monday if needed

Planning Board Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month if necessary

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of each month if necessary

SELECT BOARD

This year has been particularly interesting and challenging.

125th Anniversary

We started the fiscal year with the realization that February 25, 2016, would be our town's 125th Anniversary. A call for volunteers to organize this milestone was quickly answered by a dynamic group that went to work and organized a multi-day celebration marking the event. Announcements of events lead to a challenge from the Camden Select Board to a toboggan race and food drive.

Rockport resident Piet Lammert organized a "blood feud" (blood drive). An historic re-enactment of the snowball fights between the Rockport and Camden high schools was to have been part of the "friendly challenges" but turned into a tug-of-war due to the lack of snow.

The toboggan race coincided with the Annual Toboggan Nationals. Festooned in our costumes featuring Andre, we were able to claim an unabashed victory over Camden mostly by not wiping out. Camden, alas, was not so lucky. In defeat they generously and subtly requested an annual competition with the creation of a very clever trophy that rotates to commemorate that year's winner. Special thanks goes to Tom Cox for lending us a wicked fast toboggan of his own making.



In addition to the festive nature of the toboggan challenge, the “blood feud” kicked off the actual anniversary celebration on February 25. This was a friendly challenge to see which town could solicit the most donations of blood to the Red Cross. Camden residents donated at the Congregational Church while Rockport residents and nonresident friends donated at the Masonic Center. The result was a tie, but it can easily be said that the true winners were those who benefit from these donations. For that, a very hearty thank you goes to both Camden and Rockport donors: WELL DONE friends and neighbors.

That evening we held the formal celebration of our Quasquicentennial celebration at the Opera House, where we heard from many speakers and received congratulatory messages from our U.S. Senators, U.S. Representative, the state legislature and county commissioners. The highlight of the evening was a slightly altered rendition of the State of Maine song by Granville Ames! If you were unable to attend, you can view the event at <https://livestream.com/Rockportmaine>.

A “fireside” chat at the Opera House with many of our long-time Rockport residents was held Friday, February 25 (also available at <https://livestream.com/Rockportmaine>); Saturday, February 27, events included a performance by the Camden-Rockport Elementary School 4th grade class of the play *My Home By the Sea*, an exchange of gifts with the Camden Select Board at the arch on Union Street, a baked bean supper at the Rockport Masonic Center, and it ended with a lively dance at the Simonton Corner Community Center. The celebration will continue later this summer.

The Rockport Public Library

Along with the significant celebration came a significant development with a critical anchor to our Harbor Village downtown. An engineering study of our beloved library confirmed some people’s worst fears. Along with many enumerated structural flaws and degradation, this report also presented considerable evidence of mold throughout the building and in the basement crawlspaces. After much deliberation and consultation, we directed the town manager to negotiate a lease for temporary space at 485 Commercial Street (Route 1).

We then set about determining how to proceed. While a number of people wanted the old Rockport Elementary School site to be re-evaluated, we decided that it would be best to look long and hard at keeping the library in the downtown area of Rockport Village. This led to the establishment of an Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee with the charge to interview appropriate architectural firms and propose one firm to proceed to the next stage: an initial design of a building that would occupy either the 1 Limerock Street location, the Memorial Park, or a combination of the two sites.

The Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee, consisting of six enthusiastic community members plus a representative from both the Library Committee and the Select Board, met all of our hopes and desires, recommending the firm of Reed & Associates of Portland. The committee has taken on the herculean task of working with this firm through the steps necessary to create a preliminary building and site design by August so that the community can knowledgeably discuss the merits of a whether to support a bond to proceed with the construction of a new library. It is anticipated that the bond question (a “not to exceed” amount with a sizable additional amount raised from private sources) will be placed on the November town ballot. Much work needs to be done by all parties, and community meetings will be held before this vote can take place. Time is limited, but we are confident that we, the Select Board, can propose a library that meets the town needs now and for the next 20+ years.

The Budget and LD1

As you will read in the town manager’s report, the development of the budget for the coming fiscal year has proven to be a great challenge. Due to a sudden loss of property valuation, we faced a

challenge the town has never before faced. Through prudent budgeting since the passage of LD 1, none of our previous budgets has exceeded the cap on municipal spending imposed by that piece of legislation. This year, with the loss of valuation, we are facing for the first time the need to seek voter approval to exceed the imposed cap.

This decision was not reached lightly. First, the town manager worked with his department heads to craft a budget that met the LD 1 cap. This required many hard choices that resulted in cuts to many areas that over the years we have been working at funding responsibly for the benefit of the citizens of our town.

When we began our review of the budget presented by the town manager, we decided there were four priorities that we wanted to meet if at all possible: staff retention, road maintenance, fiber optic build-out and the West Rockport Fire Station.

Staff Retention

For the last several years, we have monitored the salaries and benefits of our nonunion employees as they compare to neighboring towns as well as comparable towns in the state (if there is such a thing as a town that is comparable to Rockport). We recognize that our employees are highly dedicated to Rockport and provide excellent service to the residents and visitors. We believe we must make every effort to ensure that we retain these valuable people. While most are compensated equitably in relation to surrounding towns, we must constantly ensure they continue to be compensated in such a manner. For that reason, we agreed with the town manager's recommendation of a three percent pay increase so the salaries we offer remain competitive. Beyond that, the town manager recommended that several employees receive an additional increase in pay as they were recognized as being underpaid vis-à-vis their peers in other towns.

Road Maintenance

Roads are our single most expensive physical asset and our investment is best maintained with regular upkeep. Roughly five years ago we evaluated the condition of the town-maintained roads, both in comparison to what we thought the roads should be and in comparison to the amount of asphalt being laid relative to historical trends for Rockport. At that time, we consulted closely with the town manager and the director of Public Works. Based on their recommendations and our own observations (and the expressed concerns of residents), we realized we had fallen behind in road maintenance. Prior to Fiscal Year 2006–2007 (FY07), the town had been putting down approximately 5,100 tons of asphalt each year. Beginning with the FY07 budget, the tonnage dropped to about 3,100 tons and then in FY09 dropped to roughly 1,750; in FY10 to 1,500 before it began to recover.

At the same time (about five years ago), we decided that the best expert to recommend which roads receive a new layer of asphalt (or a complete rebuild) was our director of Public Works. Therefore, we decided to stop the practice of approving which roads to repave (and frequently redirecting work from what was recommended to what we thought appropriate cost-wise) and shift our efforts to approving tonnage to be laid and relying on the director of Public Works to put that tonnage to best use to ensure the worst roads were given the attention needed. The goal is fewer roads needing to be rebuilt and, as an additional benefit, reduced winter maintenance costs (there is much less wear-and-tear on the trucks, plows and cutting edges if the road is smooth).

To recover, but in light of the increasing cost of asphalt, we set a goal of between 3,100 and 3,500 tons each year, with the goal of 3,100 tons to be laid this year. The best estimate of price we have thus far received puts the per ton cost at \$93, which yielded a total cost of \$288,300 (which is what we budgeted). If the cost per ton drops to, for example, \$90, we anticipate an increase in the tonnage

laid to 3,200, but if the cost per ton increases, we will, unfortunately, see a drop in the amount of asphalt laid.

The goal is to have roads maintained to a level that reduces the wear-and-tear on residents' vehicles as well as providing to visitors (and, hopefully, future residents) the image of a town that cares.

Fiber Optic Service

For the last two years the town manager, a subset of the Select Board, and some Rockport citizens and businesses have been working very hard on positioning Rockport as a leader throughout the state and the country on the issue of ultra-fast internet access for every town resident. These efforts have the unanimous support of the present Select Board. The board recognizes that there are tremendous benefits to the individual and the town to be early adopters of the ultimate technology for high speed internet. Called "gigabit internet," this technology utilizing glass fibers sending information at the speed of light translates to connectivity that is not only very, very fast, but also very stable and long lived.

The most important aspect of our efforts to design this opportunity for our community is that we must include everybody in town. Unlike other infrastructure projects like roads (some dirt, some paved, some with sidewalks) or sewer (available only in some parts of town) we recognize that the true value of our fiber optic efforts lies in our conviction that it serve every building in town. Evidence locally and nationally proves over and over again that for-profit companies selling telecommunication services will cherry-pick the prime (dense) opportunities first and then later, often never, expand their service to more isolated areas. We believe that we can do this as a town where private enterprise won't, and are convinced that we can save everybody money at the same time. It will be our privilege and our burden to educate all Rockport citizens to the benefits of continuing to support this effort.

The town has supported a preliminary study, carried out by Tilson Technologies, that provided basic information about the town's willingness to support a fiber initiative as well as a rough outline of what will be needed to determine the cost of the whole project. The board feels that now is the time to continue that process with an in-depth engineering study to be able to very accurately determine the cost of our vision. We have earmarked \$300,000 for this study. Our goal is to fund and finish this study so that we can propose a bond request in June of 2017 and have this whole project completed by the end of 2018.

West Rockport Fire Station

The fourth, but not least of our priorities this year, involves the West Rockport Fire Station. While our primary fire station is in the harbor village and holds the bulk of our firefighting assets, the West Rockport Fire Station is often the first station to respond to calls. This is not only because it is located closer to many of the traffic calls that our force responds to, but it is also closer to where a majority of our very dedicated volunteer fire fighters live and work. Combined with the ever-increasing size of firefighting trucks, we have been looking for a way to solve the space issues for many years.

This year the family of Linwood Thorndike, a longtime resident of West Rockport, has generously offered the opportunity to buy the adjacent property at a suggested price well under market value. The board feels that this offer is the right opportunity to address the major deficiencies of the existing fire station. Presently the bay that faces West Street, and which houses the truck that rolls for nearly every call, has only a few inches of space around the sides and rear. Without the purchase of additional property, the site will not allow for any expansion of the existing building. Moreover, the station is so close to West Street that the truck cannot be worked on outside the bay and must be driven to the main fire station for routine maintenance.

The \$99,000 purchase of this property will permit expanding the existing bay out the back as well as providing many options in future years when the fire station will need to be replaced. With the addition of the 647 Rockland Street property, the town increases its flexibility both for expansion on the current site and having additional options available if in the future we need to locate the fire station elsewhere in West Rockport.

The Rockport Opera House Meeting Room

One of the benefits (and challenges) of living in a small town is that everybody knows everything about everybody else. While we offer no opinion of this observation, the Select Board has long recognized the importance of making it easier for our citizens and other interested parties to know what their town government is doing. To that end, one of our Select Board members spearheaded a significant upgrade in the equipment and practice of broadcasting town meetings. Our new High Definition presence on LiveStream.com has expanded to allow not only town meetings like the Select Board, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board of Appeals, it has been in high demand with Maine Coast Solid Waste and other groups interested in easily getting their message out to those interested in following. During the library's architect search process some of the presentations garnered over 200 views. Events are streamed live and are archived at <http://livestream.com/RockportMaine>. We are excited with the results of this effort and applaud the increase in communication that it allows.

Thank You to Citizens

To close our report this year, we offer our profound thanks to the citizens of Rockport for your participation in town government. Many citizens volunteer their time to serve on town committees, and the work of these committees is an integral part of moving our town forward. Sometimes the committees have difficult discussions, but the end result is that the town is well served by their deliberations. If you would like to become more involved in town government, please read the committee reports in the Town Report, and consider joining one of the committees. Even for committees that have a full roster, associate or alternate members can be appointed, and this is a great way to start serving your town.

Thank you also to those who have taken the time to attend Select Board meetings and workshops, whether or not you have commented during them, and to those who call, mail, or e-mail us with your comments and concerns. We pay attention to everything we hear, recognizing that town government functions best when the greatest number of voices is heard.

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD



Left to Right: Geoffrey C. Parker, Vice-Chair Kenneth McKinley, Chair William Chapman, Tracy Lee Murphy and Owen Casas

Select Board Meetings

2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM
Rockport Opera House
www.livestream.com/Rockportmaine
4th Monday if needed

Agendas, monthly calendars, committee members, etc., can be seen on our website:

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To Members of the Rockport Select Board and Citizens of Rockport,

The Town of Rockport has been faced with several challenges over the past few years and slowly we are starting to make some headway in finding some good news with many of them. One of the biggest challenges we have faced over the past year is the huge loss in overall property value of the whole town. This is due largely to two factors: the revaluation of properties that was completed in July of 2015, and the dissolution of a large high-value subdivision on Glen Cove. These, plus some other smaller losses, resulted in a total loss of value in town of nearly one hundred million dollars. This loss is significant in that, without any additional spending, it raises the mill rate by about \$1.00/\$1,000. Some of that increase you saw in your 2016 tax bills and some of it will impact this year's tax commitment.

The increase in value we saw in the last ten years was not economically healthy. There is some good news in this—while the loss is painful, it is the worst that it will get. Our value will increase slowly over time and will do so at a more sustainable rate. Additionally, of the 17 towns in Knox County reporting their mill rate, we do not have the highest; we are actually just over the middle of the pack at eight, behind our immediate neighbors Rockland and Camden.

Over the past three years, we have made a lot of progress in many areas. We ended 2015 in the black and increased our fund balance by \$236,670. We are beginning to catch up on our infrastructure maintenance, we are budgeting for capital projects appropriately, we are building reserve funds for known purchases in the future, we are treating employees fairly, and we are maintaining a healthy undesignated fund balance. We will strive to do better, but I am happy to say I believe that we have been doing things right.

The infrastructure projects that were funded by bond in 2015 have all been designed and gone out to bid, and are underway or due to be underway very soon. The town sent out an RFQ for firms to provide engineering services and ultimately selected Gartley and Dorsky. While there is an increased cost to having all projects engineered, the net result is we are saving money by having tight bid specifications, lower bids than expected, and projects that are completed with very few problems.

The Opera House project was completed last fall. This included a new roof, repairs and painting of the exterior of the building and new storm windows. Additionally, we replaced the furnace with a new double burner system that is more efficient and has the capacity for backup heat in the event one burner goes down. We are also replacing the controls for the AC system, so that it will work more efficiently as well. While it was expected that the Opera House renovations would use up all of the \$350,000 passed by voters as well as nearly \$50,000 of reserve funds, we will likely end the project with \$40,000 in unspent reserves.

Our other infrastructure projects are coming in under budget so taxpayers will get everything they expected at less money than they approved. These projects include:

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- Mt. Pleasant Street - reconstruction (in progress)
- Summer Street - reconstruction (beginning June 1)
- School Street - reconstruction (beginning June 1)
- Mill Street Bridge - replacement (beginning August 1)
- High sidewalk on Pascal Ave - total rebuild (beginning September 15)
- Public Works garage roof - replacement(TBD)
- West Rockport Fire Station - expansion (TBD after Town Meeting)

The question of the future of the library has continued to be a top priority for the town, and over the last year significant progress has been made towards that end. It has not been without its challenges though.

Libraries are in a state of huge transformation around the country and it is the opinion of many that while technology is changing the face of libraries, books and libraries will not be a thing of the past, on the contrary they will become increasingly more important.

Surprisingly enough, most libraries go along virtually unnoticed, quietly doing what libraries do. No one really pays a lot of attention to them until you “mess” with them. A great deal of my time has been spent navigating the large number of opinions and recommendations in an attempt to move the question forward in a way that has a reasonable chance of being successful at the polls next November. Virtually every library project I am aware of has its share of challenges, but the good news is that Rockport residents are not apathetic about their library—they are passionate about it. There is much more detail about this in other places in this report and I encourage you to read those reports.

The library is an important part of the fabric of the village and the loss of the library and CMCA has been concerning to me and others. The closures of Salt Water Farm and Shepherd’s Pie is another issue of concern, as the village is small and very fragile and any loss is a problem. Why are these changes in the village important?

Rockport has five village communities: Glen Cove, Rockville, Simonton’s Corner, West Rockport and the Village (downtown). If we lose the sense of these villages, a little piece of Rockport will be lost. Once they are gone they are gone for good. The village that surrounds the harbor is one of the most vital parts of our community. While it may not be big, we need to protect it. Without a vital community center, we will become little more than another pretty place along Route 1 on the way to Acadia National Park.

But all is not gloom and doom—things are looking up. It is hoped that we can get the library back into the village—in a new building—in the next three years. The new owner of the old CMCA building is focused on investing money in stabilizing the building so that it will be around for more than 50 years. He will then be considering options for its use that will bring vitality to the village. The owners of Barnswallow Books, across from the library, are looking at ways they can help make the village a more welcoming and vibrant place. Bay Chamber Concerts, Maine Media College and now Camden International Film Festival are all working on increasing their presence in the village. We were extremely fortunate to have Leucadia make huge investments in the village in the last ten years and, while we are sorry to see them pull out, new local owners of the Shepherd Building and the

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adjoining two empty lots are energized and looking forward to being part of Rockport's resurgence. We have a new restaurant opening where Salt Water Farms was and Shepherd's Pie will have a new owner and name in the next few weeks.

The fiber optic project continues to progress. The Tilson feasibility study has been completed and the Select Board has decided to move forward with a design to build a municipally-owned fiber optic network to serve all the residences and businesses in Rockport. This will be voted on at Town Meeting in June and is the next step before asking the voters to approve a bond to build a network.

What we will be doing with our trash has also consumed a huge amount of time and energy. With the increased costs scheduled to be implemented in 2018 by Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) facility, the four towns of Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation had some difficult decisions to make that affect how much we will be paying to dispose of trash. You might think it would be easy—simply look at the facts and decide, but I assure you it was not easy. In the end the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Board of Directors recommended that we send our trash to ecomaine in South Portland, rather than the yet-to-be-built Fiberright facility being proposed by the Municipal Review Committee (the nonprofit organization of PERC users). The Fiberright option was deemed to be too risky. Ecomaine has proven technology, they have an excellent track record and we can get out of the 20-year contract at five, ten and fifteen years without penalty. You will be asked to support that change at the June Town Meeting.

This year there were several key staffing changes. One change is the sharing of our Assessor, Kerry Leichtman, with the Town of Camden; we split the cost, saving both towns money and getting a better service. Library Director Ann Filley retired and was replaced by Deputy Director Ben Blackmon, longtime Finance Director Virginia Lindsey left to go to the City of Rockland and now is in the Town of Camden as their finance director and was replaced by Administrative Assistant Megan Brackett, and longtime Administrative Assistant Melody Sainio left to be the code enforcement officer in Warren.

I also want to bring attention to the efforts of a small group of dedicated volunteers who took it upon themselves to clean up Rockport streets. They have held two events with hundreds of volunteers turning out to pick up nearly 3,000 pounds of litter from our streets. This isn't glamorous; there are no rewards, no bling to be scored...it is dirty work. This small group has managed to energize our community to "Keep Rockport Beautiful." They have a plan and are getting it done. They have even become a core group of volunteers for other events and activities. Thank you all!

In closing I just want to say thank you to all the employees and department heads for the cooperation and hard work over the last year, and to the Select Board and residents for your support in helping me do my job; after three years I can still say I love my job and the people I work with each and every day.

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
SIX YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON (FYE 06/30/11 - FYE 06/30/16)**

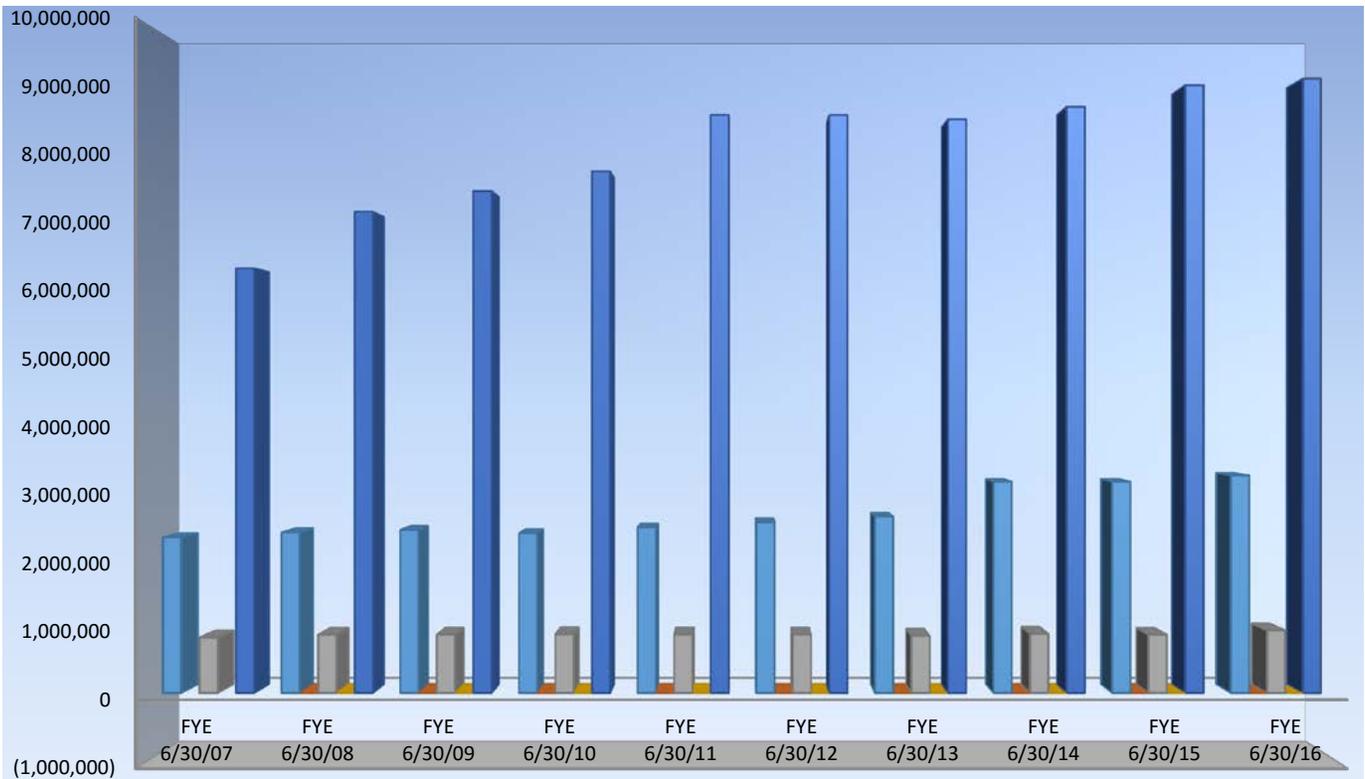
DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
	F/Y/E 6/30/2011	F/Y/E 6/30/2012	F/Y/E 6/30/2013	F/Y/E 6/30/2014	F/Y/E 6/30/2015	F/Y/E 6/30/2016
Municipal Operating Expenses	3,254,835 -2.29%	3,091,790 -5.01%	3,264,315 5.58%	3,393,198 3.95%	3,577,011 5.42%	4,267,436 19.30%
Municipal Capital Expenses	510,343 -8.14%	668,841 31.06%	779,747 16.58%	623,691 -20.01%	667,861 7.08%	988,267 47.97%
Schools	8,085,745 3.95%	8,661,651 7.12%	8,597,653 -0.74%	8,783,202 2.16%	9,107,286 3.69%	8,835,591 -2.98%
County	872,322 0.79%	875,357 0.35%	854,034 -2.44%	886,566 3.81%	869,039 -1.98%	1,013,095 16.58%
M.C.S.W.C.	168,891 -7.08%	150,722 -10.76%	153,628 1.93%	150,685 -1.92%	152,845 1.43%	159,011 4.03%
Tax Overlay	74,709 85.00%	58,470 -21.74%	77,728 32.94%	152,295 95.93%	78,859 -48.22%	97,327 23.42%
Tax Increment Financing	55,811 -1.92%	53,956 -3.32%	51,991 -3.64%	50,005 -3.82%	47,602 -4.81%	45,610 -4.18%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS (A)	13,022,656 1.36%	13,560,787 4.13%	13,779,096 1.61%	14,039,642 1.89%	14,500,503 3.28%	15,406,337 6.25%
Actual* State Revenue Sharing Received	171,826 8.53%	182,485 6.20%	176,756 -3.14%	122,000 -30.98%	117,000 -4.10%	117,523 0.45%
State Revenue Sharing from/to Deferred Income	16,655	0 -100.00%	0	0	8,333	0 -100.00%
Total Actual* State Revenue Sharing	188,481 14.34%	182,485 -3.18%	176,756 -3.14%	122,000 -30.98%	125,333 2.73%	117,523 -6.23%
Total Budgeted State Revenue Sharing	188,481 14.34%	182,485 -3.18%	176,756 -3.14%	163,000 -7.78%	117,000 -28.22%	117,523 0.45%
\$\$ From Surplus to Help Offset Capital Expenses	25,000	80,000 220.00%	110,000 37.50%	100,000 -9.09%	60,000 -40.00%	51,000 -15.00%
All Other Revenue	1,241,862 -7.83%	1,455,199 17.18%	1,554,053 6.79%	1,366,138 -12.09%	1,426,199 4.40%	1,572,303 10.24%
TOTAL REVENUE (B)	1,430,343 -4.98%	1,637,684 14.50%	1,730,809 5.69%	1,529,138 -11.65%	1,543,199 0.92%	1,689,826 9.50%
NET TO BE RAISED BY TAXES (A-B)	11,592,313 2.30%	11,923,103 2.85%	12,048,287 1.05%	12,510,504 3.84%	12,957,304 3.57%	13,716,511 5.86%
Ending Undesignated Fund Balance*	1,624,689	1,792,279	1,867,713	1,848,740	1,959,775	
TAXABLE VALUATION	966,552,400 -3.09%	980,380,500 1.43%	990,949,920 1.08%	994,699,920 0.38%	1,019,568,737 2.50%	959,694,395 -5.87%
TAX RATE	.01138 89.00%	.01164 2.28%	.01221 4.90%	.01221 0.00%	.01269 3.93%	0.01299 2.36%

