

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
APRIL 2012**

General Government

Thomas Ford, Planner/Community Development Director
Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk
Virginia Lindsey, Finance Director
Kerry Leichtman, Assessor

Culture and Recreation

Susan Dates, Rental Agent, Rockport Opera House
Molly Larson, Librarian

Public Safety

Stephen Beveridge, Public Works Director
Craig Cooley, EMA Director – No Report Received
Mark Kelley, Police Chief
Abbie Leonard, Harbor Master
Bruce Woodward, Fire Chief

Office of Planning and Community Development

Monthly Report –April 2012

Permits

Miscellaneous Permits: Thirty-six permits were issued in April 2012. The figure included eleven building permits (accessory structure, garage, shed, renovations etc.), five single family dwelling permits, ten sign permits, three home occupation permits, one filling and excavation permit and six E-911/entrance permits. Thirty-five permits were issued in April 2011.

Plumbing and Subsurface Wastewater Permits: Three internal plumbing permits were issued in April 2012. Seven internal plumbing permits and two subsurface wastewater permits were issued in April 2011.

Boards & Committees

Planning Board: The Planning Board met in April 2012 to review a site plan for Pen Bay Medical Center to construct a 2,500 s.f. building to house a bio-mass boiler and appurtenant underground wood chip storage bin; a site plan review for Rockport Investment Group LLC to expand an existing commercial building by 850 s.f. and a possible expansion of its use as a professional office; and to discuss protocol and procedure for the proposed creation of Lot 5 in the Maple Grove Subdivision. The Planning Board met in April 2011 to review a site plan for a residential pier, ramp and float to be located at 19 Wildwood Lane.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in April 2012 or April 2011.

Ordinance Review Committee: The Ordinance Review completed their work tasks in March and conducted a public informational meeting in April. The Planning Board completed their public hearing on Ordinance Revisions in April.

Projects

SHIP Grant – Harbor Floats: A revised design and bid package for the Rockport Floats project was prepared, vetted and approved by MDOT and put out to bid. Abbie and Tom completed a redrafting of the proposal that included a bi-furcated bid process for the floats and pilings that should result in a more competitive bidding process. The Town selected Two Harbor Marine to build the floats and Prock Marine to install the green heart pilings. Prock Marine installed the pilings and Two Harbor Marine completed construction on the floats in their Lincolnville shop and delivered them to the Town of Rockport.

Harbor Pump-Out Grant: The Rockport Public Works Department and DalexCo Enterprises of Rhode Island started work on the Harbor Pump Out. Trenches were dug and a connection made to the public sewer pump out station. Final completion and testing should be completed in May.

Water Quality: Since the official completion of the Maine Healthy Beaches testing program, the Planning Office has continued to test waters at Clam Cove and the Pascal Ave. watershed including discharge from the wetland across from the old Rockport Elementary School. The Goodie's Beach direct drainage area study was initiated on December 19th with a letter to 54 residents in the direct drainage basin to Goodie's Beach. Scott Bickford is working on a sanitary survey of residences in the drainage basin. As of April 30th 25 sanitary surveys have been completed. The remained surveys should be completed by early June.

Shore and Harbor Grant: The Town received notification that it has been awarded a Shore and Harbor Grant. The Grant will provide planning and design services to the west side of Marine Park. Planner Tom Ford has solicited input from the Select Board, Harbor Committee, Harbor Master and Conservation Commission on this project.

Economic Development: Tom Ford is continuing to work with development directors from Belfast, Camden and Rockland on efforts to better publicize economic opportunities and challenges here in the Mid-Coast. The development directors are working on a proposal to address how the Maine Coast Economic Alliance might be sustained with a specific initiative to benefit the mid-coast economy.

Information and supporting documentation on all permits and projects is available for public review at the Planning and Community Development Office.

