

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
APRIL 2013**

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, Library Director

Public Safety

Stephen Beveridge, Public Works Director
Craig Cooley, EMA Director – Nothing to Report
Mark Kelley, Police Chief
Abbie Leonard, Harbor Master
Bruce Woodward, Fire Chief

Office of Planning and Community Development

Monthly Report – April 2013

Permits

Miscellaneous Permits: Twenty-five permits were issued in April 2013. The figure included thirteen building permits (accessory structure and renovations.), one new dwelling unit, one 911/entrance permit, eight sign permits, one use permit, and one vegetative clearing. Thirty-six permits (including 5 new dwelling units for Village at Rockport) were issued in April 2012.

Plumbing and Subsurface Wastewater Permits: Two internal permits and two sub-surface wastewater systems were issued in April 2013. Three internal plumbing permits were issued in April 2012.

Boards & Committees:

Planning Board: The Planning Board met in April 2013 for a site plan review to construct a 9,740 sq. ft. hospice building for PBMC; a site plan review to construct a pier, ramp and float for Bodin Properties, LLC; and for a site plan review for a change of use from residential to commercial to accommodate a renewal energy business for Black Brothers. The Planning Board met in April 2012 for a site plan review to construct a 2,500 sq. ft. building to house a bio-mass boiler and appurtenant underground wood chip storage bin for PBMC; a site plan review to expand an existing commercial building by 850 sq. ft. for Rockport Investment Group, LLC; and to discuss protocol and procedure for the proposed creation of Lot 5 in the Maple Grove Subdivision.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals met in April 2013 to review a special exception for Nina and Stephen Christie to operate a *day care facility* at the family home and for a special exception review for Will Dennett and Jen Iott to operate a *tradesmen's shop* for Aurora Sails and Canvas. The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in April 2012.

Ordinance Review Committee: The Ordinance Review Committee completed their winter semester work in March 2013. The Planning Office drafted articles for the June Town Meeting and distributed the list to town municipal officers. The Ordinance Review Committee hosted a public informational meeting in early April and the Planning Board and Select Board held their formal public hearings in on April 10th and April 16th.

Sewer Ordinance Working Group: The Sewer Ordinance working group was established in January. Initial exchanges were held between the Planning Office and Public Works staff. The 25 files that constitute the existing Sewer Ordinance were identified and reviewed by the Planner Plumbing Inspector, Public Works Director and Will Gartley. Work began on ordinance revisions in February and is continuing.

Projects

Mid-Coast Transit Study: Tom Ford participated with representatives of Thomaston, Rockland and Camden to select a transportation consulting firm to complete a mid-coast transit study. This process was an outgrowth of the Gateway 1 effort and is designed to explore transportation alternatives in the Midcoast area. Public informational meetings will be scheduled this summer.

Old County Road Micro Corridor Project: Representatives of Rockport, Rockland and Thomaston have been meeting with the Mid-Coast Planning Commission to develop a series of recommendations for improvements to the Old County Road corridor. The timing of this event is significant as the corridor continues to deteriorate and expectations for increased usage are anticipated as the new super Wal-Mart opens in the spring. The final draft plan will be completed in May and will be available on the town web site.

Camden St./Commercial St. Visioning Project: Rockport continues to work with our counterparts on the Rockland Economic Development Advisory Council on a plan to stimulate ideas for the future growth and development of the Corridor. A consultant has been hired and the initial visioning workshop held. Four property owners in Rockport are interesting in participating in the design project.

Water Quality: Rockport is again participating with the Maine Healthy Beaches program to test the water quality at Goodie's Beach. Staff participated in a teleconference with the Director of Maine Healthy Beaches to outline initiatives for the upcoming season. Included in that discussion were increased precautionary closings and additional testing, perhaps by DNA to better identify the sources of bacteria at the Beach. Additionally, recommendations have been developed by the Conservation Commission in concert with Public Works to extend drainage pipe located in the bulkhead adjacent to Goodie's Beach further into the Harbor. Interaction with Maine Healthy Beaches Program will begin in April 2013.

Shore and Harbor Grant: Planner Tom Ford has solicited input from the Select Board, Harbor Committee, Harbor Master and Conservation Commission on this project. Design work is underway to pull this information together into a unified plan. With input from the Harbor Master and Assistant Public Works Director the Town Planner has been working with an engineer and landscape architect to complete this project.

BIG Grant -- Tier I: The Planning Office completed a U.S. Fish and Wildlife 'BIG Tier I' grant for the Harbor with input from the Assistant Public Works Director and Harbor Master for additional lighting enhancements to encourage recreational transient boaters to visit Rockport Harbor. The grant application was filed with MDOT who will forward the application on to the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service. A final determination should be made by May 2013.