*Actual State Revenue Sharing and Undesignated Fund Balance for FYE 06/30/16 will not be known until after 06/30/16.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
Schools - County - Municipal
NET Budgets FYE 06/30/07 - FYE 06/30/16

NET BUDGETS											
	FYE 6/30/07	FYE 6/30/08	FYE 6/30/09	FYE 6/30/10	FYE 6/30/11	FYE 6/30/12	FYE 6/30/13	FYE 6/30/14	FYE 6/30/15	FYE 6/30/16	% of Tax
Municipal	2,332,862	2,405,279	2,442,384	2,392,072	2,481,010	2,560,006	2,642,734	3,166,356	3,166,358	3,260,364	24.33%
Annual Change		3.10%	1.54%	-2.06%	3.72%	3.18%	3.23%	19.81%	0.00%	2.97%	
County	829,075	870,695	873,728	880,630	875,357	875,357	854,034	886,566	869,039	937,590	7.00%
Annual Change		5.02%	0.35%	0.79%	-0.60%	0.00%	-2.44%	3.81%	-1.98%	7.89%	
Schools	6,364,836	7,211,801	7,520,500	7,817,316	8,659,847	8,659,847	8,597,847	8,783,202	9,107,286	9,204,630	68.68%
Annual Change		13.31%	4.28%	3.95%	10.78%	0.00%	-0.72%	2.16%	3.69%	1.07%	
	9,526,773	10,487,775	10,836,612	11,090,018	12,016,214	12,095,210	12,094,615	12,836,124	13,142,683	13,402,584	100.00%
	7.08%	10.09%	3.33%	2.34%	8.35%	0.66%	0.00%	6.13%	2.39%	1.98%	

Town of Rockport, Maine
Net Budgets FYE 6/30/07 thru 6/30/16



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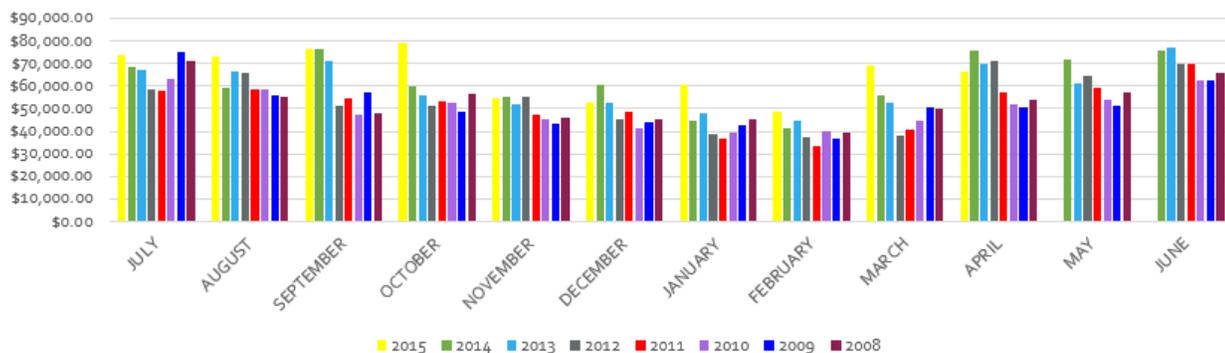
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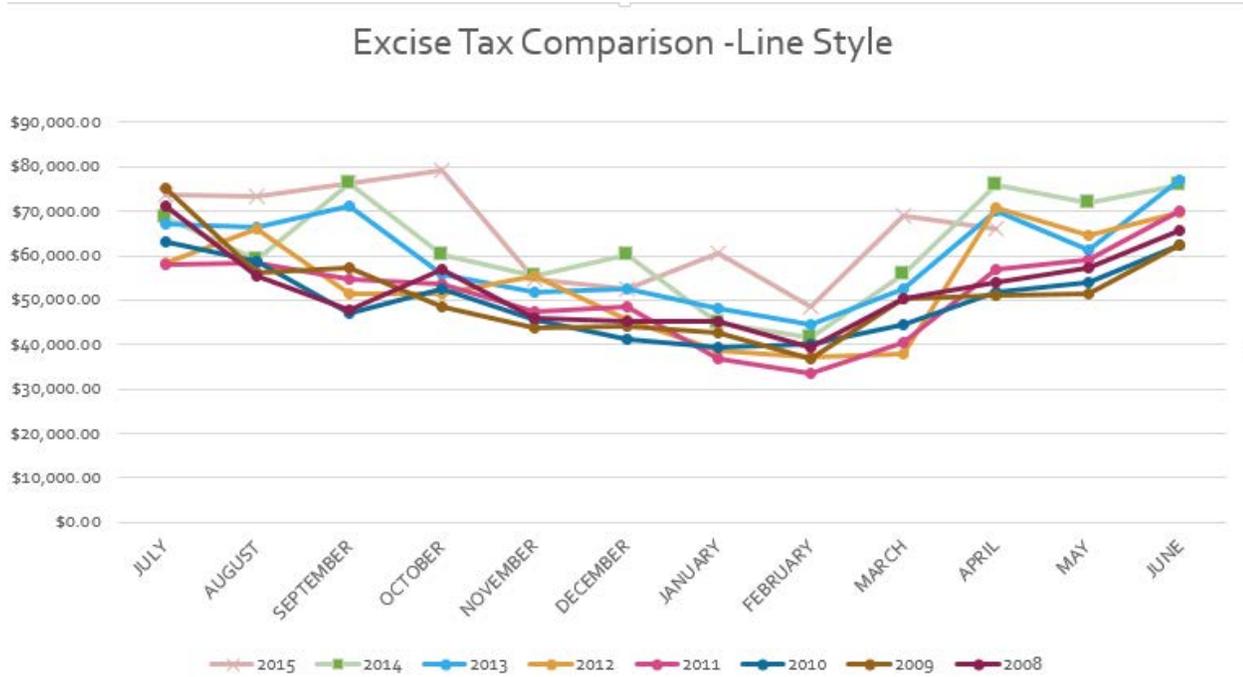
The mission of the town clerk/tax collector's office is to accurately maintain all town records, conduct elections with professionalism in accordance with State Law, issue state and town licenses, and provide information to both town officials and the general public in a friendly, professional and confidential manner.

As your town clerk I would like to express my gratitude to my deputy town clerk, assistant town clerk, election clerks, fellow employees, town manager, Select Board, committees, family and residents for their continued support and assistance for another great year. Thank you to all who participated in the events leading up to our celebration of Rockport's 125th year. We look forward to the celebrations to be held this summer. There will be a firefighter's ball, parade, dinner on the bridge and many more events.

Some of the highlights this past year were: We collected \$775,653.20 in excise tax and \$13,553,643.19 in real estate taxes. In the November election 685 residents voted, which is 26 percent of our registered voters. We issued a total of 159 hunting, fishing, archery and other licenses this year. We also issued a total of 649 dog licenses, which includes two service dogs, 571 dogs that had been spayed or neutered, and 73 dogs that were not spayed or neutered.

Excise Tax Comparison -Column Style





We issued 96 certified marriage certificates, 27 marriage licenses, 726 certified birth certificates, 21 residents’ births (15 males and six females), 34 residents’ deaths (20 males and 14 females), and issued 1198 certified death certificates.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Age</i>
Bragg, Lois	03/31/2015	81
Brown, James	05/06/2015	72
Brown, Joseph	04/10/2015	85
Burnett, Frances	11/25/2015	101
Carleton, Barbara	07/18/2015	97
Dalton, Brian	03/13/2015	83
Dennison, Mary	04/27/2015	91
Deraps, Mildred	03/08/2015	95
Dugas, Helen	02/28/2015	79
Dugas, Lawrence	02/23/2015	81
Gillchrest, James	04/01/2015	88
Hall, James	06/12/2015	80
Hamann, Angela	04/24/2015	51
Henry, Stella	06/28/2015	89
Hill, Ralph	01/16/2015	88
Hupper, Ida	04/25/2015	85
Johnson, Donald	04/14/2015	93
Knowlton, Jean-Louise	01/24/2015	79

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<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>Date of Death</i></u>	<u><i>Age</i></u>
Kulle, Francis	01/31/2015	60
Lancaster, Ronald	10/02/2015	66
Lermond, Linna	10/04/2015	92
Levasseur, Beryl	05/11/2015	67
Maloney, Madeline	08/26/2015	98
Marriner, Arlene	09/17/2015	85
Masiello, Rocco	07/11/2015	93
McCormick, John	12/02/2015	84
McIntyre, Betsy	09/19/2015	93
Moran, James	12/13/2015	93
O'Brien, Frederick	11/30/2015	68
Shiro, Irene	08/04/2015	94
Smalley, Jacqueline	04/20/2015	78
St. Clair, Michelle	06/26/2015	63
Start, Patricia	10/29/2015	82
Steeves, Racheal	10/16/2015	58
Thompson, Frances	02/06/2015	96
Vogt, Paul	02/15/2015	89
Whitson, Nancy	05/17/2015	85
Willey, Harold	09/15/2015	94
Williams, Lawrence	09/05/2015	91
Zimmermann, Bertha	06/24/2015	93

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Finance Department is to properly maintain and report on all expenditures and revenues of the town; to assist town management in developing a budget annually according to GFOA's best recommended practices; to process all government reporting regarding personnel in a timely manner; to assist personnel in their human resources needs; and to provide accurate financial information.

The cash requirements for the operations of the town for the fiscal year ending (FYE) June 30, 2015, exceeded \$15.4 million dollars. The town did not borrow any tax anticipation notes during the year. The diminished need to borrow in anticipation of taxes is due in large part to having earlier tax due dates, and in keeping a healthy unassigned fund balance.

In reporting on the financial condition of the town for the FYE June 30, 2015, I can report the following:

The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) as of June 30, 2015, was \$2,196,445, which was an increase of \$236,670 (8.9 percent) from the previous year. The increase was a result of a combination of factors: higher than anticipated revenues and a decrease in expenditures, as well as use of funds from other sources.

Rockport currently is a partner in an interlocal agreement with the towns of Camden, Lincolnville, and Hope in operating the Mid-Coast Solid Waste recycling facility. Operating costs are shared by the municipalities involved, based on a formula of average valuation and population. The fiscal year assessment for the Town of Rockport was \$152,845, which was an increase of 1.43 percent from the previous year. The assessment for FYE June 30, 2016 is \$159,011, which represents an increase of 2.7 percent.

The Town of Rockport's assessment for MSAD 28 for 2015 was \$5,320,417, a 1.4 percent increase. The assessment for the Five Town CSD was \$3,791,583, a 7.1 percent increase. For the FYE 2016 we are expecting that the Rockport share will see a decrease of about 10 percent due to change in attendance and valuation in the town.

The assessment for Knox County taxes was \$869,039 which is a 2 percent decrease from FYE 2014. Dispatch fees were an additional \$28,466 (a 2.6 percent increase). And County E-911 fees were an additional \$57,771 (an increase of 2.6 percent). Overall county fees saw a decrease of 1.6 percent in FYE 2015.

Finance Department - *continued*

Rockport shares in the cost of Camden's Treatment Plant and Rawson Avenue Pump Station by contributing annually to its share of Camden's debt. A new sewer bond was procured in November of 2014 for the sewer expansion project along the northern section of U.S. Route 1. The principal of the bond is \$539,000, which carries an interest rate of 0.45 percent for 20 years. The final bond payment will be due on November 1, 2033.

For more detailed information of the town's financial condition, the audit report is available for review in the Finance Department or on the town's website at <http://town.rockport.me.us>. Please visit the website for updates on town financial information.

On another note, in November of 2015 Virginia Lindsey, the previous finance director, accepted a job with another municipality. Upon her decision to leave, interviews were conducted and I was hired as the interim finance director. I am very excited to start in this position. I have worked for the town for the previous two years as the administrative assistant to the Finance and Assessing Departments. With my first budget almost behind me at this point, I am ready to start on new projects.

In the next fiscal year, we plan on having a comprehensive capital improvement plan established to make it fiscally easier to purchase large items, and keep up-to-date with building improvements. Our hope for the future is to keep increases to the budget minimal by planning for these larger projects in advance.

In closing, I would like to thank the Select Board and town manager for the opportunity to continue my career with the town. I would also like to thank department heads and employees for their continued support.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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Mission Statement

The mission of General Assistance is to provide basic necessities such as food, shelter, utilities, fuel, and certain other items, that may be essential to residents and families in Rockport during a time of need.

The purpose of General Assistance (GA) is to provide basic necessities such as food, shelter, utilities, fuel, and certain other items. It is not intended to provide total support to people. GA is the program of last resort, meaning they shall have exhausted all other programs before they are assisted by the town. We are reimbursed by the State of Maine 70 percent, which is up from 50 percent reimbursement from the last fiscal year, for all costs associated with basic necessity expenditures; we are not reimbursed for our administrative costs.

The Select Board adopted a General Assistance Ordinance in 1993 establishing this program for the Town of Rockport. The ordinance was last amended October 10, 2013. The program is available as determined by the standards of eligibility as provided in the ordinance.

It is important that the general assistance administrator is properly trained and understands the complexity of the General Assistance Laws and Ordinances. Properly administering the program keeps the Town of Rockport in compliance with the Department of Health and Human Services when our annual audit is performed, and allows us to receive that 70 percent reimbursement.

I teach and attend trainings to keep abreast of law changes and to learn from many experienced administrators across the state how to assist citizens in the best possible way. This next fiscal year you will also see me up at the State House testifying on behalf of legislation in support of fairness in general assistance.

We also received some very generous citizen monetary donations this year, which is in the true nature of giving. The John Street United Methodist Church provided personal hygiene care packages that my clients greatly appreciated. A big thank you to Rockport resident Jean Boobar on behalf of the John Street Church for providing these to us.

Office hours are by appointment only, at the Town Office located at 101 Main Street. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 236-0806. In an after-hour emergency, or on weekends, please call the Knox County Sheriff's Department at 594-5656.

To report alleged violations call the Maine Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-442-6003.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

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Mission Statement

The Assessor's Office serves to provide the taxpayers of Rockport with fair and equitable valuations of their real and personal estates through effective professionalism, innovative technology, and application of reliable, consistent procedures in accordance with Maine State Law. The Assessor's Office is committed to maintaining positive public relations through courtesy and integrity and to provide responsible stewardship of public resources.

Last year the governor proposed eliminating the Homestead Exemption for everyone under 65 years old. The legislature disagreed and reacted by increasing the exemption for all—no matter your age—to \$15,000 this year and—it gets even better—to \$20,000 in 2017. This would be an excellent time for people to take advantage of the exemption program if you haven't already done so. The exemption reduces your property's taxable value, not its actual value.

To be eligible you must have owned a homestead property in Maine for the 12-month period before April 1 of the current tax year (April 1, 2016 for this tax year). The homestead property doesn't have to have been in Rockport; you could have moved to Rockport from Lincolnville, for example. If you owned a homestead in Lincolnville before moving to Rockport you will qualify in Rockport, as long as you owned homestead property for the 12 months prior to April 1.

What is a homestead? A homestead is any residential property in Maine assessed as real property and owned by an applicant, or held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of the applicant, and occupied by the applicant as his or her permanent residence.

And how do we define a permanent residence? Permanent residence means that place where an individual has a true, fixed and permanent home and principal establishment to which the individual, whenever absent, has the intention of returning. An individual may have only one permanent residence at a time and, once a permanent residence is established, that residence is presumed to continue until circumstances indicate otherwise.

Homestead Exemption forms are available from the Assessing Department. Call or email us and we'll get one to you. You're reading this in the Town Report, which means this year's deadline has already passed, but you'll be right on time for next year, when the exemption is worth \$20,000. So if you're not already receiving the exemption, get your paperwork in early. You only have to apply once but the exemption will keep on giving year after year.

On another note, we have experienced a few staffing changes in the assessing/finance/planning end of the Town Office building. Longtime employee, planning assistant and friend to many of you, Melody Sainio, has left Rockport for an opportunity in Warren. No longer the assistant, Melody is now Warren's code enforcement officer. We wish her the best in her new position. Our Finance Director, Virginia Lindsey, also left Rockport after many years of excellent service and our shared assistant, Megan Brackett, got promoted to the job. Now Megan and I have a new shared assistant, Sarah Gilbride. A week later Diane Hamilton started as Melody's replacement. Both assistants are Rockport residents, and both hit the ground running and are already integral to the smooth functioning of our offices. Come by and introduce yourselves to them when you have a moment.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Mission Statement

The Office of Planning and Community Development shall be a customer-oriented community resource with the ability to deliver high-quality information on land use, planning, and economic development issues to residents of Rockport. Staff shall be highly skilled in providing thoughtful, well-researched answers to land use, planning, and economic development inquiries in a timely and professional manner.

Planning and Code Enforcement

The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) completed 12 approvals in calendar year 2015, on par with 2014, which saw 11 Board approvals. Tracking of Planning Board and ZBA decisions up until last year is somewhat approximate, but it appears that we have averaged 14 such approvals per year since 2010 (see table on the next page).

The number of building permits and other permits that a code enforcement officer can issue under the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) without Planning Board or ZBA approval unfortunately decreased again in 2015. We issued 236 of these building and LUO-related permits in calendar year 2015 as compared to 256 in 2014. These recent annual totals are both significantly lower than the average total of building and LUO-related permits per year since 2010, which is 293.

	Planning Board & ZBA Approvals	Building & LUO Permits	SSWD & Internal Plumbing Permits
2015	12	236	74
2014	11	256	87
2013	16	285	100
2012	15	325	71
2011	13	320	86
2010	14	337	79
Average	14	293	83

Planning and Community Development - *continued*

The plumbing permit data were also down for 2015. These are permits issued under the State Internal Plumbing Code and Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules (SSWD). The total number was 74 in the calendar year 2015, as compared to 87 issued in 2014. The average total number of such permits issued per year since 2010 is 83.

Maine Uniform Building Code

Although we are as hopeful as any taxpayer that permit activity will begin to climb again soon, we are taking advantage of the relative slowdown in permitting to work on some timely changes in the permit process. Possible adoption of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC), now in force in Camden and Rockland, was the subject of research and discussion in 2015. The Select Board and Planning Board hosted public workshops and heard input from contractors, property owners and engineering professionals. The consensus of the participants was that the town should adopt the Maine Uniform Building Code (MUBC) but leave out the Energy portions of this statewide code (repeat – that is MUBC and *not* MUBEC). The result is the question placed before you now for a vote at the June 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

The Town of Rockport is in a position to adopt this statewide code voluntarily, meaning before our population reaches 4,000 and adoption becomes mandatory under state law. Early adoption brings with it some leeway for the educational process and flexibility with local contractors who may not be familiar with MUBC. On the other hand, for larger contractors already building to a uniform code in nearby towns and cities and elsewhere around the state, adopting MUBC would level the playing field for bidding, construction standards and life safety requirements on work in Rockport. In making their recommendations in favor of adopting MUBC, the Planning Board and some members of the Select Board raised these issues as well as concerns about meeting the expectations of homebuyers, lenders, insurers, and the general public for safety and durability.

If approved by the voters, MUBC will take effect on July 1, 2016. Please contact us or go to the Department's page online for more details on local implementation and links to code materials.

Staff News

Melody V. Sainio continued her training as a code enforcement officer (CEO) throughout the year 2015 and ultimately accepted a position as a CEO with the Town of Warren in December. Her resignation from her position as an administrative assistant (AA) in Rockport was effective in January 2016. Mel is known to everyone involved with Town Office affairs as a very welcoming and knowledgeable presence in the office and ever-faithful minute taker for the Harbor Committee and Ordinance Review Committee, among many other additional duties she gladly took on over a period of 15 years. We wish Mel well in taking this step in her career.

Diane Hamilton has been hired to fill the AA position and is learning the ropes at lightning speed. She comes to us from a similar role at the mill in Bucksport previously operated by the Verso Paper Company. Please welcome Diane to the team on your next visit to the office.

What are You Thinking?

Would you like to be more involved in the work of the Office of Planning and Community Development? I would encourage everyone with an interest in serving the community to consider volunteering for the Planning Board, ZBA, or a new committee or task force, to be formed in late 2016, intended to oversee an update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

ROCKPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

www.rockport.lib.me.us

Benjamin Blackmon, Library Director
Keith Drago, Deputy Director
Laura Meservey, Technical and Circulation Services Librarian
Ben Odgren, Youth Services Librarian
Part-time Library Assistants
Beth Chamberlin • Melissa Bryan • Priscilla Wood
Substitute Library Assistant - Fran Hodgkins

Mission Statement

Rockport Public Library is committed to providing the best possible free library service to all of the residents of the Town of Rockport. The library will identify and respond to the needs of our community of library users and seek to provide services that will meet these needs.