**TOWN CLERK
MONTHLY REPORT
APRIL 2012**

- We issued 1 (1) Hunting Licenses, 0 (2) Junior Hunting License, 10 (4) Fishing Licenses, 8 (10) Hunting and Fishing Licenses, 6 (7) Spring/Fall Turkey, 0 (1) Coyote Night Hunting License, 1 (1) Expanded Archery Antlered, 2 (1) Archery, 1 (1) Expanded Archery Antlerless 0 (1) Superpak, 0 (1) 1 Day Exchange Credit on Fish and 1 (0) Migratory Waterfowl License. Fees collected totaled \$832.25 (\$884.00).
- 79 (63) Boat Registrations, 0 (0) Snowmobiles and 3 (1) ATV Registrations, 0 (0) Duplicate ATV License, 0 (0) Non-Resident Milfoil Sticker, 48 (41) Milfoil Stickers (Preserve Maine Waters) (These are now issued as part of the Registration.) were issued. Fees collected were \$2,531.05 (\$2,155.50), which includes \$215.05 (\$317.50) for sales tax.
- We issued 7 (13) dog licenses at a fee of \$21.00 (\$53.00).
- Processed 10 (9) transfers, 266 (189) passenger cars, 3 (4) antique vehicle, 25 (20) commercial vehicles, 50 (25) trailers, 12 (8) motorcycles, 5 (1) mopeds, 2 (0) special equipment, 0 (0) farm truck, 4 (4) duplicate registrations and 5 (4) duplicate stickers. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$57,067.01 (\$51,654.69) (increase of 10.48%)
- We processed \$4,039,623.21 in real estate taxes this year compared to last year's (\$3,151,757.85). Real Estate Taxes were due April 17th.
- Harbor Fees collected are as follows. We collected \$41,154.42 (\$24,614.00) for mooring, tie-off, dinghy rack space, etc. and waiting lists fees. We also collected \$2,628.40 (\$2,287.00) in boat excise tax. Mooring and Tie-Off fees were due by the close of the business day May 1, 2011. We will now be charging a \$50.00 late fee on these items. If we have not received these fees by the end of May, an additional \$50.00 late fee will be charged.
- I attended two Select Board meetings and took minutes for same. Nomination papers were returned by 5:00 p.m. on the 27th of this month. We have Charlton Ames, Gordon Best and Kenneth McKinley running for two seats on the Select Board, Helen Shaw for Budget Committee with three more vacancies to be filled, Marcia Dietrich for the SAD #28 and CSD #19 School Board and Kathleen Meil and Barrie Pribyl for the two seats on the Library Committee. I have prepared and sent ballots to the printer.

*The first number represents 2012 and the second one in parenthesis 2011

Virginia B. Lindsey
Rockport Finance Director
Monthly Report - April 2012

The finance department is responsible for the administrative and accounting work necessary to maintain the town's finances. Work involves maintaining the chart of accounts, preparing monthly financial reports, preparing payrolls (including all required state and federal payroll reports and taxes), preparing accounts payable warrants, reconciling bank statements, preparing insurance renewals, and submitting claims (auto, property and casualty, workers compensation claims), and a number of other bookkeeping requirements. Annually, the finance director assists the town manager in the preparation of the town's budget.

The report for the month of April 2012 includes the following:

- Investments increased again this month, but only slightly (up 0.01%).
- Interest earned on general funds was at the rate of 0.4% (last month 0.48%).
- 92.26% of taxes have been paid for FY 11-12.