Sidewalk Grant: Camden and Rockport joined forces to submit a grant application to MDOT to extend the sidewalk in the MDOT right of way from Quarry Hill in Camden to L.E. Leonard's in Rockport. The application was filed with MDOT in September and a decision on this project will be made in June 2013. If approved, design, planning and construction will extend from June 2014 to September 2016.

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 for APRIL 2013**

- **We issued 2 (1) Hunting Licenses, 3 (0) Junior Hunting License, 11 (10) Fishing Licenses, 6 (8) Hunting and Fishing Licenses, 7 (6) Spring/Fall Turkey, 1, (0) Second Spring Turkey, 1 (1) Expanded Archery Antlered, 2 (2) Archery, 1 (1) Expanded Archery Antlerless and 1 (1) Migratory Waterfowl License. Fees collected totaled \$1,027.00 (\$832.25).**
- **92 (79) Boat Registrations, 1 (0) Duplicate Registration & Stickers, 0 (0) Snowmobiles and 0 (3) ATV Registrations, 52 (48) Milfoil Stickers (Preserve Maine Waters) (These are now issued as part of the Registration.) were issued. Fees collected were \$2,620.00 (\$2,531.05), which includes \$0.00 (\$215.05) for sales tax.**
- **We issued 6 (7) dog licenses at a fee of \$25.00 (\$21.00).**
- **Processed 12 (10) transfers, 199 (266) passenger cars, 3 (3) antique vehicle, 16 (25) commercial vehicles, 31 (50) trailers, 38 (12) motorcycles, 1 (5) mopeds, 0 (2) special equipment, 7 (4) duplicate registrations and 6 (5) duplicate stickers. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$70,957.09 (\$57,067.01) (an increase of 24.34%)**
- **We processed \$4,009,214.65 in real estate taxes this year compared to last year's (\$4,039,623.21). Real Estate Taxes were due April 16th.**
- **Harbor Fees collected are as follows. We collected \$40,220.00 (\$41,154.42) for mooring, tie-off, dinghy rack space, etc. and waiting lists fees. We also collected \$3,279.20 (\$2,628.40) in boat excise tax. Mooring and Tie-Off fees were due by the close of the business day May 1, 2013. 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 three Select Board meetings and took minutes for same. I also attended a Budget Committee Meeting. We attended a Sexual Harassment Training held at the Town Office. My Assistant Clerk helped the Assessor with address changes, etc.**
- **Nomination papers were returned by 5:00 p.m. on the 26th of this month. We have Tracy Lee Murphy running for one seat on the Select Board, Jan Rosenbaum, Sharon Stone and John Viehman for three seats on the Budget Committee, Gretchen Richards for one seat on the SAD #28 and CSD #19 School Board and Cathy (Cate) Monroe and Stephanie (Stevie) Kumble for the two seats on the Library Committee.**
- **I attended several meetings regarding the process for hiring a new fire chief. We held interviews with six of the applicants. We hope to complete the process soon. Our present retired fire chief has agreed to stay on until we finish our task. Thank you, Bruce!**
(*The first number represents 2013 and the second one in parenthesis 2012)

Virginia B. Lindsey
Rockport Finance Director
Monthly Report - April 2013

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 2013 includes the following:

- Investments were up this month by 1.31%; Wastewater investments at The First earned 0.85%.
- Interest earned on general funds was at the rate of 0.40% (last month 0.38%).
- 92.11% of taxes have been paid for FY 12-13; \$977,292 remains outstanding.