A lot has happened in the last year at our little—but mighty—library. This report is intended to catch you up on what has happened over the past year. Please remember that the facts you read in this report are just a snapshot of an ongoing process. If you have any questions about the library, please feel free to ask us.

We've moved and are planning for the future!

After nearly 70 years of wear-and-tear and four renovations, the old library was no longer safe for employees or patrons. The building was not ADA compliant and had limited access to crawl spaces. Water damage and drainage issues contributed to foundation problems. There was also strong evidence that there was mold in two of the basements and in the walls. The second story was never built to house office space and no safe exit was available. All of these factors added up to the library moving to our new temporary location at 485 Commercial Street (Route 1), right next to Fresh Off the Farm. The engineering study that found all these flaws in the building was done by CES Inc., and can be found on the library's website.

How long is temporary?

We anticipate the Rockport Public Library will be housed at 485 Commercial Street for two to three years. Ultimately, how long it remains there will be determined by how long it takes to get funding in place and build a new library.

Why not just stay in the temporary space?

While the current space works fairly well (we love the parking!), the building was not designed to be a library and has a number of functional and additional cost challenges that would compromise its long-term use.

Where is the new library going to be built?

The Select Board voted, after much consideration and public input, to locate the future library in Rockport Village. The Request for Qualifications to architects specifically asks them to design and oversee building a new library to be situated on a) the existing site, b) the park site across Limerock Street, or c) both.

Rockport Public Library - *continued*

How big will the new library be?

At this early stage in the planning process, the size of the new library has yet to be finally determined. The Select Board voted to accept the Library Committee's space recommendation for a new library of 8750 square feet of usable space. You can view the recommendation report on the library's website. This size allows for growth so that current needs and potential future needs can be adequately met.

How much will it cost to build a new library?

It's too early in the planning process to identify the final cost of the project. The goal is to have the cost of the project shared between public and private financing. We anticipate that by summer we will have a draft project design and estimated associated costs to share with the community.

What will the library look like?

We are in the process of selecting an architectural firm that will be recommending a final design. We envision a building that feels natural and at home in a small New England town center, and a facility that is contemporary in thought, flexible in use, and planned and constructed for the possibility of future expansion.

The Library Staff

In 2015 we saw a few big staffing changes. Longtime staff member Jenni Ruddy retired. Jenni was a huge help at the library and was the moderator of our monthly book club. Technical Services Librarian Kim Slocomb also stepped down. Kim has stayed on part-time through the winter to help train her replacement, Laura Meservey. We will miss Kim but are lucky to have someone equally as talented step into the role. And the final staffing change in 2015 was Director Ann Filley retired. We will miss Ann's steady leadership and knowledge, but wish her well in her retirement. Benjamin Blackmon, the library's former deputy director, has stepped into the leadership role as the new director.

Just the Facts!

Some great stats from the year:

	2014/2015
Materials Circulated	59,842*
Patron Visits	34,024
Programs Offered	543
Computer Access	4,127

*Includes 6,420 incoming interlibrary loan materials borrowed by library patrons!

With Rockport's population of approximately 3,321, the library's circulation equals 18 items borrowed per capita. If those books or other materials were bought, rather than borrowed from the library, it would have cost about \$450 per person. That does not even begin to include the value patrons received for program attendance, technical help or internet usage.

Programs & Services

Library programs range from storytimes for babies and toddlers; to reading, ukulele, and science programs for kids; to our Poets' Corner, Fiber Arts and French Conversation groups, BookLovers' Café

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and Mah-Jongg for adults; to author talks and travel presentations— there is something for everyone. Our children’s programs provide our younger patrons with early and strong connections to reading, learning, and art. Our newest initiative is Pageturners, a graphic novel-making club; it was a huge hit in 2015 and we plan on running the program again in 2016. The staff works year-round to identify programs that provide free community enrichment opportunities to a wide range of audiences. With the support of the Friends of the Rockport Public Library, we offer a wonderful Seafaring Series each fall, which attracts close to 300 people over the course of four to five weeks. We also collaborate with the Camden Conference to bring in expert speakers on world affairs. The library offers a six-week children’s Summer Reading program with events like Mad Science of Maine and the Chewonki Foundation’s Animal Adaptations, and ends with a cruise of Rockport Harbor! These are just a sampling of events that are part of our year-round programming.

As a member of the library, free downloadable audiobooks and eBooks are available from the library website with your library card. If patrons need help navigating the eBook frontier, the staff is prepared to help with that. We also offer free tech help every Thursday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 for anyone who needs assistance with anything from sending emails to freeing up space on their iPhone to getting started with a new e-reader.

The library’s key services include not only books and magazines, but also access to computers, music, ukuleles, DVDs, puzzles, Kindles, downloadable eBooks, a telescope and interlibrary loan service. As we say in our vision statement, “The Rockport Public Library is a growing, people-centered community hub that goes beyond providing information and learning resources; it offers cultural enrichment, enhances collaboration, inspires innovation, forges connections, and sparks creativity and enjoyment.”

Thank You

- *Taxpayers:* The Town of Rockport pays staff salaries and benefits, waste water and audit expenses. The rest of the costs for running the library—everything from the books to the electricity—are covered through the endowment, donations, and desk funds.
- *Volunteers:* In 2015, volunteers gave 658 hours of work to the library. This does not include all the volunteer efforts on behalf of the Friends of the Rockport Library. We are so grateful for their generosity with their time and expertise.
- *Friends of the Rockport Public Library:* The Friends work all year long to host one of the most successful annual book sales around, and they support other projects and programs with the proceeds from that sale. This past year they presented the library with a check for \$16,000! We depend on the proceeds of this sale to support the overall operations of the library not funded by the town. Thanks also to all the members of the Friends board who are a dedicated group of people.
- *Donors:* The remainder of the library budget is covered by gifts (restricted and unrestricted); income from the Rockport Library Trust Fund; and desk income, including printing fees, nonresident fees and overdue fines. Expenses include such items as library materials, technology, internet access, furniture, program costs, electricity, interlibrary loan costs, and more. The financial support of our patrons, no matter the denomination, is critical to the successful operation of the library, and we are so grateful to all of our donors!
- *Library Committee:* We want to recognize the members of the Library Committee: Michelle Gabrielsen, Eliza Haselton (Treasurer), Stephanie Kumble (Secretary), Stephanie Lash, and Cate

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Monroe (Chairperson). Thank you for your time, support, and advocacy on behalf of the library. This is big job and the committee does it well.

- *Colleagues and Staff*: Thanks to the town manager, town department heads and other town staff, including the library staff. This has been a year of changes, and all of the town departments have helped bring the library to where it is today.
- *Residents of Rockport*: If you are a town resident your library card is free because your tax dollars help support the library. Thank you. If you haven't visited lately, we hope you will come for a visit and discover what your local library has to offer. We look forward to serving you.

A Special Thank You

Moving the library was an amazingly huge task. It is one of the biggest challenges that any library can face. All the planning in the world wouldn't have meant anything if the community didn't show up and help do the work. And Rockport, you showed up! We had over 70 volunteers turn up over three days to do backbreaking labor. This work wasn't just hard, it also took smarts. Your efforts saved the town a large amount of money—hiring a moving crew to move a library is expensive. I am proud to report that we moved the library in record time, stuck to our schedule and budget, and made very few mistakes in reshelving over 30,000 volumes in their new home. We want to especially thank the crew in the Public Works Department. Without their skills and willingness to help, completing the move would never have happened on schedule.

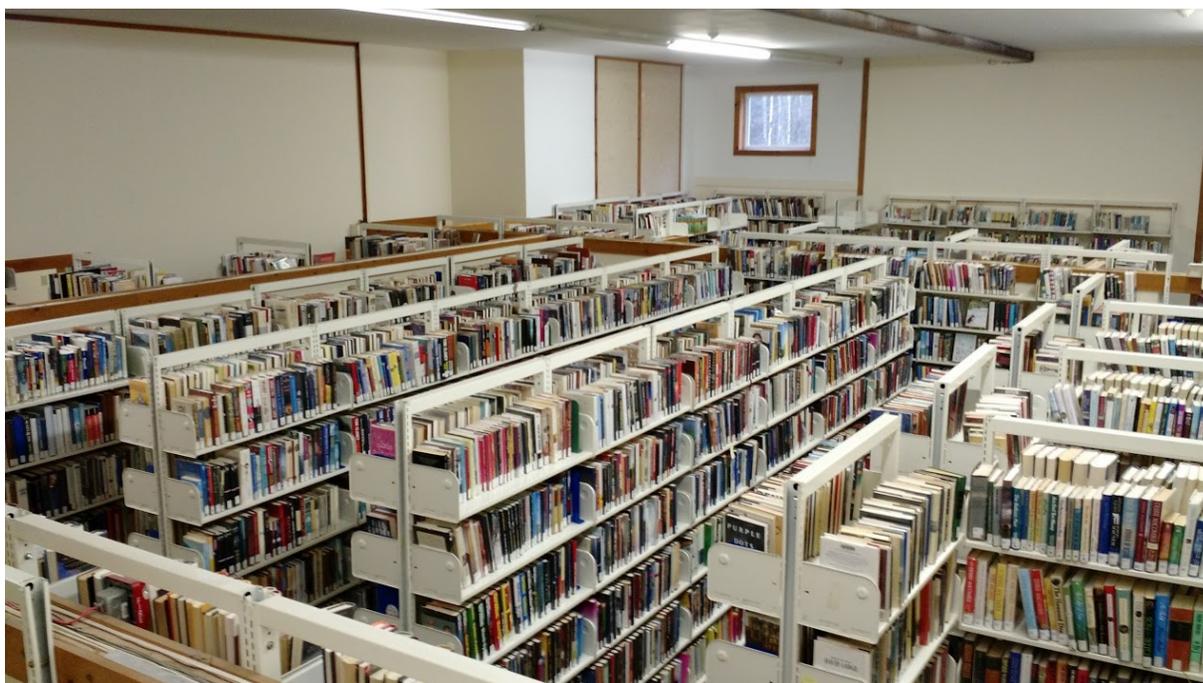


Photo by Benjamin Blackmon

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Portfolio Value on 7/1/2014	\$860,932
Income	
Interest	\$4,672
Dividends	\$11,897
Transfers and Expenditures	
Transfers to Operating Funds Account	(\$33,540)
Transfers from Operating Funds Account	\$15,000
Management Fees	(\$6,889)
Change in Market Value	
Unrealized Gain on Investments Retained	\$58,025
Realized Loss on Investments Sold	(\$27,957)
Portfolio Value on 6/30/2015	<u>\$882,141</u>

OPERATIONS FUNDS

Balance Available for Operations on 7/1/2014	\$22,797
Deposits	
Transfers from Endowment Funds	\$33,540
Gifts	\$37,022
Fines, Non-Resident Fees, Copies, Misc.	\$6,922
Bank Interest	\$4
Expenditures	
Purchased and Contractual Services	(\$25,118)
Other Contractual Services	(\$412)
Supplies	(\$35,077)
Capital Items	\$0
Transfers to Endowment Funds	(\$15,000)
Balance Available for Operations on 6/30/2015	<u>\$24,678</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCES

Chatfield Fund	\$13,037
Rockport Library	\$729,139
Dodge Fund	\$8,341
Gardiner Fund	\$29,454
Ellis Fund	\$42,168
Boyd Fund	\$17,600
Rohrbough Fund	\$42,402

ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE

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As I write this 2015 Town Report I am very excited about the future of the Opera House, but anticipating retirement in the next couple of years, I am a little saddened that this will be my last town report. In November Town Manager Rick Bates took a major leap of faith step (as Roger Moody from Camden once called it) and hired a Rockport Opera House rental agent as a stand-alone, part-time position. This is how Kerry Hadley of the Camden Opera House started. She is now full-time with other part-time help...just imagine the possibilities. Terri Lea Smith is the new rental agent and will also be the house manager for groups that require one. I feel this is a step in the right direction for the Opera House and the town. She has the technical expertise to do the sound and is learning the light board (no easy task). Also, she will keep up with Facebook and keep the newly created website and calendar up-to-date. My position as Public Works administrative assistant will include being the assistant Opera House manager and I will continue to manage the rentals in the parks and the harbor.

2015 has been a year with several exciting changes at the Opera House. We are now part of the fiber optics network. First, this allows the town to livestream town meetings from both the meeting room and the auditorium by utilizing our newly upgraded High Definition cameras and switcher. Our extended capabilities include being able to broadcast and archive very clear images, including very sharp onscreen documents that are shared with a town board or audience. Second, the ultrafast wireless network allows all our renters the capability to take credit cards for ticket payments and purchases of any merchandise they are selling at the door or in the building. Third, groups (such as CIFF, the Camden International Film Festival) can stream meetings, go to their own sites and get material for meetings or get material from other sites to present at a meeting being held either in the meeting room or in the auditorium. The meeting room downstairs now has its own speaker system for when those big meetings get too noisy to hear the presenters or they are soft spoken.

This past summer a major renovation project was undertaken. Due to the extent of needed repairs, residents at last year's annual Town Meeting voted to borrow money in a low-interest bond to allow all the work on the Opera House to be done at one time. Some of the work included: reshingling the roof; some gutter work and downspout work; the white trim was scraped, primed, and repainted and, as you should have noticed, the building was stained a Rockport Gray or (as some have said) a tan color. Some of the windows (the ones that don't need to open) are one panel seal tightly, and others are double-hung storms with screens to allow the windows to be opened. Several users prefer to have natural air for cooling instead of air conditioning. The lilac trees had to come down to allow for a drainage system. In November the old broken furnace was replaced with a new system that should use about 25 percent less oil and, because of the design, should not leave the Opera House without heat unless the power goes out.

Bay Chamber Concerts continues to be our largest and most consistent single user with many concerts during the year. This year they had a very successful concert with the performers *Rumbarroco* in conjunction with Holiday on the Harbor. Maine Media continued their summer lecture series on Mondays and Tuesdays. Everyman Theater held two plays "in the round" on a removable stage that they built. This stage allows the audience to be almost a part of the production and has been well received. They have

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used the floor for many productions and built the stage to give a small elevation for performers. Ashwood-Waldorf used this stage for their ambitious and highly successful musical *The Pirates of Penzance*. When this stage is used the auditorium spot lights must be focused onto the floor for additional lighting to highlight the performers before the stage is put up. Ashwood had a fundraiser with the Dawler Sisters concert. The Rockport Garden Club uses the meeting room for their monthly meetings and held a special meeting in the auditorium that was attended by many locals to learn about small flower garden planning and planting. During December they held their annual, highly anticipated, and very successful Holly Berry Fair. This is the major contributor to the funds for Rockport's annual flower plantings and other projects. CIFF included us in their yearly film festival and we hope that they will do more with us next year. The new fiber optics network has allowed them the diversity they need for their annual event. We hosted auctions, dances, concerts, lectures, memorial services, dance recitals and performances, plays, fund raisers, book signings, a class reunion, and wedding receptions in both the auditorium and one in the meeting room. We have several organizations who come back each year for events and we hope this continues long into the future.

The Rockport Public Library continued to be the largest town user. They hold the summer reading program, the fall Seafaring Series, readings and book signings, lectures, staff meetings, a book sale, candidates forum, sponsored a dance, presentations, joint ventures with the Camden Library, and televised public meetings on the problems with the condition of the library building and to present and discuss possible solutions. The town hosted the annual meeting for Friends of Mid Coast Maine and the annual auction of the Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce as our portion of membership in these organizations. The Select Board held many more meetings than usual due to the joint meetings to discuss the library, monthly meetings, budget meetings, town meetings, fiber optics meetings, and a public hearing on the C/R Middle School Proposal. The Planning Board and Zoning Board held several meetings. MCSWC used the meeting room and green room on several occasions for union negotiations.

The building was used at least 190 days, many with more than two events scheduled. More than two events per day happens during the late spring, summer and fall. As a comparison, in 2014 we had 132 days of use. We hope the use continues to increase with the addition of a website, Facebook, high speed internet capabilities, and more advertising.

Evidence of the year's maintenance can be seen on the façade of the building, with how nice it looks now. This should last a long time. Last year I reported that the furnace broke and we had to hope it didn't have a problem until we could replace it; it didn't and it has been replaced. An old part that runs the air conditioner broke at one of the worst times and the part was air shipped because no one in Maine had the part. The gas stove was cleaned and we found out this should be done once a year when the stove is used often, but since we don't use it often it can be done about every three or four years depending on use. Some parts needed replacement; luckily they are still available.

I wish to thank all the renters and users for their understanding and willingness to make the space work for all; Geoff Parker for being instrumental in getting the fiber optics installed at the Opera House, for referring rentals to me, and finding Terri to be the house manager and to Rick for hiring her as the new rental agent; Bay Chamber for their understanding and willingness to move things around to allow the building renovation to be done during the summer when it needed to be done; Steve, Mike, and the Public Works crew for the help they gave Terri and me when Randy was out, for moving the FIVE TOWN CSD lift when needed, and anything else asked of them; the Select Board, Planning Board and other users of the meeting room for understanding that the auditorium chairs need a place to "live" during events in the auditorium when they are not being used there; the FIVE TOWN CSD for loan of their lift to do light and sound work in the auditorium; Fire Chief Jason Peasley, for answering questions from renters; and Randy Mank, our custodian, for doing his best to keep the building in good repair and ready for all the various

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events. Randy works a sporadic schedule, sometimes coming after an event in the night or coming in really early in the morning to do setup for the next day's event, to make things run smoothly. This year he made sure the contractors knew where things were and how to get to places in the building, such as the attic and basement, when the general contractor was not able to be there.



Photo by Terri Lea Smith

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Rockport Fire Department is to protect its citizens and their property from fires and other emergencies. Our goal is to minimize the loss of life and property when fires and other emergencies do occur.

2015 had a decrease in total calls by 31 and car accidents were down by 35 percent from 2014. The year had no structure fires in Rockport, however Rockport Fire responded to eight mutual aid calls to Rockland, Union and Camden for structure fire assistance. Rockport Fire welcomed three new firefighters, two of them junior firefighters still in high school. The first full year of new Engine 23 saw many additional nights and weekends of training to ensure all firefighters were properly trained.

Throughout the year we responded to Rockland for four structure fires, Union for two structure fires and Camden for two fires. There were many additional mutual aid calls that were cancelled prior to our arrival. We responded to 70 false alarms and 17 carbon monoxide alarms.

The three new members who joined Rockport Fire are Maddie Wickenden, daughter of Assistant Chief John Wickenden; Sam Leighton, daughter of Lt. David Leighton, and Chris Hart. All three members have been very active in training and fire calls from the time they joined.



Photos by Trina Rollins

Fire Department - *continued*

Members of the Fire Department put on a spaghetti dinner and auction to benefit Lt. David Leighton, who was diagnosed with rectal cancer. Over \$20,000 was raised between the dinner, auction and donation, and 100 percent of the proceeds helped David and his family while he was undergoing treatments for several months. A very big thank you to anyone who assisted and/or contributed to the longtime volunteer of Rockport Fire and his great family.

Training as a department in 2015 consisted of walkthroughs and safety checks at Pen Bay Medical Center and the Center for Furniture Craftmanship. Multiple extrication trainings were completed at Camden Exxon and we had Hope Fire join on one training session. A total of six pump- and truck-training sessions were conducted on Engine 23 throughout the first month of the truck's arrival in Rockport. Each firefighter was required to have several hours of driver training and pump training to be qualified to operate the new truck.

BURN PERMIT INFORMATION

Reminder: ALL burn permits are issued under the direct authority of the Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Weekdays: Burn permits can be obtained at the fire station between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM; if the chief is not available you may obtain a permit at the Town Office only after attempting to go to the fire station first.

Weekends & Holidays: Burn permits must be obtained at the fire station on the business day prior to the weekend or holiday, by 2:00 PM.

You should attempt to get your burn permits in the mornings at the Fire Station or the Town Office.

ALL grass/field or blueberry burn permits must be obtained directly from the fire chief only.

You are no longer required to call on Saturday morning to activate your permit.

You may also go to www.maineburnpermit.com to obtain a permit for a \$7.00 fee.



Fire Department - continued

Summary of Fire Department Activities

Fires in Buildings2
 Mutual Aid (Out of Town).....8
 False Alarms67
 Grass, Brush or Forest Fires.....2
 Smoke Investigations.....2
 Public Assistance1
 Oil or Gasoline Spills.....1
 Vehicle Accidents36
 Chimney Fires2
 Sprinkler Alarms0
 Vehicle Fires0
 LP Gas Leak.....1
 Dispatched & Canceled.....0
 Good Intent Calls18
 Wires/Powers Lines Down4
 Flooded Cellars0
 Carbon Monoxide Incidents.....8
 Cooking Error5
 Odor Investigation2
 Bomb Threat0

Total Incidents.....159

Burning Permits - written.....394
 Burning Permits - on-line.....110

Fire Equipment – Rockport

- 2004 Freightliner, Ferrara 1,250 g.p.m. pumper; 1,000 gallon tank
- 1996 Freightliner, Ferrara 1,000 g.p.m. pumper; 1,000 gallon tank
- 1996 Freightliner Utility Truck
- 1951 Willys Jeep
- 1928 American LaFrance Ladder Truck

Fire Equipment – West Rockport

- 2015 E-One Custom Pumper- 1,500 GPM 1,000 Gallon tank
- 1987 Ford, Emergency One – 1,000 g.p.m. pumper; 1,000 gallon tank

Firefighters

- Jason Peasley, Chief
- Todd Philbrook, Deputy Chief
- John Wickenden, Assistant Chief
- Charles Pearson, Lt.
- Gregory Rollins, Lt.
- William Lane, Lt.
- David Leighton Lt.
- Neal Bartley, Secretary & Treasurer
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- Justin Ford
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- Charles Knight
- Steve Laite
- Sam Leighton
- Allen Mitchell
- Ian Robertson
- Michael Robertson
- Levi Rollins
- William Smith
- John Sylvester
- Bruce Woodward
- Tyler Leighton
- Drew Long
- Hunter Schade
- Chris Hart
- Robert Ames
- Maddie Wickenden



HARBORMASTER

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Mission Statement

*To preserve, promote, protect and
progress the working Rockport waterfront.*

2015 saw a lot of progress at the harbor—we saw two projects through to fruition and we continue to have increased use of the park and the beach. This was the first year that we offered power on the floats and to date have already reached projected revenue for overnight dockage for the year (the budget resets in July, so we still have a few months to make more revenue).

Thanks to a SHIP grant and a generous donation from the Cascade Foundation we were able to drive 10 new pilings and build 120' of new floats on the Marine Park side of the harbor, which will be used for recreational boats. In the spring the Public Works crew built six new 10'x 20' floats. Prock Marine came in late June and drove the 10 piles to secure the floats. The floats were able to accommodate a 115' motor yacht for overnight dockage in August. It is our hope that these floats will attract bigger boats and schooners to come into Rockport. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible. Come down and check out the new floats; the Public Works crew did a professional job (see picture) and should be commended.