	Previous March 2012	Current Month April 2012	Difference	% Change	One Year Ago April 2011	Difference	% Change
Budget							
Wages	105,351	105,930	580	0.55%	101,336	4,595	4.53%
Other Expenses	502,687	1,001,127	498,440	99.16%	1,403,178	(402,051)	-28.65%
Total Expenses	608,038	1,107,058	499,020	82.07%	1,504,514	(397,456)	-26.42%
Total Revenue	472,333	4,189,695	3,717,362	787.02%	3,277,838	911,857	27.82%
<i>Second Half Taxes Due 04/17/2012</i>							
NET	(135,705)	3,082,638	3,218,342	-2371.58%	1,773,324	1,309,314	-73.83%
Cash on Hand Balance							
General Fund	409,212	3,404,725	2,995,512	732.02%	3,263,134	141,590	4.34%
Taxes Paid (for the month)	644,088	4,022,823	3,378,735	524.58%	3,143,292	879,530	27.98%
Taxes Paid (to date)	7,220,190	11,242,013	4,021,823	55.70%	10,467,615	774,399	7.40%
Investments							
Public Assistance	324,759	324,800	41	0.01%	313,544	11,256	3.59%
Cemeteries	410,424	410,476	52	0.01%	367,103	43,373	11.81%
Wastewater	273,805	273,840	35	0.01%	164,397	109,443	66.57%
Total Investments	1,008,988	1,009,116	128	0.01%	845,044	164,072	19.42%
Wastewater							
Expenses	38,535	26,131	(12,404)	-32.19%	54,691	(28,560)	-52.22%
Revenue	38,913	57,603	18,690	48.03%	21,250	36,353	171.07%
NET	(378)	(31,472)	(31,094)	8219.36%	33,441	(64,914)	-194.11%
<i>*Bonds Paid in October</i>							
Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance							
WW General Fund	290,937	322,409	31,472	10.82%	328,780	(6,371)	-1.94%
Certificate of Deposit	101,552	101,612	60	0.06%	100,535	1,078	1.07%
Total Cash	392,489	424,022	31,533	8.03%	429,315	6,371	-1.23%
WW Accounts Receivable							
30 Day		60 Day		90 Day		Over 120 Days	Advance Payments
	103,129		5,074		2,259		44,271
							(3,910)
							150,822
							-13.12%
							173,589

April 2012
Department Head Report
Kerry Leichtman
Assessor

Personal Property: Responses to our March mailing continue strong throughout the month. Eileen and I are fielding many calls and walk-ins, helping people understand and comply with the filing requirements. Also helping people understand the BETE and BETR programs, how it might apply to them and then helping them with BETE applications. (BETR happens later.)

Inspections: Conducting inspections, beginning with new dwelling constructions. Seems to be a good amount of new growth out there. Promising. Also conducted various valuation inspections at homeowners' requests.

State Reports: Annual state audit of assessment records took place this month. Our ratio went up to 103%, providing further proof (as if we needed it) that the real estate market is not well. But our quality rating improved, which seems to indicate an end to the slide may be in sight. The 103 ratio is what the auditor will recommend for next year. Again, we will be well within the rounding criteria so our rating will remain certified at 100%. It would be interesting to know how much more demand on assessing services comes with an increase in the imbalance between assessed and market value. I don't know what the numbers are but we speak with a lot of home and business owners about their desire for valuation relief. I won't miss those conversations once the real estate market firms up again.

Exemptions: Removed the Homestead exemption from five residences who did not respond to my January 30 letter asking them to repair an incorrect application. I then wrote letters to the five explaining why I removed the exemption. One person came in a few days later to complain about the removal, telling me she works two jobs and has no time to come in and sign forms. I told her she somehow was able to make the time to come in and complain, and should have done so earlier – or at least called –when I wrote alerting her to the problem. Then she refused to sign the form because the name I wanted her to sign was not the name she uses. I showed her her deed and explained the signature on the homestead application has to match the name on the deed. She complained about the name on the deed not being her the name she uses, and then angrily left without signing the application. By 2011's mil rate that will cost her \$122.10. I don't get it.

TO: Robert Peabody, Jr., Rockport Town Manager & Board of Selectmen
FROM: Sue Dates, Rental Agent
RE: **Opera House Department Head Report**
DATE: **April 2012**

During the month of April the Garden Club held their first monthly meeting of the year, Odeon had a rehearsal, Ashwood Waldorf School held a concert, and the MS Society used the meeting room for their rest stop for their annual fundraising walk.