	Previous Month March 2013	Current Month April 2013	Difference	% Change	One Year Ago April 2012	Difference	% Change
Budget							
Wages	114,755	109,677	(5,079)	-4.43%	105,930	3,747	3.54%
Other Expenses	946,492	994,417	47,925	5.06%	1,001,127	(6,710)	-0.67%
Total Expenses	1,061,247	1,104,094	42,847	4.04%	1,107,057	(2,963)	-0.27%
Total Revenue	832,101	4,165,517	3,333,416	400.60%	4,189,695	(24,178)	-0.58%
NET	(229,146)	3,061,424	3,290,570	-1436.01%	3,082,638	(21,214)	0.69%
Cash on Hand Balance							
General Fund	655,251	3,717,665	3,062,414	467.36%	3,404,725	312,940	9.19%
Taxes Paid (for the month)	712,689	4,001,164	3,288,475	461.42%	4,022,823	(21,659)	-0.54%
Taxes Paid (to date)	7,326,754	11,327,918	4,001,164	54.61%	11,242,013	85,905	0.76%
Investments							
Public Assistance	359,754	364,460	4,705	1.31%	324,800	39,660	12.21%
Cemeteries	454,650	460,497	5,847	1.29%	410,476	50,021	12.19%
Wastewater					273,840	(273,840)	-100.00%
Total Investments	814,404	824,956	10,552	1.30%	1,009,116	(184,160)	-18.25%
<i>Wastewater Investment transferred to The First.*</i>							
Wastewater							
Expenses	58,492	25,181	(33,311)	-56.95%	26,131	(950)	-3.64%
Revenue	32,096	66,137	34,041	106.06%	57,603	8,534	14.82%
NET	(26,396)	40,957	67,352	-255.16%	(31,472)	9,485	-230.14%
Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance							
WW General Fund	160,884	201,841	40,957	25.46%	322,409	(120,568)	-37.40%
* The First-Investment	379,764	380,038		0.07%	101,612	278,426	274.01%
Certificate of Deposit*							
Total Cash	540,648	581,879	41,231	7.63%	424,021	157,858	37.23%
<i>*CD Closed; Funds transferred to The First-Investment</i>							
WW Accounts Receivable							
30 Day	60 Day	90 Day	Over 120 Days	Advance Payments			
	82,342	5,758	2,163	38,366	(3,207)		
TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable April 2013					125,422	-16.84%	
Accounts Receivable April 2012					150,822		

**April 2013
Department Head Report
Kerry Leichtman
Assessor**

Personal Property: The response to our mailing has been robust with many more businesses asking for help with BETE and BETR than ever before. We've tried many ways of communicating the programs' availability to limited success. This year I used a simple publishing technique to get people's attention and it worked. While it means more work for me this is the good kind of work – helping business take advantage of the tax relief programs available to them. I get a similar enjoyment when granting Homestead and Veteran's exemptions.

I hired, at Molly Larson's suggestion, Allyson Dyer to help me through the first step in processing personal property schedules. Allyson works for the library on an on-call basis. It was an excellent recommendation as Allyson completed the work in less time than I anticipated and did it very well. The next step will begin June 3 when representatives from O'Donnoll Associates will handle the data entry portion of personal property processing.

The final parts of the process are mine to complete. I will check O'Donnoll's work; process those accounts eligible for BETE and isolate accounts who will be eligible for BETR (BETR processes in the fall); process through the accounts who did not respond to our request for data. It is our practice to assume 10% growth on these accounts.

Abatements: I had four abatement requests to respond to this month. Two were for vacant land assessments. To respond I conducted a Sales Ratio Study of vacant land sales in Rockport for 2011 & 2012. The median was 96%, which is excellent. This means our land assessments are slightly under market value. As a result I denied these abatement applications.

Two others were for improved properties. Both applications were submitted by the same lawyer. Neither abatement request had any basis in reality, but needed to be researched and responded to as if they did.

The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) presided over an appeal hearing. I had removed a benevolent and charitable exemption from the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship that they had been receiving as a benevolent and charitable institution because they are not benevolent and charitable. The Center applied for an abatement of the resulting tax bill, which I denied. They appealed that denial to the BAR, who overturned my decision. This cost the town \$1.3 million in value and more than \$16,000 in tax revenue. It also set a bad precedent.

Neighbors not getting along: One neighbor cut down a line of trees along a property line. Each neighbor claims the trees were on their property; so one says he had the right to do what he did and the other says the trees were hers and he had to trespass to cut down her trees. Luckily I'm an assessor not a judge. My role in this was to visit the property to determine if the tree cutting enhanced the tree-cutting neighbor's view of the harbor. Both neighbors graciously welcomed me onto their properties. My finding was that the trees' removal did not significantly improve the ocean view, though it did allow for more sunshine to fall on the tree-cutting neighbor's front lawn. The frustration for me was that both neighbors are nice people. Even so, things get out of hand.

GIS & Mapping: I have updated our tax maps and after one more minor update, to take place mid-summer, I will print out a new set of tax maps and will also post them on the web site. Also, I've been sending data to the MapGeo people, who are working feverishly to get us online by July 1. I am very impressed with the thoroughness of their effort. MapGeo puts out a real nice product. I'm confident people will find it very useful. We will be receiving our new aerial photography by November, so our initial MapGeo product will not have photo images until then, but MapGeo will incorporate the imagery into it as soon as we get it.

Meetings & Misc: Busy meeting month for me. Attended three workshops put on by Bill Dale and Sally Daggett of the Jensen, Baird, Gardner & Henry law firm: "Making Informed Decisions on Charitable & Benevolent Institutions," "Boards of Assessment Review Workshop," and "Section 706: The use of 36 M.R.S.A. § 706 requests by Assessors." I traveled to Presque Isle for the Charitable & Benevolent workshop and happened to run into the presenters at a restaurant and had dinner with them. This was a week after the BAR overturned my decision on the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship, so you can imagine what our dinner conversation centered on. They were stunned at the Rockport BAR's decision.