At the same time the piles were being driven for the float project we also incorporated the piles for the commercial side of the harbor, a project that had previously been budgeted for, but in order to complete it we worked with Prock Marine to pay just one mobilization fee to drive piles on both side of the harbor. Unfortunately, the driving of the piles on the commercial side did not go as smoothly as the recreational side. They ran into a mix of ledge and overburden that required them to return with a drilling rig to drill the piles in place. After some re-rigging of the floats they were able to drive four piles to secure the floats, which will cut down on wear and tear of both the ramp and floats, as well as the bulkhead now that a stiff steel arm no longer needs to hold the float.

Fox on the Run food truck completed their second great season at the harbor. Their new spot down by the Andre statue is great for everyone and they can plug into the power panel that was installed last year. They are already signed up for 2016.

The circle that the Christmas tree is in has been reduced and paved around to help trucks launching boats maneuver around the circle if cars are parked there.

We will be accepting credit cards for dockage and merchandise next season. It is our hope that sales will increase.

The wait list for moorings stands at 46; there are many folks on that list who have been offered an outer harbor mooring but are waiting for something closer. Currently we have 11 reissues to turn over for next season. The wait list for tie-offs stands at 35 and we have four turn-overs so

Harbormaster - *continued*

far. We continue to have high demand for dinghy space and plan on building a rack to help accommodate them, and will brainstorm ways of fitting more dinghies in the space we have.

Thanks to all who have made and continue to make the most out of the harbor and Marine Park. It is a special place that I take a lot of pride in looking after.



Photo Courtesy of Abbie Leonard

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Starting with a warm thank you for your continued support for the department, I'll jump right into this past year, which as you'll see on the accompanying pages has had many of the usual happenings, including another officer, Cooper Plaisted, leaving for employment with the Maine State Police.

The struggle people have with their day-to-day lives unfortunately has not shown a significant decline in calls dealing with mental health issues; this is something we're addressing, with continued training and a strengthening of our working relationship with PBMC to better understand how to handle people in crisis.

Erratic operations of motor vehicles is another area of concern for all of us, as there is an ever-increasing number of calls, due in part to cell phones allowing people instant access to law enforcement which, in my opinion, is fantastic—another set of eyes out on the highway is always a good thing—but please, please don't put yourself in harm's way by being distracted while reporting an event.

As most of you know I just passed my 30th year here in Rockport and 19th as chief; it has been a blessing to be around and work with such wonderful people. Like all good things must end, it is time to move on to another chapter in my life and pass the revolver to someone else. Looking forward, I'll tell ya you'll be in good hands with the officers you've come to know. I hope the town will continue with the "working chief" practice under which I was hired, as it is of the upmost importance that "your Chief" be out and seen. Thank you.

Police Department - continued

	2013	2014	2015
911 Hangup	65	74	102
Abandoned Vehicle	5	10	4
Administrative	79	89	111
Agency Assistance	251	240	214
Alarm	284	314	279
Alcohol Offense	7	5	7
Animal Noise	6	6	4
Animal Problem	67	69	39
Animal Welfare	32	10	17
Assault	12	18	21
Attempt to Locate	1	5	1
ATV Operation Problem	7	8	1
Non-sufficient Funds Check	6	14	5
Violation of Bail Conditions	18	20	33
Burglary	6	4	16
Car/Deer Accident	54	36	32
Check in Per Court Order	5	0	1
Child Abuse	2	3	2
Citizen Assist	54	36	51
Citizen Dispute	1	1	0
Civil Problem	24	13	23
Criminal Mischief	26	18	26
Custodial Interference	1	4	8
Dead Body	3	6	0
Deliver Message	2	6	10
Detail Assignment	22	20	24
Disorderly Conduct	56	57	63
Domestic	30	33	25
Controlled Substance Problem	37	46	49
Emergency	4	1	1
Traffic – Erratic Operation	184	190	206
Escort	20	12	10
Fireworks	12	7	5
Fish & Game	6	6	8
Forgery	0	0	0
Found Property	29	31	30
Fraud	8	1	23
Harassment	25	35	34
Hit & Run	16	20	17
Information Report	183	170	156
Intoxicated Person	13	18	18
Juvenile Problem	31	32	34
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	8	1	2
Lockout	4	1	0
Lost Property	21	17	22

Police Department - continued

	2013	2014	2015
Medical Emergency	1	0	0
Mental Health Issue	55	75	62
Missing Person	4	10	3
Motor Vehicle Burglary	6	6	4
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	24	39	31
Nuisance	24	20	17
Overdose	3	3	0
Paperwork Served for other Agency	70	73	45
Paperwork Served this Agency	11	7	3
Parking Problem	67	51	58
Traffic Accident with Damage	153	139	117
Violation of Protection from Abuse	1	11	9
Traffic Accident with Injuries	44	39	29
Police Information	2	4	6
Probation & Parole Violation	27	5	6
Property Check	530	453	603
Property Damage, Non Vandalism	6	1	0
Public Works Referral	25	31	33
Running Radar	104	145	347
Recovered Stolen Property	4	5	8
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	0	3	0
Sex Offense	3	4	1
Reports of Shots Fired	26	18	2
Runaway Juvenile	14	6	12
Stalking	1	0	2
Stray Animal	13	12	16
Structure Fire	0	0	0
Suspicious Vehicle	84	68	71
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	87	76	69
Theft	46	58	38
Theft Automobile	3	3	3
Threatening	14	16	26
Tobacco Problem	3	0	0
Traffic Hazard	61	62	62
Traffic Violation	653	578	793
Traffic Stop	84	104	53
Trespassing	27	33	29
Unsecured Premise	27	11	20
Utility Problem	41	34	25
Vehicle Off the Road	35	48	45
Vehicle Search	19	36	29
Vicious Animal	0	0	0
Wanted Person	39	29	39
Weapon Offense	0	0	1
Welfare Check	690	704	707

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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The calendar year for 2015 has shown the extremes of living in Maine, especially in the mid-coast area. The 2015 January through March snow season showed record snow fall that seemed like it would never end. During January we had nine large storms with many days of cleanup; during February we had 19 days of major snowfall and cleanup all month; during March we had five storms and during April we had one snowstorm. During one week in February we had one part-time plow driver work 81.5 hours and he didn't work all the overtime that the crew did. The normal snow for our area is 65 inches, and it was reported that we had 112 inches during the 2014-2015 winter season. Also, we had a lot of cold weather. In contrast, in November we had no storms and little cold weather, and in December we had only one storm with accumulations, from the 29th through the 30th. Early in 2015 we spent most of our time chasing drifts, sanding, and salting, and at the end of the year 2015 only some sanding and salting was done. At the end of 2015 we had mild weather, and it continued through the winter season with more than normal rain due to the warmer conditions. The 2015-16 winter has been one of the mildest on record, if not the mildest.

- We purchased a 2015 Western Star truck in March and had it equipped with a dump body and snow gear. The 2016 Ford F550 was put out to bid, purchased, and taken to Skowhegan to have it equipped with a dump body and snow gear in August.
- Gartley & Dorsky put the Opera House Roofing, Painting, & Repair bid out and the work started in July with completion in October. The Opera House furnace was put out to bid and the new furnace was installed in mid-November.
- During March and April parts for new harbor floats were delivered. The floats were built by the crew in the garage in between doing other projects. A total of five floats were built, with enough savings by doing this "in house" to build the fifth float for free.
- Some of the cedar trees at the harbor were trimmed up to allow for better views and healthier trees. The crew cut trees and brush along the hillside at Kononen Park, Harbor Park, and the park on the other side of the harbor, and trees and bushes along the side of the harbor were cut for a possible walking path. The crew did some work on the far side of the harbor to allow for more and better parking areas for fishermen and visitors. All this was done to allow visitors and residents to better see our beautiful harbor with the hope that they will stop for a while.
- Mike and Harbormaster Abbie Leonard Boston arranged to have Prock Marine put in some new pilings at the harbor.
- Several culverts were replaced, with more to be done in 2016.
- The Route 1 Sewer Project from Elwood Avenue to the far end of Rockville Street was completed and put into use. Both Fresh Off the Farm and Rockport Steel have hooked into the sewer system. Woodard & Curran, our sewer contractors, were hired to investigate preliminary costs to hook the Rockport end of Route 1 to the Rockland end and allow all properties in between to have town sewer.

Public Works Department - *continued*

- The Harbor View Pump Station upgrade was completed.
- The crew helped the library move from the old location in the village to a building two doors down from Public Works on Commercial Street. The new building needed some renovation and a public works crew did some of the work along with private contractors.
- We had the main portion of Rockville Street and all of Beal Street paved.
- Due to the mild winter weather the crew were able to put up the winter lights early and take them down in good weather during the season.
- During the spring of 2016 we expect to put out bids for School Street work, to rebuild the high sidewalk on Pascal Avenue, and to do engineering on the Mill Street Bridge that needs replacement.

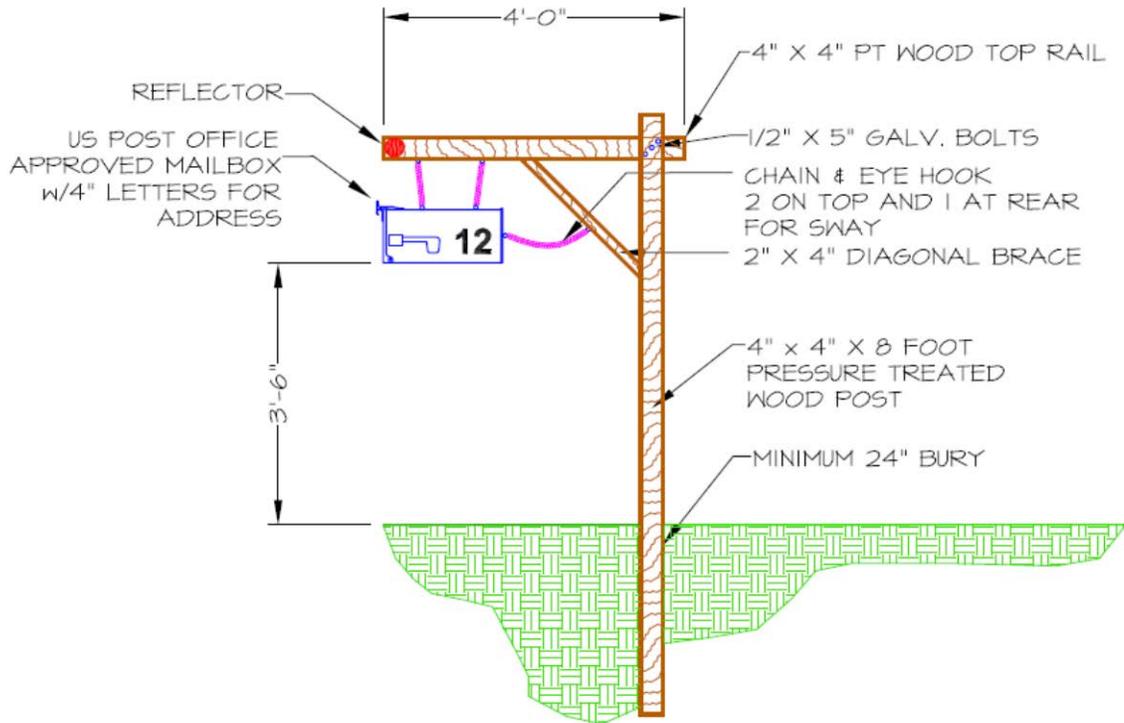
If you plan to place or replace a mailbox, fence or a wall around the roadway, please give us a call at the Public Works garage at 236-6245. We will come over to make sure you are not placing it in the town's right-of-way where it could get hit with a plow. It is easier to discuss placement of an object before it is placed in or on the ground, rather than after. Please see the last page of this report for a recommended design for a mailbox and post.

To help keep costs down and keep everyone safe, we again ask you to help us during the winter months by following these guidelines:

- Do not park in the road or street from sundown to sunrise from November 1 to April 15, as most of the snow removal is done at night.
- Don't park your car so close to the road, i.e.: end of car is even with windrow that the snowplow leaves. This creates hazards to snow clean-up operations.
- Don't push, throw, or leave your snow in public ways. It is against the law.
- Make sure your mailbox and post are in good repair and installed in a proper place. By state law and by town ordinance, Public Works is not responsible for any damage to mailboxes and paper boxes. See attached diagram for a design. Please realize that our plows do not usually hit your mailbox, nor do we try to. It is usually the weight of the snow coming off the plow and wing that knocks the box and/or post down, especially older posts. Again, if you have questions about placement of a box, please give us a call and we will check it for you. Please see the diagram on page 3 of this report.
- **Please** don't walk, jog, cross-country ski, snowmobile, snowboard, or mountain bike in the streets, especially at night, during snowstorms. **You are placing yourself in extreme danger!**
- **Please** use the sidewalks whenever possible. We pay to have them cleaned for your use and you are placing yourself in danger when you walk in the street. This request is for summertime, also.
- **Please give snow removal equipment a break.** If equipment is backing up—wait. It is hard, if not impossible, for the driver to see you! Be sure the driver of the equipment has seen you before you pass. Our Public Works crew does the best they can to be considerate and to not jeopardize anyone when operating equipment. Please be considerate of them.

I would like to thank all the people who look out for Public Works, especially those who support the crew during the long overnight snow storms with a warm meal once in a while. Thank you to Woodard & Curran and Andy Field and Randy Mank for their assistance when called upon; the Police Department for calling me with weather reports; Fire Chief Jason Peasley; Police Chief Mark Kelley; the Rockport Garden Club; Bob Hoppe, who takes care of the Rec Field and tells us when maintenance needs to be done; Jim Guerra and Gary Leighton and MCSWC crew for working with us and the Town Office crew for all they do. I would like to thank my crew for always being there when we need them, for doing projects they have not done before, and to their wives for keeping their homes plowed and operating smoothly so husbands can keep the town safe during storms.

POST & MAILBOX RECOMMENDATION



- NOTE:
1. SET MAILBOX POST SO FACE OF MAILBOX IS AT BACK EDGE OF SHOULDER OR 8 INCHES BACK FROM FACE OF CURB FOR STREETS WITH CURBING.
 2. CUT NOTCHES IN POST AND TOP RAIL TO FORM CROSS HALVING JOINT AND BOLT 2 PIECES TOGETHER.

Note: You may *firmly secure* your mailbox to the top rail. Please realize that even pressure treated wooden structures do not last forever. They do rot out. You should check your post for rot each year and check the mailbox to make sure it is still secure on the post. Normally the box is placed above the level of the plow wing, so the wing does not hit the box. It is the weight of the snow that knocks the box and/or post down.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Adopted from Town of Brunswick drawing
T. Mann design

MID-COAST SOLID WASTE CORPORATION

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Providing Solid Waste and Recycling Services to our Member Towns

With something as ordinary as trash disposal, it might be a surprise to hear someone say about it that we live in interesting times. Well we do! You might expect to hear that from a person like me, with a long-time association with the intricacies and development of waste management in Maine, but at this time in particular it is true for all of us in this community. We've had a long and very consistent run with our current disposal option at the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) Incinerator in Orrington. Unfortunately, and as predicted by contract and the analysis of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC), the status quo will come to an end early in 2018. Fortunately, there are options, but unfortunately, they will all cost more than we currently pay.

For the past year or so, the board of Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation (MCSWC) has been immersed in identifying and reviewing the options that may be available for disposing of our household waste. (Please see our website: <http://midcoastsolidwaste.org>.) Options included: a proposed new facility (Fiberight) modeled after existing similar facilities in Europe that focus on recovery of materials and conversion of organics to biogas; continuing with PERC at a significantly higher tip fee, and some doubt that they will gather enough trash to remain viable; hauling trash a longer distance to the ecomaine recycling facility on the southern edge of Portland for incineration; and, landfilling it at the Crossroads Facility run by Waste Management in Norridgewock. If your impression is that nothing jumps out at you as a clear best option, then you have a sense of what the board of Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation has wrestled with.

As of March 23, the MCSWC Board of Directors, after full consideration of the materials presented voted 5 to 2 in favor of recommending the ecomaine solution to our member towns. This was not an easy decision for most, as the Fiberight facility proposed a continued relationship under the MRC umbrella with 187 other towns and potentials for spin-off benefits such as profit sharing, closer haul possibly fueled by biogas and otherwise reducing the carbon footprint of waste management in the region. In the end, the fact remained that such a facility, other than on pilot scale, has not yet been built in the U.S., the ecomaine plant, which is proven technology (almost 30 years), is municipally owned and as such promotes environmentally sound practices and offers reliable and consistent performance (minimal risk). The vote took into consideration that any new plant (Fiberight) likely does not run optimally at the start, and for a period of time at least some waste may require landfilling at the backup secure landfill in Norridgewock. The benefit of having a long-known entity with a good environmental reputation for incineration available to take our waste won the day.

While hauling costs to the facility will be higher, about \$80,000 per year with today's costs, ecomaine provides a mature and highly regarded education and outreach program that they propose to extend to our community. Perhaps this can breathe new life into our static recycling and diversion program, which

Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation - continued

could make a significant difference in how much waste it is necessary to haul to Portland, thereby lowering our costs and environmental impact.

My immediate focus, for the next year or so, will be reviewing best means of reducing our hauling costs for anything leaving the facility. This generally entails hauling as large a payload as possible, and we are considering the use of 100+ cubic yard waste trailers rather than the 60 yard containers currently used. This will require some reconfiguration of the drop-off area to provide access, and optimal compaction of the materials. Over the next several weeks I will be looking at various facilities that have accomplished this, with the hope of designing a sensible and easy-to-use system for our community. Stay tuned!

In summary, the board of MCSWC has voted to recommend sending our municipal solid waste to the ecomaine incinerator for the next 20 years with review options every five years. Please consider this recommendation by the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Board as you place your votes this spring regarding Rockport’s waste disposal plans for the next twenty years. Thank you!



WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Managed, Operated, and Maintained by Woodard & Curran Inc.

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The Rockport Collection System is staffed by Woodard & Curran personnel, taking care of the day-to-day operations and providing emergency coverage 24/7. Some of the daily duties include routine pump stations checks, data collection, and grounds maintenance. Some of the maintenance we have completed this past year in addition to the day-to-day operations:

- Excavated and repaired the discharge line at the Eastward pump station.
- Shingled the roof on the Goose River pump station building.
- Thorough cleaning of the Romaha, Harbor View, Marine Park and Main Street Extension pump station wet wells.

The Rockville pump station went online in May. This station services the 3,900 feet of sewer that was installed along Route 1 just south of Elwood Avenue.

The other large project we had scheduled was an extensive upgrade of the Harbor View pump station. We now have a permanent generator at this location. Harbor View receives flow from numerous pump stations and during an extended power outage this generator will free up manpower and equipment to utilize at other locations. The controls were also upgraded with new telemetry and level indicators.

In 2015 we pumped a total of 19.6 million gallons to the Rockland Treatment Plant from Glen Cove, which is down from the 21.1 million gallons in 2014. The Village totals are down as well, with the Camden Treatment Plant receiving 24.6 million gallons from the Goose River pump station, down from the 27.2 million gallons the previous year.

In closing I would just like to say thank you to the entire Town of Rockport for your continued support.



Harbor View Pump Station



Rockville Pump Station

TOWN OF ROCKPORT BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Thank You . . .

We want to take this opportunity to thank the *many* Rockport citizens who give so freely of their time and energy to serve on town committees and boards.

Please . . .

If you are interested in serving on a town committee, please complete the *Application for Committee Service* form available at the Town Office or on our website at www.town.rockport.me.us – Town Boards, Committees and Commissions – Committee Application. Please call the Town Manager’s Office at 236-0806 for more information. There are several committee vacancies—we need YOU!

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Ad Hoc Technology Committee
Board of Assessment Review
Budget Committee
Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee
Capital Improvement Committee
Cemetery Committee
Conservation Commission
Harbor Committee
Investment Committee
Library Committee
Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Board of Directors
MSAD #28/Five Town CSD Board of Directors
Opera House Committee
Ordinance Review Committee
Parks Committee
Planning Board
Recreation Committee
Rockport 125
Zoning Board of Appeals

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TOWN OF ROCKPORT COMMITTEE & AFFILIATION REPORTS

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Parks Committee

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The Rockport Public Library has served the needs of the community since 1914, and since 1949 the library has been housed at 1 Limerock Street. After four renovations, and 27 years after the last renovation, and with the discovery of a number of life safety issues and structural and foundational deficiencies, the library moved to its temporary location at 485 Commercial Street.

The demand for library services has grown and changed and the library and the library programs have tried to meet those demands, but this well-used community resource was in great need. Recognizing the need for a new space, the Select Board asked for help from the community and the volunteer Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee was created in November, 2015.

The charge to the committee was to select and recommend an architect and to provide cost estimates for the new library. Additionally, the mission of the committee calls for a library to be built at the combined sites of Memorial Park and 1 Limerock Street, both sites that were deeded to the town for the purpose of a library.

The initial task of the AHLPC was to invite architect design firms to submit RFPs (Request for Proposals) and the standout firms would be asked to present their creative ideas to the committee, with a final selection presented to the Select Board. The committee worked in a concentrated time frame to meet the requirements of the Select Board.

On March 24, 2016, the AHLPC announced the selection of Reed & Co. Architecture, of Portland, as the partner in this project. Reed & Co. are in the process of designing a building that will fit the lot of 1 Limerock St. (current site) while simultaneously protecting and enhancing

Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee - *continued*

Memorial Park. The committee has now entered the next phase, which will focus on building size, library program needs and space allocation.

Some of the design will focus on expanded children, youth and programming space that is family friendly and welcoming. The committee is looking at better ways to provide quiet reading or concentration space as well as being able to offer many different types of adult programming. The design will include better computer and laptop spaces, along with small meeting and study areas. The design of the building will be one that fits well in the downtown village area, that greets visitors who are walking or driving, expanding on why people liked coming to the library in the first place!

Reed & Co. know that libraries of today and tomorrow need spaces that are open, bookshelf units that are flexible and spaces that can be used in a variety of ways. Of course energy efficiency, improved air quality and accessibility will all be part of the plan.

For members of the public that did not get a chance to view Reed & Co.'s presentation it can be seen using this link (also available on the town's website):

<http://livestream.com/Rockportmaine/events/4963302>

As the committee has more information, presentations will be scheduled so that the community can see the plan unfolding! This is an exciting time for Rockport and we look forward to moving from the planning stage to the building stage.

While the AHLPC is working on the planning, the goal of the Select Board is to place an initiative on the November 8, 2016, warrant asking the town to undertake the building of a new public library. The building project will be a combination of public and private funding as well as available grant money. Once the design has been approved, the cost estimates will be provided to voters.

The AHLPC can be emailed at libraryplanning@town.rockport.me.us. All emails will be shared with the planning committee and are part of the public contact segments of our meetings.

Information on the committee and the planning process is available on the library website, <http://www.rockport.lib.me.us/extra7.asp>.

CAMDEN-ROCKPORT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

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Lynda Clancy
Leni Gronros
Eliza Haselton
Helen Shaw

Camden

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Alternates:
Jane Self
Wyatt McConnell

Owen Casas, Rockport Select Board Liaison
Don White, Camden Select Board Liaison

The Pathways Committee is a two-town cooperative committee, with members appointed by both the towns of Rockport and Camden. The Committee is charged with reviewing geographic areas, rights-of-way, and transportation infrastructure in the two towns in order to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access and to encourage nonmotorized transportation.