Revenue for April was \$256.50. The Opera House was used for at least one event on 9 of the 30 days.

Town meetings held in the Opera House Meeting Room this month were 2 Select Board meetings and the Planning Board meeting. The Zoning Board meeting was canceled. These meetings were televised. Vie held a meeting, the Library used the meeting room for a program, and the Chamber of Commerce used the meeting room for a presentation for USPS.

Maintenance this month included: touch up painting; cutting brush on the fire escape and painting the fire escape; set up for Garden Club; set up for a library event with tables in the meeting room; set up for a Chamber meeting in the meeting room; set up for an Ashwood Waldorf Concert; and keeping the building clean for and between events. The chair lift inspection people came to inspect for the State. The lift didn't work, so Vertran – our inspector and company that is licensed to repair the lift – came and found that a fuse had blown. This is not a normal fuse and had to be ordered. They will come back when they receive the fuse.

Last year maintenance included: much painting of walls and woodwork on the lower level; borrowed the CSD lift to change lights for Everyman and to put them back again; and cleaning the building and setting up chairs between events. Revenue was \$2,062.50 and the building was used for at least one event on 20 or the 30 days.

There is a large use and revenue difference between this year and last year because Everyman had 6 days of plays.

TO: Robert Peabody, Jr., Rockport Town Manager & Board of Selectmen
FROM: Steve Beveridge, Director **Public Works** Department
RE: **Department Head Report**
DATE: **April (from March 30 thru April 26)**

(E-Mail a copy to Stacey! As well as Bob. Deadline is the 10th of the month)

1. **Worked on:** '01 F450; #1 '04 F550 had extensive work done on it, including brakes; '08 F350; '04 Freightliner-brakes; '10 Freightliner starter and brakes worked on; #2 F550; placed decals on '12 F550 and other trucks that needed them; had several trucks inspected
2. **Road Construction:** Elwood Ave. – paved portion reclaimed, compacted & graded; graded 2 more times to get ready for paving when plant opens and it stops raining. Pleasant St. – sent out 14 abutter's first notices to explain that this reconstruction project is in the 2012-13 budget and will be decided upon by voters at the Town Meeting in June and that appointments to discuss the project will be made after that vote.
3. Crew went to Safety Training in Union – put on by the Knox County Road Maintenance Working Group. Free training by MMA and Maine Safety Works instructors. Most of our needed training for the year has been completed. All day class for everyone.
4. **Town Office:** put out ant bait to try to kill early infestation; cut some trees that were dead at the Town Office – cleaned up the wood and brush; Renovation Project – put out the handicapped ramp & repaired it once; helped coordinate moving furniture, got totes delivered for storage, picked up totes and other items to temporarily store at PW; helped paint the walls & woodwork; took down old blinds and purchased new ones; coordinated mold removal by contractor; carpet torn up and replaced (over a weekend) by contractor; coordinated and helped move everything back-most rooms and employees back in their offices/spaces by end of April. Foyer – Steve, Mike, and Kevin worked on.
5. **Library:** built the memorial bench and space at the library; pulled out the mugo pine roots to allow for plantings around large rock;
6. **Garage:** worked on building the office-this was completed by Mike for Mike; swept and cleaned the sand and dirt away from the front of the doors; cleaned the break room at least 2 times; swept dirt from garage; put tools away and cleaned
7. Cleaned up some of the piles in the back of the PW lot – moved culverts, moved telephone poles, cleaned up wood, brick, stone, etc. in the back of the lot; screened old dirt to get rid of most of the rocks for use this spring and summer
8. Graded for Camden – a win/win situation
9. Did road patrol before, during, and after heavy rains this month to make sure water flowing smoothly; checked beaver dam problem on Meadow St.
10. Opened sewer bids- only one bid received; reviewed bid for accuracy and awarded to Woodard & Curran for 3 years by SB
11. Flags put out and taken in for Patriots Day
12. **Meetings**-attended by Mike & Steve: Select Board meeting; Opera House; Parks & Rec Committee; RES East rental meetings; Flood Plain Management meetings; Woodard & Curran – budget and contract opening and meetings; several meetings on Mary Lea Park
13. **Harbor:** dug a trench with a rented excavator to put power in for boat pump out station; cleaned up brush at the park; started to put in some of the floats & finished on separate days; replaced guard rail going down the harbor road that was damaged last year; spread grass seed for the Harbor Master; patched sink holes at the harbor; dug out a large rock in the harbor that needed to be removed for floats/pilings
14. **Cemeteries:** had water hooked up for summer; screened dirt at the West Rockport Cemetery for expansion of the cemetery in the future