I took the entire BAR (except its chairman) to the "Boards of Assessment Review Workshop" which was held in Augusta at MMA. Hopefully, they picked up on some of the reasons Dale and Daggett were stunned. The dilemma in working with the BAR is I am limited in how much instruction I can personally offer. The BAR sits in a quasi-judicial role between a taxpayer and me. Because I am a party in the "dispute" I cannot jeopardize their impartiality by instructing them with any real specificity. And now in the aftermath of their decision I cannot gather them together and explain why their decision was wrong because I may decide to challenge the Center's exempt status in the future. Any post mortem discussion we have now will jeopardize the sanctity of that future proceeding.

As anyone who reads these reports may have gathered, assessors do a lot of continuing education. I, for example, manage and host the midcoast assessors by organizing monthly education workshops for assessors. Maine Revenue Service values these meetings enough that assessors are awarded continuing education credits for attending. I attend quarterly forums sponsored by the Maine Chapter IAAO, an annual conference sponsored by the MAAO, and Property Tax School every first week of August. And this is just a partial list. The reason there is so much education is our responsibilities are quite vast and various, and the laws, programs and rules we administer are complex and frequently being modified. So to put all of this knowledge and study into a situation in which people who are not steeped in the particularities make the final decision is very frustrating.

The State Board of Property Tax Review and the Knox County Board of Assessment Review avoid this problem by requiring professionalism in their boards' composition. These boards are populated by active and retired assessors and property appraisers, real estate brokers and lawyers, CPA's and similar professional types. Small town review boards can't be expected to populate their boards in this manner as we draw from populations that are too small.

TO: Roger Moody, Interim Town Manager & Board of Selectmen
FROM: Sue Dates, Rental Agent
RE: **Opera House Department Head Report**
DATE: **April 2013**

During the month of April the Garden Club had their first monthly meeting of this year's season; Everyman Theater rented for setup for their play, rehearsals, dress rehearsal and 7 weekend performances over 3 weekends; the MS Walk used the meeting room for their rest stop; and Ashwood Waldorf School had a fundraiser auction in the auditorium. These events covered all weekends with the exception of the last Sunday in the month.

Revenue for April was \$3086.50. The Opera House was used on 16 of the 30 days for at least 1 and, sometimes, 2 events a day. The first week the Opera House auditorium was occupied for the better part of each day and night by Everyman Theater.

Town meetings held in the Opera House Meeting Room this month were the Select Board regular meeting, the Select Board Warrant meeting, and the Planning Board meeting. The Zoning Board meeting was canceled.

Maintenance this month included doing some work on the new sound and light booth and sound system. Geoff completed as much as he could as Everyman was beginning to put their set up and rehearsals began. They needed both systems. Even though the system was not completed, the booth met with great praise from their technicians. You can now view the stage from the auditorium and it helps to know what is actually going on for lighting & sound purposes. The lift from the CSD was, again, loaned to us to change light bulbs and arrange lights. We will need to get it back to reset the lights. We were able to have it for a week, which helped Everyman. The extra chairs were moved into the meeting room for the duration of the performances. Thank you to the Select Board and Planning Board for disregarding the extra chairs in the corner. All chairs were back on the floor for the Ashwood Auction. The white sound shell was taken down and put back up after the play was done. The backstage area was thoroughly cleaned after the performances were finished. Eastern Fire came to do the quarterly inspection of the sprinkler system. Some extra cleaning in the kitchen was done.

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

Rockport Public Library
 April 2013

Circulation	April 2013	April 2012	% Change
Children	1449	1711	- 3 %
Young Adults	280	329	
Adults	3664	3519	
Total	5393	5559	

**Circulation: totals of materials checked out of this library by our patrons (includes 58 honor system items)*

Attendance	April 2013	April 2012	% Change
Adult	1980	1908	+ 1.5 %
Young Adults	96	86	
Children	289	335	
Total	2365	2329	

Attendance means visits or the number of people coming into the library. We count this by hand. We do not use a door counter. This number therefore, is conservative.

Interlibrary Loan	April 2013	April 2012	% Change
Incoming	544	487	+ 11.7 %
Outgoing	631	543	+ 16.2 %

Interlibrary loan: books borrowed by our patrons (incoming) from other libraries and books loaned (outgoing) by this library to other libraries.