From 2014 to 2015 the Committee focused on a number of areas in Rockport:

- Continued working with both towns on the basic design of pedestrian facilities along Route 1 from Camden St. to 56 Commercial St. The \$133,000 Quality Community Program grant funds will not be awarded until 2016–17 and actual construction will be even later.
- Completed another Rockport Sidewalk Survey.
- Completed a Parks and Trails Inventory for Rockport.
- Began the process of updating the Rockport Pathways and Bicycle Master Plan, due to be complete in fall 2015.
- As part of the President’s Health Program, our area received a Community Transformation Grant to initiate certification of our towns as Active Community Environments (ACE). ACE Teams encourage environmental and policy change that will increase levels of physical activity and improve public health by promoting walking, bicycling, and the development of accessible recreation facilities. The Committee, with support from the Camden Select Board and Downtown Business Group, joined the efforts and completed the Rural Active Living Assessment (RALA) in 2013, and Camden was designated an ACE community in 2014. In 2014, with the support of the Select Board, Rockport completed a RALA.

Camden-Rockport Pathways - *continued*

- Ongoing projects included:
 - Working with the Union Street neighborhood cleanup committee, coordinated a work day along the entire length of the Union Street Pathway, focusing on trimming back encroaching plantings.
 - Exploring ways to connect the Route 90 schools (RES and CHRHS) via public pathways to Rockport Village
 - Keeping “pathway connections” in the discussion of the future of the RES East site.
 - Participating in the Midcoast Transit Committee work exploring a regional bus service.

The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:00–9:00 PM alternating between the meeting rooms of the Camden Town Office and the Rockport Town Office. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend.



Photo by Geoff Scott

COASTAL MOUNTAINS LAND TRUST

Ian Stewart, Executive Director



Coastal Mountains Land Trust is celebrating its 30th anniversary year of working in the western Penobscot Bay Region, including the Town of Rockport. We are a membership-based nonprofit conservation organization that has worked since 1986 to conserve wildlife habitat, scenic landscapes, public access to natural lands, water resources, and productive forest and farmland. Thanks to community and member support, we have protected over 10,000 acres throughout our service region and have many active projects.

The Land Trust has completed a total of 33 conservation projects in Rockport. We have protected 531 acres using conservation easements, a permanent agreement that keeps land in private ownership while protecting critical resources of the property. We also hold full title to properties that have extraordinary conservation value, totaling 708 acres in Rockport. These properties are part of the network of preserves we are establishing throughout the region, which are open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and other activities that do not degrade the natural and scenic features of the properties. For a schedule of outings and events that are open to the public, please see our website (www.coastalmountains.org) for details.

Beech Hill Preserve, which we manage in part as a MOFGA-certified organic blueberry farm, is the site of an annual public blueberry pick, attended by over 700 guests in 2015. On Ragged Mountain, discussions with landowners continue on pending projects. Progress continues to further the vision of a four-season, nine-mile Round the Mountain trail originating from the Camden Snow Bowl and crossing over 4.5 miles through Rockport.

Our office is located at 101 Mt. Battie Street in Camden, open 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays, and we encourage those interested in our program to stop in for a visit, call us at (207) 236-7091, or visit our website.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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George Haselton

Lynn Bannister

Ron Howard

Bruce Kapp

Bob Kennedy

Fred Ribeck

Kenneth McKinley, Select Board Liaison

The Conservation Commission updated its mission statement as a means to better guide its current and future activities. The mission statement reads:

“The Rockport Conservation Commission is a voluntary board appointed by the Select Board to promote the protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural resources of Rockport. The Commission is responsible for conducting research, educating the public and making recommendations to appropriate town bodies. The Commission works with other conservation organizations throughout the region to sustain the natural ecosystems for current and future generations to use and enjoy.”

As required annually, Commission members physically inspected Rockport’s conservation easements in early December and filed the conservation easements with the Maine Department Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Goodie’s Beach water quality continued to be a concern in 2015. Water samples collected and analyzed during the summer months by Maine Healthy Beaches exhibited unacceptable bacteria levels following some rain events. The Harbormaster’s Office monitored rainfall and posted advisories based on rainfall amounts that in the past have resulted in bacteria levels that exceed the state’s water quality standard. Based on water quality information provided by the Commission, the Department of Public Works conducted extensive inspections of household plumbing and sewer connections in the areas draining to Goodie’s Beach. While all household plumbing was determined to meet code requirements and no faults in the sewer were identified, the Department continues efforts to evaluate house-to-sewer connections in the area. Recognizing that activities in the drainage area, including poorly-managed pet waste, likely contribute to decreases in water quality, the town manager distributed a pet waste management fact sheet to registered pet owners. The Commission also worked with local students to stencil selected street drains with the cautionary message that dumping in drains pollutes the harbor. An engineering study of the feasibility of various techniques for managing the quality of storm water is planned for 2016.

The Commission, in collaboration Rockport’s Planning and Development Office and the Knox County Emergency Management Agency, received a grant from Maine’s Coastal Communities Grant Program to develop and demonstrate tools for identifying and managing nonpoint sources (NPS) of pollution in Rockport’s watersheds. NPS pollution can adversely impact the water quality and aesthetics of streams, lakes and the harbor. Built using geographic information systems (GIS) technology and using readily available environmental data, these tools will provide planners and managers with easy-to-understand tools for assessing the potential for NPS pollution and for evaluating potential management approaches. This effort will be completed in 2016.

Conservation Commission - *continued*

The Commission completed initial plans for a public forum on eco-friendly care for lawn and garden. The forum, which was held on April 28 at the Rockport Opera House, was open to the public, highlighted the potential adverse impacts of pesticides and excessive fertilization on Rockport’s environment. Invited experts shared their knowledge and experiences, suggested alternative approaches for managing lawns and landscaping, and answered questions from approximately 40-50 forum attendees.



Water quality is tested regularly at Goodie’s Beach

FIVE TOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Maria Libby, Superintendent of Schools
www.fivetowns.net

Camden Hills Regional High School (CHRHS) continues to garner wide recognition as a great public secondary school that continually strives to become even better. The wonderful school experience and many achievements of staff and students are made possible because of the enduring support for education in all five of our communities, Appleton, Camden, Hope, Lincolnville and Rockport.

CHRHS is a school where excellence across a broad spectrum of arenas is valued and is energetically supported. Students respond to the multitudes of opportunity by consistently finding a niche in which to thrive and by demonstrating high engagement and satisfaction with school. The four-year graduation rate for CHRHS is consistently over 90 percent and at least 70 percent of graduating seniors typically go on to post-secondary education. Of the fifty-eight teachers, 45 percent hold a master's degree or higher, and 17 percent have their National Board Certification.

Students have an extensive array of course options to satisfy graduation requirements, including Advanced Placement courses, honors level options, independent study, alternative education options, technical courses, and dual enrollment college courses. A wide array of cocurricular and extracurricular activities, from athletics to technical theater to student chapters of national organizations give students an opportunity to develop their leadership skills, give back to the community, stay healthy, and advance personal passions. In addition, CHRHS has one of the most robust international programs in the country, offering opportunities for students to participate in short-term and semester exchanges and cultural trips, as well as having up to a dozen international students among our student body each year. In 2015–16 students traveled to Scotland, Spain, Greece, and Vietnam.

The Five Town CSD Board of Directors, administrators and staff recognize the need to continually strive for improvement in order to provide the best foundation we can for students to be globally competitive and to graduate prepared for citizenship, post secondary education, and/or work. Toward that end, the goals for the 2015–2016 academic year set by the Board of Directors focused on leadership, academic achievement, student independence and critical thinking, and strategic planning.

Progress toward the annual goals and a broad range of topics are reviewed at the monthly Five Town CSD and MSAD 28 Board of Director meetings, which are open to the public. Agendas and minutes of every board and committee meeting are posted on the Five Town website, along with much more information about school events and programs. It is impossible to do justice to the deserved recognition of accomplishment and the acknowledgement of ongoing work for continual improvement in this report, so I invite you to attend a meeting, visit the website, or attend any of the schools' events, performances or demonstrations to enjoy the experiences provides by CRES, CRMS, and CHRHS.

Finally, as the new superintendent who grew up locally, I want to take this opportunity to let you know how proud I am to serve as leader of our great school systems. It is a privilege and honor to have come full circle and I aim to serve our students and communities well!

LEGACY ROCKPORT

President Richard Remsen

Treasurer Charlton Ames

Vice President and Secretary Lynda Clancy

David Jackson

Alexandra Wolf Fogel

Allyson Poutasse

Larry Lehmann

Mission

Legacy Rockport provides community leadership to develop resources that maintain and enhance the general quality of life and place of the Town of Rockport; support the fine and performing arts; provide and maintain outdoor recreation and conservation opportunities; and advance the general quality of public education.

Vision

- Provide opportunities for people to practice philanthropy.
- Value future generations by taking action today.
- Provide leadership and support to address issues that require capital investment.
- Actively engage people in the planning, preserving, and advancing of Rockport's future wellbeing.

Legacy Rockport completed its first full year of work, following official incorporation as a nonprofit in 2015.

Bylaws were established and regular members elected.

Legacy Rockport's first orders of business have been to help Simonton Corner Community Association conduct an engineering study of its building at Simonton Corner, and to determine what is needed to renovate the popular meeting place for local community.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Cate Monroe, Chair
Stephanie Kumble, Secretary
Eliza Haselton, Treasurer
Michelle Gabrielsen
Stephanie Lash

William Chapman, Select Board Liaison

Elected to three-year terms, the five members of the Library Committee hold public meetings at the town office once a month. The Library Committee oversees the management and use of earnings from the library's Endowment Fund as well as long range fiscal and funding needs of the library. The Committee also works with the library director on updating library policies and strategic planning initiatives.

This has been an exciting year for our town and our library. After many years of consideration, discussion and weighing of options about the future of the Rockport Library—important steps in any process—we are moving forward. The Select Board created the Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee (AHLPC) in November; this dynamic group is tasked with planning a new library for the Town of Rockport. Using the program outline proposed by the Library Committee and approved by the Select Board on November 9, 2015, and with professional assistance, this committee's charge is to write a recommendation to the Select Board, including a design and cost estimate, for a library to be built at the combined site of Memorial Park and 1 Limerock Street. Meanwhile, the library has moved to a temporary location at 485 Commercial Street and the staff continues to serve our town enthusiastically, professionally, and creatively.

We are grateful to committee members Eric Denny, Erik Frederick, Ann Filley, Stevie Kumble (Library Committee liaison), Heather Mackey, Tracy Murphy (Select Board liaison), Jan Rosenbaum (Chair), Joe Sternowski (Vice Chair), Library Director Ben Blackmon (Ex Officio), and Architect John Scholz (as professional advisor to the committee) for their hard work.

Important challenges are still ahead of us: design, establishing the cost, fundraising, voting on a bond.

We can build a library that has the space to house what we are doing now and the flexibility to adapt to what we will need our library to be in the future. There are many ways you can participate:

- **Become informed.** Go to the Rockport Public Library's website <http://www.rockport.lib.me.us/> and click on the link Information from the Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee for up-to-date news.
- **Engage in the dialogue.** Attend meetings. Share your thoughts with the Library Committee, Select Board members, AHLPC, and the library director.
- **Donate.** Books, money, and time are all gratefully appreciated.
- **Volunteer.** Opportunities for helping abound at the library. And there are opportunities with the Friends of RPL; the book sale alone requires many hands. Check in (pun intended) with the library director for more information.

Library Committee – *continued*

- **Continue to use the library.** Check out materials, and attend programs in its temporary location.

I encourage all of you to join in the lively challenge of building a great library for all of us.

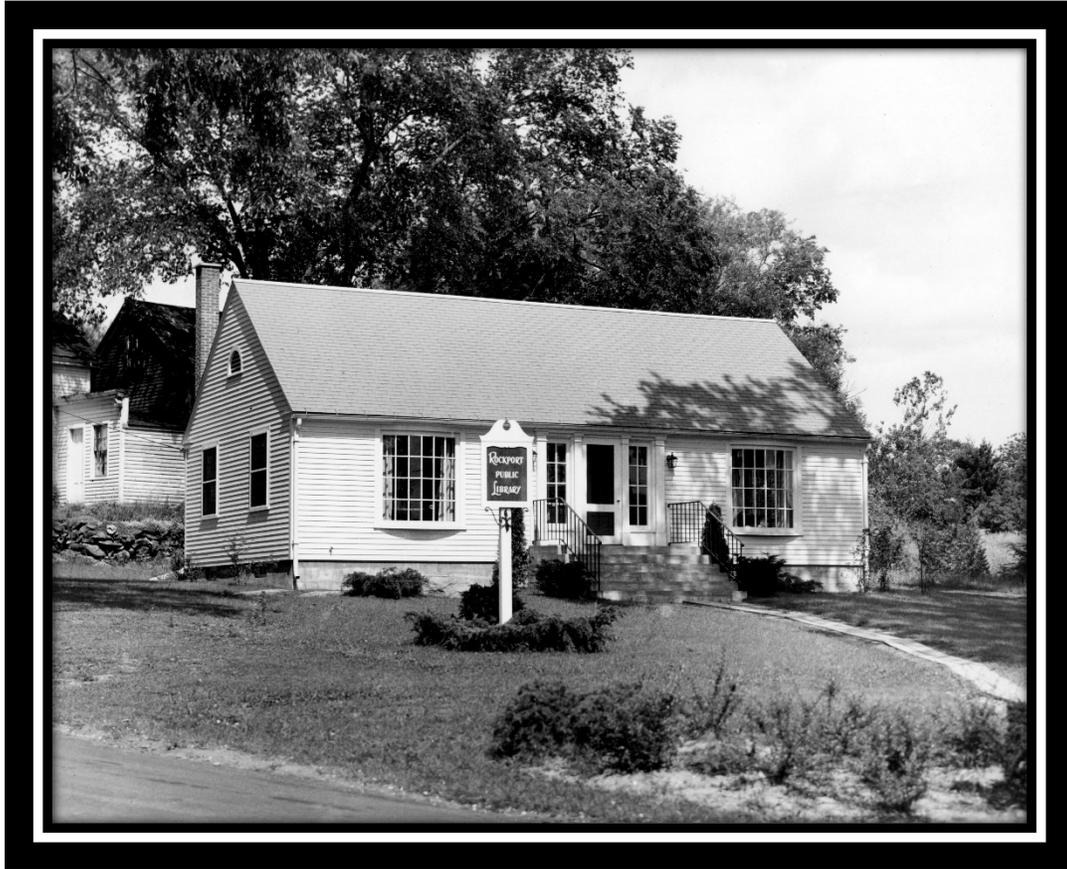


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MAINE COAST HERITAGE TRUST

Tim Glidden, President
Ron Howard, General Manager

Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) conserves and stewards Maine's coastal lands and islands for their renowned scenic beauty, ecological value, outdoor recreational opportunities, and contribution to community well-being. MCHT provides statewide conservation leadership through its work with land trusts, coastal communities, and other partners. Since 1970, more than 144,000 acres have been permanently protected, including more than 300 entire coastal islands.

MCHT has two preserves located in Rockport, Aldermere Farm and Erickson Fields, which are utilized by the community for agricultural, natural resource, and silviculture education. Aldermere and Erickson Farms have been vehicles for a variety of sustainable ag initiatives focused on educating youth and sharing best practices among gardeners and farmers. In 2015, MCHT staff at Aldermere Farm and Erickson Fields organized the Midcoast Farmers' Alliance to create a support network for local farms and provide a meeting space for collaboration.

Aldermere Farm

In 2015, Aldermere Farm's 4-H Club, the Aldermere Achievers, competed in the North American International Livestock Exposition in Kentucky, the largest all-breed, purebred livestock event in the world. Thanks to generous community support, the Aldermere Achievers successfully raised \$17,000 to fund their trip to Kentucky. Most of the members returned with 1st and 2nd place prizes. The outstanding performance of the cattle, as shown by the 4-H members, led to Aldermere Farm earning the most prestigious award of the National Belted Galloway Show, the Premiere Breeder Award.



Throughout the year, thousands visited Aldermere to participate in community events, tours, workshops, and programs. In 2015, all 32 slots in Aldermere's Farm Hands program filled. Over the course of six weeks, Farm Hand participants ages 10 and older gained hands-on experience working with Belted Galloway calves and learned best practices for handling large livestock. Over 100 attendees participated in workshops and clinics, including a weekend-long Beef Basics workshop for farmers. In addition to weekly summer farm tours, farm staff arranged special

Maine Coast Heritage Trust - *continued*

visits for school groups from Sweet Tree School, Lincolnville Elementary and Warren After-School Children's Enrichment program. Over 3,500 visitors passed through Aldermere Farm at the Visitors Center and community events (Calf Unveiling Day in May, Aldermere Art Show and Sale in August, and Beltie Holiday in December). Aldermere Farm also hosted gatherings for area organizations, including the Maine Felters Group, New England Galloway Group and the Rockport Garden Club.

Erickson Fields Preserve

In 2015, the community garden areas at Erickson Fields hosted educational programming for children, teens, and adults, including a free lasagna gardening workshop and a six-month Kids Can Grow program for eight families to receive training and supplies to start their own vegetable gardens at home.



Over the winter and early spring, the Teen Ag Crew and volunteers made great strides to grow capacity for production by increasing the cultivated garden area at Erickson Fields to two acres and completing the construction of an 8'x8' walk-in cooler for more storage space. The Teen Ag Crew was also the largest it has been in the program's six-year history with two seasoned members and five new hires, and set a new record by distributing over 20,000 pounds of fresh vegetables, an 89 percent increase over the previous year's total production. The produce supplied five food pantries,

Meals on Wheels, the MSAD 28 school lunch program, three restaurants and two retirement homes.

In September of 2015, MCHT completed the creation of a 1.4-mile trail at the preserve. The wide trail gently loops around the preserve through fields and forests. Along the route, there are fitness stations where walkers can stop for additional workouts. The trail is open daily, year round from dawn to dusk.

MCHT's Rockport office is located at Aldermere Farm, 70 Russell Avenue, and is open 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM weekdays. More information about MCHT's preserves, events and programs, can be found online at mcht.org and aldermere.org, or by calling the Rockport office at (207) 236-2739.

MSAD #28

Maria Libby, Superintendent of Schools
www.fivetowns.net

Camden and Rockport are blessed with many treasures, and an excellent school system is among them. That is due in large part to the appreciation residents have for the value of a good education, not only to support our children's futures, but also to support the economic vitality of our towns. That has translated to tremendous support for education in our communities. The staff and students at the Camden-Rockport Middle School and Camden-Rockport Elementary School are equally dedicated and continually strive to make our great schools even better.

In both our elementary and middle schools, we work hard to balance high academic expectations with an emphasis on social and emotional development. We understand that character matters and intentionally shape our systems to promote the development of strong character. Not only do we offer a breadth of opportunity in which to thrive, but this can also be seen in the elementary school's responsive classroom model, the middle school's restorative approach to discipline, and the day-to-day choices about curriculum, communication, and core values. We view these developmental years as a collaborative effort between parents and the schools as we share the goal for our students to become and remain emotionally secure, confident, competent, and healthy.

The MSAD #28 Board of Directors, administrators and staff recognize the need to continually strive for improvement in order to provide the best education we can for our students. We have already successfully defied the odds at the middle level where most schools see a decline in achievement and engagement. Our data shows a steady increase as students progress through the grade levels. Nonetheless, we are on a continual journey of improvement. Toward that end, the goals for the 2015-2016 academic year set by the Board of Directors focused on leadership, academic achievement, student independence and critical thinking, grading, and the middle school facility. We intend to go to referendum in November of 2017 for another vote on a middle school project that best addresses our facility needs. We plan to involve the community as much as possible in that process, so stay tuned.

OPERA HOUSE COMMITTEE

John Priestley, Chair
David Jackson, Vice-Chair
Linda Posson, Secretary
Sani Fogel

Geoffrey Parker, Select Board Liaison

Members of the Opera House Committee work in an advisory capacity with the citizens of Rockport, the Select Board, town manager, Opera House manager, and all organizations who may make use of the facility to ensure the continued physical integrity and sound fiscal operation of the Opera House for residents and visitors.

Major renovations and repair, approved by voters on the November 2014 bond issue, and completed in a timely manner over a period of several months in 2015, have given the historic Opera House a much-needed facelift and systems update, including new roofing, exterior painting, repairs to structural elements under the roof, and replacement of the boiler with a two-burner (redundant) system. Members of the committee, in concert with Town Manager Rick Bates and Architect John Priestley, boldly selected a warm Rockport Grey hue to replace the previous cooler shade on the building's exterior.

In addition to the physical updates to the Opera House, the committee was instrumental in approving the hiring of House Manager Terri Lea Smith to oversee bookings and operations of the facility. Thanks to the work of committee members and John Viehman's website expertise, Rockport Opera House also has a new website at www.rockportoperahouse.com.

We seek one additional Rockport resident to join the committee. The only requirement is an interest in maintaining and promoting use of our Opera House. If interested please apply at the Town Office.

We thank Rick Bates, Sue Dates, Mike Young, Terri Lea Smith, and Geoff Parker for their continued guidance and support.

PARKS COMMITTEE

David Jackson, Chair
Eleanor Ames, Vice-Chair
Linda Posson, Secretary
Alexandra Wolf Fogel
Jim Sady

Owen Casas, Select Board Liaison

The Parks Committee's mission is to advise the Select Board and town manager in matters regarding town parks and to work in concert with other town committees and private community groups such as the Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee, the Recreation Committee, the Harbor Committee, the Opera House Committee, and the Rockport Garden Club that have an interest in or responsibility for outdoor spaces within the Town of Rockport.

During 2015 we were pleased to take part in the following projects to enhance the beauty of village green spaces:

Mary Lea Park

In preparation for repairs and painting of the Opera House, the cherry trees at the side of the Opera House and the tall pines at the rear were removed, and the Committee has recommended that low shrubbery replace these trees to show off the Opera House better. During several meetings we addressed the issue of whether or not we should recommend adding a pathway bisecting the park from the parking lot to the street above. Members agreed that we would not recommend such a pathway until we've completed further investigation, as it would interrupt the natural flow and aesthetic beauty of the park. We would like to thank Polly Chatfield for her donation to Legacy Rockport for improvements to be done in Mary Lea Park.

Marine Park

Residents now enjoy a clear view to the harbor due to the thinning of trees and removal of the overgrowth between Pascal Ave and the giant chessboard. The Garden Club has graced Andre's site with new shrubs.

Looking ahead to 2016 Committee members agreed that planting annuals on the Pascal Avenue/Route 1 island be placed in our budget. We are working with Town Planner Jamie Francomanno to replace damaged trees in Veterans Park and will continue the dialogue regarding the position of pathways and fence replacement at Mary Lea Park.

We thank Town Manager Rick Bates, Mike Young, and Jamie Francomanno for their advice and support. A special thank you goes to the Rockport Garden Club for supporting our efforts and partnering with us to achieve our goals to maintain and beautify our village green spaces.