15. **RES East-** took a copier that worked for Waste Water (found out it didn't work well) and one of the better desks for Mike to use in his office; met with Chris from Maine Media on secured storage issues and discussed how to shut off the building at the office; started to move copiers out and into another room for storage; opened building for Rotary for storage on several occasions.
16. **Parks & Rec Field:** put wood chips at the playground at Walker Park; opened the Marge Jones Rec field early (April 9) due to good weather; had portable toilets placed at the Rec Field and Walker Park; repaired the tennis court fence; water hooked up in all parks – where available; got ready to place the new playground at the Marge Jones Rec field – donated by the Penobscot Bay YMCA – started to place the playground on Friday, April 27 and April 30; graded Rec Field driveway and parking area; cut brush at Rec Field
17. **Opera House:** picked up brush that Randy had cut from the fire exit
18. Repaired a pulley for MCSWC- one of our win/win situations
19. Finished sweeping the town and cleaning up the winter sand
20. Worked on a culvert on Rockville St.
21. Started spring ditching projects –Beauchamp Point, 16-17 loads of material taken from ditches on various streets and roads
22. Opened Beauchamp Point early – due to weather
23. Started to take the wings and plows off small trucks (left in garage in case storms hit us) – took out most sanders in the small trucks – took out some sander in the large trucks – finally, took out all sanders and put away, took off all plows and wings and stored. Oshkosh moved into summer storage.
24. Cold patched all streets 2 times – different holes; cold patched other small areas as needed

Man hours available this month - 1008; Approximate man hours on the above projects – 970. This does not include the small extra projects, errands, and twice a week trash removal.

Last year we worked on the #2 '04 F550; '00 F550; #1 '04 F550; '93 L8000; '07 Freightliner; '01 Freightliner; started to take the winter tires off vehicles and put on summer tires; large snow storm on April 1- 8-10 inches of wet, heavy snow; got the F450 ready in case of breakdowns; got ready for a major storm mid month that wasn't bad; new plow and wing cutting edges; new plow shoes on '07 Freightliner; repaired winter lawn plow damage on Rockport Woods, Union St., South St., Spring Lane and other areas; 15 plowings of pathway this year; finally took out all sanders, off all wings and plows; Harbor – made pins for floats, hauled the cat walk, made anchors for boats, put in the HM boat, put in most of the floats, repaired several floats for HM, repaired a cable on a float; Garage – cleaned floors of water and sand/dirt left by plows & trucks on April 1, cleaned ½ again-never got to the other ½, had a plumbing prob. repaired; picked up waste oil; meetings – garden club, conservation commission, select board, budget committee; Opera House – picked up the lift and returned it; looked at tire damage to a lot; RES East – checked for vandalism, closed door on roof; Rec Field & Parks – plowed snow into the rec. field to check on amount of snow on fields, opened the rec field as soon as it dried out enough, put trash cans in parks, had spring cleanup completed, mulch placed on flower beds; worked on winter sand; prepared to start sweeping streets – used the Trackless, the Loader/sweeper, and rental equipment; cold patched; checked and cleaned catch basin; road patrol for debris and problems; repaired culverts; put out flags and brought in; graded Mt. Pleasant, Calderwood Ln., Chapel Rd., and the Rec Field road; took 28 loads of gravel to Mt. Pleasant to repair winter damage for the second time – due to storms; picked up brush around town; worked on drainage issues at Main & Park Streets; repaired a minimum of 60 places along the sides of roads due to winter damage; found about 20 streets signs in the woods due to a tip – taken over the last few months. Man hours available were 964.5 regular hours with 95.5 overtime for a total of 1,060. We accounted for 1,050.

ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

APRIL, 2012

OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	04	10
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	05	06
203/Wes Butler	07	05
204/Dana Smith	33	34
205/Dan Brown	0	0
211/ C. Cooley	13	09

VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	6,926	425.9	16.2

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Rockport Police Department
Law Total Incident Report, by Nature of Incident

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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Hangup	4
Administrative	7
Agency Assistance	14
Alarm	23
Animal Noise	1
Animal Problem	3
Animal Welfare	1
ATV Operation Problem	1
Bail Check	3
Violation of Bail Conditions	3
Car/Deer 10-55	2
Check In Per Court Order	3
Citizen Assist	5
Civil Problem	5
Criminal Mischief	1
Custodial Interference	1
Disorderly Conduct	5
Domestic	4
Controlled Substance Problem	2
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	20
Fire Alarm	7
Found Property	1
Fraud	1
Harassment	1
Hit and Run 10-55	1
Identity Theft	1
Information Report	11
Intoxicated Person	2
Juvenile Problem	4
Lost Property	1
Mental Health Issue	5
Missing Person	1
Nuisance	2
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	16
Parking Problem	1
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	5
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	1
Probation/Bail Check	1
Property Check	27
Property Damage, Non-Vandalism	1
Radar Detail	7
Runaway Juvenile	1
Sex Offense	1
Sex Offender Registration	1
Report of shots fired	1
Suspicious Vehicle	5
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	7
Theft	7
Traffic Hazard	5
Traffic Violation	50
Traffic Stop	1
Trespassing	4
Unsecure Premise	2
Utility Problem	3
Vehicle off roadway no damage	1
Vehicle Maintenance	9
Wanted Person	1
Well-Being Chck	46
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Total Incidents for This Report:	350

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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	3	4	0	3	1	3	0	14
01:00-01:59	4	0	3	2	3	0	1	13
02:00-02:59	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	7
03:00-03:59	0	0	1	2	2	3	2	10
04:00-04:59	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	5
05:00-05:59	5	1	1	1	2	0	3	13
06:00-06:59	3	3	6	0	1	1	1	15
07:00-07:59	4	3	0	0	2	2	0	11
08:00-08:59	0	3	1	1	3	2	2	12
09:00-09:59	1	2	1	3	3	2	4	16
10:00-10:59	2	9	1	4	0	2	0	18
11:00-11:59	1	1	1	3	2	6	4	18
12:00-12:59	3	2	1	2	2	1	6	17
13:00-13:59	2	4	3	1	1	5	4	20
14:00-14:59	5	4	1	2	2	0	2	16
15:00-15:59	8	2	2	3	6	1	2	24
16:00-16:59	3	2	3	1	5	2	5	21
17:00-17:59	6	2	5	4	2	1	1	21
18:00-18:59	2	1	6	2	2	1	0	14
19:00-19:59	4	2	5	4	1	1	1	18
20:00-20:59	1	1	2	4	2	0	4	14
21:00-21:59	1	2	4	2	0	0	2	11
22:00-22:59	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	7
23:00-23:59	3	2	3	2	2	3	0	15
Total by Day	62	51	51	48	47	41	50	350

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 04/01/12` and `23:59:59 04/30/12`
All agencies matching `0704`
All offenses observed
All offenses reported
All offense codes
All nature of incidents
All location codes

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Department Head Report April, 2012

The projects continue...April, while a bit more seasonal than March was still a very productive month.