Computer Usage	April 2013	April 2012	% Change
	309	353	- 12.5 %

Reference	April 2013	April 2012	% Change
	324	369	- 12.2 %

Programs	Programs	Participants	Tech. Sessions
Adult	16	128	1
Young Adult	2	24	
Children	14	Adults: 84	Notary
		Children: 230	
Total	32	466	

Volunteers are invaluable but... the in-kind monetary value for April 2013 is \$ 1,033.75

Library volunteers gave 63.5 hours or **\$ 793.75 savings to the town** (in house hours calculated at \$12.50/hour). In-house library volunteers help process books, shelve, or facilitate programs and

other duties as assigned. In addition, the technical support volunteer donated 3 hours of volunteer time to the library (calculated at \$80.00 per hour) or a savings of **\$ 240.00 to the town**

Desk Income, Gifts, Grants, or Donations: \$2,825.53 Among them was a memorial gift from Cornelia Ostheimer in memory of her friend, Patsy Buckley; a memorial donation for Ruth Ehrhard, two gifts for our 2012 Annual Appeal, gifts to support interlibrary loan; a donation from the MLDC Charitable Fund for children's programs, books and movies; and a gift in memory of Martha Jane King.

Activities, services, and programs:

466 people attended library programs or benefitted from outreach programs in April

- Community story time outreach at local centers with Kim Slocomb
- Individual lessons on eReaders and other technology
- Monthly book group with Jenni Ruddy
- Children's poetry readings: As part of National Poetry month fourth grade students in Stuart Finkelstein's writing classes from Camden-Rockport Elementary School shared poem's they had written.
- Students from Camden-Rockport Middle School held a public poetry reading at the library. They read from various original poems with a Civil War theme. 6th graders: Rebecca Cox, Hope Bifulco, Cole Anderson, Eliza Roy, Hazel Delehey and 8th graders: Emma Vannorsdall, Sadie Allen read their poetry.
- Fairy Garden workshop: Creation of the Marge Hanna Fairy Garden with Liza Walsh, Kim Slocomb, and friends!
- Twice-weekly French Conversation Group with Paul Charbonneau
- Weekly story time for babies and toddlers with Kim Slocomb
- Weekly Wednesday after-school story time
- Drop-in Mah-Jongg group on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- BookLovers' Café facilitated by Ann Filley
- Monthly Writers Group with Fran Hodgkins
- Twice-monthly Poet's Corner facilitated by local poets George Chappell and Jim Ostheimer
- Five Towns Adult Ed classes were held at Rockport Public Library in April. Library staff taught two ebook classes, and a class on using Marvel (Maine's Virtual Library).

Other News:

- **Kim Slocomb** attending the annual Reading Roundup program or Children's and Young Adult Literature. Targeted audience: Individuals who work with children and children's literature in public, private and educational settings.

As always visit the library website for more information at www.rockport.lib.me.us or find us on Facebook!

Molly Larson
Library Director
April 25, 2013

TO: Roger Moody, Interim Town Manager & Board of Selectmen

FROM: Steve Beveridge, Director **Public Works** Department

RE: **Department Head Report**

DATE: **April 2013 (from March 29 thru May 2)**

1. **Worked on:** '09 F550; took all plows, wings, and most sanders out and off trucks and most put away by end of month; took the '07 Freightliner to Bangor for work, picked it up and delivered the '04 – picked it up when repaired; plows and wings “summarized” after putting away; put a new cutting edge on the grader; new hitch on '04 Freightliner; put a new cutting edge on the Grader; chipper worked on – oil, new alternator
2. **Snow:** After taking several sanders out of trucks, put them back in to ready for threatened storm. The storm didn't happen, so they were taken out. Sanders, plows & wings left out for a while, just in case of snow.
3. **Town Office:** looked at broken window in door at Town Office
4. **Garage:** pumped the lift pit of water from winter snow; swept garage floor; cleaned & washed break room floor a couple of times; cleaned garage & yard
5. **Meetings:** Select Board; Budget Committee by Mike; proposed Rt. 1 Sewer Extension- several meetings for both the hospital and from Elwood Ave.; DH meeting; Pop the Cork initial view of RES;
6. **Harbor:** put out floats; helped Abbie with boat off mooring; got HM boat ready and launched; hauled a rotting and junk float back to public works; put floats in; started building a house for the chess pieces to live in – with a lock; helped Abbie with launch marker
7. **RES East :** cleaned up site – debris, picked up nails & metal, large rock moved; hoe rammed cement walls & cleaned up debris; met with Pop the Cork members to discuss what we were trying to do and how it might affect them and how we can make it easier for them; hauled in sand and chips to fill holes and make surface even; fixed UST; repaired a flat tire on the rented skid steer; rented a dozer and used at the site; graded what we could with our grader; hauled away 30' beams from site; collapsed cellar and filled hole – took away debris
8. **Parks & Rec Field:** opened the MJ Rec Field for practices by all users – port-a-potties placed and garbage cans put out; cleaned up field; graded the road and areas; put benches out in parks; finished cutting up the tree that was cut down in Glen Cove Park and hauled away; opened all parks and Beauchamp Point
9. **ROH:** picked up lift from the CSD and took it back – work on lights and new sound system
10. **FEMA Event:** Knox County was qualified for a major winter snow event for the snow storm on February 8, 9, & 10 by FEMA. Steve, Mike, and Sue attended the kick-off meeting on April 3. During the month we worked on the materials, labor, and equipment forms to get ready for our rep from FEMA to help get things ready for submittal.
11. **Training:** all attended Sexual Harassment Training at the Town Office; hosted & attended Chain Saw Safety Training at the garage for a complete day; attended Women in Construction show
12. Did road patrol for debris, cleaned catch basins & culverts to keep water flowing
13. Cleaned up brush on Main St., repaired washouts on Main St.,
14. Swept the majority of the town during mid month, including some of the sidewalks. We had a few complaints – one from someone who left windows open. Did more sweeping at end of month with more to finish
15. Graded Calderwood Lane & the point and Mt. Pleasant Rd. - took 38 loads of fill to the Mountain
16. Hauled old asphalt from our site to Washington plant and brought back stone
17. Started working on repairing winter shoulder damage to roads
18. Cold patched several areas
19. Made and put out some signs to replace stolen or damaged ones