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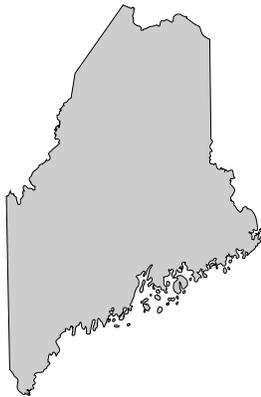
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State Bird.....Chickadee
State Tree....White Pine
State Flower....White Pine Cone
Song.....State of Maine Song
State Motto....Dirigo



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Paul R. LePage

GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Rockport:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072nd consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Rockport and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Constituent Service Center in Augusta at (207) 622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Dear Friends of Rockport:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact.

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



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Dear Friends of Rockport,

I hope this town report letter finds you and your family well in 2016. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you and this community in the Maine Legislature. I appreciate the many conversations and feedback as I go around the district. In my travels, I have been passing along a few items that I thought might be of interest to you as well.

Unclaimed Property: if you have a chance, it may be worth your while to check out the updated statewide unclaimed property list. Every year, the Treasurer's Office produces a list of unclaimed property, which consists of money and other personal assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located after a specified period of time. Visit www.maine.gov/unclaimed or call 1-888-283-2808 to see if you have any unclaimed property.

Honorary Page Program: provides students a unique chance to observe and participate in the legislative process. As an Honorary Page, students deliver messages, distribute documents, interact with the senators, and most importantly take part in a real legislative learning experience. If you know of a student who may be interested, or would like more information, please contact my office at (207) 287-1515. It would be my honor to meet with the student and his/her family during the visit to the State House.

Legislative Update: is part of my effort to keep you informed about what is happening in the Legislature. This periodic email allows me to share information that is useful and informative to you and our district. Please email me at davemiramant@gmail.com or call to sign up.

I look forward to continuing our work in the legislature. I will do as I have always done and work with all sides to do what is best for you, our district, and our state. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Miramant", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave Miramant
State Senator



HELLIE PINGREE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
1ST DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I appreciate the opportunity to give you an update on my work in Maine and Washington. It continues to be a great honor to serve the people of Maine's 1st District in Congress.

Over the last year, I have introduced a number of bills to address the problems my constituents face. One of the most concerning issues is hunger. Nearly 50 million Americans don't have reliable access to enough food. At the same time, 40 percent of the food produced in the country goes to waste. That is why I introduced the Food Recovery Act, comprehensive legislation to cut food waste while providing more food to the people who need it.

The Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act takes on another serious concern for Maine families—the high cost of prescription drugs. Just over the border in Canada, the same medications are available at half the price on average. My bill would lift a ban that prohibits consumers from importing those medications. Other bills I introduced touch on a number of issues, from helping veterans secure benefits to protecting our coastal economies. For more information on all my legislation, go to www.pingree.house.gov.

My seat on the House Appropriations Committee—which has a powerful role in setting federal funding levels—has also put me in a position to influence policies and programs that affect Mainers. A couple of examples from the last year include pushing to make Lyme disease a higher federal priority and working to protect funding for a program that has extended pre-school to hundreds of Maine children.

But not all my work takes place at the Capitol. Here at home, I had the chance to visit many communities to help celebrate their victories and discuss their concerns—critical feedback to take to Washington. And over the last year, my hard-working staff has helped hundreds of constituents on their issues with federal programs and agencies.

I hope the last year has been a good one for you and your family. As we head into another year of challenges and opportunities for our nation, I promise that your interests will continue to guide my work. Please contact my office if there's ever anything I can do for you.

Best wishes,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



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Dear Rockport Residents:

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. As I enter my final year in office, I want you to know that I am working hard to retain your trust through my work both in Augusta and in the community.

This year the Legislature's agenda has been limited mostly to emergency legislation and bills carried over from 2015. We are scheduled to adjourn by the end of April.

One of the most important issues we are working on this year is Maine's growing heroin epidemic. Finding solutions to this crisis is a top priority. We already passed – and the governor signed – one bill that boosts treatment, prevention and enforcement, but we continue to look at bills that go into greater detail in each of those three areas. Key to the process is employing the smartest methods to stop traffickers while also making a better effort to help those who are addicted recover and rejoin society.

Among the other issues we are working on are finding ways to increase hiring, support seniors, take care of veterans, keep down energy and heating costs, improve schools and protect property taxpayers.

I am also continuing in my role as co-chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. One top issue we are discussing is developing a long-term strategy for solid waste disposal and biomass energy.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I have been working closely with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me with any questions or concerns or if you need assistance navigating state government. I can be reached by email at joanwelsh08@gmail.com or by phone at 236-6554.

Sincerely,

Joan Welsh
State Representative

SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES & ABATEMENTS

SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

2015 REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Arvona, Marie	\$ 29.51
Feid, Roger F & Maria A	\$ 140.50
French, James & Elizabeth	\$ 5,143.71
Lawson, Doreen & Timothy	\$ 11,752.54
Moore, David & Joy	\$ 4,302.11
Roach, Terry B & Cheryl A	\$ 33.72
Schick, Caitlin & McPherson Scott A	\$ 28.10
2015 Real Estate Total	\$ 21,430.19

GRAND TOTAL SUPPLEMENTALS \$ 21,430.19

ABATEMENTS

January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

2015 REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Allen, Frederick & Kathleen	\$ 84.30
Aniel, Albert	\$ 28.10
Buckley, John J Jr & Genster, Jane	\$ 11,888.45
Carle, Joshua	\$ 486.13
Carter, Raymond, Annermann, Elizabeth, Susan	\$ 9,498.91
Corson, Jay A & Beverly	\$ 84.30
Demeritt, William & Barbara	\$ 33.72
Dewalt, Patricia	\$ 785.40
Eaton, Daniel & Leslie	\$ 810.69
Elavon	\$ 67.44
Fidelity Info Services	\$ 2.81
GE Capital Information Technology	\$ 54.80
Glover, William	\$ 737.63
Great American Leasing	\$ 213.56
Hallett, Melanie	\$ 1,027.06
Hilt, Benjamin	\$ 96.95
Holmes, David R	\$ 5,334.99
Holster, David A, Keith A, Kevin D & Rebecca	\$ 140.50
Knox, Dale & Wendy	\$ 29.51
Lorenzen, Linda	\$ 347.04
Maine Farmland Trust	\$ 206.54

Supplemental Taxes and Abatements - *continued*

McAllister, Steven & Ursula	\$ 1,206.90
Moore, David A & Joy	\$ 913.25
Moore, David A & Joy	\$ 887.96
Moore, David A & Joy	\$ 3,929.79
Moroz, Patricia	\$ 74.47
Spizzuoco, Tracy J & Paul F	\$ 406.05
Solman, Susan B	\$ 139.10
Watkins, Brian	\$ 210.75
Wilcox, Theodate, Larry & Scott	\$ 2,056.92
Yamaha Motor Corporation	<u>\$ 937.14</u>
2015 Real Estate Total	\$ 42,721.16

GRAND TOTAL ABATEMENTS \$ 42,721.16

2012
UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015
***Paid as of December 31, 2015**

Mist Associates..... \$94.02	Priyadarshan, Eswar\$81.81
Nolan, Timothy \$19.54	Priyadarshan, Eswar\$116.00

2013
UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015
***Paid as of December 31, 2015**

Amato, Michelle\$608.59*	McCready, Gary & Candice \$26.65*
Barstow, Belinda & David..... \$2,064.96	McCready, Gary & Candice \$13.96*
Beale, Howard H.....\$8,013.10*	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc..... \$2,296.89*
Benner, Richard \$630.06	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc..... \$456.20*
Bickford, Paul A PR\$1904.77*	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc..... \$442.24*
Bloniasz, Joseph R..... \$563.43	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc..... \$535.52*
Brochu, Christina L..... \$38.07	Quinn, Kevin Francis..... \$13.45*
Calinda, Martha.....\$2,441.56*	Rohan, Patrick J..... \$85.02*
Calinda, Martha.....\$895.91*	Sanbento, Donald \$1,278.91
Carpenter, Lita P \$1,086.26	Small, Carl \$1,257.58
Deraps, Mildred \$1,703.00	Small, Carl W, PR \$2,697.89
Desrosiers, Daniel R & Ginger L..... \$20.30	Smith, Leon A \$92.11*
Desrosiers, Daniel R & Ginger L..... \$18.38	Spear, Jason \$1,988.52
Dodge, Arthur & Sherry \$1,812.13	Spear, David L & Pamela C \$1,378.83
EMG 4 LLC \$4,561.82	Start, Dana & Bobbie \$545.67*
Fales, Bruce.....\$1,680.16	Start, Dana & Bobbie \$3,293.06
Graffam, Edward M III.....\$13.96*	Start, Dana & Bobbie \$502.52*
Ives, William M & Eleanor S \$2,191.55	Thompson, Alan & Judith M..... \$72.33*
Johnson, Ronald A..... \$601.51	Tosswill, Christopher \$2,686.47
Kelly, Patrick\$2,887.82*	Tsitsera, Constantine & Lista \$62.18*
Kelly, Valerie.....\$601.51	Wade, Thomas R & Teresa J..... \$2,596.37*
Knight, Charles E & Barbara E..... \$4,430.08	Witham, Edwin M \$27.00
Lawson, Raymond & Roxine..... \$1,477.12	Witham, Edwin M \$27.00
Lent, Kenneth C \$1,104.38	Wood, Kenneth M \$29.19*
Maxcy, Dale.....\$239.84	Young, Nicole..... \$3,176.31
McCready, Gary & Candice\$48.22*	

2013
OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE TAXES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015
***Paid as of December 31, 2015**

Amato, Michelle	\$608.59*	McCready, Gary & Candice.....	\$26.65*
Barstow, Belinda & David.....	\$2,064.96	McCready, Gary & Candice.....	\$13.96*
Beale, Howard H.....	\$8,013.10*	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc	\$2,296.89*
Benner, Richard	\$630.06	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc	\$456.20*
Bickford, Paul A PR	\$1904.77*	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc	\$442.24*
Bloniasz, Joseph R.....	\$563.43	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc	\$535.52*
Brochu, Christina L.....	\$38.07	Quinn, Kevin Francis	\$13.45*
Calinda, Martha.....	\$2,441.56*	Rohan, Patrick J.....	\$85.02*
Calinda, Martha.....	\$895.91*	Sanbento, Donald.....	\$1,278.91
Carpenter, Lita P	\$1,086.26	Small, Carl	\$1,257.58
Deraps, Mildred	\$1,703.00	Small, Carl W, PR	\$2,697.89
Desrosiers, Daniel R & Ginger L.....	\$20.30	Smith, Leon A.....	\$92.11*
Desrosiers, Daniel R & Ginger L.....	\$18.38	Spear, Jason	\$1,988.52
Dodge, Arthur & Sherry.....	\$1,812.13	Spear, David L & Pamela C.....	\$1,378.83
EMG 4 LLC	\$4,561.82	Start, Dana & Bobbie.....	\$545.67*
Fales, Bruce.....	\$1,680.16	Start, Dana & Bobbie.....	\$3,293.06
Graffam, Edward M III	\$13.96*	Start, Dana & Bobbie.....	\$502.52*
Ives, William M & Eleanor S.....	\$2,191.55	Thompson, Alan & Judith M.....	\$72.33*
Johnson, Ronald A.....	\$601.51	Tosswill, Christopher.....	\$2,686.47
Kelly, Patrick	\$2,887.82*	Tsitsera, Constantine & Lista.....	\$62.18*
Kelly, Valerie	\$601.51	Wade, Thomas R & Teresa J	\$2,596.37*
Knight, Charles E & Barbara E.....	\$4,430.08	Witham, Edwin M	\$27.00
Lawson, Raymond & Roxine.....	\$1,477.12	Witham, Edwin M	\$27.00
Lent, Kenneth C	\$1,104.38	Wood, Kenneth M.....	\$29.19*
Maxcy, Dale	\$239.84	Young, Nicole.....	\$3,176.31
McCready, Gary & Candice.....	\$48.22*		

2014
OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE TAXES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015
***Paid as of December 31, 2015**

Adams, Paul & Joyce.....	\$31.82*	Cadbury, David & Karen	\$3,209.83*
Adams, Paul & Joyce.....	\$7.14*	Calinda, Martha	\$2,499.28
Adams, Paul & Joyce.....	\$24.03*	Calinda, Martha	\$917.09
Amato, Michelle	\$1,305.49	Call, Stephen.....	\$29.88*
Amborn, John F & Kandy L	\$442.22*	Call, Stephen W & Dawn Lee.....	\$44.25*
Annis, Keryn P	\$1,642.58*	Callaway, Michael D	\$2,766.11*
Annis, Patrick	\$1,022.96*	Campbell, James	\$3,965.38*
Aroneau, Richard	\$149.39*	Campbell, Stacy J	\$898.13*
Aroneau, Richard.....	\$148.09*	Carle, Joshua.....	\$1,690.00*
Atlantis Maritime LLC	\$6,779.48*	Carle, Joshua P.....	\$1,063.88*
Atlantis Maritime LLC	\$1,095.06*	Carpenter, Lita P	\$1,111.94
Bailey, PG & AM Fam Trust.....	\$44.17*	Castle, Simon & Diana	\$1,006.11*
Barker, John F & Janet P	\$27.28*	Cayouette, Mark.....	\$1,918.01*
Barrieau, Joseph & June	\$20.78	Cerofolini, Maria Luisa Govoni.....	\$1,079.47*
Barstow, Belinda & David.....	\$2,885.08	Cerquozzi, Lucinda.....	\$29.88
Bates, Harrison & Constance.....	\$20.78*	Christensen, Melissa	\$1,138.57*
Bates, Harrison & Constance.....	\$14.29*	Churchill, John & Margaretha	\$40.27*
Beale, Howard H.....	\$38,671.23*	Clement, Julie	\$1,330.60*
Beckstrom, Eric & Michele	\$2,201.02*	Clement, William C & Julie K	\$2,985.10*
Beech Street Dell	\$33.77*	Collins, Edward M – Trustee.....	\$1,531.52*
Beech Street Dell	\$25.98*	Collins, Ramona	\$127.95*
Benner, Richard	\$1,289.91	Costain, Danny & Lanci.....	\$48.06*
Berg, Fred W & Ida R.....	\$1,168.45*	Coughlan, Jonathan & Laurie	\$87.03*
Beyea, Roger W	\$1.31*	Czak, Elizabeth	\$1,745.62*
Bickford, Paul A	\$575.46	Dean, Jeffrey N	\$414.33*
Bickford, Paul A PR	\$1,949.80*	Demmons, Hannah S	\$6,735.32*
Bicknell, Albert F & Elizabeth	\$43.51*	Dennison, Mary B.....	\$1,081.38*
Bicknell, Albert F & Elizabeth	\$7.14*	Deraps, Mildred	\$1,743.26
Blay, Phillip F & Anne J.....	\$44.17*	Desrosiers, Daniel R & Ginger L.....	\$20.78
Bloniasz, Joseph R.....	\$1,153.51	Desrosiers, Daniel R & Ginger L.....	\$20.78
Boothby, Caroline J	\$27.28*	Doak, Pamela A	\$27.28*
Bourque, Frances F	\$3,534.58*	Dodge, Arthur & Sherry.....	\$1,854.97
Brace, Russell W & Rebecca W	\$9,934.75	Dufour, Susan	\$14.29*
Brainerd, Alec E.....	\$579.35*	Dunning, Stephanie.....	\$1,100.25*
Brainerd, Alec E & Erin M.....	\$2,114.77*	Eastman, John WS	\$2,617.49*
Brochu, Christina L.....	\$38.97	Eclectic Properties Trust	\$176.66*
Brock, Hilary.....	\$87.00*	Edmands, Sheila Clark & Peter L.....	\$6.21*
Broham Properties LLC	\$4,740.05*	Emerald Pond LLC	\$123.41
Buck, Hammon	\$6,867.81*	Emery, Robert N Jr	\$4,640.03*
Bulger, Timothy & Nanette.....	\$594.29*	EMG 4 LLC	\$4,879.04
Burton, Linda	\$1,331.48*	Erskine, Catherine H.....	\$995.62*
Cabral, Joshua.....	\$18.19	Evans, John F & Cynthia F.....	\$14.29*

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes – continued

Everett, Craig & Carolyn	\$18.19*	Kane, Thomas J.....	\$43.51
Fairfield, Marita L.....	\$14.29*	Kane, Thomas J.....	\$22.08
Fales, Bruce.....	\$1,656.23	Kangas, Kristian.....	\$75.34*
Farley, Thomas J & Lisa J.....	\$4,916.06*	Kangas, Kristian & Janice D.....	\$4,582.87*
Fernald, Jeannie C.....	\$38.97*	Kangas, Onni C.....	\$4,745.89*
Fink, Sarah E.....	\$2,090.09*	KAS LLC.....	\$1,897.84*
Fiske, Stephen.....	\$1,439.29*	Kelly, Patrick	\$3,456.64
Fitzpatrick, H Elizabeth	\$20.78*	Kelly, Valerie.....	\$615.73
Fitzpatrick, H Elizabeth	\$20.78*	Knauer, Kenneth C	\$2,857.80*
Fogg, Patricia & Wilbur.....	\$1,473.07*	Knight, Charles E & Barbara E.....	\$4,534.81
Fogg, Stephen B Jr & Mary F.....	\$123.41*	Knowlton, Harley O III & Terri M	\$2,477.19*
Freedman, Barry M & Jane E	\$22.08*	Kruczkowski, Leo.....	\$20.78*
Gordon, Gareth W & Dominique M.....	\$4,421.80*	LaCombe, Bryan A & Deanna R	\$932.05*
Graffam, Edward M III	\$7,000.70*	Lane, Hugh T & Ginger M.....	\$1,445.14*
Graffam, Edward M III	\$14.29*	Langella, Rosalyn J	\$9.09
Graffam, Kimberlee S.....	\$1,975.61*	Langella, Rosalyn J.....	\$10.39
Grussing, James	\$14.29*	Larson, Terrence D	\$14.29*
Haas, Robert & Barbara	\$63.65*	Lawson, Raymond & Roxine.....	\$1,512.04
Haas, Robert & Barbara	\$63.65*	Leary, Edith.....	\$22.08*
Haas, Robert & Barbara	\$29.88*	Lee, Reta M.....	\$43.51*
Hanna, Spring S	\$808.63*	Leighton, Sallie C	\$31.82*
Harley Co, The.....	\$597.52*	Lent, Kenneth C.....	\$2,110.88
Hart, John L & Rhonda L.....	\$8,896.20*	Limoges, Lance D	\$649.50*
Heald, Charles P & Michelle L.....	\$2,814.93*	Limoges, Lance D.....	\$1,526.33*
Heavey, James D.....	\$3,830.75*	Limoges, Lance D.....	\$1,556.20*
Heimann, Peter.....	\$1,961.85*	Limoges, Lance D.....	\$1,687.40*
Hendrick, Charles E.....	\$1,875.01	Limoges, Lance D.....	\$850.85*
Hill, Brenden & Christine	\$44.17*	Limoges, Lance D.....	\$1,018.42*
Hinckley, Patrick & Dorothy	\$10.39*	Limoges, Lance D.....	\$7,070.46*
Hooke, Robert.....	\$1,825.10	Loavenbruck, Grant & Angela.....	\$4,688.50
Hoppe, Ann.....	\$14.29*	Lockwood, Robert C & Sharon R.....	\$14.29
Howard, Richard & Sharlene	\$29.88*	Lockwood, Robert C & Sharon R.....	\$27.28
Hunter Kathleen G	\$27.28*	Lord, Gloria.....	\$24.68*
Hurley, Patrick , Ostroff, Ernie	\$560.00*	Lovell, Robert A & Andrea S	\$425.87*
Iltis, James & Susan.....	\$1,304.82*	Lovell, Robert A & Andrea S	\$2,388.86*
Ives, William M & Eleanor S.....	\$2,762.97	Lucas, Anthony & Christine	\$2.20*
Jacobs, Helene M.....	\$14.29	Lynch, John F & Sandra	\$123.41*
Jaluvka, Erika J L.....	\$87.03*	MacClennan, Phillip & Lori	\$595.67
Jamison, Peggy Glynn.....	\$181.86	MacManus, William F.....	\$14.29*
Jamison, Peggy Glynn.....	\$181.86	MacManus, William F.....	\$14.29*
JBK Irrevocable Trust.....	\$2,025.14*	Magee, David E & Sally D	\$44.16*
JBK Irrevocable Trust.....	\$1,953.70*	Manning, Robert F & Donna M.....	\$2,173.87*
Johnson, Ronald A.....	\$615.73	Mathews, Donald.....	\$14.25*
Johnston, Darren & Sandra	\$10.86*	Mathews, Donald.....	\$14.25*
Jones, Aline Shaw & Derek J	\$14.29*	Maxcy, Dale.....	\$491.02
Jones, Rendall – Trustee	\$2,930.54*	Mazzucotelli, Richard J	\$9.09*
Kahn, R Douglas.....	\$1.70*	McCafferty, Patrick.....	\$696.26*