- Took delivery of the new floats that were built by Brad and Adam Two Harbor Marine. They will be put in and installed by the first week in May. They look great and I am excited to see them in place.
- Jim Lay approached me regarding the installation of a 10 x 10 concrete "pad" to be used as a chess board in the Marine Park. HE brought the idea to the Harbor Committee, whose reaction was in favor of the idea but were questioning the placement and the logistics of it. I think if properly placed and implemented, it would add to the ambience of the park. The idea will go before the board in May.
- The ground is still dug up in front of the Harbormaster building as the laying of the sewer pipe and electrical wiring has been held up with a few rain delays. The pump itself is in place on the dock and will be connected to the electrical wiring early next month.
- Met with Bob Peabody, Tom Ford and Steve Beveridge several times to discuss plans to apply for an upcoming SHIP grant. We came to consensus that underground lighting needs to take priority in the park. Getting all of the electricity cables buried will enable larger boats to be launched with out worrying about the overhead cables. We would also be able to stack boats on the lawn with their masts in place in the case of a hurricane. Last year, with hurricane Irene we were only able to place smaller power boats on the ramp side of the harbor because of the power lines. New lighting would add to the security and certainly ambience to the park. The ultimate goal is to link the park to Main St. which would mean lighting the foot bridge as well as the Miles Ingraham path to the village. It is an exciting project with many steps. We have reached out to CMP for input. The deadline for the grant is June 29.
- Pete displayed some carpentry skills and put the commercial floats back together so we can get at least another year out of them. The ramp had to be taken to Rockport Steel to repair a broken weld.
- Jessica and Becky Neves, owners of the food truck "Taco Libre" are applying for a peddlers permit. I met with them and discussed their proposed placement of the mobile unit on the Boat Club side of the harbor. I think they will be a welcome addition to lunch time at the harbor.

We are ready for boat traffic and as the harbor begins to fill up we are anticipate another busy season.

BRUCE WOODWARD, FIRE CHIEF

The spring burning season was in full swing during the month of April with 15 to 20 burning permits issued for each weekend. For many of those weekend days, the permits were not activated because of "high" fire danger. There were several days, strong winds and dry conditions pushed the fire danger in the "very high" class 4 category. Fortunately our residents were safe with fire and we had no serious woods or grass fires.

On May 9, Deputy Chief Charlie Knight worked while I took a vacation day. Along with performing daily tasks such as issuing burning permits, he replaced damaged ceiling tiles and made a new bracket and reinstalled the radio in Smokey Jeep. The change allows easier operation of radio controls and improved the speaker sound transmission.

During the month, I issued two warnings for people burning without a permit.

Two evenings, I worked with code enforcement officer Scott Bickford using the fire departments thermal imaging camera to map out heating zones and which thermostats control the in floor radiant heat of the town office. The goal is to come up with a plan for more even distribution of the heat throughout the building.

Our firefighters hosted the Knox County Firefighters Association for their quarterly supper and meeting. Area firefighters enjoyed the baked bean and casserole meal served by our firefighters and organized by Charlie Knight. Good fellowship and a guest speaker completed an enjoyable evening.

Report Period: 01/01/12-04/30/12

Comparables: 01/01/11-04/30/11

Calls by Incident Type	Percent of Total Calls 2011	Percent of Total Calls 2012	Total Incidents 2011	Total Incidents 2012
Structure Fires	2.56%	2.38%	2	1
Vehicle Fires	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Other Fires	0.00%	2.38%	0	1
Overpressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat	0.00%	0.00%	2	0
Emergency Medical Treatment	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
All Others	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Hazardous Condition Calls	23.08%	21.43%	9	9
Service Calls	7.69%	7.14%	3	3
Good Intent Calls	23.08%	26.19%	10	13
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Calls	2.56%	0.00%	1	0
Special Incident Calls	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Unknown Incident Type	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Malicious Calls	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Other False Calls	35.90%	4%	14	17
Total Calls	100%	100%	41	44
Total Fire Dollar Loss	\$300	\$4,800	\$11,150	\$4,800
Total Dollar Loss	\$500	\$5,300	\$11,150	\$5,300