Man hours available this month – 1,452.50 (5 weeks); Approximate man hours on the above projects – 1,416.

This does not include the small extra projects, errands, and twice a week trash removal.

Last year we worked on the '01 F450, #1 \$ 2 '04 F550s, '08 F350, '04 Freightliner, '10 Freightliner, '12 F550, and had several trucks inspected; the compacting, grading, and paving of Elwood Ave. was completed and abutter's notices went out to Pleasant St. residents; at the Town Office we extensively helped with the renovation project with coordination, paint, carpentry, moving furniture in and out, etc. and had dead trees cut and cleaned up after; at the Library we picked up material for the granite memorial bench and build it, pulled out mugo pine and roots; in the garage Mike completed his office space, cleaned the garage several times-swept, put tools away, general pickup; cleaned PW lot; graded a street for Camden; did road patrol & checked the beaver dam; opened sewer bids and awarded to Woodard & Curran; attended Safety Training in Union; flags in and out for Patriot's Day; Steve & Mike meetings – Select Board, Opera House, Parks & Rec Comm., RES Rental, Flood Plain Mgmt, Woodard & Curran budget and contract meetings, & several meetings on Mary Lea Park; Harbor – dug trench for power for pump out station, started to put in floats - finished on separate days, replaced the guard rail that was damaged, spread grass seed for HM, patched sink holes, dug out a large rock in the water for floats/pilings placement; water hooked up to cemeteries, screened dirt for the extension to the West Rockport Cemetery; met with Maine Media to rent RES East gym for 3 months, started to clean out some items, and opened the building to allow storage for the Rotary sale to be stored on site; opened parks, put out wood chips at Walker Park, repaired the tennis court fence, readied to place donated playground equipment at Marge Jones playground and started installation of same; cut brush at field; picked up brush from ROH that has been cut from the emergency fire escape; repaired a pulley for MCSWC; finished sweeping the town and cleaning up from winter; worked on a culvert on Rockville St.; started spring ditching projects; opened Beauchamp Point early – due to good weather; started to take plows and wings off trucks – held inside garage in case storms hit – finally able to remove all and remove sanders-all put into storage; cold patched all streets 2 times. Man hours available were 1008 and we accounted for 970.

ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

APRIL, 2013

OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	01	20
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	13	18
203/ W. Butler	09	10
204/ D. Smith	25	27
205/ R. Shaw	02	07
211/ C. Cooley	04	14
213/J. Butler	01	07

VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	6895	421.5	16.3

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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	6
Agency Assistance	16
Alarm	19
Animal Problem	10
ATV Operation Problem	1
Bail Check	4
Violation of Bail Conditions	1
Car/Deer 10-55	2
Check In Per Court Order	3
Citizen Assist	6
Citizen Dispute	1
Criminal Mischief	4
Dead Body	1
Disabled Vehicle	3
Disorderly Conduct	4
Domestic	2
Controlled Substance Problem	2
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	13
Fingerprinting	1
Misc. fire	1
Found Property	4
Fraud	1
Harassment	1
Hit and Run 10-55	1
Information Report	15
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem	3
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1
Lost Property	4
Missing Person	1
Nuisance	1
OUI Detail	1
Overdose	1
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	1
Parking Problem	2
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	6
Pedestrian Check	2
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	2
Police Information	1
Probation/Bail Check	2
Property Check	37
Property Damage, Non Vandalism	1
Public Works Referral	1
Radar Detail	5
Runaway Juvenile	1
Sex Offense	1
Report of shots fired	2
Stray Animal	2
Suspicious Vehicle	6
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	7
Theft	4
Theft - Automobile	1
Threatening	1
Traffic Hazard	6