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes – continued

McCready, Gary & Candice.....	\$49.36	Sabatino, Gerald L.....	\$1,816.00*
McCready, Gary & Candice.....	\$27.28	Samuel, Morse Deyo R/L Trust.....	\$31.82*
McCready, Gary & Candice.....	\$14.29	Sanbento, Donald.....	\$1,340.57
McGee, Darcy.....	\$14.94*	Sanders, Nerida.....	\$3,072.14*
McKellar, Gregory N & Lynn C.....	\$12.91*	Savage, Melissa.....	\$1,466.57*
Mello, Dianne Masters.....	\$13.82*	Schmidt, Bonnie.....	\$1,513.34*
Merino, Paul A.....	\$87.02*	Scott, Vicki A.....	\$468.81
Miller, Laurence R JR.....	\$1,132.31*	Shepard, Thomas E & Pamela J.....	\$29.88*
Minardi, Charlotte A & Raymond.....	\$14.29	Sherman, Shane E.....	\$20.78*
Mitchell, Jill.....	\$2,878.29*	Shores, Franklin.....	\$658.59*
Moutsoulas, Valeri.....	\$20.78	Simonton, Donald L.....	\$1,654.93*
Moutsoulas, Valeri.....	\$29.84	Sitomer, Mary.....	\$80.86*
Mullin, Michael J.....	\$14.28	Slemin, J Bruce & Sally.....	\$63.65*
Munroe, James & Brenda.....	\$10,785.60*	Small, Carl.....	\$1,287.31
Murphy, Rosemarie J.....	\$14.29	Small, Carl W, PR.....	\$2,761.67
Nelson, Edwin D.....	\$1,990.07*	Smalley, Jacqueline.....	\$22.73
Nook, Patricia P.....	\$2,125.16	Smith, Jonathan & Karen.....	\$2,136.20*
Norris, Cinderella.....	\$2,117.20	Smith, Jonathan.....	\$2,631.77*
O'Brien, Steven H & Kathleen M...\$1,745.85*		Smith, Leon A.....	\$2,608.39
O'Neil, Jeanette.....	\$428.68	Smith, Robert E Jr & Peter E.....	\$303.31*
Paquette, Joseph & Barbara.....	\$63.65*	Smith, Stuart G.....	\$154.09*
Parker, Geoffrey.....	\$6,662.57*	So ME EMS Council Inc.....	\$22.08
Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC	\$3,747.71*	Sohy, Patrick.....	\$87.00*
Peck, James A & Susan G.....	\$1,758.19*	Soule, Deborah M.....	\$4,445.57*
Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc.....	\$4,702.38*	Soule, Deborah M.....	\$46.76*
Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc.....	\$933.98*	Southern Maine EMS Council Inc.....	\$22.08*
Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc.....	\$905.40	Southern Venture LLC.....	\$6,295.60*
Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc.....	\$1,096.36	Spear, Jason.....	\$2,035.53
Petrich, Robert J & Kristine M.....	\$1.82*	Spear, Michael P & Kim A.....	\$897.61*
Pfeiffer, Carl & Brigitte.....	\$3,044.34*	Spear, Michael P & Kim A.....	\$129.25*
Philbrook, Leroy.....	\$2,535.72	Spear, Pamela C.....	\$3,131.89
Phillips, Patricia B.....	\$87.03	Standen, Mark, ESQ, Me Bar #3787, PR	\$2,327.81*
Pleau, William P & Pauline E.....	\$29.88	Start, Dana & Bobbie.....	\$558.57
Poor, Carol.....	\$24.68*	Start, Dana & Bobbie.....	\$3,370.91
Powell, David G.....	\$272.79*	Start, Dana & Bobbie.....	\$514.40
Powers, Judith.....	\$839.80*	Stauber, Raymond H Jr.....	\$37.02*
Quinn, Kevin Francis.....	\$63.65*	Stauber, Raymond H Jr.....	\$42.22*
Raneri, Marietta R – Trustee.....	\$2,888.97*	Stinson, Kent.....	\$43.51*
Remsen, Richard & Shirley.....	\$3,715.14*	Susca, Peter M.....	\$258.50*
Remsen, Richard & Shirley.....	\$1,530.22*	Susca, Peter M.....	\$2,459.00*
Remsen, Richard & Shirley.....	\$74.04*	Tassi, Dawn.....	\$1,306.79*
Richards, Dr F Ralph & Patricia.....	\$87.03*	Teed, William H & Stephanie D.....	\$22.08*
Richards, Duane C & Darlene.....	\$837.83*	The Ridge at Rockport LLC.....	\$1,176.64*
Richardson, Daren & Sharon.....	\$5,569.75*	Therault, David A & Suzan G.....	\$6,133.88*
Riesenberg, Evelyn.....	\$14.29*	Thompson, Alan & Janet M.....	\$74.04*
Rocknak Yacht Sales Inc.....	\$2,370.30*	Throne, Jason T & Mary C.....	\$1,483.46*
Rohan, Patrick J.....	\$87.03*	Throne, Jason T & Mary C.....	\$24,800.51*

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes – continued

Timothy R. Foster	\$1,244.44*	Wildermuth, Wayne	\$22.08*
Tolman, Nelson M	\$123.03*	Wildermuth, Wayne A & Cynthia L ...	\$84.44*
Tosswill, Christopher	\$2,749.98	Wiley, Harold G & Judith P	\$1,788.02
Trank, Cedric J.....	\$560.75*	Williams, Christine M.....	\$1,093.11*
Tsitsera, Constantine & Lista.....	\$63.65*	Winchenbach Partners.....	\$2,344.70*
Tucker, Alexander.....	\$483.23*	Wincklhofer, William Jr & Susan ...	\$1,296.54
Vento, Charles J.....	\$63.65*	Witham, Edwin M.....	\$224.79
Vincent, Michael & Mary Lemoine	\$14.29	Witham, Edwin M.....	\$880.72
Viszoki, Jay.....	\$63.56*	Witham, Edwin Marshall	\$1,382.14
Voner, Timothy E	\$2,987.70*	Wood, Kenneth M.....	\$29.88*
Wade, Lawrence.....	\$400.00*	Wood, Nancy.....	\$649.50*
Wade, Thomas R & Teresa J	\$2,657.75	Yates, Peter M.....	\$2,766.79*
Wahl, Nancy A.....	\$96.13	York, Cecille	\$35.07*
Watson, R Wallace III.....	\$2,540.84*	Young, Nicole	\$3,251.40
Webber, Charlotte	\$133.53*	Young, Phyllis	\$29.88
Weisskirchen, William J & Karen	\$87.03*	Young, Phyllis	\$14.29*
West Rockport Associates, LLC	\$2,700.62*	Young, Phyllis	\$14.29*
West Rockport Associates, LLC	\$2,726.60*	Young, Phyllis P.....	\$44.17*
West Street LLC.....	\$543.83*	Young, Phyllis Palmer.....	\$44.17*
West Street Victorian, LLC	\$3,769.70*	Young, Phyllis Palmer.....	\$18.19*
Wienges, Robert T	\$2,056.32*	Zarrillo, Deirdre.....	\$7.35*
Wildermuth, Wayne.....	\$49.36*		

**2014 UNPAID
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015
*Paid as of December 31, 2015**

Annis, Keryn	\$66.90*	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc.....	\$1,427.55*
Beale, Edith C.....	\$2,191.37*	Raye, Leslie & Nicole.....	\$2.60*
Benner, Richard.....	\$163.67	Remsen, Richard.....	\$33.12*
Carle, Joshua	\$1,856.67*	Robertson, Michael D.....	\$68.85*
Carson, Charles	\$127.30	Rocknak, R William	\$135.04*
Chand, Irfan.....	\$494.76*	Schecter, Daniel P DMD	\$470.24
Costa, Fran.....	\$14.29	Shields, Kevin.....	\$6.49*
Farmer, Paul H	\$13.64*	Skowronski, Ted.....	\$162.38*
Gamage, Joshua.....	\$103.92	Soule, Deb.....	\$38.97*
Glasser, David	\$76.64	Spear, Jason	\$332.54
Goff, Angela & Harris.....	\$24.68	Swartz, Thomas	\$59.75*
Knight, Charles.....	\$179.26*	Thomas, William	\$19.49
Limoges Corp	\$83.14*	Tosswill, Christopher.....	\$3,557.96
McKenzie, Andrew	\$18.19*	Winchenbach, Craig L.....	\$6.49*
ME Medical Partners/		Woodward, Rose.....	\$28.58*
ME HL Cardio.....	\$1,247.69*	Yachting Solutions, LLC.....	\$214.34*
Patterson, Samuel	\$782.00*	Zanca, Edward R DVD PA.....	\$955.41*

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Tuesday, June 9, 2015 and
Wednesday, June 10, 2015

To: Mark Kelley, Constable of the Town of Rockport, in the County of Knox, State of Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Town Office, of the said Town of Rockport, on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 2015 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o'clock in the evening to vote on Articles 1 through 7 at which time the meeting will adjourn. The adjourned meeting will be reopened on Wednesday, the 10th day of June, 2015 at the Rockport Opera House, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the remaining articles in the warrant.

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Robert Duke, Jr, was elected Moderator with four (4) votes

Article 2. To elect:

a. Two Select Board and Overseers of the Poor for a term of three years.

Kenneth C. McKinley was elected with 282 votes
Owen D. Casas was elected with 234 votes

b. One Director of Maine School Administrative District #28 for a three-year term and to also serve concurrently on the Five Town CSD School Board.

Marcia Dietrich was elected with 253 votes.

c. Two Members of the Library Committee for a term of three years.

Stephanie R. Lash was elected with 206 votes
Eliza T. Haselton was elected with 203 votes.

d. Three members of the Budget Committee for a term of three years.

Elizabeth S. Saltonstall was elected with 314 votes.
Peter I. Johnson was elected with 289 votes.
Helen A. Shaw was elected with 267 votes.

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Article 3. Shall the Town vote to adopt amendments to the “Nuisances” provisions of the General Standards at Section 801.6 of the Land Use Ordinance for the purpose of extending the evening hours of certain outdoor events to 11:00 p.m. with prior approval by the Select Board.

YES 315
NO 127

Article 4. Shall the Town vote to adopt amendments to the “Sign Standards” at Section 1103 of the Land Use Ordinance for the purpose of increasing the maximum area of signs in the Hospital and Resort zoning district to thirty (30) square feet or fifty (50) square feet if the sign includes the universal hospital symbol (white “H” on blue background).

YES 271
NO 146

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to adopt amendments to Sections 1303 and 1304 of the Land Use Ordinance for the purpose of requiring additional information to be included in applications for “Site Plan” approvals and clarifying the types of land use proposals that do not require such approvals.

YES 337
NO 70

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to adopt amendments throughout Sections 913 and 1400 of the Land Use Ordinance for the purpose of clarifying “Additional Uses and Alternative Standards” adopted by the Town in 2013 and 2014 and increasing the development potential of certain properties in the core of the Downtown zoning district on the Harbor side of Central Street.

YES 304
NO 101

Article 7. Shall an ordinance entitled “Ordinance Exempting Eligible Active Duty Military Personnel from Vehicle Excise Tax” be enacted?

YES 211
NO 189

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as Revenue from the following sources to be used in reducing the property tax assessment for the 2015/2016 fiscal year:

A. General Government.....\$957,810
B. Public Assistance\$6,225

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C.	Public Safety	\$213,350
D.	Public Works.....	\$74,450
E.	Culture and Recreation	\$114,870
F.	All Other – Cemeteries	\$20,250
G.	Undesignated Fund Balance.....	\$110,000
H.	Special Assessments	\$126,656
	Total	\$1,623,611

Article 8 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for General Government for the 2015/2016 fiscal year:

A.	Administration	\$36,860
B.	Town Manager	\$227,200
C.	Town Clerk	\$214,040
D.	Planning & Community Development.....	\$206,660
E.	Finance	\$122,870
F.	Assessing.....	\$136,820
G.	Town Office Building	\$107,230
H.	Insurance	\$51,710
	Total	\$1,103,390

Article 9 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Assistance for the 2015/2016 fiscal year:

A.	General Assistance	\$20,905
	Total	\$20,905

Article 10 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Safety for the 2015/2016 fiscal year:

A.	Police Department.....	\$595,725
B.	Fire Department	\$517,495
C.	Streetlights	\$62,950
D.	Animal Control	\$11,905
E.	Harbormaster.....	\$156,085
F.	Public Safety Building	\$32,890
G.	Emergency Management Agency	\$500
	Total	\$1,377,550

Article 11 was moved, seconded and so voted.

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Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Works for the 2015/2016 fiscal year:

A.	Public Works.....	\$1,410,620
B.	Sanitation	\$161,085
	Total	\$1,571,705

Article 12 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Culture and Recreation for the 2015/2016 fiscal year:

A.	Library.....	\$395,800
B.	Conservation Commission.....	\$15,180
C.	Parks and Recreation.....	\$75,650
D.	Opera House.....	\$103,780
	Total	\$590,410

Article 13 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Long Term Debt (Debt Payments) for the 2015/2016 fiscal year:

A.	Debt.....	\$114,385
	Total	\$114,385

Article 14 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for County Fees for the 2015/2016 fiscal year:

A.	County Service E-911	\$58,185
B.	County Service Dispatch.....	\$28,670
	Total	\$86,855

Article 15 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Cemeteries, RES East and Special Assessments for the 2015/2016 fiscal year:

A.	Cemeteries.....	\$54,550
B.	RES East	\$4,035
C.	Special Assessments	\$5,800
	Total	\$64,385

Article 16 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in

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the 2015/2016 budget to be taken from fund balance?

Article 17 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account?

Article 18 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner or in the case of time-share units, reconveyance back to the original owner or the time-share estates association of unit owners; property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

Article 19 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of wastewater thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner. Property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

Article 20 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to set October 15, 2015 and April 15, 2016 as the tax installment due dates?

Article 21 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to set October 16, 2015 and April 16, 2016 as the tax delinquency dates and to fix the rate of interest on delinquent taxes at 7.00% interest per year?

Article 22 was moved, seconded and so voted

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 7.00% interest per year?

Article 23 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and certain funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town?

Article 24 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept those conservation easements which the Select Board deem appropriate in the name of the Town of Rockport, provided however, said conservation easements are first considered by the Rockport Conservation Commission and Planning Board?

Article 25 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. sec. 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest?

Article 26 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish the boundary line of any property of the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-way of roads?

Article 27 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan for commercial and/or residential real estate property taxes, whereby:

- (1) The taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the town based on his/her estimated and actual tax obligation for current year real estate property taxes;
- (2) The town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement;
- (3) The town authorizes the collector to accept tax club payments for current year taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes;
- (4) The agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due date(s) and interest date(s) and rate as other taxpayers who are not participating in the tax club;
- (5) Only taxpayers who do not have outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and
- (6) Taxpayers wishing to participate in the tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter an agreement with the town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined

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by the tax collector.

Article 28 was moved, seconded and so voted.

Date: May 11, 2015

s/William Chapman, Chair
s/Charlton Ames, Vice-Chair
s/Tracy Lee Murphy
s/Geoffrey Parker
s/Kenneth McKinley
ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

s/Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk

OFFICER'S RETURN

State of Maine

County of Knox, ss

I, Mark G. Kelley, Constable of the Town of Rockport, hereby certify that I posted the Warrant and Specimen Ballots for Town Meeting to be held June 9, 2015 by posting Warrant for said meeting at each of the following locations in the Town:

West Rockport Post Office
Rockport Post Office
Rockport Public Library
Rockport Town Office.

Being public and conspicuous locations in the Town of Rockport and which is at least seven days prior to the meeting, and that each Warrant so posted bore the original signature of a majority of the Select Board of the Town of Rockport and that I am a Constable of the Town of Rockport, Maine.

Dated June 1, 2015

s/Mark G. Kelley
Constable/Resident
Town of Rockport, Maine

On Tuesday, June 9, 2015 there were 430 voters, which included 26 absentee voters. Polls were opened from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. On Wednesday, June 10th, the Town Meeting was opened at 7:02 P.M. by moderator Robert Duke, Jr. There were 41 registered voters in attendance. In addition those present included the Select Board, Town Manager, Town Clerk, Finance Director, Moderator, eight department heads, three employees, two members of the press, 1 camera man, employee from North East Ambulance and 1 child (grand total 55). The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Tuesday, June 14, 2016 and
Wednesday, June 15, 2016

To: Mark Kelley, Constable of the Town of Rockport,
in the County of Knox, State of Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Town Office, of the said Town of Rockport, on Tuesday, the 14th day of June, 2016 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o'clock in the evening to vote on Articles 1 through 10 at which time the meeting will adjourn. The adjourned meeting will be reopened on Wednesday, the 15th day of June, 2016 at the Rockport Opera House, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the remaining articles in the warrant.

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect:

- a. One Select Board and Overseer of the Poor for a term of three years.
- b. One Director of Maine School Administrative District #28 for a three-year term and to also serve concurrently on the Five Town CSD School Board.
- c. Two Members of the Library Committee for a term of three years.
- d. One Member of the Library Committee for a term expiring June 2017.
- e. Three members of the Budget Committee for a term of three years.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote that any reconstruction, expansion, improvement, renovation or replacement of the Rockport Public Library be limited to its current location at 1 Limerock Street.

(This article was submitted by Citizen's Petition.)

Select Board Votes: 0 For, 5 Against, 0 Abstain DO NOT RECOMMEND

Article 4. Shall the Town vote to approve the purchase of the property at 647 Rockland Street for a purchase price not to exceed \$99,000.00 for the purpose of facilitating the possible expansion of the West Rockport Fire Station, and to appropriate said funding from unassigned fund balance?

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

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Article 5. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Floodplain Management Ordinance,” adoption of which is mandatory for continued participation in FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program, be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 6. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Sewer Ordinance to delete the Fee Schedule so that it will appear in the related Sewer Regulations instead, clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Commissioners’ Authorized Representative, and make other corrections and clarifications throughout,” be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 7. Shall an Ordinance entitled “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance, Section 600 – Administration, by adopting and incorporating by reference the Maine Uniform Building Code, effective July 1, 2016, which would increase life safety requirements and construction standards but make no change in the legal actions, enforcement powers or penalties for violations,” be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 8. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance, Section 805.3 – Private Ways, to allow the Code Enforcement Officer to issue a permit for some Private Ways that currently require Planning Board approval, to clarify what materials are required to support an application, and to impose a requirement for notice to abutters for some applications,” be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 9. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance, Section 1400 – Shoreland Zoning, Section 917 - Land Use Table, Section 918 – Dimensional Table and Section 913 – Downtown, which would clarify the permitted uses and standards for development in a portion of the Section 913 Downtown zoning district,” be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

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Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as Revenue from the following sources to be used in reducing the property tax assessment for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	General Government	\$1,060,438
B.	Public Assistance	\$13,265
C.	Public Safety	\$231,582
D.	Public Works.....	\$75,750
E.	Culture and Recreation	\$122,518
F.	All Other – Cemeteries	\$10,250
G.	Unassessed Fund Balance	\$51,000
H.	Special Assessments	\$125,023
	 Total	 \$1,689,826

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for General Government for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Administration	\$46,530
B.	Town Manager	\$236,550
C.	Town Clerk	\$212,060
D.	Planning & Community Development.....	\$226,860
E.	Finance.....	\$127,820
F.	Assessing.....	\$187,715
G.	Town Office Building	\$108,062
H.	Insurance	\$56,887
	 Total	 \$1,202,484

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Assistance for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	General Assistance.....	\$27,635
	 Total	 \$27,635

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Safety for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Police Department.....	\$616,691
B.	Fire Department	\$399,802
C.	West Rockport Fire Station.....	\$4,179

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D.	Publicly Funded Utilities	\$222,010
E.	Animal Control	\$11,435
F.	Harbormaster.....	\$155,443
G.	Public Safety Building	\$30,487
H.	Emergency Management.....	\$4,070

Total\$1,444,117

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
 Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for engineering and design of a municipally owned Fiber to the Premise Network (FTTP) to serve all Rockport residents and businesses for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Design & Engineering.....	\$300,000
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Total\$300,000

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
 Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Works for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Public Works.....	\$1,470,775
B.	Sanitation	\$163,311

Total\$1,634,086

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
 Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Culture and Recreation for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Library.....	\$439,058
B.	Conservation Commission.....	\$8,160
C.	Parks and Recreation.....	\$57,701
D.	Opera House.....	\$83,818
E.	Library Building (1 Limerock).....	\$3,800

Total\$592,537

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
 Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

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Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Long Term Debt (Debt Payments) for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

- A. Debt.....\$142,510

- Total\$142,510

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for County Fees for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

- A. County Service E-911\$59,367
- B. County Service Dispatch.....\$29,251

- Total\$88,618

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Cemeteries, RES East and Special Assessments for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

- A. Cemeteries.....\$57,332
- B. RES East\$9,815
- C. Special Assessments\$6,800

- Total\$73,947

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,376,914 established by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the previous warrant articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the current property tax levy limit. (By State law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot.)

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 21. Shall the Town accept the recommendation of Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation (MCSWC) for handling the disposition of municipal solid waste by ecomaine of Portland, Maine after the termination of the current contract on March 31, 2018?

Select Board Votes: 3 For, 2 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in

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the 2016/2017 budget to be taken from fund balance.

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account.

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner or in the case of time-share units, reconveyance back to the original owner or the time-share estates association of unit owners; property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of wastewater thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner. Property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to set October 17, 2016 and April 17, 2017 as the tax installment due dates.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to set October 18, 2016 and April 18, 2017 as the tax delinquency dates and to fix the rate of interest on delinquent taxes at 7.00% interest per year.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 7.00% interest per year.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and certain funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept those conservation easements which the Select Board deem appropriate in the name of the Town of Rockport, provided however, said conservation easements are first considered by the Rockport Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 31. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. sec. 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 32. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish the boundary line of any property of the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-way of roads.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan for commercial and/or residential real estate property taxes, whereby:

- (1) The taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his/her estimated and actual tax obligation for current year real estate property taxes;
- (2) The Town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement;
- (3) The Town authorizes the collector to accept tax club payments for current year taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes;
- (4) The agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due date(s) and interest date(s) and rate as other taxpayers who are not participating in the tax club;
- (5) Only taxpayers who do not have outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and
- (6) Taxpayers wishing to participate in the tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter an agreement with the Town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector.

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Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Date: May 9, 2016

s/William Chapman, Chair
s/Kenneth McKinley, Vice-Chair
s/Tracy Lee Murphy
s/Geoffrey Parker
s/Owen Casas
ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

s/Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk

James W. Wadman

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.
Ronald C. Bean, C.P.A.
Kellie M. Bowden, C.P.A.
Wanese L. Lynch, C.P.A.
Amy E. Atherton, C.P.A.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Rockport
101 Main Street
Rockport, Me 04856

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rockport, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rockport, Maine, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension disclosure schedules on pages 3 through 7, 41 and 42, respectively be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Town of Rockport, Maine's financial statements. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.
October 29, 2015

TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Management of the Town of Rockport, Maine provides this *Management's Discussion and Analysis* of the Town's financial performance for readers of the Town's financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes that follow.

The financial statements herein include all of the activities of the Town of Rockport, Maine (the Town) using the integrated approach as prescribed by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

Government-wide Highlights:

Net Position – The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 by \$17,067,439 (presented as “net position”). Of this amount, \$3,690,828 was reported as “unrestricted net position”. Unrestricted net position represents the amount available to be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Changes in Net Position – The Town's total net position increased by \$755,504 (a 4.6% increase) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Net position of governmental activities increased by \$486,906 (a 4.4% increase), while net position of business-type activities showed an increase of \$268,598 (a 5.0% increase).

Fund Highlights:

Governmental Funds – Fund Balances – As of the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$4,766,414 with \$2,196,445 being general unassigned fund balance. This unassigned fund balance represents approximately 14.5% of the total general fund expenditures for the year.