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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Traffic Violation	47
Traffic Stop	12
Trespassing	1
Unsecure Premise	1
Utility Problem	1
Vehicle off roadway no damage	2
Vehicle Maintenance	6
Vehicle Search	2
Wanted Person	2
Well-Being Chck	52

Total Incidents for This Report: 356

Report includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 04/01/13` and `23:59:59 04/30/13`
All agencies matching `0704`
All natures
All locations
All responsible officers
All dispositions
All clearance codes
All observed offenses
All reported offenses
All offense codes
All circumstance codes

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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	3	2	1	3	3	1	1	14
01:00-01:59	4	1	1	1	2	4	4	17
02:00-02:59	3	6	2	2	1	2	5	21
03:00-03:59	4	1	4	1	3	3	0	16
04:00-04:59	1	4	3	2	0	0	3	13
05:00-05:59	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4
06:00-06:59	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
07:00-07:59	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	6
08:00-08:59	3	3	0	0	4	2	0	12
09:00-09:59	2	2	2	0	4	3	0	13
10:00-10:59	0	2	2	2	1	4	1	12
11:00-11:59	4	6	3	3	4	2	1	23
12:00-12:59	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	11
13:00-13:59	2	2	0	1	2	1	3	11
14:00-14:59	5	3	3	2	3	3	5	24
15:00-15:59	3	4	1	1	1	3	1	14
16:00-16:59	4	3	2	7	1	1	2	20
17:00-17:59	3	0	3	6	2	0	2	16
18:00-18:59	8	2	4	4	3	6	1	28
19:00-19:59	1	1	3	3	1	1	4	14
20:00-20:59	1	5	2	1	0	5	4	18
21:00-21:59	5	3	0	2	2	4	1	17
22:00-22:59	1	3	2	1	1	5	4	17
23:00-23:59	2	4	1	0	3	1	1	12
Total by Day	60	66	43	45	44	54	44	356

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 04/01/13` and `23:59:59 04/30/13`
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 2013

Spring has sprung. The floats are in and we are getting them and the park ready for another busy season.

- In attempting to put back the old floats along the launching ramp it became clear that it would be an exercise in futility. We received three quotes for the construction of the new ramp floats and went with the lowest bidder; Two Harbor Marine. They are the same company who built the new floats in the river. We hope to have them installed by mid- May.
- Re-painted the walls in the bathroom with a half wall of dark green to enable us to keep the walls looking cleaner.
- Re-finished the metal door in the bathroom and re-hung it.
- Painted the trim in the bathroom.
- Placed the recreational floats. One of the sections needed to be repaired so was put in two weeks later than the other.
- Re-issued 2 moorings. Waiting until the May 1st payment deadline before re-issuing more.
- Public Works crew is working on a building to house the chess pieces. They designed it to look like the Harbormaster building and will fit in well. It will be padlocked when not in use. Those wishing to play chess can sign out the key from the office.
- Placed 4 channel markers at the head of the harbor. Waiting for more mooring balls to be placed before establishing the rest of the channel.
- Assisted a fisherman who was having engine trouble and towed him to his mooring.
- Replaced hose fittings on the boat engine and water pump.
- Spliced dock and fender lines for the boat.
- Began the long process of sanding and varnishing benches.

The harbor is filling up by the day and there are already beach goers and folks out enjoying the park.

Respectfully Submitted,
Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster

BRUCE WOODWARD, FIRE CHIEF

The spring burning season was in full swing during the month of April with 12 to 15 burning permits issued for each weekend. For many of those weekend days, the permits were not activated because of "high" fire danger. We had one woods fire caused by wood stove ashes disposed of in a compost pile. Early discovery of the fire allowed us to extinguish the fire while it was small and before it spread to nearby storage sheds.

Assistant Chief Todd Philbrook and Lieutenant John Wickenden have been working diligently to program firefighter's cell phones for our new program called IamResponding. The system uses cell phones to notify our firefighters of an alarm, drill or other important message. It also allows the firefighter to also notify dispatchers and fire department officers that they are responding. It will serve as a back up for our radio paging system. We are still learning how to use the program in the most efficient manner.

On Saturday the 27th, I took a fire truck to the Pen Bay YMCA for Healthy Kids Day. The program was to expose them to firefighters, their apparatus and tools they use for firefighting. I passed out many plastic fire hats that put smiles on young faces. We might have some of them become firefighters someday. I also talked to parents about fire prevention and answered questions about fire safety issues.