Long-term Debt:

The Town's general long-term debt obligations increased by \$502,832 (351%) during the current fiscal year. Business-type long-term debt obligations decreased by \$406,816 (36%) during the current fiscal year. Existing debt obligations were retired according to schedule. A new bond for the sewer extension project was issued in the amount of \$539,000. New leases were issued in the total amount of \$689,147. A special town meeting on 11/4/14 approved borrowing in the amount of \$350,000 for the opera house and \$1,397,750 for infrastructure projects. Both approved borrowings were issued after 6/30/15. Additional information about debt can be found beginning on page 31 of the notes.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements include three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains additional required supplementary information (budgetary comparison) and other supplementary information. These components are described below:

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements present the financial picture of the Town from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. They present governmental activities and business-type activities separately. These statements include all assets of the Town (including infrastructure) as well as all liabilities (including long-term debt). Additionally, certain elimination entries have occurred as prescribed by the statement in regards to inter-fund activity, payables and receivables. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 8-9 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements include statements for each of the three categories of activities – governmental, business-type and fiduciary. The governmental activities are prepared using the current financial resources

measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. The business-type activities are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. Reconciliation of the fund financial statements to the Government-wide financial statements is provided to explain the differences created by the integrated approach.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 10-13 of this report.
The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 14-16 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 17-40 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information

This section includes a budgetary comparison schedule, which includes a reconciliation between the statutory fund balance for budgetary purposes and the fund balance for the general fund as presented in the governmental fund financial statements (if necessary) as well as pension related schedules. Required supplementary information can be found on page 41-42 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position

65% of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure (roads, bridges and other immovable assets), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although, the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

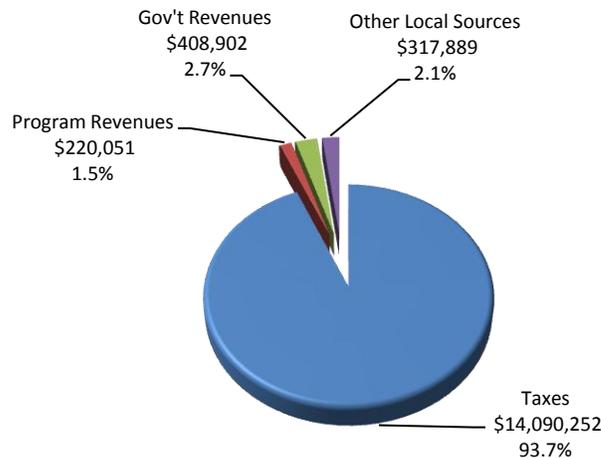
	<i>Governmental Activities</i>	<i>Business-type Activities</i>	<i>Total 2015</i>	<i>Total 2014</i>
Current Assets	5,560,625	1,076,195	6,636,820	6,782,669
Capital Assets	7,272,404	5,190,872	12,463,276	11,294,610
<i>Total Assets</i>	12,833,029	6,267,067	19,100,096	18,077,279
Related to Pensions	147,930		147,930	-
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	147,930	-	147,930	-
<i>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	12,980,959	6,267,067	19,248,026	18,077,279
Current Liabilities	894,174	295,497	1,189,671	1,450,785
Other Liabilities	485,299	352,086	837,385	286,234
Net Pension Liability	69,984	-	69,984	-
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	1,449,457	647,583	2,097,040	1,737,019
Related to Pensions	53,179		53,179	
Prepaid Taxes	30,368		30,368	28,325
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	83,547	-	83,547	28,325
Net Investment in Capital Assets	6,626,516	4,467,688	11,094,204	10,021,554
Restricted	1,941,152	341,255	2,282,407	2,192,244
Unrestricted	2,880,287	810,541	3,690,828	4,098,137
<i>Total Net Position</i>	11,447,955	5,619,484	17,067,439	16,311,935
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position</i>	12,980,959	6,267,067	19,248,026	18,077,279

Changes in Net Position

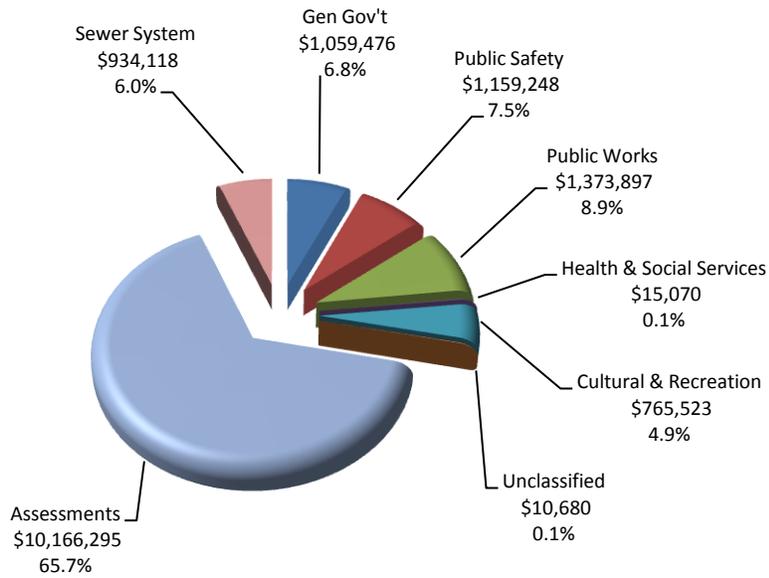
Approximately 93.7 percent of the Town’s total revenue came from property and excise taxes, approximately 2.7 percent came from State subsidies and grants, and approximately 3.6 percent came from services, investment earnings and other sources. Depreciation expense on the Town’s governmental and business-type activity assets represents \$627,839 of the total expenses for the fiscal year.

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total 2015	Total 2014
Revenues:				
Taxes	14,090,252		14,090,252	13,618,848
Program Revenues	220,051	792,504	1,012,555	977,199
Intergovernmental Revenues	408,902	401,904	810,806	346,146
Other Local Sources	317,889	8,308	326,197	704,164
Total	15,037,094	1,202,716	16,239,810	15,646,357
Expenses:				
General Government	1,059,476		1,059,476	1,068,338
Public Safety	1,159,248		1,159,248	1,126,076
Public Works	1,373,897		1,373,897	1,373,897
Health and Social Services	15,069		15,069	24,155
Cultural and Recreation	765,523		765,523	697,847
Unclassified	10,680		10,680	12,588
Assessments	10,166,295		10,166,295	9,842,578
Sewer System		934,118	934,118	900,150
Total	14,550,188	934,118	15,484,306	15,045,629
Changes in Net Position	486,906	268,598	755,504	600,728

Revenues by Source - Governmental and Business-Type Activities



Expenditures by Source - Governmental and Business-Type



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$4,766,414, an increase of \$302,294 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 46.1 percent of this total amount constitutes unassigned fund balance. The remainder is reserved to indicate that it is not available for spending because it has been committed to liquidate contracts and commitments of the prior fiscal year or for a variety of other purposes.

Variances between actual General Fund revenues and expenditures and the final amended budget included the following:

- \$36,345 positive variance in property tax revenue due to supplemental taxes issued in the amount of \$38,500 and an adjustment to the unavailable property taxes.
- \$70,775 positive variance in excise tax revenue due conservative budgeting and an economic turnaround.
- \$23,849 positive variance in negative variance in planning and community development due to hiring a new planner at a lower rate of pay than budgeted.

- \$14,361 negative variance in assessing due to paying for the revaluation in one year instead of two as originally planned.
- \$86,508 positive variance in the library department due to hiring a new director at a lower rate of pay and postponing some work to the building until decisions could be made about the condition and how to proceed with solutions.
- \$18,337 negative variance in harbor operations due to the harbor lighting project and new floats coming in over budgeted amounts with additions and upgrades added.

Proprietary Funds

The Town's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities amounts to \$20,922,308, net of accumulated depreciation of \$8,459,032 leaving a net book value of \$12,463,276. Current year additions include \$5,920 for the library hot water heater, \$9,624 for a new copier, \$455,586 for fire department vehicles and equipment, \$242,182 for public works vehicles, \$70,130 for harbor floats, pilings and a boat engine, \$26,451 for police vehicle, 275,981 for infrastructure and \$710,631 for sewer construction work in process.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors. This financial report seeks to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Town of Rockport, P.O. Box 10, Rockport, ME 04856.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015

Exhibit A

	<i>Governmental Activities</i>	<i>Business-Type Activities</i>	<i>Total</i>
Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	3,456,734	408,119	3,864,853
Investments	1,483,564	259,974	1,743,538
Receivables			
Taxes	496,026		496,026
Tax Liens	70,733		70,733
Bond		205,620	205,620
Accounts	16,006	202,482	218,488
Prepaid Expense	89		89
Due from Other Governments	37,473		37,473
Capital Assets:			
Land and Art Work	2,858,786		2,858,786
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	4,413,618	5,190,872	9,604,490
Total Assets	12,833,029	6,267,067	19,100,096
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
Related to Pensions	147,930		147,930
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	147,930	-	147,930
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	12,980,959	6,267,067	19,248,026
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	110,763	230,985	341,748
Payroll Taxes/Deductions	9		9
Due to Other Governments	381		381
Accrued Salaries Payable	47,331		47,331
Accrued Interest Payable		3,580	3,580
Escrow and Security Deposits	11,900		11,900
Compensated Absences Payable	253,035		253,035
Internal Balances	310,166	(310,166)	-
Long-term Liabilities:			
Net Pension Liability	69,984		69,984
Due Within One Year	160,589	60,932	221,521
Due in More Than One Year	485,299	662,252	1,147,551
Total Liabilities	1,449,457	647,583	2,097,040
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Related to Pensions	53,179		53,179
Prepaid Taxes	30,368		30,368
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	83,547	-	83,547
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	6,626,516	4,467,688	11,094,204
Restricted Net Position	1,941,152	341,255	2,282,407
Unrestricted Net Position	2,880,287	810,541	3,690,828
Total Net Position	11,447,955	5,619,484	17,067,439
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	12,980,959	6,267,067	19,248,026

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Governmental Activities	Business-like Activities	Total
<u>Primary Government</u>						
<u>Governmental Activities</u>						
General Government	1,059,476	148,839	100	(910,537)		(910,537)
Public Safety	1,159,248	11,125	26,500	(1,121,623)		(1,121,623)
Public Works	1,373,897	11,200	37	(1,362,660)		(1,362,660)
Health and Social Services	15,070		1,600	(13,470)		(13,470)
Cultural and Recreation	765,523	117,990	99,975	(547,558)		(547,558)
Unclassified	10,680			(10,680)		(10,680)
Assessments	10,166,295			(10,166,295)		(10,166,295)
<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>	<u>14,550,189</u>	<u>289,154</u>	<u>128,212</u>	<u>(14,132,823)</u>		<u>(14,132,823)</u>
<u>Business-type Activities</u>						
Wastewater Enterprise	934,118	792,504	401,904		260,290	260,290
<u>Total Business-type Activities</u>	<u>934,118</u>	<u>792,504</u>	<u>401,904</u>		<u>260,290</u>	<u>260,290</u>
<u>Total Primary Government</u>	<u>15,484,307</u>	<u>1,081,658</u>	<u>530,116</u>	<u>(14,132,823)</u>	<u>260,290</u>	<u>(13,872,533)</u>
<u>General Revenues:</u>						
Taxes						
Property				13,282,700		13,282,700
Auto Excise				745,775		745,775
Boat Excise				15,391		15,391
Intergovernmental Revenues				308,890		308,890
Other Local Sources				266,973	8,308	275,281
<u>Total Revenues, Special Items and Transfers</u>				<u>14,619,729</u>	<u>8,308</u>	<u>14,628,037</u>
<u>Changes in Net Position</u>				486,906	268,598	755,504
<u>Net Position - Beginning</u>				10,961,049	5,350,886	16,311,935
<u>Net Position - Ending</u>				<u>11,447,955</u>	<u>5,619,484</u>	<u>17,067,439</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

Exhibit C
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<i>Assets</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Library Permanent Fund</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cash and Equivalents	3,096,300	44,686	315,748	3,456,734
Investments		735,285	748,279	1,483,564
Receivables				
Taxes	496,026			496,026
Tax Liens	70,733			70,733
Accounts	16,006			16,006
Prepaid Expense	89			89
Due from Other Governments	37,473			37,473
Due from Other Funds	-		504,093	504,093
Total Assets	<u>3,716,627</u>	<u>779,971</u>	<u>1,568,120</u>	<u>6,064,718</u>
 <i>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>				
<i>Liabilities</i>				
Accounts Payable	110,763		-	110,763
Due to Other Governments	381			381
Payroll Taxes/Deductions	9			9
Accrued Salaries Payable	47,331			47,331
Due to Other Funds	814,259			814,259
Escrow and Security Deposits	11,900			11,900
 Total Liabilities	 <u>984,643</u>		 <u>-</u>	 <u>984,643</u>
 <i>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</i>				
Prepaid Taxes	30,368			30,368
Unavailable Property Tax	278,786			278,786
Advanced Other Revenue	4,507			4,507
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>313,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,661</u>
 <i>Fund Balances</i>				
Non-Spendable		348,262	492,454	840,716
Restricted	28,727	431,709	640,000	1,100,436
Committed	98,141		435,666	533,807
Assigned	95,010			95,010
Unassigned	2,196,445			2,196,445
 Total Fund Balances	 <u>2,418,323</u>	 <u>779,971</u>	 <u>1,568,120</u>	 <u>4,766,414</u>
 Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	 <u>3,716,627</u>	 <u>779,971</u>	 <u>1,568,120</u>	 <u>6,064,718</u>

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The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total Fund Balance	4,766,414
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$3,628,231	<u>7,272,404</u>
Certain long-term assets are not available to pay for current fund liabilities and, therefore, are deferred in the funds:	
Unavailable Taxes	278,786
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension plans	147,930
Advanced Revenue	4,507
	<u>431,223</u>
Certain long-term liabilities are not due and payable from current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Bonds Payable	(75,000)
Accrued Compensated Absences	(253,035)
Capital Leases Payable	(570,888)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension plans	(53,179)
Net Pension Liability	(69,984)
	<u>(1,022,086)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>11,447,955</u></u>

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TOWN OF ROCKPORT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

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	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Library Permanent Fund</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
Revenues				
Taxes	14,087,058			14,087,058
Intergovernmental Revenues	308,927		99,975	408,902
Departmental Revenues	220,051			220,051
Other Local Sources	197,100	35,080	85,709	317,889
Total Revenues	14,813,136	35,080	185,684	15,033,900
Expenditures				
General Government	1,036,594		18,944	1,055,538
Public Safety	1,597,236		32,886	1,630,122
Public Works	1,685,399		19,155	1,704,554
Health and Social Services	14,921		644	15,565
Cultural and Recreation	642,320		158,179	800,499
Unclassified	48,180		-	48,180
Assessments	10,166,295			10,166,295
Total Expenditures	15,190,945	-	229,808	15,420,753
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(377,809)	35,080	(44,124)	(386,853)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Lease Proceeds	689,147			689,147
Transfers from Other Funds	382,773	15,000	148,193	545,966
Transfers to Other Funds	(415,955)	(29,880)	(100,131)	(545,966)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	655,965	(14,880)	48,062	689,147
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	278,156	20,200	3,938	302,294
Fund Balance - July 1	2,140,167	759,771	1,564,182	4,464,120
Fund Balance - June 30	2,418,323	779,971	1,568,120	4,766,414

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TOWN OF ROCKPORT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

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Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds 302,294

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:

Capital asset purchases capitalized	1,085,874
Depreciation expense	(399,620)
	<u>686,254</u>

Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:

Advanced Revenues	-
Unavailable Taxes	3,194
	<u>3,194</u>

Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position:

Lease Proceeds	(689,147)
Capital lease obligation principal payments	148,815
General obligation bond principal payments	37,500
	<u>(502,832)</u>

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:

Pension Plans (Deferred Outflows, Net Pension Liability, Deferred Inflows)	24,767
Accrued compensated absences	(26,771)
	<u>(2,004)</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities 486,906

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TOWN OF ROCKPORT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2015

Exhibit E

	<u>Wastewater Enterprise</u>
Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Equivalents	408,119
Investments	259,974
Receivables	
User Fees, net	202,482
Bond Receivable	205,620
Due from Other Funds	<u>310,166</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,386,361</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital Assets, net	<u>5,190,872</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>5,190,872</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>6,577,233</u></u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	230,985
Accrued Interest Payable	3,580
Bonds and Notes Payable	<u>60,932</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>295,497</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Bonds and Notes Payable	<u>662,252</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>662,252</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>957,749</u>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	4,467,688
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	341,255
Unrestricted-Reserved for Pump Station	284,689
Unrestricted	<u>525,852</u>
Total Net Position	<u>5,619,484</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u><u>6,577,233</u></u>

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TOWN OF ROCKPORT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Exhibit F

	<u>Wastewater Enterprise</u>
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for Services	789,173
Interest/Fees	3,331
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Total Operating Revenues:	792,504
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Operating Expenses:	
Administration	95,217
Contract Operations	173,052
General Maintenance/Supplies	30,000
Camden Treatment	150,421
Rockland Treatment	142,433
Samoset Treatment	82,145
Repairs and Maintenance	15,064
Depreciation and Amortization	228,219
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Total Operating Expenses	916,551
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Net Operating Income (Loss)	(124,047)
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Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest Revenue	8,217
Change in Fair Value	(8,087)
CDBG Grant	270,000
Other Revenues	8,178
Sewer Extension Project	(176)
Interest Expense	(17,391)
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Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	260,741
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Net Income (Loss) before contributions and transfers	136,694
Capital Contributions	131,904
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Change in Net Position	268,598
Total Net Position - Beginning	5,350,886
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Total Net Position - Ending	5,619,484
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TOWN OF ROCKPORT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

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	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Taxes			
Property	13,243,160	13,279,505	36,345
Auto Excise	675,000	745,775	70,775
Boat Excise	14,000	15,391	1,391
Interest/Fees on Taxes/Liens	60,100	46,387	(13,713)
	<u>13,992,260</u>	<u>14,087,058</u>	<u>94,798</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues			
State of Maine			
General Assistance	7,725	3,651	(4,074)
Homestead Reimbursement	62,460	62,460	-
BETE Reimbursement	63,265	63,407	142
Veterans Reimbursement	-	3,789	3,789
Gas Tax Refund	-	37	37
Snowmobile Reimbursement	400	463	63
	<u>133,850</u>	<u>133,807</u>	<u>(43)</u>
Departmental Revenues			
Police			
Grants	5,000	2,788	(2,212)
All Other	5,600	6,441	841
Animal Control	800	1,896	1,096
Planning			
Building Permits	62,000	29,415	(32,585)
Plumbing Permits	9,000	8,185	(815)
Planning Board Fees	6,000	3,000	(3,000)
All Other	2,375	2,369	(6)
Harbor Fees			
Moorings	58,000	52,335	(5,665)
Tie Offs	13,000	12,175	(825)
Winter Boat Storage	7,000	7,167	167
Lease Income	6,500	14,500	8,000
Schooner Berthing	3,600	5,644	2,044
All Other	21,350	26,169	4,819
Public Works			
Cemetery - Sale of Lots	4,000	4,700	700
All Other-Public Works	2,000	2,925	925

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

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	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Departmental Revenues (Continued)			
Town Clerk			
Clerk Fees	22,000	19,648	(2,352)
Agent Fees	8,000	11,806	3,806
Election Reimbursement Fees	3,000	3,817	817
All Other	2,000	2,562	562
Town Manager	-	65	65
Finance	200	707	507
Assessing	50	399	349
Library	-	554	554
Fire Department	-	658	658
Town Office	250	126	(124)
	<u>241,725</u>	<u>220,051</u>	<u>(21,674)</u>
Other Local Sources			
Interest on Investments	6,500	19,747	13,247
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	11,000	22,098	11,098
Opera House	25,200	18,053	(7,147)
Cable TV Franchise	30,000	32,206	2,206
PBMC Traffic Light	1,590	1,643	53
Old County Road Traffic Light	1,800	1,932	132
WW Reimb. Wage, Benefits, Other	48,108	49,984	1,876
MMA Insurance Dividend/Reimbursement	-	53	53
Internmant Notification	1,250	50	(1,200)
Conservaton Reimbursement		4,185	4,185
Rockport Elementary School	100	-	(100)
	<u>125,548</u>	<u>149,951</u>	<u>24,403</u>
Other Financing Sources			
Lease Proceeds	689,147	689,147	-
Municipal Revenue Sharing	117,000	117,000	-
Urban Rural Initiative Program Funds	55,420	54,204	(1,216)
Library Reimbursements	98,194	60,609	(37,585)
Cemetery Trust Fund	3,420	3,420	-
Reserves	93,000	93,000	-
	<u>1,056,181</u>	<u>1,017,380</u>	<u>(38,801)</u>
Total Revenues and Other			
Financing Sources	15,549,564	<u>15,608,247</u>	<u>58,683</u>
Beginning Fund Balance Used	<u>60,000</u>		
Total	<u>15,609,564</u>		

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
JUNE 30, 2015**

	<i>Encumbered from 6/30/14</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Expenditures Net of Refund</i>	<i>Encumbered to 6/30/16</i>	<i>(Over) Under Budget</i>
General Government					
Administration		40,544	43,743		(3,199)
Town Manager		205,921	189,648		16,273
Town Clerk	1,789	206,706	199,919	1,200	7,376
Planning and Community Development	3,400	210,551	184,635	5,467	23,849
Finance Department		128,314	109,764	10,328	8,222
Assessing		154,692	169,053		(14,361)
Town Office Building		87,576	88,180	968	(1,572)
Tax Billing		5,800	5,717		83
Insurances		47,876	45,935		1,941
	<u>5,189</u>	<u>1,087,980</u>	<u>1,036,594</u>	<u>17,963</u>	<u>38,612</u>
Public Safety					
Police Department		558,023	550,382	900	6,741
Fire Department	9,345	858,909	859,078	3,955	5,221
Animal Control		11,776	10,944		832
Emergency Management		1,850	546		1,304
Street Lights		63,060	58,579		4,481
Public Safety Building	106	30,154	31,470		(1,210)
County Dispatch and E-911		86,237	86,237		-
	<u>9,451</u>	<u>1,610,009</u>	<u>1,597,236</u>	<u>4,855</u>	<u>17,369</u>
Public Works					
Public Works Department	14,331	1,527,565	1,470,577		71,319
Sanitation		159,145	156,797		2,348
Cemeteries		57,622	58,025	1,938	(2,341)
	<u>14,331</u>	<u>1,744,332</u>	<u>1,685,399</u>	<u>1,938</u>	<u>71,326</u>

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<i>Encumbered from 6/30/14</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Expenditures Net of Refund</i>	<i>Encumbered to 6/30/16</i>	<i>(Over) Under Budget</i>
Health and Social Services General Assistance	-	24,341	14,921	-	9,420
Cultural and Recreation Recreation and Parks Library	15,060	64,870	49,150	3,731	11,989
Opera House		412,708	321,029	20,231	86,508
Conservation Commission		98,230	88,918	9,035	277
Harbor Operations	900	9,065	9,946		(881)
		154,040	173,277		(18,337)
Unclassified	15,960	738,913	642,320	32,997	79,556
Debt Service Rockport Elementary School		40,556	40,556		-
		8,535	7,624		911
Assessments	-	49,091	48,180	-	911
MISAD #28		5,237,268	5,237,268		-
Knox County		869,039	869,039		-
CSD School Assessment		3,870,018	3,870,018		-
Tax Increment Financing Overlay		131,904	131,904		-
		78,859	58,066		20,793
Operating Transfers Out and Other Uses Downtown TIF	-	10,187,088	10,166,295	-	20,793
Capital Projects		15,476	15,476		-
Harbor Lighting Grant		45,000	45,000		-
Reserves		13,000	13,000		-
		94,334	94,334		-
	-	167,810	167,810	-	-
Totals	44,931	15,609,564	15,358,755	57,753	237,987

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

Exhibit A-3

Unassigned Fund Balance, July 1	1,959,775	
Unassigned Fund Balance, June 30	<u>2,196,445</u>	
Increase (Decrease)		<u><u>236,670</u></u>

Analysis of Change

Additions		
Budget Summary		
Revenue Surplus (Exhibit A-1)	58,683	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriations (Exhibit A-2)	<u>237,987</u>	
		296,670
Deductions		
Fund Balance Used to Fund Appropriations		<u>(60,000)</u>
Increase (Decrease)		<u><u>236,670</u></u>



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AUGUST 7
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