On April 29, we responded to a two car head on collision on Route 1 near Elwood Avenue. It was reported that one of the vehicles was on fire. Prior to our arrival on scene, Andrew Field from the Rockport Wastewater Department arrived and extinguished the fire that was under the crumpled hood of one car with a portable fire extinguisher. Camden First Aid Association and Access Team arrived to find three seriously injured patients and one that needed to be extricated from the car. Our firefighters assisted with the extrication, lifting patients, a fire hose for protection, traffic control and clean up. Rockport Police directed traffic control and reconstruction of the accident. All agencies working together quickly brought organization to what was a chaotic scene upon our arrival.

Report Period: 04/01/13-04/30/13
Comparables: 04/01/12-04/30/12

Calls by Incident Type	Percent of Total Calls 2012	Percent of Total Calls 2013	Total Incidents 2012	Total Incidents 2013
Structure Fires	2.38%	6.00%	1	4
Vehicle Fires	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Other Fires	2.38%	2.00%	1	1
Overpressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Emergency Medical Treatment	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
All Others	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Hazardous Condition Calls	21.43%	34.00%	9	17
Service Calls	7.14%	0.00%	3	0
Good Intent Calls	26.19%	28.00%	13	15
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Calls	0.00%	0.00%	0	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	40.48%	30.00%	17	15
Total Calls	100%	100%	44	52
Total Fire Dollar Loss	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Dollar Loss	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Summary By Incident Type

Report Period: From 01/01/2012 to 04/30/2012

All Selected Fire Departments

Calls By Incident Type

FIRES	Frequency	Percent Of Total Calls	Mutual Aid			Other Aid Given	Invalid Aid Flag	Exposures	Total Incidents
			Aid None	Aid Given	Aid Received				
Structure Fires (110-118, 120-123)	1	2.38 %	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Vehicle Fires (130-138)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Fires (100, 140-173)	1	2.38 %	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Total Fires	2	4.76 %	2	0	0	0	0	2	
Pressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat (200-251)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0	
RESCUE CALLS									
Emergency Medical Treatment (300-323)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0	
All Others (331-381)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Rescue Calls	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hazardous Condition Calls (400-482)	9	21.43 %	9	0	0	0	0	9	
Service Calls (500-571)	3	7.14 %	2	0	1	0	0	3	
Good Intent Calls (600-674)	11	26.19 %	10	2	1	0	0	13	
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Calls (800-815)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Special Incident Calls (900-911)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unknown Incident Type (UUU)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FALSE CALLS									
Malicious Calls (710-715, 751)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other False Calls (700, 721-746)	17	40.48 %	15	0	2	0	0	17	
Total False Calls	17	40.48 %	15	0	2	0	0	17	
TOTAL CALLS	42	100.00 %	38	2	4	0	0	44	

Total Incidents With Exposure Fires 0 Total Fire Dollar Loss \$ 0.00
 Total Exposure Fires 0 Total Dollar Loss \$ 0.00

Casualty Summary

	Civilian	Fire Service
Fire Related Injuries	0	0
Non-Fire Injuries	0	0
Fire Related Deaths	0	0
Non-Fire Deaths	0	0

Summary By Incident Type

Report Period: From 01/01/2013 to 04/30/2013

All Selected Fire Departments

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			Aid None	Aid Received				
FIRES								
Structure Fires (110-118, 120-123)	3	6.00 %	3	1	0	0	0	4
Vehicle Fires (130-138)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fires (100, 140-173)	1	2.00 %	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total Fires	4	8.00 %	4	1	0	0	0	5
Pressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat (200-251)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0
RESCUE CALLS								
Emergency Medical Treatment (300-323)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Others (331-381)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Rescue Calls	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hazardous Condition Calls (400-482)	17	34.00 %	17	0	0	0	0	17
Service Calls (500-571)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0
Good Intent Calls (600-671)	14	28.00 %	13	1	0	0	0	15
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Calls (800-815)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Incident Calls (900-911)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown Incident Type (UUU)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0
FALSE CALLS								
Malicious Calls (710-715, 751)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other False Calls (700, 721-746)	15	30.00 %	14	0	1	0	0	15
Total False Calls	15	30.00 %	14	0	1	0	0	15
TOTAL CALLS	50	100.00 %	48	2	2	0	0	52

Total Incidents With Exposure Fires	0	Total Fire Dollar Loss	\$ 0.00
Total Exposure Fires	0	Total Dollar Loss	\$ 0.00
Casualty Summary			
Fire Service		Civilian	
Fire Related Injuries	0	0	
Non-Fire Injuries	0	0	
Fire Related Deaths	0	0	
Non-Fire Deaths	0	0	